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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2018 ON PAGE 268]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
6 WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
8 DECEMBER 11. WE TAKE NOTE THAT THERE ARE THREE OF US UP HERE.
9 WE'RE WAITING -- THE THREE -- PLENTY. WE HAVE MORE THAN
10 ENOUGH. WE'RE WAITING FOR OUR TWO COLLEAGUES, BUT WE'RE GOING
11 TO START THE MEETING. WE HAVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR
12 COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT AT
13 ARMS ARE ALL HERE. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY WITH THE INVOCATION,
14 WHICH WILL BE LED BY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC DANIEL HATHAWAY,
15 CHAPLAIN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE
16 THIRD DISTRICT AND FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY
17 MARTIN ANTONIO SAMANIEGO, MEMBER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
18 WARS, POST NUMBER 4696, COMPTON FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.
19 PLEASE RISE.

20
21 **CHAPLAIN DANIEL HATHAWAY:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN. GOOD
22 MORNING, EVERYONE. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY
23 AND THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND,
25 SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD

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1 TODAY'S INVOCATION. I REALIZE THAT IT HAS BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE
2 THE WORST WILDFIRE IN MODERN L.A. COUNTY HISTORY, KNOWN AS THE
3 WOOLSEY FIRE. IT STARTED. IT SCORCHED NEARLY A HUNDRED
4 THOUSAND ACRES WHEN IT DID. HUNDREDS OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES
5 WERE DESTROYED AND TRAGICALLY, THREE LIVES WERE LOST. FOR MANY
6 OF THESE EFFECTED INDIVIDUALS, THE ROAD TO RECOVERY SEEMS TO
7 HAVE JUST BEGUN. WHILE L.A. COUNTY HAS SET UP MULTIPLE
8 RESOURCES TO AID IN THE RECOVERY EFFORTS, I WOULD LIKE TO
9 REMEMBER THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY IN THIS MORNING'S
10 INVOCATION, IN ADDITION TO PRAYING A BLESSING FOR THE COUNTY,
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND TODAY'S MEETING. PLEASE, JOIN ME
12 IN PRAYER. HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY. AND THANK
13 YOU FOR THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND PARTICULARLY
14 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ASK YOU
15 TO GUIDE OUR LEADERS AS THEY CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON
16 BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF THIS REGION. THANK YOU
17 FOR THE CALLING YOU PUT IN THEIR HEARTS TO SERVE THIS COUNTY
18 AND WORK TOGETHER TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF THE MILLIONS OF
19 PEOPLE WHO CALL THIS AREA HOME. WE ASK YOU TO GUIDE AND
20 DIRECT THEM AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING TODAY'S AGENDA.
21 CONTINUE TO INCREASE THEIR WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING,
22 AND DISCERNMENT. WE ALSO PRAY FOR YOUR PEACE TO BE ON OUR LAND
23 DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. BE WITH THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED LOSS
24 THIS PAST YEAR. AND MAY YOU BRING HEALING TO OUR HEARTS AS WE
25 RECOGNIZE YOU ARE FOR US AND HAVE PLANS TO PROSPER OUR LAND

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1 AND GIVE US A FUTURE FILLED WITH HOPE. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY,
2 LORD. AMEN.

3

4 **KIMBERLY HILL:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT
5 HAND OVER YOUR HEART, FACE THE FLAG, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE
6 OF ALLEGIENCE. [RECITING U.S. PLEDGE]

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** PLEASE, HELP ME IN THANKING FIREFIGHTER DANIEL
9 HATHAWAY, WHO GREW UP IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHERE HE
10 GRADUATED FROM VILLAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL. HE ALSO ATTENDED
11 AND STUDIED AT ASUZA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. HE IS CURRENTLY
12 ASSIGNED TO L.A. COUNTY FIRE STATION 107 IN CANYON COUNTRY,
13 WHERE HE WORKS AS A FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC. IN ADDITION TO HIS
14 REGULAR JOB DUTIES, HE PROVIDES AND COORDINATES SUPPORT AS A
15 CHAPLAIN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY
16 MEMBERS, OFTEN IN TIMES OF LOSS OR CRISIS. HE'S AN ACTIVE
17 MEMBER OF THE SANCTUARY CHURCH IN SANTA CLARITA AND REGULARLY
18 PLAYS THE DRUMS ON THEIR WORSHIP TEAM. DANIEL HAS BEEN MARRIED
19 TO HIS WIFE, JACKIE, FOR 9.5 YEARS. AND TOGETHER, HAVE A
20 DAUGHTER AND THREE SONS. PLEASE, HELP ME TO THANK FIREFIGHTER,
21 DANIEL HATHAWAY. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE WANT TO THANK KIMBERLY
24 HILL FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY. AND WE'LL HAVE A--

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1 THE CERTIFICATE IS IN THE MAIL. BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF

5 THE BOARD. TODAY, WE'LL BEGIN WITH PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT

6 AGENDA. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE SANITATION DISTRICT

7 NUMBER 27 AND NEW HALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON PAGE 4,

8 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9 COMMISSION. ON PAGE 7, FOR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

10 ON ITEM 1H, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS

11 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 3H IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A

12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY

13 HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES BY THE HOUSING

14 AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 29 MILLION TO

15 L.I.N.C. HOUSING CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A

16 HUNDRED UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING IN THE UNINCORPORATED

17 WILLOW BROOKAY. ITEM 3H IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

20 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND IF THERE'S NO

21 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 10, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE

24 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 11, CONSENT

25 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-19. ON ITEM 1 AND ITEM

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1 4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED-- AND ITEM 2, MEMBERS
2 OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM
3 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 7, 8, 9, 10, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
5 REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 HELD. SUPERVISOR SOLIS ALSO REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
8 AMENDED TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AMONG THE
9 COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS IN THE REPORT BACK. ON ITEM 13, 15,
10 16, AND 18 -- OH, I'M SORRY. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
12 15, 16, AND 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS
13 BE HELD. ON PAGE 20, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 20 THROUGH
14 47, ON ITEMS 20 AND 21, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
15 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 25, 26, 27, AND 29, MEMBER OF THE
16 PUBLIC REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 30, 33, 34,
17 36, 37, AND 38, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS
18 BE HELD. ON PAGE 34, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
19 THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
20 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE
21 REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 45C ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 35, PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 48 WILL
3 BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 37, NOTICES OF CLOSED
4 SESSION, ON CS-1 COUNTY COUNSELOR IS REQUESTING THAT THIS
5 MATTER BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 18, 2018. THAT
6 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE ME. THANK YOU, I'M REALLY
10 PLEASED TODAY TO BE HONORING A REAL -- YOU PROBABLY DON'T LIKE
11 THE WORD "INSTITUTION," IN THE HARBOR AREA. BUT WE'RE HONORING
12 THE 40 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS REPORTING BY THE RANDOM LENGTHS
13 NEWS. AND HERE TODAY, WE HAVE JAMES PRESTON ALLEN, WHO IS THE
14 PUBLISHER, TERRELLE JERRICKS, WHO'S THE MANAGING EDITOR OF
15 RANDOM LENGTHS NEWS. IT IS THE LONGEST SURVIVING INDEPENDENT
16 NEWSPAPER IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES HARBOR AREA. THEY'RE
17 COMMITTED TO PROMOTING AN OPEN DIALOGUE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES
18 AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY. THEY PUBLISH EVERY
19 OTHER THURSDAY AND REACH 63,000 READERS IN SEVEN CITIES.
20 RANDOM LENGTHS NEWS ENCOURAGES DIRECT COMMUNITY ACTION, URGES
21 ITS READERS TO DISCOVER THEIR OWN POLITICAL POWER BY MAKING
22 CHANGES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. IN THE WORST OF TIMES, A
23 VIGILANT PRESS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND
24 EXPRESSION IN A FREE SOCIETY. IN THE BEST OF TIMES, IT IS AN
25 INFORMATIVE, ENTERTAINING, AND THOUGHT PROVOKING. RANDOM

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1 LENGTHS PROVIDES NEWS FOR ALL TIMES. WHILE I BELIEVE IN THE
2 FREE PRESS AT ALL TIMES, I WILL SAY ONLY ONCE, AND I THINK IT
3 WAS ILLEGAL, BUT ONLY ONCE, WHEN YOU DECIDED TO SEND A
4 PHOTOGRAPHER TO THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE WHERE I WAS IN A BATHING
5 SUIT, AND YOU PUT IT ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE RANDOM LENGTHS,
6 AND IT WAS A HORRIBLE PICTURE. HORRIBLE! AND THE NIGHT IT WAS
7 PUT IN ALL THE NEWSSTANDS IN SAN PEDRO, I WENT AROUND AND TOOK
8 EVERY COPY AND PUT IT IN THE TRUNK OF MY CAR. AGAIN, I KNOW
9 THAT IS ILLEGAL. AND I BELIEVE IN FREE PRESS, EXCEPT FOR WHEN
10 IT IS A REALLY TERRIBLE PICTURE OF ME IN A BATHING SUIT. AND
11 THEN FOUND OUT YOU HAD ENOUGH COPIES--

12

13 **JAMES PRESTON ALLEN:** THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN ON
14 THAT ONE. SUP. HAHN: RIGHT, OKAY, GOOD. AND THEN I FOUND OUT
15 YOU HAD ENOUGH COPIES TO REFILL EVERY NEWSSTAND TWICE OVER.
16 SO, I DIDN'T WIN THAT ONE.

17

18 **JAMES PRESTON ALLEN:** AND IT WAS A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT WASN'T. SO, THANK YOU TO THE MEN AND
21 WOMEN OF RANDOM LENGTHS NEWS FOR YOUR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED
22 SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO READERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. I WANTED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO JAMES AND TERRELLE
24 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **JAMES PRESTON ALLEN:** YEAH, WELL, THERE IS A FEW WORDS. THANK
2 YOU, JANICE. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS IN TOTAL.
3 I HAVE BROUGHT YOU SOME SAMPLES OF OUR GOOD WORK HERE, WHICH I
4 WILL PASS AROUND TO YOU. IT IS RARE, IN THIS DAY AND AGE, THAT
5 YOU FIND ANYONE IN GOVERNMENT HERALDING THE BENEFITS OF A FREE
6 PRESS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY ARE SO ADAMANTLY INTERESTED IN
7 WHAT IS GOING ON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS
8 THAT FOR MORE THAN -- FOR THE LAST TWO AND A HALF DECADES, I
9 HAVE WITNESSED AND WATCHED THIS ONE SUPERVISOR VERY CLOSELY
10 BECAUSE SHE HAS REPRESENTED OUR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT AND OUR
11 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. AND I MUST SAY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT,
12 AT THE VERY LEAST, TO GAUGE THE MORAL CHARACTER OF ANY
13 PARTICULAR POLITICIAN THAT YOU INTERVIEW, AS A JOURNALIST. YOU
14 CANNOT ASK ENOUGH QUESTIONS. BUT WHAT I CAN TELL YOU BY
15 WITNESSING THE ACTIONS, WHICH SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS FOR
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IS THAT SHE DOES MOVE AND REPRESENT FROM A
17 CORE MORAL POSITION THAT I OFTEN ENDORSE, I SOMETIMES ARGUE
18 WITH HER ABOUT, AHM, AND THERE ARE MOMENTS IN WHICH I DO
19 CRITICIZE THE OUTCOME. HOWEVER, WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR A
20 NEWSPAPER IN THIS DAY AND AGE IS TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE THE
21 PUBLIC IN THE CIVIC DEBATE AND THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE THE
22 GOVERNMENT INTERFERE IN THAT BY CENSORSHIP, EITHER OF IDEAS,
23 OR BY DISTRIBUTION. AND WE OFTENTIMES, AS PUBLISHERS OR
24 PURVEYORS OF THE MEDIA, FIND THAT, NOT ONLY DOES [AUDIO LINE
25 DISCONNECTED]

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2 **SUP:** HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WELL.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** CALL F.E.M.A.

5

6 **JAMES PRESTON ALLEN:** OH, THERE WE GO. AS I WAS SAYING BEFORE
7 THE LIGHTS WENT OUT AND SOMEBODY STOLE MY SCRIPT, CENSORSHIP
8 IS ALIVE TODAY. HOWEVER, IT IS RARE THAT A GOVERNMENT LIKE THE
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY TAKES THE TIME TO RESPECT AND
10 HONOR SOMEONE SUCH AS MYSELF AND THIS NEWSPAPER. SO, I THANK
11 YOU. AND I HAVE A LITTLE TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION. IT IS LESS
12 THAN THE-- WHAT IS IT? THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR LIMIT OR WHATEVER
13 THAT IS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OR WHATEVER. BUT THIS IS A
14 LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOUR, JANICE. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK
15 YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'LL WAIT. WE'LL GET EVERYONE ORGANIZED. NOTHING
18 IS EVER EASY IN THE COUNTY. AND I'VE BEEN HERE THIRTY YEARS.
19 AND WE'VE NEVER LOST THE ELECTRICITY. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF
20 THAT'S A GOOD OR BAD SIGN, BUT-- YEAH. ALL RIGHT, ARE WE
21 READY? I AM EXCITED TO CELEBRATE ONE OF MY FAVORITE ANNUAL
22 PRESENTATIONS. IN HONOR OF THE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ROSE
23 PARADE, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES
24 PRESIDENT, GERALD FREENY, AND THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES A
25 HUNDRED AND FIRST ROSE QUEEN, LOUISE DESER SISKEL, AND 2019

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1 ROYAL COURT. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
2 [APPLAUSE]. THE 2019 ROSE PARADE THEME IS THE MELODY OF LIFE
3 CELEBRATING MUSIC AS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS
4 THE BEAUTY OF OUR DIFFERENCES WHILE ALSO UNIFYING OUR
5 COMMUNITIES. IN THE WORDS PRESIDENT FREENY, MUSIC HAS THE
6 POWER, NOT ONLY TO BRING US TOGETHER, BUT TAKE US BACK TO
7 MEMORIES AND MOMENTS AS NOTHING ELSE CAN. RHYTHM, MELODY,
8 HARMONY, AND COLOR ALL COME TOGETHER TO CREATE THE SOUNDTRACK
9 THAT DEFINES OUR LIVES. THE YOUNG WOMEN HONORED TO BE PART OF
10 THIS ROSE COURT TRULY EMBODY THE HARMONY OF LEADERSHIP,
11 CHARITABLE GIVING, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO
12 INTRODUCE-- BEFORE I INTRODUCE THE COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO
13 HIGHLIGHT THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PRESIDENT, GERALD FREENY,
14 WHO IS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO HOLD THE ROLE. I THINK
15 THAT DESERVES AN APPLAUSE IN AND OF ITSELF, GERALD.
16 [APPLAUSE.] HE'S A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA AND HAS BEEN
17 A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION
18 SINCE 1988. GERALD HAS ALSO BEEN ON THE ROSE BOWL LEGACY
19 FOUNDATION'S ADVISORY BOARD SINCE 2016 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE
20 LEGACY'S MUSEUM COMMITTEE. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE
21 COMMUNITY, SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIELLE
22 CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 EXECUTIVES AND ON THE BOARDS OF THE PASADENA POLICE
24 FOUNDATION, PASADENA ROSE BOWL AQUATICS, PASADENA Y.M.C.A.,
25 AND THE URBAN LEAGUE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. IF ALL OF THAT WASN'T

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1 ALREADY A HUGE COMMITMENT, HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS THE PASADENA
2 CITIZENS POLICE CITIZENS ACADEMY, PASADENA N.A.A.C.P.,
3 UNIVERSITY CLUB, THE BLACK SUPPORT GROUP AT CAL STATE L.A.,
4 THE UNITED WAY'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, AND TOASTMASTERS. HOW
5 DO YOU FIND THE TIME? MY GOSH! WE'RE ALL SO THRILLED TO HAVE
6 SOMEONE WITH SUCH A COMMITMENT TO THIS COMMUNITY SERVE IN THIS
7 ROLE. AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS KNOWN THIS MAN FOR MOST OF MY
8 ADULT LIFE, I CAN TELL YOU I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE BETTER TO
9 REPRESENT PASADENA IN THE ROSE PARADE THIS YEAR AND THE ROSE
10 BOWL. AND IT IS REALLY AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE, PRESIDENT
11 FREENY. SO, LET'S GIVE YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] AND
12 NOW, I'M THRILLED TO REALLY RECOGNIZE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
13 YOU. AS SOMEONE THAT GREW UP IN THE AREA, THIS WAS ALWAYS
14 SOMETHING I WATCHED WITH AWE, YOUNG LADIES WHO, NOT ONLY
15 EXEMPLIFY BEAUTY, BUT ALSO REALLY JUST INCREDIBLE TALENT AND
16 GIVING CHARITABLY AS WELL AS ACADEMICALLY. AND IT'S REALLY-- I
17 GOT TIME UPSTAIRS TO SPEND WITH YOU ALL. AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN
18 MORE IMPRESSED WITH A GROUP OF YOUNG LADIES IN MY LIFE. NOW,
19 I'M THRILLED TO RECOGNIZE, FIRST, OUR ROSE QUEEN. LOUISE
20 SISKEL IS A SENIOR AT SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVES IN SAN
21 MARINO. IMPRESSIVELY, SHE'S RESEARCHING BREAST CANCER AT
22 CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE. SHE'S A
23 MEMBER OF THE DEBATE TEAM AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE AT SCHOOL AND
24 TAKES PART IN THE Y.M.C.A.'S YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT MODEL
25 LEGISLATURE AND COURT PROGRAM. AFTER GRADUATING, SHE PLANS TO

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1 STUDY CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY IN COLLEGE. AND SHE READ
2 THE WHOLE AGENDA TODAY AND WAS TALKING TO ME ABOUT WHAT IS ON
3 THE AGENDA AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH. VERY IMPRESSED.
4 NOW, IT IS A PRIVILEGE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE REST OF YOUR COURT.
5 PRINCESS LAUREN BAYDALINE IS A SOUTH PAS RESIDENT AND IS
6 SENIOR AT WESTRIDGE SCHOOL. LAUREN IS THE SECRETARY OF THE
7 ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY, HEAD OF THE BOOK CLUB, A PEER
8 COUNSELOR, AND FOUNDER OF EVERY BODY AFFINITY. SHE LOVES
9 SPENDING TIME IN HER COMMUNITY AND IS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE
10 READING ROCKS PROGRAM AT HILLSIDES. I LOVE THAT PROGRAM! AND
11 IS A CAMP COUNSELOR AT Y.M.C.A. GLENDALE. AFTER GRADUATING SHE
12 PLANS TO STUDY BIOLOGY, LINGUISTICS, AND LATIN. PRINCESS
13 ASHLEY HACKETT IS A SENIOR AT JOHN MURE HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVES
14 IN PASADENA. AS A SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY,
15 SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE BLACK STUDENT UNION AND JOHN MURE PREP
16 SQUAD. SHE'S VERY, VERY ACTIVE ON CAMPUS. WHEN SHE ISN'T AT
17 SCHOOL, SHE'S A YOUTH LEADER AT HER CHURCH AND WORKS WITH THE
18 PASADENA PANTHERS YOUTH CHEER AND DANCE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 TINY TOTS, AND THE V.A. OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WHEN SHE
20 LEAVES FOR COLLEGE, SHE PLANS TO STUDY HUMAN BIOLOGY. PRINCESS
21 RUCHA KADAM IS A SENIOR AT LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVES IN
22 LA CANADA. AT SCHOOL, SHE IS A TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATED
23 STUDENT BODY, A MEMBER OF THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, AND THE
24 SCHOOL'S DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE INTERN. SHE
25 IS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN BOARD,

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1 PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION -- WOW, CALIFORNIA
2 SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION, ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF FLINTRIDGE, THE
3 JET PROPULSION LABORATORY'S SPACE ACADEMY, 2018 MISS LA CANADA
4 FLINTRIDGE ROYAL COURT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HACKADEMIA
5 CODING PROGRAM. IN COLLEGE, SHE PLANS TO STUDY COMPUTER
6 SCIENCE OR MEDICAL SCIENCE. PRINCESS SHERRY MA, A SENIOR AT
7 SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL AND A RESIDENT OF TEMPLE CITY. SHERRY
8 IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE SCHOOL YEARBOOK, PLAYS FLUTE AND
9 PIANO, IS A VARSITY BASKETBALL MANAGER, AND PRESIDENT AND
10 FOUNDER OF MAKE-A-WISH CLUB. UPON GRADUATION, SHE PLANS TO
11 STUDY COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES. PRINCESS HELEN ROSSI.
12 OKAY, THAT WASN'T HARD-- IS A SENIOR AT FLINTRIDGE PREPARATORY
13 SCHOOL AND LIVES IN LA CANADA, FLINTRIDGE. HELEN IS FLINTRIDGE
14 PREP SENIOR LEADER AND A MEMBER OF THE COOKING CLUB, DIVERSITY
15 CLUB, AND THE FLINTRIDGE LEADERSHIP CLUB. SHE WORKS AT THE
16 NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE OF GLENDALE AND GIRL SCOUT TROOP 7331,
17 TUTORS AT HATHAWAY SYCAMORE'S, AND IS AN INTERN AT THE
18 ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION. IN COLLEGE, SHE PLANS TO STUDY BUSINESS
19 AND PSYCHOLOGY. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, PRINCESS MICAELA MCELRATH,
20 WHO IS A DODGER FAN. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THOUGH, SHE IS A
21 SENIOR AT WESTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVES IN PASADENA. MICAELA
22 IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF HER CLASS, A PEER COUNSELOR, AND A
23 TEACHER'S ASSISTANT IN 4TH GRADE CLASS. SHE ALSO TUTORS FOUR
24 STARS, A LOCAL FAITH-BASED NONPROFIT. SHE PLANS TO STUDY
25 PSYCHOLOGY, EDUCATION, ENGLISH WHEN SHE GRADUATES FROM

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1 COLLEGE. I THINK YOU WOULD ALL AGREE, THIS IS A REMARKABLE
2 GROUP OF YOUNG WOMEN. I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO GIVE THEM ANOTHER
3 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY
4 ONE OF YOU. I'D LIKE YOU, PRESIDENT FREENY, TO MAKE SOME
5 COMMENTS. AND THEN I WOULD INVITE YOU, AS THE ROSE QUEEN, TO
6 ALSO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

7

8 **GERALD FREENY:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I BRING YOU GREETINGS
9 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO KATHRYN FROM THE 935
10 VOLUNTEERS OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. WE ARE JUST
11 HONORED AND HUMBLLED TO BE HERE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY PLEASE
12 COME OUT JANUARY 1ST TO SEE US. WE HAVE A GRAND PARADE THAT'S
13 GOING TO HAPPEN ON JANUARY 1ST. BUT IF YOU DON'T COME TO THE
14 PARADE, AT LEAST COME TO THE ROSE BOWL GAME. I GUARANTEE YOU
15 OHIO STATE AND WASHINGTON ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT GAME. I'VE
16 BEEN TALKING TO BOTH A.D.S. WE'VE MET WITH BOTH SCHOOLS. AND
17 THEY'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD. WE'VE GOT A TON OF PEOPLE
18 COMING FROM OHIO STATE. SO, JUST KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
19 COMING OUT. PLEASE COME SUPPORT US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 SUPPORT, KATHRYN. AND I WILL KICK IT OVER--

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AND HE'S GOT CHAKA KHAN COMING, TOO.

23

24 **GERALD FEENY:** YES. WELL, HEY, THIS CROWD LOOKS LIKE FOOTBALL
25 PLAYERS. BUT ANYWAY, YEAH, WE HAVE CHAKA. AND MATTER OF FACT,

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1 JUST GOT A TEXT FROM HER THE OTHER DAY. AND SHE WAS TALKING
2 ABOUT HOW SHE'S REALLY LOOKING-- SHE'S PERFORMING IN THE
3 OPENING SHOW. SO, SHE IS GOING TO-- SHE HAS A NEW ALBUM COMING
4 OUT IN JANUARY. SO, SHE WILL REALLY-- IS GOING TO PERFORM ONE
5 OF HER NEW SONGS. SO, WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT,
6 TOO. THANK YOU, KATHRYN. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **LOUISE SISKEL:** I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK MISS BARGER AND THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING US HERE
10 TODAY. IT'S A REAL HONOR TO BE HERE WITH YOU AND TO BE
11 RECOGNIZED FOR SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. WHEN
12 MANY OF US BEGAN THE PROCESS TO BE ON THE ROYAL COURT FOR
13 2019, WE DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ORGANIZATION DID IN
14 OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK, TO ME, ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING THINGS
15 ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ORGANIZATION AND THIS POSITION
16 THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN IS THAT EACH YEAR THE TOURNAMENT OF
17 ROSES CHOOSES SEVEN YOUNG WOMEN AND GIVES THEM A REAL PLATFORM
18 AND REAL A VOICE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
19 TO REPRESENT PASADENA TO WORLD AND TO ADVOCATE FOR VALUES
20 THAT WE HOLD DEAR. FOR ME, THOSE ARE VALUES OF SCIENTIFIC
21 LITERACY AND SCIENTIFIC THINKING. IT'S USING REAL SCIENCE TO
22 INFORM PUBLIC POLICY AS MRS. BARGER DOES IN HER WORK EVERY
23 DAY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR, OUR COURT IS
24 REALLY ONE THAT REPRESENTS THE COUNTRY THAT WE LIVE IN, MORE
25 THAN IT HAS EVER BEFORE. THE COURT HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE

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1 INCLUSIVE OF DIVERSITY OVER THE YEARS AND REALLY IS INSPIRING.
2 THAT IS AN INSPIRING THING TO BE PART OF. [APPLAUSE.] WE CAN'T
3 WAIT TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH ALL OF YOU AND WITH THE
4 DIVERSE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING IN
5 A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND
6 HEALTHY NEW YEAR FILLED WITH LOTS OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AND
7 JOY. SO, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW. I JUST SAID THAT IS A DROP-THE-MIC
10 MOMENT. YOU DON'T FOLLOW THAT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MS. BARGER, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER
13 PRESENTATION? THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROYAL COURT OF
14 THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. [APPLAUSE.] MS. BARGER, DO YOU HAVE
15 ANOTHER PRESENTATION?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I DO. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** NOW I'M PLEASED TO HONOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
20 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TODAY IN HONOR OF ITS 25TH
21 ANNIVERSARY. YAY! [APPLAUSE] I KNOW, I LOOK AT JANICE BECAUSE
22 JANICE'S FATHER AND JANICE'S FATHER WORK TOGETHER, THE TWO
23 JANICES. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATED THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC
24 DEFENDER'S OFFICE IN DECEMBER OF 1993 TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY,
25 COST-EFFECTIVE, AND COMPASSIONATE REPRESENTATION IN CASES

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1 WHERE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE
2 A.P.D. HANDLES ALL KINDS OF MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY CASES BUT
3 DISTINGUISHES ITSELF BY ITS REPRESENTATION IN THE MOST SERIOUS
4 AND OTHERWISE COSTLY CASES. THE TEAM OF HIGHLY TRAINED
5 CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAS CULTIVATED A REMARKABLE
6 STANDARD OF TEAMWORK AND CAMARADERIE EVEN AS THE DEPARTMENT
7 HAS FLOURISHED AND MULTIPLIED IN SIZE OVER THE YEARS. THE
8 DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN FROM SERVICING JUST ONE COURT TO
9 PROVIDING SERVICES AT EVERY ADULT AND JUVENILE COURT IN L.A.
10 COUNTY. YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] THAT IS PRETTY AMAZING. BRUCE
11 HOFFMAN, WHO I REMEMBER WAS APPOINTED TO BE THE FIRST
12 DEPARTMENT HEAD BEFORE RETIRING IN 2002, HOFFMAN'S CHIEF OF
13 STAFF, OR CHIEF DEPUTY, JANICE BUKAI, TOOK ON THE ROLE AS
14 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. NOTABLY, JANICE IS THE FIRST WOMAN
15 OF ASIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE TO SERVE AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 DEPARTMENT HEAD. [APPLAUSE.] JANICE HAS WORKED WITH DEDICATION
17 AND PASSION IN HER ROLE HELPING TO GROW THE DEPARTMENT TO THE
18 POWERHOUSE IT IS TODAY. SHE LEADS HUNDREDS OF INCREDIBLY HARD-
19 WORKING LAWYERS, INVESTIGATORS, PARALEGALS, TEAM MANAGERS, AND
20 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
21 COUNTY WITH RESPECT AND WITH FAIRNESS. THE A.P.D. HAS RECEIVED
22 WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION, BOTH AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND
23 NATIONAL LEVELS FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING LEGAL
24 REPRESENTATION. JANICE, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE ENTIRE ALTERNATE PUBLIC

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1 DEFENDER TEAM FOR THE AMAZING WORK YOU DO. AND WE REALLY ARE A
2 BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF ALL THE LAWYERS AND THE WORK THAT YOU
3 PUT IN TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **JANICE BUKAI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
6 ARRANGING FOR THIS TODAY. I REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE ALREADY
7 WORKING ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR WHEN WE STARTED THE DEPARTMENT 25
8 YEARS AGO. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE GO BACK A LONG WAY. AND
9 OF COURSE, ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THROUGH OUR CHAIR,
10 OUR GREAT CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR, JANICE HAHN, THANK YOU ALL FOR
11 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF A.P.D. HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY ALL
12 THE A.P.D.S THAT ARE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** I HAVE ONE MORE THAT IS A SURPRISE. FOR THOSE OF
16 YOU THAT DO NOT KNOW, MICHELLE VEGA IS LEAVING MY OFFICE TO GO
17 OVER AND WORK AT D.C.F.S. AND SO, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE
18 MICHELLE. THERE YOU GO, MICHELLE. MICHELLE, I WOULD LIKE TO
19 BRING YOU FORWARD BECAUSE YOU ARE ACTUALLY SOMEONE WHO HAS
20 BECOME PART OF THE FAMILY. FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, UP HERE,
21 WE PROBABLY SPEND MORE TIME WITH OUR STAFF THAN WE DO
22 SOMETIMES AT OUR HOMES. AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE
23 STAFF THAT YOU REALLY CONNECT WITH. AND MICHELLE, YOU HAVE
24 BEEN AN INCREDIBLE CHILDREN'S DEPUTY AND ONE WHO IS REALLY THE
25 KEY MEMBER OF MY STAFF. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON

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1 ACCEPTING THIS IMPORTANT POSITION SERVING THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AS THEIR
3 PUBLIC DIRECTOR THAT IS REALLY GOING TO WORK WITH THE MEDIA
4 AND WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AS IT RELATES TO ISSUES. SO,
5 WOULD YOU ALL GIVE ME A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR MICHELLE?
6 [APPLAUSE.] SHE HATES THIS, WHICH ACTUALLY KIND OF MAKES ME
7 HAVE FUN AT DOING IT. OF COURSE, I'M SAD TO SEE YOU LEAVE MY
8 OFFICE, BUT I'M EQUALLY EXCITED FOR YOU AND FOR THE
9 DEPARTMENT, WHO HAS TOUGH CHALLENGES AND A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
10 TO INCREASE ITS OUTREACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES TO HELP
11 THEM OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES AND LIVE FULFILLING LIVES.
12 MICHELLE BEGAN HER CAREER IN 2012 AFTER A SUCCESSFUL WORK AS A
13 PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE AND FUNDRAISER FOR POLITICAL
14 CAMPAIGNS. WHEN WE BROUGHT HER ON IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT TO
15 SERVE AS DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF D.C.F.S. AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HER
16 EXPERIENCE IN CHILDREN'S ISSUES WAS LIMITED, I WOULD SAY. AND
17 THE TIMING COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE CHALLENGING FOR A NEW
18 DEPUTY TO JUST TRY TO GET UP TO SPEED. BUT YOU DID IT. AND YOU
19 DID IT IN AN AMAZING WAY WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING OF
20 THE CHILDREN WE ARE SERVING. SHE LEARNED THE ISSUES QUICKLY.
21 SHE DIGESTED THE DATA, AND SHE ULTIMATELY BECAME A POLICY
22 EXPERT AND A VITAL PART OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT TEAM. HER
23 PASSION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES HAS GROWN ON THE JOB. AND
24 SHE'S DEVELOPED CLOSE BONDS WITH OUR BOARD OFFICES,
25 SPEARHEADING REALLY INCREDIBLE INITIATIVES. I KNOW WITH

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
2 AND WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE HAVE WORKED
3 COLLABORATIVELY TO REALLY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN
4 THAT WE SERVE. SHE'S STRIVED FOR NEW PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR
5 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. SHE'S ALSO ORGANIZED MY MAGIC MOUNTAIN
6 HOLIDAY PARTY FOR FOSTER YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH IS NO
7 EASY TASK. AND THIS YEAR, I MADE HER GO ON THE SCARIEST RIDE
8 WITH ME. AND IF SHE'S REALLY NOT NICE, I'M GOING TO BLACKMAIL
9 HER WITH THE PICTURE THEY TOOK BECAUSE SHE LOOKS SCARED TO
10 DEATH. BUT IT WAS A GREAT RIDE. SHE ASSISTED THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 WORKPLACE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THEIR
12 EFFORT TO FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY
13 TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SERVICES. MICHELLE ALSO WORKED WITH
14 D.C.F.S. TO FORMULATE A NEW, MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS
15 PLAN AND IS NOW HEADED THERE TO IMPLEMENT IT ALONG WITH THE
16 OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORTS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT
17 MICHELLE WILL PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE AT D.C.F.S. UNDER THE
18 LEADERSHIP OF BOBBY CAGLE AND WILL BE A POWERFUL FORCE IN OUR
19 EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES UNDER
20 OUR COUNTY CARE. MICHELLE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING A
21 COMPASSIONATE, THOUGHTFUL, AND REALLY AN AMAZING PERSON, BUT
22 ALSO FOR BEING SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTED ME SO WELL AND WOULD
23 HELP ME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE JOB THAT I'M DOING AND MAKE A
24 DIFFERENCE. SO, WITH THAT, WE WILL MISS YOU, BUT YOU ARE NOT
25 GOING VERY FAR. AND I KNOW WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE WORKING WITH

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1 YOU. SO, MY LOSS IS ALL OF OUR GAIN. SO, WITH THAT, I WOULD
2 LIKE YOU TO SAY SOMETHING. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **MICHELLE VEGA:** SO, I AM HUMBLLED. AND I'M HONORED. AND IT TRULY
5 HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO REPRESENT THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, SINCE YOU MENTIONED THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN EVENT, I WOULD
7 LIKE TO SAY I FEEL LIKE THAT SUMS UP WORKING FOR SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER. SHE TOOK ME ON A ROLLER COASTER, WHICH WAS ALL UPS AND
9 A HUGE THRILL, BUT THE BEST PART WAS WATCHING YOU ENGAGE WITH
10 ALL THE KIDS AND TRULY THE JOY YOU HAD IN HELPING KIDS FIND
11 TOYS AND SEE SANTA. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE THAT SUMS UP THE
12 PRIORITY OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY. AND YOU TOOK A CHANCE ON
13 ME IN 2012 AND HIRED ME. AND IT REALLY HAS BEEN AN HONOR. AND
14 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SERVE THE COUNTY AND TO
15 STILL BE PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY IN THIS NEW CAPACITY.
16 [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT IS STILL SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THIS IS THE LAST BUT NOT LEAST. I WANT TO
21 INTRODUCE YOU TO HARVEY. WHERE IS HARVEY? IS HARVEY HERE?
22 HARVEY IS A TERRIER MIX, SIX-MONTH-OLD MALE. HI, BABY. YEAH.
23 THIS IS HARVEY. HARVEY IS AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY ANIMAL
24 SHELTER. 562-728-4610. AND AGAIN, WITH THE HOLIDAYS COMING UP,
25 I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS OR EVEN

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1 ONLINE AND LOOK TO ADOPT. HI, BABY. I KNOW. YOU WILL NEVER
2 REGRET IT. AND HARVEY IS -- IF YOU WANT HIM FOR CHRISTMAS,
3 HARVEY IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE AMAZING ANIMALS THAT WE
4 HAVE AT OUR SHELTER. OKAY. [APPLAUSE.] I HAVE A CAT, SHADOW.
5 THIS IS SHADOW. I KNOW. SHADOW IS -- HOW OLD IS SHADOW? A ONE-
6 MONTH-OLD FEMALE THAT'S AVAILABLE ALSO AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER.
7 562-728-4610. AND THIS ONE IS VERY SWEET. SO, I WOULD, AGAIN,
8 PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER OPENING UP YOUR HOME. YOU WILL
9 NEVER REGRET IT. SO, WITH THAT, THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE IT ON A LEASH?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** IN CASE IT RUNS AWAY. THAT IS ALL I HAVE, MADAM
14 CHAIR?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SURE THAT'S ALL? DP YOU HAVE ANOTHER
17 ONE? OKAY, WE'LL HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND GOOD MORNING TO
20 EVERYONE. TODAY, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF RECOGNIZING AN
21 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME. I THINK EVERY
22 SINGLE ONE OF US ON THE BOARD KNOWS WHO THEY ARE. AND I AM SO
23 PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD
24 BANK. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WE
25 ALL KNOW WHAT THEY DO, THE GOOD WORK THAT THEY DO, INVALUABLE

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1 SERVICE, HELPING OUR NEEDIEST RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY. AND I'M PLEASED TO HAVE HERE TODAY, JOINING ME,
3 MICHAEL FLOOD, OUR PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF LOS ANGELES
4 REGIONAL FOOD BANK. HE'S BEEN SERVING IN HIS ROLE SINCE 2000.
5 AND IN 2016, I APPOINTED HIM AS MY COMMISSIONER ON LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION. THE LOS ANGELES
7 REGIONAL FOOD BANK HAS MADE IT THEIR MISSION TO FIGHT HUNGER
8 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A MISSION THAT BEGAN SOME YEARS AGO,
9 BACK IN 1973. AND OVER THE LAST 45 YEARS, THE LOS ANGELES
10 REGIONAL FOOD BANK HAS ACQUIRED FOOD THROUGH VARIOUS SOURCES
11 AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. WITH THE HELP OF MANY
12 VOLUNTEERS, AND MORE THAN 650 PARTNER AGENCIES, THEY HELP TO
13 SERVE OVER 300,000 PEOPLE ON A MONTHLY BASIS. WOW! GIVE THEM A
14 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THAT IS AWESOME. [APPLAUSE.] AND
15 INCREDIBLY, 80% OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED IS HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS.
16 THE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK ARE
17 MULTIFACETED AND SERVE MANY DIFFERENT POPULATIONS THAT MIGHT
18 SUFFER FROM HUNGER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SENIOR NUTRITION BROWN
19 BAG PROGRAM PROVIDES A WEEKLY BROWN BAG OF ESSENTIALS AND
20 PRODUCE ITEMS THAT ARE OFTEN PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE FOR LOW-
21 INCOME SENIORS. THEY'RE NOT JUST PROVIDING HEALTHY MEALS, BUT
22 THE FOOD BANK IS FACILITATING NUTRITIONAL EMPOWERMENT. THE LOS
23 ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL CLASSES,
24 NUTRITION HANDOUTS FOR OUR YOUTH IN BACKPACK PROGRAMS, AND
25 HAVE DEDICATED THE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING NUTRITION. TODAY,

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1 WE WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE. THEY'RE
2 STILL A VERY YOUNG ORGANIZATION. AND I NOW WOULD LIKE TO ASK
3 MR. FLOOD TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS. MR. FLOOD.

4

5 **MICHAEL FLOOD:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
6 TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS THAT WE HAVE WORKED WITH THROUGHOUT
7 OUR HISTORY. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
8 SOME OF THE STAFF WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY ON THE DAIS, BUT
9 ALSO COULD YOU STAND FOOD BANK STAFF WHO ARE HERE TODAY? LET'S
10 GIVE THEM A HAND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE WORK. [APPLAUSE.]
11 THESE ARE THE FOLKS WE COULD SPARE. EVERYONE ELSE IS BACK AT
12 THE FOOD BANK OR IN THE FIELD DOING OUR WORK THROUGHOUT THIS
13 COMMUNITY. IT IS AMAZING TO THINK OF WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH ONE
14 PERSON AND ONE PERSON'S ACT. TONY COLLIER FOUNDED THE FOOD
15 BANK IN 1973 WITH A PICKUP TRUCK AND A TWO-CAR GARAGE. NOW, WE
16 MEASURE OUR IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF BILLIONS. OVER
17 A BILLION POUNDS DISTRIBUTED SINCE OUR FOUNDING, THE
18 EQUIVALENT OF MORE THAN A BILLION MEALS AND A BILLION DOLLARS
19 WORTH OF FOOD OUT TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
20 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED, THOUGH,
21 WE ONLY DO THIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITH FOOD
22 DONORS, FINANCIAL DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, OUR AGENCY NETWORK, WHO
23 SHE MENTIONED, AND OUR MANY PROGRAM SITES AT SENIOR SITES,
24 SCHOOLS, AND CHILDRENS SITES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
25 OUR MISSION IS TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITY. AND OUR VISION IS THAT NO ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY GOES
2 HUNGRY. THAT IS OUR GOAL. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
3 WORK WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO REACH
4 THAT VISION SOME DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. OH, YOU
7 HAVE GOT ONE MORE? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD TODAY
10 TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW, YOUTH AND
11 JUSTICE CLINIC, PROFESSOR JYOTI NANDA, ALLISON KORN, ASSOCIATE
12 DEAN OF CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING, AND SAMEER ASHAR,
13 DEAN OF CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING, STUDENTS, MARIANA
14 HERNANDEZ, ADAM COHEN, KALI GERUS, SARA KO, KELSEY WHITE, WHO
15 HAVE ALL JOINED ME TODAY AT THE DAIS. AND I'M PLEASED TO
16 RECOGNIZE TODAY AND INTRODUCE TO YOU THE U.C.L.A. LAW
17 PROFESSOR, JYOTI NANDA, WHO IS JOINED BY ASSOCIATE DEAN OF
18 CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING, ALLISON KORN, AND DEAN OF
19 CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING, SAMEER ASHAR. ACCOMPANYING
20 THEM, AS YOU KNOW, ARE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO ARE HERE
21 WITH ME TODAY. FIVE YEARS AGO, PROFESSOR JYOTI NANDA FOUNDED
22 THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW, YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC. HER GOAL
23 WAS TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO HOLISTICALLY ADDRESS THE UNMET LEGAL
24 NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. STUDENTS THAT ARE A
25 PART OF THE CLINIC REPRESENT YOUTH ON ISSUES RELATED TO

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1 DETENTION CONDITIONS, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL EQUITY,
2 SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND SCHOOL CLIMATE, TO NAME A FEW. THE
3 YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC ITSELF IS UNDERTAKING A LARGE
4 RESEARCH SURVEY PROJECT TO DETERMINE THE KNOWLEDGE GAPS AMONG
5 YOUTH IN THE LOS ANGELES DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THE WORK BEING
6 DONE AT THE YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC IS PROVIDING REAL-TIME
7 IMPACTS TO OUR COMMUNITY. IN FACT, JUST LAST YEAR, THE YOUTH
8 AND JUSTICE CLINIC, ALONG WITH THE ALLIANCE OF CHILDREN'S
9 RIGHTS, WAS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT YOUTH IN THE INGLEWOOD
10 JUVENILE JUSTICE COURT. AND I'M PLEASED THAT MY OFFICE
11 PARTNERED WITH THE YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC THIS SEMESTER TO
12 CONDUCT RESEARCH AND PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
13 PREGNANT AND INCARCERATED YOUTH. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR
14 THEIR GREAT WORK THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IN REPRESENTING OUR
15 YOUNG PEOPLE BUT ALSO GIVING EMPOWERMENT TO THESE YOUNG
16 PEOPLE, ENCOURAGING THEM, AND PERSUASIVELY IMPACTING PUBLIC
17 POLICY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK PROFESSOR JYOTI NANDA TO SAY A FEW
18 WORDS AT THIS TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **JYOTI NANDA:** THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND TO CHAIR HAHN
21 AND SPECIFICALLY TO SOLIS'S STAFF. TAYLOR DUDLEY WAS
22 INSTRUMENTAL IN ALLOWING FOR US. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK
23 THE BOARD AND THE SUPERVISOR AND THE COUNTY FOR ALLOWING LAW
24 STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A REAL ROLE IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY.
25 THE STUDENTS YOU SEE UP HERE ARE BOTH LAW STUDENTS AND SOCIAL

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1 WORK STUDENTS FROM U.C.L.A. TO THE RIGHT OF ME IS THE DEAN OF
2 EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION, OUR ASSOCIATE DEAN. OUR DEAN OF
3 U.C.L.A. LAW, JENNIFER MNOOKIN, COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY, BUT
4 SHE WANTED TO EXTEND HER REGRETS. THESE ARE REALLY THE FUTURE.
5 AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD TODAY, BY PARTNERING WITH
6 US, HAS PLANTED SEEDS. AND I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF ONE
7 DAY, SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE SITTING UP HERE ON THE
8 BOARD AND WERE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF THEM. ON BEHALF OF THE
9 ENTIRE LAW SCHOOL AT U.C.L.A, THE YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC,
10 THE YOUTH YOU SERVE, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING YOU TO
11 PARTNER WITH US AND FOR BELIEVING IN THE ISSUES THAT WE CARE
12 DEEPLY ABOUT, TODAY SPECIFICALLY, ENDING THE INCARCERATION OF
13 PREGNANT YOUTH. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,
18 COLLEAGUES. THIS MORNING, I WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
19 RECOGNIZE THE ONE AND ONLY PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY C.E.O.'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE. GIVE HIM A LITTLE
21 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] WHY ARE WE DOING
22 SO? BECAUSE OF HIS CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE TASK OF
23 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEYOND.
24 PHIL IS THE WORTHY RECIPIENT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE
25 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES. THEY OFFER A RATHER PRESTIGIOUS

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1 CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD. AND THIS IS INDEED IN RECOGNITION OF
2 HIS EXEMPLARY WORK ON THE JOINT HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE
3 CONVENED BY THAT ORGANIZATION, NAMELY C.S.A.C. AND THE LEAGUE
4 OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, ITS COUNTERPART. REPRESENTING C.S.A.C.
5 TODAY IS IS CHRIS LEE, ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE
6 ON HOUSING, LAND USE, AND TRANSPORTATION. WELCOME, CHRIS. NOW,
7 C.S.A.C. AND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' JOINT
8 HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE WAS FORMED IN LATE 2016 AND
9 DELIBERATED OVER 18 MONTHS BEFORE ISSUING THE FINAL REPORT IN
10 MARCH OF THIS YEAR. C.S.A.C. NOTES THAT PHIL HELPED THE JOINT
11 TASK FORCE, AND I QUOTE, UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES, END
12 QUOTE, OF HOMELESSNESS AND PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN DRAFTING
13 THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND HELPED C.S.A.C. DEVELOP A
14 COMPREHENSIVE STATE BUDGET PACKAGE THAT WOULD BENEFIT ALL
15 CALIFORNIA. THIS IS NO SURPRISE TO US BECAUSE, IN L.A. COUNTY,
16 PHIL HAS LED THE DEEPLY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO HARNESS THE
17 ENERGY OF SOME 88 CITIES, FOUR CONTINUUM OF CARE
18 JURISDICTIONS, AND THIRTY-FOUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND
19 HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY
20 ACTION PLAN WITH 51 INTERLOCKING STRATEGIES. PHIL AND HIS TEAM
21 ALSO PROVIDE THE QUARTERLY MEASURE H REPORT CARDS. IN FACT,
22 THE LATEST REPORT CARD SHOWS THAT IN THE FIRST 15 MONTHS OF
23 MEASURE H IMPLEMENTATION, WE HAVE HOUSED ALMOST 10,000 MEN,
24 WOMEN, AND CHILDREN. SO, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS ON TRACK
25 TO HOUSE THE 45,000 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN IN FIVE YEARS

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1 THAT WE PROMISED VOTERS. AND MUCH OF THIS IS THE RESULT OF
2 PHIL'S RATHER EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP. AND I THINK THERE IS AN
3 APPLAUSE THAT BELONGS RIGHT THERE. [APPLAUSE.] SO, PHIL, WE
4 ARE MIGHTY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE DONE.
5 AND IT IS ON BEHALF OF THIS ENTIRE BOARD, ALL OF US WHO ARE
6 DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOMELESS CRISIS THAT ENVELOPS THE
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE 88 CITIES THEREIN, WE THANK YOU
8 FOR HELPING US TO FURTHER OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL THAT ALL WHO
9 CHOOSE TO CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME WILL ATTAIN LIVES THAT
10 ARE FILLED WITH DIGNITY AND PURPOSE, PARTICULARLY AS WE
11 CELEBRATE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. IT IS A SEASON FOR US TO BE
12 GENEROUS. IT'S A SEASON FOR US TO BE COMPASSIONATE. IT IS A
13 SEASON FOR US TO BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO ARE INDEED LESS
14 FORTUNATE THAN WE ARE. IT IS A SEASON FOR US TO CELEBRATE
15 THOSE WHO GO TO THE POINT AND MAKE THIS WORK MORE REWARDING.
16 AND SO, CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING C.S.A.C.'S CIRCLE OF
17 SERVICE AWARD. I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY
18 AND COMMENDATION FROM OUR C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, WHO HAS
19 SHEPHERDED THIS PROCESS THROUGH WITH YOU AND WANTS TO -- YOU
20 TO YOU TO KNOW AS WELL THAT SHE'S DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE FOR ALL
21 THAT YOU HAVE DONE. GIVE PHIL ANSELL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **CHRIS LEE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND THANK YOU
25 FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE C.S.A.C'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND

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1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS CHRIS LEE. AND I HAVE THE
2 HONOR OF BEING HERE TODAY TO PRESENT PHIL ANSELL WITH THE
3 C.S.A.C.'S CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD. THIS AWARD IS REALLY AN
4 ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT, AT OUR BEST, C.S.A.C. AND COUNTIES ARE AT
5 OUR BEST WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER AND BRING TOGETHER OUR ADVOCACY
6 EFFORTS AND THE SIGNIFICANT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT'S
7 AVAILABLE IN ALL OF OUR 58 COUNTIES. THE AWARD IS DESIGNED TO
8 RECOGNIZE THOSE FOLKS WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND ADVOCACY FOR
9 JUST LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT ALSO FOR ALL 58 COUNTIES AROUND
10 THE STATE. AND SO, I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE TO PRESENT THE AWARD
11 TO PHIL ANSELL, A DESERVING RECIPIENT. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO
12 THANK THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, NOT ONLY FOR GIVING US ACCESS TO PHIL AND ALL OF
14 HIS EXPERTISE, BUT FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE DIFFICULT BUT
15 SOLVABLE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. SO, THANK YOU, PHIL, FOR YOUR
16 SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PHIL
19 ANSELL. AND HE'S BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP HIS REMARKS BRIEF
20 BECAUSE HE CAN WAX BEYOND OUR WILDEST IMAGINATION. GIVE A BIG
21 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO PHIL ANSELL.

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU TO C.S.A.C.
24 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'VE BEEN REPRESENTING THE
25 COUNTY QUITE EXTENSIVELY IN SACRAMENTO FOR ALMOST TWENTY-FIVE

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1 YEARS. AND PEOPLE ALWAYS CARE WHAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY THINKS
2 BECAUSE WE'RE SO BIG. BUT SOMETIMES, THEY CARE WHAT WE THINK
3 BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING AS WELL. AND THAT HAS
4 BEEN THE EXPERIENCE IN WORKING IN SACRAMENTO AROUND
5 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE, THANKS TO THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP AND
6 COMMITMENT TO COMBATING HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND
7 THANKS TO THE AMAZING ARRAY OF PARTNERS BOTH WITH AND OUTSIDE
8 GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER TO CONSTITUTE THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY MOVEMENT TO PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS,
10 PEOPLE IN SACRAMENTO ARE LOOKING AT WHAT WE'RE DOING AS A WAY
11 TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT THE STATE ITSELF CAN DO AND WHAT THE OTHER
12 COUNTIES CAN DO. SO, IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO
13 BE THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COUNTY AROUND HOMELESSNESS SINCE
14 THE BOARD HAD THE VISION TO LAUNCH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE A
15 BIT OVER THREE YEARS AGO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PHIL, ALL OF US ARE GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO
18 WITH YOU BECAUSE IT WAS ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD MADE
19 MEASURE H HAPPEN. WE CELEBRATE THIS DAY WITH YOU, YET AGAIN.
20 SO, COLLEAGUES, WILL YOU JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THIS TO THE
21 HONORABLE PHIL ANSELL.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATIONS.
24 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

25

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

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME LET EVERYBODY KNOW, THOSE OF
8 YOU WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES, HERE'S
9 HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 48,
10 WHICH IS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN.
11 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE OVER 100 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
12 ON THIS ITEM. SO, WE WILL BE LIMITING EVERYONE'S TIME TO ONE
13 MINUTE. AFTER WE FINISH ITEM 48, WE'LL THEN PROCEED WITH ITEMS
14 5, 12, AND 13, IN THAT ORDER. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IS IT
15 TIME TO FOR YOU TO SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ALL THOSE THAT
18 PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM,
19 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE
20 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
21 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE
22 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM 48
23 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 02232 FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE
24 CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT
25 OF UP TO 19,333 DWELLING UNITS AND OTHER LAND USES LOCATED ON

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1 THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN THE CASTAIC CANYON IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WEST
3 ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR THE CENTENNIAL FOUNDERS. THERE IS A
4 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND
5 WE HAVE OVER 100 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED TO
6 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE IS AN APPLICANT WHO
7 ALSO REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. PER BOARD PROTOCOL, THE
8 APPLICANT WILL GET A TOTAL OF FOUR MINUTES TO SPEAK ON THIS
9 ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY NOW, WE'LL HEAR THE
12 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **AMY BODEK:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS I'M AMY BODEK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 REGIONAL PLANNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND
17 CONSIDERATION TODAY. WE CERTAINLY DO APPRECIATE YOU TAKING
18 THIS OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE IT IS A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT IN THE
19 FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT ALSO FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I HAVE
20 SPENT MY ENTIRE 12 -- 10-MONTH CAREER WITH THE COUNTY,
21 FRANKLY, WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. AND IT HAS PRECEDED ME BE A
22 NUMBER OF YEARS AND WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THIS BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS WHEN THIS BOARD ADOPTED THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
24 PLAN. SO WE BELIEVE, AS STAFF, THAT WE'RE PRESENTING TO YOU
25 THE BEST PROJECT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PRESENT TO YOU THAT

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1 BALANCES DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. WITH
2 THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK MR. JODIE SACKETT TO GO THROUGH HIS
3 PRESENTATION AND PRESENT TO YOU THE ENTITLEMENTS THAT WE ARE
4 SEEKING TODAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS
7 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JODIE SACKETT, SENIOR PLANNER WITH
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NUMBER 48 IS THE
9 CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT. THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN
10 IS A PORTION OF THE LARGER TEJON RANCH PRIVATE LAND HOLDING
11 ENCOMPASSING MORE THAN 270,000 ACRES OF LAND, AND OF WHICH 90%
12 OF THE RANCH WILL BE PERMANENTLY PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE.
13 CENTENNIAL PROPOSES A NEW PLANNED COMMUNITY OF 19,333 HOUSING
14 UNITS, 8.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL
15 USES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON TOTAL OF 12,323
16 ACRES OF LAND, OF WHICH 45%, OR AN ADDITIONAL 5,624 ACRES,
17 WILL BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE. THE SPECIFIC PLAN IS DIVIDED
18 INTO NINE SEPARATE VILLAGES WITH A MIX OF LAND USES THAT WILL
19 ENABLE RESIDENTS TO LIVE NEAR SCHOOLS, RECREATION, SHOPPING,
20 LOCAL SERVICES, AND EMPLOYMENT CENTERS AND ALLOW FOR A JOBS TO
21 HOUSING BALANCE WITHIN THE PROJECT. CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE
22 IMPLEMENTED IN 10 PHASES BASED ON FUTURE MARKET CONDITIONS
23 OVER AN ESTIMATED 20-YEAR PERIOD. ENTITLEMENTS REQUIRED TO
24 IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT, SUBJECT TO BOARD ACTION, INCLUDE A
25 SPECIFIC PLAN, A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, A ZONE CHANGE, A

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1 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND A VESTING
2 TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP. THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN WAS
3 ORIGINALLY FILED WITH THE COUNTY BY THE APPLICANT IN 2002.
4 COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF INITIATED ITS REVIEW OF THE
5 PROJECT AT THAT TIME. AND THE FIRST NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND
6 AVAILABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OCCURRED IN 2004.
7 BETWEEN 2002 AND 2014, STAFF REVIEWED THE PROJECT APPLICATION
8 AND ENTITLEMENTS AS WELL AS THE DRAFT E.I.R. SEVERAL COMMUNITY
9 MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE APPLICANT DURING THIS TIME FRAME TO
10 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROJECT. IN 2015, THE
11 APPLICANT SUBMITTED A REVISED SPECIFIC PLAN THAT INCLUDED A
12 REDUCED NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS AND A DESIGN MORE IN
13 CONFORMANCE WITH THE RECENTLY ADOPTED 2015 ANTELOPE VALLEY
14 AREA PLAN. IN 2015, A REVISED DRAFT E.I.R. WAS PREPARED AND
15 REVIEWED BY STAFF WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT
16 E.I.R. RUNNING FROM MAY 18TH TO JULY 17TH, 2017, A PERIOD OF
17 60 DAYS. AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC, AN ADDITIONAL 30-DAY
18 EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT WAS PROVIDED THROUGH AUGUST 16TH,
19 2017 FOR A TOTAL OF 90 DAYS. THE FINAL E.I.R. FOR THE PROJECT
20 WAS RELEASED ON MAY 2018, PRIOR TO THE FIRST FULL PUBLIC
21 HEARING ON THE PROJECT ON JUNE 6, 2018. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HELD FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE
23 PROJECT ON JUNE 6TH, JULY 11TH, AUGUST 29TH, 2018. STAFF AND
24 THE APPLICANT GAVE PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS
25 HEARD DURING THESE DATES. AFTER CONSIDERING ALL TESTIMONY,

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1 ORAL AND WRITTEN, BOTH IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE
2 PROJECT, THE COMMISSION VOTED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE
3 PROJECT TO YOUR BOARD WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGES AND REQUESTS
4 THAT ARE OUTLINED IN STAFF'S LETTER TO THE BOARD DATED TODAY,
5 DECEMBER 11, 2018. DURING A 16-YEAR PERIOD, STAFF HAS REVIEWED
6 THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT TO INCLUDE ITS
7 ENTITLEMENT REQUESTS, BURDEN OF PROOF STATEMENTS FOR THE
8 ENTITLEMENTS, PROJECT DESIGN, AND CONSISTENCY WITH THE COUNTY-
9 WIDE GENERAL PLAN, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN, SUBDIVISION
10 OF LAND AND FUTURE PHASING, AND POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACTS TO INCLUDE THOSE SIGNIFICANT AND LESS THAN
12 SIGNIFICANT, ALL REQUIRING COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE MITIGATION
13 MEASURES TO OFFSET THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO
14 NEGOTIATED A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE APPLICANT ENSURING
15 THAT THE COUNTY'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE
16 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT. BASED ON THESE FINDINGS AND
17 FACTS, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE CENTENNIAL
18 SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.
19 THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU WANT
22 SOME COMMENTS?

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I FIRST WANT TO
25 START BY TAKING A BRIEF MOMENT TO THANK THE REGIONAL PLANNING

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1 STAFF FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE WORK ON THIS INCREDIBLY COMPLEX
2 PROJECT. I KNOW THAT MY STAFF AND PLANNING STAFF SPENT
3 SIGNIFICANT TIME WORKING ON THIS PROJECT TO ENSURE THAT THE
4 VERY BEST PRODUCT APPEARED BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY. I REALLY
5 WANT TO FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, AMY. I KNOW YOU CAME ON BOARD
6 IN THIS PROJECT, WHILE IT IS IN THE WORK A LONG TIME, YOU CAME
7 UP TO SPEED OVERNIGHT. BUT THAT IS A TESTIMONY TO YOUR STAFF,
8 DENNIS SLAVIN, JODIE SACKETT, AND THE REST OF THE REGIONAL
9 PLANNING TEAM. I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AND REALLY
10 RECOGNIZE THE WORK YOU PUT INTO THIS. 14 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST
11 FORMAL SUBMITTAL BY THE CENTENNIAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM, WE'RE
12 HERE TO CONSIDER ENTITLEMENTS ON A LONG-COMING PROGRAM AND
13 PROJECT. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THIS PROJECT, IT IS NO SURPRISE IT
14 WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO GET TO THIS POINT. CALIFORNIA USED TO
15 CRANK OUT HOMES. BETWEEN 1955 AND 1990, THERE WERE ABOUT
16 200,000 NEW HOMES BUILT ANNUALLY. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, WE
17 HAVE DROPPED DOWN TO AROUND 80,000 HOMES PER YEAR. AND THAT
18 TREND CONTINUES DOWNWARD. THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
19 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNOR BROWN PROJECT THAT WE MUST
20 BUILD 180,000 NEW HOMES PER YEAR TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND.
21 WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR MEETING THIS DEMAND. HOMEOWNERSHIP RATES
22 IN CALIFORNIA ARE AT THEIR LOWEST SINCE THE 1940S. RENTS
23 CONTINUE TO RISE. AND NEARLY 30% OF ALL RENTERS PAY MORE THAN
24 50% OF THEIR INCOME IN RENT EACH MONTH. OUR YOUNGER
25 CONSTITUENTS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE AND DELAY ENTERING THE

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1 HOUSING MARKET AS SUPPLY IS LACKING AND PRICES HAVE RISEN
2 BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL AFFORDABLE STARTER HOME. THE STARTER
3 HOME MARKET HAS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
4 FORCING MANY TO HEAD FURTHER OUT TO FIND HOUSING THAT MEETS
5 THEIR BUDGET NEEDS AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILY NEEDS. THE LACK OF
6 SUPPLY, RISING COST, AND LACK OF AFFORDABILITY CONSPIRE TO PUT
7 ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. 12% OF THE
8 AMERICA'S POPULATION CALL CALIFORNIA HOME, BUT WE HAVE A
9 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE HOMELESS, TOTALING 22% OF ALL
10 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE U.S.A. IN THIS CONTEXT, I'M
11 ASKING THAT WE CONSIDER THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. THIS PROJECT
12 WILL BRING 19,333 NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVER THE NEXT 30
13 YEARS. SOME MAY CONSIDER THIS PROJECT TOO BIG. AND WE CAN
14 ALWAYS FIND FAULT IN THE BEST-LAID PLANS, BUT I BELIEVE WE
15 HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS
16 AND HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING CRISIS. THIS BRINGS US
17 CLOSER TO ACHIEVING THIS GOAL. THIS PROJECT HAS COME A LONG
18 WAY. THIS IS NOT THE ORIGINAL PLAN FROM THE EARLY 2000S. TO
19 SAY THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INPUT WOULD BE PUTTING
20 IT LIGHTLY. IT WAS CLEAR BY THE MID 2000S THAT THERE WAS A
21 DEEP CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BEAUTIFUL TEJON RANCH AND
22 THE GRAPEVINE AND THE SOUTHERN CENTRAL VALLEY. THE TEJON RANCH
23 COMPANY WENT TO WORK WITH THE HIGHLY NOTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL
24 ORGANIZATIONS TO NEGOTIATE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND
25 CONSERVATION OF THE RANCH. IN 2008, IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE

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1 TEJON RANCH COMPANY, AUDUBON CALIFORNIA, THE ENDANGERED
2 HABITATS LEAGUE, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, PLANNING
3 AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE, AND THE SIERRA CLUB TO PERMANENTLY
4 PRESERVE 240,000 ACRES OF THE 270,000 RANCH HOLDINGS FOR
5 CONSERVATION PURPOSES. THIS UNPRECEDENTED 90% SET ASIDE
6 PAVED THE WAY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINING 10%.
7 SIGNIFICANTLY, THE CONSERVANCY HAS AGREED TO SET ASIDE
8 APPROXIMATELY 10,000 ACRES FOR REALIGNMENT OF THE PACIFIC
9 CREST TRAIL AND IS CONSIDERING A FUTURE STATE PARK AND IS
10 COMMITTED TO PUBLIC ACCESS. ONCE THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE
11 COMPLETED, TEJON RANCH WENT ABOUT WORKING ON PLANS WITH THEIR
12 THREE HOUSING PROJECTS, INCLUDING CENTENNIAL, THE ONLY ONE
13 WHICH FALLS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. THE OTHERS ARE IN KERN COUNTY.
14 IN 2015, THE BOARD APPROVED THE UPDATED ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
15 PLAN WHICH CAPPED A SEVEN-YEAR PUBLIC DIALOGUE ABOUT THE
16 FUTURE GROWTH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF
17 THIS DOCUMENT WAS A CONCENTRATION OF DEVELOPMENT IN NEWLY
18 DEFINED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS, OR, AS THEY'RE REFERRED
19 TO, AS E.O.A.S. THESE E.O.A.S ARE ALLOWED HIGHER LEVELS OF
20 INTENSITY WITH THE TRADE-OFF BEING THAT THE REST OF THE RURAL
21 AREAS THAT CHARACTERIZE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WOULD REMAIN
22 STRICTLY RURAL AND, IN MANY CASES, DOWNSIZING LAND TO ENSURE
23 THAT NO INTENSIVE USE IS -- THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT FALLS
24 COMPLETELY WITHIN ONE OF THE THREE E.O.A.S IDENTIFIED IN THE
25 PLAN AND IS THEREFORE CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S INTENT FOR A

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1 LARGE PROJECT TO BE SITED THERE. THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN FOR
2 SMART GROWTH, SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
3 INFRASTRUCTURE, A STRONG AND DIVERSE ECONOMY, AND HEALTHY
4 LIVABLE, EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES. CENTENNIAL MEETS THE GOALS AS
5 THEY HAVE ADDRESSED EACH OF THEM ALONG THE WAY. THEY HAVE
6 SECURED A SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY FOR THE PROJECT NECESSARY TO
7 SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE NEW PLANNED COMMUNITY OF CLOSE TO
8 60,000 PEOPLE. IN CONCERT WITH CAL TRANS, THE NORTHEAST
9 HIGHWAY 138 WILL RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO
10 MEET THE GROWING DEMANDS OF THAT CORRIDOR. THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO
11 ACHIEVE A JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE BY COMMITTING 20,000 NEW JOBS
12 FOR THE 19,000 MEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS BEING PROPOSED. BUILDING
13 UPON THE 2008 TEJON RANCH WIDE AGREEMENT TO SET ASIDE OF
14 240,000 IN PERMANENT CONSERVATION, 90% OF THIS ARE RANCH
15 HOLDINGS, THE PROPOSED PROJECT GOES FURTHER TO SET ASIDE
16 CLOSE TO 50% OF THE PROJECT AREA AS DEED RESTRICTED OPEN
17 SPACE. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO
18 OUR OFFICE'S ATTENTION, THE GREENHOUSE GASES. THE VILLAGE
19 CONCEPT WILL CONTINUE ENCOURAGING WALKING, BIKING, AND USING
20 TRANSIT AS ALTERNATES TO DRIVING. IN THIS WAY, THE PROJECT
21 ENCOURAGES LOWER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AS A KEY COUNTY AND
22 STATE PRIORITY. WHILE THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON
23 HOW WE TACKLE THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, THE PROJECT
24 COMPLIES WITH C.E.Q.A. BUT CENTENNIAL GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND
25 C.E.Q.A. BY OFFERING TO GO NET ZERO ENERGY. THE COMMUNITY WILL

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1 BE POWERED WITH ITS OWN CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY ON SITE THROUGH
2 THE USE OF SOLAR AND THE LATEST ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING
3 STANDARDS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. I HAVE
4 SEEN THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD LETTER FROM THE
5 DECEMBER 15TH, 2018. AND I UNDERSTAND THE DISAGREEMENT WITH
6 THE DEVELOPER. I TRUST, AND I HOPE, AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE
7 CONVERSATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON HOW TO CONTINUALLY INTEGRATE
8 THE NEW CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES ACROSS THE LIST OF THE PROJECTS
9 BUILT OUT. AGAIN, THIS IS AN INDUSTRY THAT IS CONSTANTLY
10 CHANGING. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A 30-YEAR PLAN, I'M CONFIDENT
11 THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT MOVES FORWARD. I
12 WANT TO TALK ABOUT TRAFFIC. MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
13 RIGHTFULLY EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE INCREASED TRAFFIC
14 ALONG THE 138 AND I5 CORRIDORS, ASSUMING THAT MOST OF THE
15 RESIDENTS WILL COMMUTE OUT OF CENTENNIAL FOR WORK. WHILE IT
16 IS TRUE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE OUTFLOWS OF TRAFFIC IN THE
17 EARLY STAGES OF THE PROJECT, THE APPLICANT ENVISIONS A 50/50
18 SPLIT OF THOSE WORKING IN CENTENNIAL VERSUS COMMUTING OUT. FOR
19 THOSE COMMUTING OUT, THERE WILL BE MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CENTERS
20 WITHIN 35 MINUTES IN EACH DIRECTION, BAKERSFIELD TO THE NORTH,
21 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO THE EAST, AND SANTA CLARITA TO THE
22 SOUTH. ULTIMATELY, THE MARKET WILL DICTATE WHERE THOSE JOBS
23 WILL BE BUILT AND MUST BE IN A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO MITIGATE
24 TRAFFIC WHENEVER POSSIBLE. NEXT YEAR, CAL TRANS AND METRO WILL
25 BE BREAKING GROUND ON A FULLY FUNDED PROJECT TO ADD CAPACITY

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1 TO A MAJOR EXISTING CHOKE POINT ON THE I5 FREEWAY THROUGH
2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THIS WILL ADD 14 MILES OF (INAUDIBLE)
3 LANES BETWEEN NEWHALL AND CASTAIC AND WILL EXTEND A TRUCK ONLY
4 BYPASS LANE THROUGH THE INCLINE OF THE NEWHALL PASS.
5 CONSTRUCTION IS ANTICIPATED TO TAKE FIVE YEARS. MAJOR
6 CONSTRUCTION RELIEF IS ANTICIPATED ONCE THIS PROJECT IS
7 COMPLETE. LOOKING OUT FURTHER, METRO HAS INCLUDED IN THE LONG-
8 RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AN EXTENSION OF THE TRUCK ONLY LANES
9 ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE TO THE CURRENT COUNTY LINES.
10 ADDITIONALLY, CENTENNIAL STAFF WORKED WITH MY STAFF AND COUNTY
11 STAFF TO IDENTIFY A LIST OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS TO BE INCLUDED
12 AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT SEEKS
13 OBLIGATIONS THAT GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD
14 NORMALLY HAVE RECEIVED. IN EXCHANGE, THE COUNTY IS GRANTING
15 THE APPLICANT THE RIGHTS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT PURSUANT
16 TO EXISTING APPROVALS FOR A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS. THE APPLICANT
17 AGREED TO DEDICATE LAND TO THE COUNTY WITHIN CENTENNIAL AT NO
18 COST TO THE COUNTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF
19 NUMEROUS PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF
20 CENTENNIAL AND THE WESTERN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THESE FACILITIES
21 INCLUDE A 30,000 SQUARE FOOT CIVIC CENTER BUILDING, FOUR FIRE
22 STATIONS, A 22,000 SQUARE FOOT POLICE STATION, TWO ACRES, AND
23 A 10 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR AN ANIMAL CARE FACILITY, A COUNTY
24 CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE YARD, SIX ACRES OF PARKS FACILITIES
25 PER 1,000 RESIDENTS, A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, A UNIVERSAL

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1 ACCESS TO DESIGN FEATURES AS AN OPTION FOR HOUSING, LONG-TERM
2 FINANCING OF PUBLIC PARKS THROUGH A FUTURE C.F.D., AND A LOCAL
3 HIRE PROGRAM, IN ADDITION TO MANY OTHER BENEFITS. THESE
4 FACILITIES WILL ENSURE THAT WE ARE APPROVING A PROJECT THAT
5 WILL BE WELL RESOURCED FOR DECADES TO COME AND IS A
6 SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM OUR STANDARD COUNTY PRACTICE OF
7 STRICTLY CONDITIONING PROJECTS. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD A SELF-
8 SUFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT AND TO PLAN A NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE
9 THAT PHASES IN WITH THE GROWTH OF THE PROJECT. THIS IS A
10 FORWARD-LOOKING WAY OF GOVERNANCE THAT WE SHOULD MORE OFTEN
11 EXPLORE WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR PROJECTS. CENTENNIAL HAS
12 GONE THROUGH THE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC DEBATE AND REVIEW. FIVE
13 PUBLIC HEARINGS OCCURRED BETWEEN MARCH AND AUGUST OF 2018 IN
14 ADDITION TO THE YEARS' LONG PROCESS THROUGH WORKING THROUGH
15 THE E.I.R. THE FINAL THREE HEARINGS BEFORE THE REGIONAL
16 COMMISSION BROUGHT ABOUT BROAD DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS RANGING
17 FROM JOBS, URBAN SPRAWL, AND TRANSIT OPTION, TO AIR QUALITY,
18 HABITAT CONCERNS, HOMELESS HOUSING, AND TRAFFIC. THE
19 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD ON A 4-1 VOTE ON
20 AUGUST 29TH, 2018. ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES OF THE
21 R.P.C. HEARINGS WAS CENTENNIAL'S DECISION TO GO FROM A 10%
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO A 15% AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET ASIDE. IN
23 THE REAL NUMBERS, THAT IS 2,900 AFFORDABLE UNITS, WHICH IS
24 MORE THAN THE SUM OF AFFORDABLE UNITS CREATED IN L.A. COUNTY
25 IN THE LAST TWO DECADES. I REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THE REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING COMMISSION IS SETTING POLICY WHERE CURRENTLY THERE IS
2 NO BOARD APPROVED POLICY EXISTS, BUT I AM THANKFUL THAT
3 CENTENNIAL OFFERED TO BE A GOOD PARTNER AND GREATLY EXPANDED
4 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK IN THE COUNTY BY ADDING ANOTHER
5 5%. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT A FULL RANGE OF HOUSING
6 AFFORDABILITY EXIST IN THE MARKETPLACE. I DO SUPPORT
7 CENTENNIAL'S DECISION TO OFFER SUCH A HIGH NUMBER OF
8 AFFORDABLE UNITS. IN LIGHT OF THE TRAGIC FIRES THAT HAVE SWEPT
9 ACROSS CALIFORNIA, THERE IS A HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY ON FIRE
10 SAFETY AND HOUSING LOCATED IN THE WILD LAND/URBAN INTERFACE OF
11 WHICH CENTENNIAL IS. LET ME BE CLEAR. I REMAIN DEEPLY
12 CONCERNED ABOUT ALL COMMUNITIES LOCATED IN THE HIGH FIRE
13 SEVERITY ZONES AND STAND READY TO ACT AS SWIFTLY AS WE CAN TO
14 ENSURE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND STRUCTURES. I LOOK TO OUR FIRE
15 EXPERTS, INCLUDING CHIEF OSBY, FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO BEST
16 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES AND BUILD BUILDINGS THAT ARE
17 RESILIENT. COMPARISONS OF CENTENNIAL TO OTHER TRAGIC FIRES,
18 INCLUDING THE FIRE THAT DECIMATED PARADISE IN NORTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA, ARE DIFFICULT TO MAKE. CENTENNIAL WILL UTILIZE THE
20 MOST FIRE RESISTANT FIRE MATERIALS ON THEIR STRUCTURES AND
21 WILL COMPLY WITH FUEL MODIFICATIONS, BUILD IN SETBACKS FROM
22 STRUCTURES, AND IS LARGELY LOCATED IN A VALLEY AWAY FROM THE
23 HILLS, DEEP CANYONS, AND FORESTS THAT HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE
24 MOST RECENT TRAGIC FIRES ACROSS THIS STATE. THESE WILL NOT 50
25 TO 60-YEAR-OLD BUILDINGS WITH WOOD CONSTRUCTION, SHAKE ROOFS,

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1 WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITIES TO LARGE STANDS OF PINE TREES ALL
2 FOUND ON HILLSIDES AND CANYONS. THESE ELEMENTS HELPED STROKE
3 THOSE FIRES INTO DEVASTATING EVENTS THAT RIPPED THROUGH
4 COMMUNITIES LOCATED UP NORTH. I HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION THAT
5 CENTENNIAL WILL MEET AND EXCEED ALL REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT BY
6 FIRE AND WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO INTEGRATE NEW SCIENCE ON
7 FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH THE EVOLUTION OF THE PROJECT. AND I
8 WOULD EXPECT NO LESS. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH COUNTY STAFF,
9 THE BUILDING TRADES, AND THE DEVELOPER TO ENSURE LABOR HAS A
10 SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE
11 WORKED ON WHAT WILL BECOME THE FIRST PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION
12 PROJECT WITH A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ON HORIZONTAL
13 CONSTRUCTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS MEANS THAT ALL
14 BACKBONE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS,
15 GUTTERS, UTILITIES, LIGHTING SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND
16 OTHER HORIZONTAL FACILITIES WILL BE PART OF THE P.L.A. I WILL
17 BE OFFERING A MOTION LATER, AFTER WE HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, TO
18 ENSURE THAT IS PART -- IS INCORPORATED INTO THE AGREEMENT. I'M
19 EXCITED BY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LABOR,
20 THE COUNTY, AND A PRIVATE DEVELOPER AND LOOK FORWARD TO
21 LEARNING ABOUT HOW WE CAN CONTINUE THESE TYPE OF PARTNERSHIPS
22 THAT ENSURE GOOD PAYING JOBS FOR THOUSANDS OF WORKERS. SO,
23 WHILE THERE ARE A VARIETY OF OPINIONS THAT THIS PROJECT --
24 WHAT THIS PROJECT IS AND ISN'T, AND I HAVE READ BOTH SIDES,
25 BOTH IN TWO OF OUR LOCAL PAPERS, ONE SUPPORTING, AND ONE WITH

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1 AN EDITORIAL OPPOSED TO IT. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE THIS
2 IS NOT ANOTHER SPRAWL PROJECT. THE INNOVATIVE CLUSTERING
3 CONCEPT WITH CENTENNIAL'S VILLAGE AND THE PUSH FOR A 50/50
4 JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE SHOWS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY AND
5 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR FUTURE RESIDENTS. BUT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM
6 FOR IMPROVEMENT. AND THAT IS WHAT THIS PROCESS IS ALL ABOUT.
7 NO PROJECT SHOULD STAY STAGNANT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
8 TESTIMONY TODAY ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT AS A WAY THAT WE
9 CAN CONTINUALLY MAKE PROJECTS BETTER. WITH THAT, I HAVE
10 SEVERAL QUESTIONS, BUT I WILL MOVE TO HAVE -- WHAT IS THIS?
11 OH. OKAY. I'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT I HAVE TO READ THIS MOTION
12 IN. SO, I'M GOING TO READ THIS MOTION IN. MY DIRECTIVE WILL BE
13 -- I THEREFORE MOVE WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
14 PLANNING AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO AMEND THE SPECIFIC PLAN,
15 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS AS
16 PART OF THIS PROJECT'S APPROVAL TO ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT THE
17 DEVELOPER NEGOTIATE AND IMPLEMENT A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT
18 FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT. THE P.L.A. SHOULD BE IN A FORM
19 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE APPROVAL OF COUNTY PLANS OF
20 P.L.A., PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL AND DISADVANTAGED
21 WORKER HIRING CRITERIA. AND THE SCOPE OF THE P.L.A. SHALL BE
22 LIMITED TO THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT THAT WOULD
23 BE CONSIDERED THE BACKBONE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING BUT NOT
24 LIMITED TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS, UTILITIES,
25 LIGHTING SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND OTHER HORIZONTAL

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1 FACILITIES. NUMBER TWO, DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PLACE INTO
2 THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THE FOLLOWING: THE COUNTY'S
3 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY
4 SERVICES, W.D.A.C.S., SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A JOB
5 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CENTENNIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BASED
6 ON THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE VACANT JOBS AVAILABLE.
7 THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
8 THE PROJECT DEVELOPER AND WITH L.A. ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING
9 TRADES TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPER'S NEEDS ARE MET BUT THAT
10 THE PROJECT EMPLOYERS HAVE PROVIDED LONG-RANGE INFORMATION AND
11 TRAINING NEEDS SUCH AS THE A.J.C.C.'S CAN TAILOR THEIR PROGRAM
12 TO MEET EMPLOYER DEMAND. NUMBER THREE, REQUIRE AS A CONDITION
13 OF APPROVAL THAT ALL POINTS OF IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, THE
14 FIRE MITIGATION STRATEGIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTENNIAL
15 SPECIFIC PLAN BE PEER REVIEWED OR BY OR IN COORDINATION WITH
16 CAL FIRE AND TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND
17 PLANNING DIRECTOR TO ENSURE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
18 OPTIMIZING ALL APPROACHES AND IMPLEMENTING MODERN DAY BEST
19 PRACTICES AT ALL POINTS OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS. NUMBER
20 FOUR, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO CERTIFY THE FINAL E.I.R., S.C.H.
21 NUMBER 20040031072, INCLUDING THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND
22 ADOPT THE FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENTS OVERRIDING
23 CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE MITIGATION MONITORING PORTS PROGRAM OF
24 THE PROJECT. FIVE, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO ADOPT THE
25 RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 02232,

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1 SPECIFIC PLAN NUMBER 02232, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NUMBER
2 REGIONAL PLANNING 2016003940 AND ORDINANCE APPROVAL ZONE
3 CHANGE NUMBER 02232. INDICATE ITS INTENT TO IMPROVE VESTING
4 TENEMENT TRACT PARCEL MAP 060022 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
5 NUMBER 02232 SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS, CONDITIONS, AND THE
6 M.M.R.P. AS RECOMMENDED BY REGIONAL PLANNING WITH ANY
7 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS NECESSITATED BY THIS MOTION. AND LAST,
8 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR
9 THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT AS
10 DIRECTED ABOVE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS PASSED OUT TO ALL
11 OF YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE ALL HAVE A COPY OF THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, I PUT THAT ON THE TABLE AND THEN ASK THAT WE
16 HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND DISCUSS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. TWO OF OUR
19 COLLEAGUES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME. SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SIMPLY TO SAY THAT I HAVE
23 A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND WANT TO, AT THE END
24 OF PUBLIC COMMENT, WILL PROBABLY HAVE A STATEMENT TO MAKE.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO COMMEND

5 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR SUBMITTING HER MOTION TO INCLUDE

6 P.L.A.S, A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. AND JUST WANT TO CLARIFY,

7 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE OVERALL, SO TALKING ABOUT

8 BUILDINGS TALKING ABOUT COUNTY FACILITIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE

9 PROPOSED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. CAN I HAVE CLARIFICATION FROM

10 OUR STAFF?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

13 SUPERVISORS, THAT WOULD BE CORRECT. THE WAY THE MOTION IS READ

14 IT WOULD BE FOR THE HORIZONTAL INFRASTRUCTURE ONLY. IT WOULD

15 NOT BE FOR THE STICK CONSTRUCTION OR THE BUILDINGS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** OF THE HOUSING, THE DWELLINGS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. AND I DO WANT TO SAY, I'M HAPPY TO HEAR

22 THAT. I THINK THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE WE HAVE GONE ON

23 RECORD, THIS BOARD, TO PROMOTE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.

24 SECONDLY, ON THE W.D.A.C.S., THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, I'M

25 HAPPY THAT THOSE SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY. AND I

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1 APPRECIATE THAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ACTUALLY
2 HAVE SOME DEFINITION OF WHAT TYPES OF JOBS, THAT THESE AREN'T
3 JUST TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION JOBS, BUT THAT WE ACTUALLY GO THE
4 STEP FARTHER AND SEE WHAT KINDS OF PREPARATION THAT THE
5 AMERICAN JOB CENTERS CAN PROVIDE AND IF WE'RE EVEN THINKING
6 ABOUT MAYBE LOCATING OR COLOCATING ONE OF OUR FACILITIES OUT
7 THERE. THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE IF THIS IS
8 A 30-YEAR PROJECT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM --

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK THAT IS CRITICAL TO LOOK AT THAT AND TO
13 REALLY CREATE JOBS THAT ARE GOING TO BE LASTING. I REALIZE
14 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A RETAIL AND MARKETING AND BUSINESS, BUT
15 IN TERMS OF LONG-TERM, I THINK THERE IS A POTENTIAL TO HELP
16 CREATE JOBS, EVEN FOR THE COUNTY OUT THERE THAT WE CAN ALL
17 BENEFIT FROM, IF WE'RE LOOKING DOWN THE LINE. SO I WOULD ASK
18 THAT WE REALLY TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT THAT AND MAYBE GET SOME
19 KIND OF A REPORT BACK AT LEAST TO GIVE US AN INDICATION WHAT
20 KINDS OF POTENTIAL JOBS CAN BE CREATED, OTHER THAN JUST THOSE
21 THAT ARE GOING TO BE USED TO BUILD OUT THE FACILITIES, BUT THE
22 LASTING JOBS FOR THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO LIVE THERE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THE
25 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. AND SINCE THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE

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1 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, THERE WOULD BE AN ANNUAL DISCUSSION
2 ABOUT THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS MEASURE AS WELL. BUT STAFF
3 HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH W.D.A.C.S. ABOUT THE POTENTIAL
4 FOR THIS LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL JOB
5 TRAINING AS WELL. SO THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO REALLY DO MAKE
6 THIS A MUCH MORE ROBUST APPROACH THAN PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY
7 THE COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THEN LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER
10 AND THE GROUPS THAT ARE LOOKING AT INCREASING AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING. GIVEN THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE
12 AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING, YOU KNOW, I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE ABLE
13 TO COME TO -- CENTENNIAL WAS ABLE TO COME TO AT LEAST A 15%
14 COMMITMENT. AND I REALIZE THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, MAY NOT HAVE
15 STANDARDS YET IN PLACE. BUT THIS IS A BOLD PROJECT. AND THIS
16 REQUIRES BOLD LEADERSHIP. AND I WOULD FRANKLY -- I WOULD
17 FRANKLY ASK THAT WE GO UP ANOTHER 5%, THAT WE MAKE IT A GOAL,
18 THAT WE ACTUALLY SEND -- IF WE'RE GOING TO EMBARK ON THIS KIND
19 OF A PROJECT, THAT WE REALLY LOOK AT PROVIDING AFFORDABLE
20 HOUSING TO PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT
21 THE STAFF HAS TO SAY ABOUT THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WERE
22 ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THAT ITEM?

23

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1 **SPEAKER:** THERE WERE NO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AFTER THE REGIONAL
2 PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF 15%. SO IT WOULD BE AT
3 THE WISH OF THE BOARD IF THE BOARD WISHES TO GO TO 20%.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD ASK IF SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD ENTERTAIN
6 THAT. I THINK THIS IS A BOLD PROJECT. AND I CERTAINLY KNOW YOU
7 CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, AS I DO, AND AFFORDABILITY.
8 AND IT SEEMS TO ME IN MANY WAYS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
9 DISTRICTS THAT WE KNOW WHERE URBAN CENTERS ARE, FOLKS ARE
10 LOOKING FOR SOME RELIEF. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD
11 PROVIDE ROBUST INCLUSION OF AFFORDABILITY AND LOOK AT TRYING
12 TO EXPAND THAT TO 20%.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU WANT
15 TO RESPOND TO THAT?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY SO, WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY,
18 WE CAN ENTERTAIN THAT AS A PART OF IT. BUT I LOOKED OVER, AND
19 I SAW YOU, ELAINE. AND I HAVE TO PERSONALLY THANK COUNSEL
20 ELAINE LEMPKE FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS AS WELL BECAUSE EVERYTHING
21 THAT WE DO GOES THROUGH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. AND YOU REALLY
22 ARE-- I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT. BUT YOU ARE REMARKABLE. SO
23 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU PUT INTO THIS AS WELL.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I
2 THINK WE ARE CALLING UP THE APPLICANTS FIRST.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, WOULD GREG MEDEIROS AND
5 JENNIFER HERNANDEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

9

10 **GREG MEDEIROS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GREG
11 MEDEIROS. I'M WITH TEJON RANCH COMPANY. WE'RE PLEASED TO BE
12 HERE TO COMPLETE THE VISION OF THE CONSERVATION AGREEMENT FOR
13 TEJON RANCH. FOR 175 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO
14 CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION. WE SIGNED A HISTORIC
15 AGREEMENT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT 90% OF THE RANCH, NEARLY
16 240,000 ACRES. THIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH THE N.R.D.C.,
17 SIERRA CLUB, AUTOBAHN SOCIETY, ENDANGERED HABITAT LEAGUE, AND
18 PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE. THE AGREEMENT SCIENTIFICALLY
19 IDENTIFIED THE HIGHEST QUALITY HABITAT AREAS ON THE RANCH AS
20 WELL AS IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT SITES,
21 WHICH INCLUDED CENTENNIAL. WHILE STAFF HAS GIVEN YOU THE FACTS
22 ON THE PROJECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH UPON IMPORTANT DETAILS
23 THAT MAKE CENTENNIAL A SMART AND UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT. WE ALL
24 KNOW THAT WE'RE FACING A SERIOUS HOUSING CRISIS. WORKING CLASS
25 AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT OF PURCHASING A

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1 NEW HOME, WHICH HINDERS THEIR ABILITY TO EARN EQUITY IN HOMES
2 AND CREATE PERSONAL WEALTH. WE MUST CREATE HOUSING ACROSS THE
3 COUNTY TO CREATE GREATER ECONOMIC EQUALITY. CENTENNIAL WILL
4 PROVIDE OVER 19,000 PRICE ATTAINABLE HOMES FOR WORKING CLASS
5 FAMILIES. AND TO FURTHER HELP ECONOMIC EQUALITY, WE HAVE
6 COMMITTED TO BUILD 2,900 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, WHICH IS
7 15% OF OUR TOTAL HOMES. THIS IS THE SINGLE LARGEST COMMITMENT
8 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY A PRIVATE DEVELOPER. CENTENNIAL WILL
9 ALSO PROVIDE MORE THAN 23,000 PERMANENT JOBS AND 25,000
10 CONSTRUCTION JOBS. WITH THESE JOBS, CENTENNIAL HAS COMMITTED
11 TO THE LARGEST LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM BY A PRIVATE DEVELOPER IN
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AGREEING TO HIRE AT LEAST 30% LOCAL
13 RESIDENTS, MINORITY-OWNED, WOMEN-OWNED, AND DISADVANTAGED
14 BUSINESSES. ANOTHER CRITICAL -- A CRITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS COME
15 UP RECENTLY HAS BEEN FIRE. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN
16 THOROUGHLY ADDRESSED BY THE EXPERTS AND MOST -- AND THE
17 PROJECT INCLUDES MOST MODERN AND BEST PRACTICES -- I'M SORRY.
18 MOST MODERN AND BEST PRACTICES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, DEVELOPMENT IS FOCUSED ON THE FLAT FREEWAY ADJACENT
20 AREAS. ALL UTILITIES HAVE BEEN UNDERGROUND. WE ARE BUILDING
21 FOUR NEW FIRE STATIONS. ANTIEMBER AND OTHER CURRENT
22 CONSTRUCTION AND BUFFER REQUIREMENTS ARE INCORPORATED. AS I
23 CLOSE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE COUNTY'S GENERAL
24 PLAN, APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 2015, INCLUDES
25 CENTENNIAL AS AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION WHERE PLANNED

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1 COMMUNITIES AND JOBS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED. CENTENNIAL IS
2 CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA WIDE PLAN. AND
3 LASTLY, CENTENNIAL IS INCLUDED IN THE REGION'S SUSTAINABLE
4 COMMUNITY STRATEGY. AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING, HUNDREDS OF
5 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND BUILDING A BROAD
6 BASE COALITION OF SUPPORT, CENTENNIAL WILL BE A BALANCED
7 COMMUNITY ADDRESSING MANY OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
9 JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, WHO, WITH ME, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
10 ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JENNIFER HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. ARE YOU GOING TO --

17

18 **JENNIFER HERNANDEZ:** I'M SIMPLY AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
19 AT WHATEVER TIME IS APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
22 SHALL WE CALL THE INVITED SPEAKERS?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INVITED
25 SPEAKERS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, ROBERT

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1 LOVLACE, ERNESTO MEDRANO, DON OAKS, BILL ALLEN, BRETT
2 TREMAINE, JERARD WRIGHT, TRACY HERNANDEZ, RICHARD SKAGGS,
3 SHOMARI DAVIS, LUKE BRAND, AND PASTOR SMART. PLEASE COME
4 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME. GO AHEAD, FIRST SPEAKER.

7

8 **ROBERT LOVELACE:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LOVELACE. I'M PROUD TO BE
9 HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
10 CARPENTERS, REPRESENTING 50,000 MEMBERS FROM 6 SOUTHWESTERN
11 STATES. CONGRATULATIONS, MADAM CHAIRPERSON AND TO YOU
12 SUPERVISORS. AND COMPLIMENTS TO THE STAFF FOR WHAT HAS BEEN AN
13 INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK OVER AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME. I
14 REALIZE WE'RE VERY LIMITED HERE. SO, I WILL DISPENSE WITH MUCH
15 OF MY REMARKS. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO FIRST IS POINT OUT
16 THAT CARPENTERS ARE VERY SKILLED, AND THEY'RE VERY PRODUCTIVE.
17 AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE GENTLEMEN WHO ARE WITH ME HERE TODAY
18 STAND UP FOR JUST A BRIEF MOMENT BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE YOU TO
19 SEE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FOR 30
20 YEARS -- [APPLAUSE.] FOR 30 YEARS, THE DIALOGUE HAS CONTINUED
21 ON THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. AND IT HAS BEEN DEFINED BY
22 PRINCIPLES, FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES ACTUALLY, TO PROTECT THE
23 LAND, TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY, TO ESTABLISH CIVIC INVOLVEMENT,
24 AND TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **ROBERT LOVELACE:** WE URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
4 REPORT AND TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PROJECT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME JUST SAY,
7 EXCEPT FOR THAT BRIEF OUTBURST OF APPLAUSE THAT WE JUST HAD, I
8 WILL FOLLOW IN MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BY ASKING
9 THOSE WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU AGREE WITH SOMETHING OR
10 YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR APPROVAL, WE DO A RAISE THE ROOF. OKAY?
11 AND SUBSEQUENTLY, IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT SOMEBODY IS SAYING,
12 INSTEAD OF ANY LOUD BOOING OR ANYTHING, JUST MAYBE A LITTLE
13 THUMBS DOWN. SO THAT WAY WE CAN KEEP THE MEETING MOVING
14 EFFICIENTLY SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE
15 SPEAKING. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **ERNESTO MEDRANO:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD. MY NAME IS ERNESTO MEDRANO WITH THE LOS ANGELES AND
19 ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL. I'M
20 HERE TO URGE THIS BODY TO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. THIS
21 PROJECT SHOULD BE A CASE STUDY FOR ALL COUNTIES IN TERMS OF
22 HOW DO YOU BUILD, HOW DO YOU DEVELOP, AND THE MANNER BY WHICH
23 YOU PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THE MANNER BY WHICH YOU
24 PROVIDE HOUSING AT LARGE, AND ALSO HOW YOU PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT
25 OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS WHAT WE

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1 DO. YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING, THE LOCAL HIRE COMPONENT, WHICH IS DIRECTLY OUT OF
3 OUR HIRING HALLS WHERE WE TAKE MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF POVERTY
4 AND PUT THEM ON THE PATH OF THE MIDDLE CLASS WHERE THEY COULD
5 EARN, ON THE AVERAGE OF FOUR YEARS, UP TO ABOUT \$60,000 A YEAR
6 BECAUSE THEY GO TO THE BEST TRAININGS THAT ARE PROVIDED
7 THROUGH OUR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING. WE PROVIDE A SKILLED AND
8 TRAINED WORKFORCE. WE ALSO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERAN
9 PREFERENCES THROUGH OUR HELLO, MR. HARD HAT PROGRAM, AND
10 PROVIDE DIRECT INTEREST. SO AGAIN, THERE'S ALSO EMPLOYMENT
11 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE WILL BE VERY PROUD TO BE
12 WORKING WITH WITH THIS ENTITY. SO, AGAIN, WE'D LIKE TO URGE
13 YOU TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **BILL ALLEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BILL ALLEN, C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHICH EXISTS TO
20 ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY
21 RESIDENTS. RECENTLY, WE PERFORMED A THOROUGH ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
22 OF THE CENTENNIAL AND TEJON RANCH PROJECT PROJECT, LOOKING
23 SPECIFICALLY AT ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. OUR
24 ANALYSIS CONCLUDES THAT CENTENNIAL WOULD BE A POWERFUL ENGINE
25 FOR PROSPERITY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF

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1 DEVELOPMENT THAT SIGNIFICANTLY BOOSTS OUR ECONOMY WITHOUT
2 SACRIFICING OUR ENVIRONMENT OR QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR
3 RESIDENTS. OVER 22,000 PERMANENT JOBS WILL FLOW FROM
4 CENTENNIAL WITH MANY IN GOOD PAYING BUSINESS SECTORS. WE ALSO
5 PROJECT THOUSANDS OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS DURING THE BUILD OUT OF
6 THE COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, THESE JOBS WILL GENERATE \$1.4 BILLION
7 IN ANNUAL LABOR INCOME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PROJECT WILL
8 ALSO GENERATE \$500 MILLION ANNUALLY IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND
9 LOCAL TAXES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MONEY THAT CAN BE USED
10 TO FUND THE VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES WE RELY UPON. IT IS GAME-
11 CHANGING PROJECT FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE COUNTY AS A
12 WHOLE. AND HENCE, WE ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **DON OAKS:** MY NAME IS DON OAKS. AND I'M A RETIRED FIRE MARSHAL
17 FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA. 17 YEARS OF MY 40-YEAR
18 CAREER A COMBAT FIRE OFFICER PLAN SECTION CHIEF FOR
19 MULTIAGENCY INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM. I HAVE PERSONALLY
20 EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE LARGEST, MOST DIFFICULT FIRES IN THE
21 HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA. IN THE EARLY '70S, I CREATED THE WILD
22 LAND/URBAN INTERFACE FIRE PROTECTION PLAN THAT IS ONE OF THE
23 INSTRUMENTS YOUR DEPARTMENT USED TO PROVIDE THE BUNDLED
24 EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVE AND PASSIVE FIRE MITIGATION FOR
25 CENTENNIAL. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THE GOLD

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1 STANDARD. THEY ARE A SUPERIOR FIRE ORGANIZATION. THEY BELIEVE
2 THE ELEMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS PLAN ARE APPROPRIATE.
3 CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRE HISTORY PROVIDES DRAMATIC EVIDENCE THAT
4 EACH SUCCESSIVE DECADE PRODUCES HOMES LESS VULNERABLE TO FIRE,
5 CORRELATING WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN LAND USE PRACTICES, BUILDING
6 STANDARDS, AND FIRE CODE SOPHISTICATION. YOUR PLANNING,
7 BUILDING, AND FIRE EXPERTS BELIEVE THIS FIRE PROTECTION DESIGN
8 IS APPROPRIATE. TRUST THEM.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **SHOMARI DAVIS:** WOW, THAT WAS SERIOUS. HELLO, MY NAME IS
13 SHOMARI DAVIS. I'M A BUSINESS REP FOR I.B.E.W. LOCAL 11,
14 ELECTRICIAN'S UNION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, REPRESENTING
15 ABOUT 12,000 WORKERS. AND I WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO SAY THAT
16 ELECTRICIANS, WE LIGHT IT UP. A LITTLE BREVITY. SO, WHAT IS
17 REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US, WITH THE GREAT BUILDING THAT IS
18 HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
19 CAREER PATHWAYS, REAL CAREER PATHWAYS FOR PEOPLE TO BE IN
20 PROFESSIONAL LEVEL CONSTRUCTION JOBS. SO THE GREAT THING ABOUT
21 THIS ONE IS IT HAS A COMMUNITY BENEFITS ATTACHED, AND WE ARE
22 GOING TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO HIRE THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE
23 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA TO BE ABLE TO WORK IN THE AREA, NOT
24 NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME DOWN THE HILL, AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
25 A CAREER AND A LIVING WAGE FOR FOLKS. SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED

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1 ABOUT THAT. AND WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO HELP US TO DO THAT.

2 SO PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **TRACY HERNANDEZ:** HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SUPERVISORS. I'M TRACY
7 HERNANDEZ, THE FOUNDING C.E.O. AT BIZFED, STANDING LOCKSTEP
8 WITH OUR BROTHERS IN LABOR, WE HAVE GOT BUSINESS HERE TODAY
9 CELEBRATING A YES VOTE ON CENTENNIAL. AS YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE
10 GOT A PRIVATE DEVELOPER THAT HAS ALREADY GIVEN 90% OF THEIR
11 OWN PRIVATE LAND INTO PERMANENT CONSERVATION. AND THE LAST
12 10%, WE'RE GOING TO TACKLE THE HOUSING CRISIS. TODAY, YOU
13 MIGHT HEAR FROM OPPONENTS THAT ARE SAYING THAT THIS IS SPRAWL
14 AND THAT THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE URBAN INFILL AND TRANSIT
15 ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE GOT TO GIVE A SOBERING STATISTIC.
16 THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THREE OUT OF FOUR PROJECTS OF URBAN
17 INFILL AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY
18 SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE. SO, DON'T GET DISTRACTED BY THAT.
19 LET'S GO YES. YOU CAN SIT WITH YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND HOLD
20 YOUR HEAD HIGH SAYING YES TO BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
21 OUR COUNTY, SO OUR WORKERS CAN AFFORD TO LIVE HERE AND THRIVE
22 HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR YES VOTE TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **LUKE BRAND:** GOOD MORNING DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
2 MY NAME IS LUKE BRAND. I'M THE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FROM
3 THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 12. I'M
4 HERE TODAY TO ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES INVOLVED WITH THE
5 CENTENNIAL PROJECT, AND SPEAKING -- KEEPING IN MIND ALL YOUR
6 CONSTITUENTS IN THE L.A. COUNTY AREA WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE
7 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE PROSPERITY GAINED BY THE JOBS.
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING AND GIVING ME THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

10

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

12

13 **BRETT TREMAINE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BRETT TREMAINE. I'M
14 PARTNERS WITH ED ROSKI, MAJESTIC REALTY. MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW,
15 WE'VE BEEN A LONG-TIME DEVELOPER IN THE L.A. AREA SINCE 1948.
16 WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERS WITH TEJON RANCH FOR MANY YEARS. AND
17 THEY'VE BEEN A QUALITY PARTNER. WE'VE INVESTED INTO THAT
18 REGION. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT WILL
19 REALLY BENEFIT THE ENTIRE REGION. WE NEED HOUSING IN THAT
20 PARTICULAR AREA. AND IT WILL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE A QUALITY
21 LIVE-WORK ENVIRONMENT. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT WE RUN A
22 NATIONAL PLATFORM. AND WE ARE SEEING NUMEROUS COMPANIES
23 LEAVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY, LEAVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
24 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE PLACES TO PERFORM THEIR
25 BUSINESSES AND FOR THE HOUSING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. THIS

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1 PROJECT WILL KEEP THOSE COMPANIES IN THE REGION AND KEEP
2 EMPLOYMENT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. SO WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT.

4

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

6

7 **JERARD WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING DIRECTORS, JERARD WRIGHT, POLICY
8 MANAGER FROM L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. JUST COSIGN WHAT
9 OUR, THE C.E.O. HAD ARTICULATED. I WANT TO PUT A SOBERING,
10 ANOTHER SOBERING THOUGHT. LAST WEEK, THE THE SUSTAINABLE
11 COMMUNITY STRATEGY, ACCORDING TO C.A.R.B., HAS FAILED BECAUSE
12 WE DID NOT APPROVE ENOUGH HOUSING IN MANY LOCAL AREAS. THIS IS
13 AN EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIES, PARTICULARLY WITH
14 CENTENNIAL, HAS BEEN APPROVED THROUGH THE S.C.A.G., THROUGH
15 THAT R.T.P. PROCESS. SO THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY DELAY HERE
16 TODAY. THERE MAY BE CONCERNS OR ISSUES ON BOTH SIDES ABOUT
17 SPRAWL OR NOT SPRAWL. BUT, AS WAS ARTICULATED EARLIER, THOSE
18 AREAS THAT ARE RIGHT NEXT TO TRANSIT FOR URBAN INFILL ARE
19 GETTING SUED, TOO. AND THEY'RE GETTING DELAYED. AND THOSE
20 PROJECTS ARE GETTING STOPPED FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS TO WEST LOS
21 ANGELES THROUGH THE UP AND COMING CRENSHAW CORRIDOR. THOSE
22 PROJECTS ARE GETTING STOPPED AS WELL. SO WHERE DO WE BUILD
23 THIS HOUSING? WHERE TO WE BUILD THE NEEDED HOUSING WE NEED TO
24 FIX OUR HOUSING CRISIS? THAT IS WHERE CENTENNIAL COMES INTO

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1 PLAY. AND THAT'S WHY OUR MEMBERS ARE SUPPORTIVE OF IT. THANK
2 YOU SO VERY MUCH. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **PASTOR WILLIAM SMART:** GREETINGS, MADAM CHAIRPERSON. I'M PASTOR
7 WILLIAM D. SMART, JR., PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SOUTHERN
8 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AS YOU
9 KNOW FROM MY PREVIOUS JOB, I'VE BEEN INVOLVED, STARTING AT
10 L.A.X., WITH TWENTY-FIVE COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS AROUND
11 THIS COUNTRY. I WAS A CONSULTANT ON MANY OF THEM. THIS
12 OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE HERE IS REAL IMPORTANT. THIS IS ONE OF THE
13 BEST I'VE SEEN. IT ANSWERS THE QUESTION OF LOCAL HIRE,
14 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, HOUSING, COMMUNITY WORKFORCE
15 AGREEMENTS. WE NEED THIS. AFRICAN-AMERICANS NEED JOBS LIKE
16 EVERYBODY ELSE. WE NEED GOOD HOUSING. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT
17 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO START SOMETHING THAT CAN BE A MODEL
18 AROUND THIS COUNTRY. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. IT IS
19 GOING, IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. OUR COUNTY
20 NEEDS IT. GOD BLESS YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HALLELUJAH! NO, CALL THE NEXT NUMBER OF
23 SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
2 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
3 ASSIST YOU. BISHOP ADAMS, RHETTA ALEXANDER, ROSALIE ANDRADE,
4 JOE ANDREWS, ENRIQUE AREMNTA, JAQUELINE AYER, LISA BALLENTINE,
5 DANIEL BARJAS, ROSS BAKER, MARIA BECERRA, ANDREA BELL, HESTER
6 BELL, CHARLES BROWN, PASTOR OLIVER BUIE, ANN BURNAUGH, DIANE
7 CARLTON, JESSE CARMICHAEL, MIRANDA CANESSALE, MARDI CARUSO,
8 DIANA CORONADO, RICHARD DESPAIN, RICHARD DICKEY, BRITTANY
9 DICKERSON, SNOWDY DODSON, JACK EIDT, MARGOT EISER, CHRISTINA
10 FIALHO, ARMANDO FLORES, MARILYN FUSS, DAVID GAINES, ALFREDO
11 GALDAMEZ, LESLEY GOREN, AND ELIZABETH HAWLEY. PLEASE COME
12 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **RICHARD SKAGGS:** GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING. SORRY ABOUT THAT.
17 MY NAME IS RICHARD SKAGGS. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSO TOWN
18 COUNCIL IN NEENACH CALIFORNIA. IT'S 21 MILES SOUTH OF
19 LANCASTER. WE ARE THE CLOSEST TOWN COUNCIL TO CENTENNIAL. WE
20 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH TEJON RANCH FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS
21 ON THEIR PLAN. CENTENNIAL HAS COMMITTED TO IMPROVE THE
22 TRANSPORTATION OF THE NORTHERN COUNTY. AND HIGHWAY 138 IS
23 INCLUDED IN THEIR COMMITMENT. THAT'S IMPORTANT TO US. THE
24 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR HIGHWAY 138 HAS ALREADY BEEN
25 APPROVED. AND METRO AND CAL TRAN ARE COMMITTED TO SAFETY

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1 IMPROVEMENT CAN BE MADE TO THIS CORRIDOR ROUTE, INTERSTATE 5,
2 THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR. CENTENNIAL HAS BEEN -- OH, I'M
3 SORRY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE YOUR WRITTEN
6 TESTIMONY, WE CAN READ IT. GO AHEAD AND TURN IT IN. THANKS.
7 NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 : HI, PASTOR GLENN OYAN OF THE LOS ANGELES FILIPINO BAPTIST
10 CHURCH. AND I'M ALSO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF A NON-PROFIT
11 MEDICAL FACILITY CALLED THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, CARE MED.
12 WE ARE PLANNING TO SET UP A FREE CLINIC IN THE NINA COMMUNITY.
13 WHEN OUR BOARD COLLEAGUES WENT THERE, WE NOTICED THAT THE
14 PROBLEM IS THE ROADS BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVE IN THE
15 OUTSKIRTS. WHEN IT RAINS, THEY GET STOPPED ON THE ROAD. AND
16 WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT THAT THEY'RE GOING
17 TO BUILD A BETTER ROAD FOR THE COMMUNITY, THAT WILL BE GREAT
18 FOR US TO, YOU KNOW, SERVE THEM. WE OFFER FREE PHYSICAL CHECK,
19 FREE TREATMENT FOR DIABETES, PEDIATRIC CARE, FAMILY PLANNING,
20 ALL OF THIS ARE FREE. AND DENTAL. SO WE ASK THAT THIS PROJECT
21 WILL BE APPROVED BECAUSE IT WILL REALLY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **JOE ANDREWS:** GOOD MORNING, I'M JOE ANDREWS, SUPERINTENDENT AND
2 PRINCIPAL OF GORMAN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GORMAN
3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE
4 CENTENNIAL PROJECT. WE HAVE -- MY EIGHT-YEAR TENURE WITH THE
5 DISTRICT HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARTNER AND
6 BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH CENTENNIAL. AND GORMAN HAS HAD OPEN
7 TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND HEARINGS AT THE SCHOOL SITE ITSELF. AND
8 I THOUGHT THAT CENTENNIAL IS VERY OPEN TO IMPROVEMENT IN THIS
9 PROJECT. GORMAN AND CENTENNIAL HAS THE SAME VISIONS TO BRING
10 GREAT SCHOOLS TO THE AREA. THE UNIQUE THING ABOUT THIS
11 PROJECT IS THAT THE FIRST SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT AS THE FIRST
12 PHASE OF HOUSING IS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. SO THIS IS A GREAT
13 CONCEPT THAT WE NEED TO LOOK INTO. ALSO, THIS GIVES GREAT
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT AS PHASES ARE
15 IMPLEMENTED. AGAIN, AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE DISTRICT AND A
16 REPRESENTATIVE FOR MYSELF, I WOULD ASK YOU TO APPROVE THIS
17 PROJECT TODAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **ENRIQUE ARMENTA:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ENRIQUE
22 ARMENTA. I'M THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR
23 ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF CALIFORNIA. WE ACTIVELY
24 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT
25 IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF CALIFORNIA. WE WORK TO ADVOCATE FOR

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1 OUR MEMBERS, IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONSHIPS, AND DEVELOP THE
2 CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE. WE HAVE OVER 1,000 MEMBERS STATEWIDE
3 THAT REPRESENT THE FULL SPECTRUM OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.
4 WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. THIS PROJECT
5 WILL ASSIST IN ALLEVIATING THE HOUSING CRISIS BY PROVIDING
6 19,333 NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, TOWNHOUSES, AND APARTMENTS.
7 THIS INCLUDES 2,900 AFFORDABLE UNITS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT
8 THIS WILL CREATE 23,000 NEW JOBS AND 25,000 JOBS DURING
9 CONSTRUCTION, WITH 30% HIRED FROM LOCAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS.
10 IT IS A PROVEN FACT THAT INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY'S
11 INFRASTRUCTURE PAYS DIVIDENDS IN STIMULATING THE ECONOMIC
12 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **BISHOP ADAMS:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY
17 NAME IS BISHOP LOVESTER ADAMS, SR. I BRING YOU GREETINGS
18 ACTUALLY FROM THE GREATER NEW ST. MATTHEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST
19 CHURCH. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL
20 PROJECT. AND THIS MORNING, I'M HERE TO MAKE A PLEA WITH ALL
21 OF YOU TO HEAR WHAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE THIS
22 BOARD ON THIS MORNING, THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
23 AND THEN MAY WE CONTINUE MAJOR PROJECT HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY AREA. IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE IF SUPPLY CONTINUES TO
25 FAIL TO MEET DEMAND FOR THOSE IN DESPERATE NEED AT THIS POINT

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1 IN TIME. CENTENNIAL HAS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE 19,000 PLUS PRICE
2 ATTAINABLE HOMES, WHICH MAKES IT AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE
3 SOLUTION OF ADDRESSING THE COUNTY'S HOUSING CRISIS THAT ALL OF
4 US KNOW THAT WE ARE IN AT THIS POINT IN TIME IN SOUTHERN
5 CALIFORNIA. BUT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HOUSING IN ALL INCOME
6 BRACKETS, CENTENNIAL WILL SETTING ASIDE 15% OF ITS 19 PLUS
7 THOUSAND HOMES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR A TOTAL OF 2,900
8 PLUS UNITS. I THINK THAT IS TO BE COMMENDABLE. I THANK YOU FOR
9 YOUR TIME, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE
10 VICTORY WE WILL RECEIVE.

11

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

13

14 **ROSALIE ANDRADE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
15 MY NAME IS ROSALIE ANDRADE. AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE
16 CENTENNIAL PROJECT. I WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE PRICE OF BUYING A
17 HOME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY, THE MEDIAN PRICE OF THE
18 HOME GOES FOR OVER \$600,000, MAKING PURCHASING A HOME AN
19 UNATTAINABLE DREAM FOR MOST PEOPLE. YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF
20 NEED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A HOME IN THE NEAR
21 FUTURE THAT IS AFFORDABLE. THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT WILL CREATE
22 OVER 19,000 NEW HOMES IN A BEAUTIFUL AREA OF LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. THIS WILL CREATE NEW HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE LIKE
24 ME AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BECOME FUTURE HOME BUYERS.

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1 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. I HOPE YOU WILL
2 STRONGLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT.

3

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

5

6 **ALFREDO GALDAMEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS AND BOARD OF
7 DIRECTORS. MY NAME IS ALFREDO GALDAMEZ. AND AS A RESIDENT OF
8 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE THE SAD REALITY OF CRISIS OF
9 REALLY THE POPULATION AND HEAVY TRAFFIC, HIGH PAY RENT,
10 HOMELESS, WHICH IS A REALLY SAD REALITY. AND ALL OF THESE
11 REALITIES, I DO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT BECAUSE IT WILL
12 OFFER MANY DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T REALLY
13 AFFORD. AND THEY HAVE OPTIONS TO LIVE IN A PLACE THAT THEY
14 HAVE ALL DIFFERENT KIND OF LEVELS OF HOUSING. AND AS YOU KNOW,
15 WE HAVE A SITUATION THAT HEAVY TRAFFIC AND THE SCHOOLS ARE
16 OVERPOPULATING. SO I DO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. AND
17 FOR MY NEIGHBORS, FOR OUR FUTURE NEIGHBORS OF THE COMMUNITY, I
18 WILL TELL YOU THIS IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION BECAUSE THEY WILL
19 HAVE CLUSTERS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MARILYN FUSS::** I'M MARILYN FUSS, AND THANK YOU FOR --

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN YOU GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOUR
2 MICROPHONE?

3

4 **MARILYN FUSS:** MARILYN FUSS, AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT -- TO GIVE ME IDEAS OF WHY.
6 I CAME HERE ON THE PREMISE THAT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT
7 CONCERNED 1,900 HOUSES. THAT SEEMED LIKE QUITE A BIT WITH
8 REGARD TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN THAT KIND OF PRISTINE FOREST THAT
9 IS THERE -- NOT FOREST, BUT GRASSLAND. AND SO, WHEN I FOUND
10 OUT THAT THE NUMBER WAS 19,000 RATHER THAN 1,900, I JUST CAN'T
11 HELP BUT QUESTION THE SAFETY, THE HABITAT DEGRADATION FOR THE
12 WILDLIFE. AS WILDLIFE GOES, SO DO WE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **CHARLES BROWN:** CHARLES BROWN, LOS ANGELES RESIDENT. WE'RE
17 CURRENTLY HEARING A CRESCENDOING DRUMBEAT OF RISK OF CLIMATE
18 CHANGE AND THE NEED FOR STRONG IMMEDIATE ACTION. ONE RECENT
19 STUDY FOUND NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING BETTER LAND
20 STEWARDSHIP, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION, COULD ACCOMPLISH
21 MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS NEEDED FOR THE
22 YEAR 2030 TO LIMIT TOTAL WARMING TO TWO DEGREES CELSIUS OR
23 LESS. SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES INDICATE CALIFORNIANS NEED TO GO
24 WELL BEYOND CURRENT EFFORTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CARBON
25 EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS. WITH THIS BACKGROUND, I HAVE TO ASK

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1 ARE YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL
2 WILD LAND ACREAGE IN THE MOUNTAIN RAGE AND A SUBSTANTIAL DRIVE
3 FOR MANY JOB CENTERS IN AN AREA WITH NO LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IN
4 THE MIDST OF EXPECTATIONS OF WATER SHORTAGES ACROSS THE
5 WESTERN U.S. IN A HISTORIC BURN AREA IN THE NEW ABNORMAL
6 MULTIPLE CATASTROPHIC FIRES ACROSS AND THE URBAN-RURAL
7 INTERFACE? WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY BE THINKING? THE CENTENNIAL
8 DEVELOPMENT FLIES IN THE FACE OF EVERYTHING WE SHOULD BE DOING
9 FROM A PLANNING PERSPECTIVE TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. REMEMBER, RAISE THE ROOF IF YOU
12 AGREE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **OLIVER BUIE:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. I'M REVEREND OLIVER E.
15 BUIE FROM HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. AND ALSO I'M
16 STANDING IN FOR S.C.L.C. AS THE CHAIR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
17 THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO APPROVE
18 THIS PROJECT. NUMBER ONE, JOBS AND GOOD-PAYING JOBS. EVEN
19 AFTER IT IS BUILT, IT IS ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 23,000 JOBS
20 WILL STILL BE CREATED AFTER IT IS BUILT. I THINK THAT IS
21 IMPORTANT. ALSO, THEY ARE LOOKING TO BE INCLUSIVE. THEY ARE
22 LOOKING TO SUPPORT MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, INCLUDE WOMEN.
23 ALSO THEY'VE PUT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A
24 SHORTAGE HERE IN LOS ANGELES OF HOUSING. THIS WILL HELP
25 RESOLVE AND BEGIN RESOLVING THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND ALSO

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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH WILL ALLOW SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTAIN THE AMERICAN
3 DREAM TO ACQUIRE THAT. SO -- AND IT IS GOING TO BE GROWTH. IT
4 IS PROGRESS. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FORWARD THINKING
5 LEADERSHIP. AND GOD BLESS YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MARIA BECERRA:** HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
10 NAME IS MARIA BECERRA. I'M ALSO IN THE L.A. COUNTY AREA. AND I
11 BELIEVE THAT WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. I SUPPORT THE CONTINENTAL PROJECT. I BELIEVE
13 THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT WILL CREATE NEW HOMES THAT ARE
14 DEFINITELY MORE AFFORDABLE. AND I'M DEFINITELY LOOKING FORWARD
15 TO SEEING THIS DREAM BECOMING REALITY. AND I'M ALSO LOOKING
16 FORWARD TO PURCHASING ONE OF THE HOMES FOR MY KIDS. THEY ARE
17 VERY YOUNG RIGHT NOW. AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALSO CAN SUPPORT
18 THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MIRANDA CARNESSALE:** HI, MY NAME IS MIRANDA CARNESSALE. I'M A
23 RESIDENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WORK IN THE
24 TELEVISION AND FILM INDUSTRY. I'M A LOCATION SCOUT. WHILE I
25 APPLAUD THE FACT THEY THEY'RE GOING TO BE CREATING MORE

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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE REALLY GOOD JOBS ARE HERE IN TOWN. AND
2 IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE INCREASE IN HOUSING SO FAR AWAY OUT
3 OF TOWN IS GOING TO CREATE UNMANAGEABLE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND
4 COMMUTING PROBLEMS. I'M ALREADY BASICALLY CONSIDERING MOVING
5 AWAY BECAUSE TRAFFIC IS SO BAD AND SO UNMANAGEABLE. AND SO, I
6 BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL ONLY ADD TO THAT. AND IT ALSO HAS
7 PROFOUND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT I'M ALSO HERE TO SUPPORT
8 MY FRIENDS AT THE C.N.P.S. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **DIANA CORONADO:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
13 DIANA CORONADO. AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING
14 INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
15 REPRESENTS 1,200 COMPANIES WHO EMPLOY OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND
16 PEOPLE ALL AFFILIATED WITH BUILDING AND HOUSING. ON BEHALF OF
17 OUR MEMBERSHIP, WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT CENTENNIAL AT TEJON
18 RANCH. THIS COUNTY IS FACING A SEVERE HOUSING SHORTAGE, AND WE
19 NEED MORE HOUSING. AND MORE SO, WE NEED PRICE ATTAINABLE
20 HOUSING. ACCORDING TO RECENT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY INDEX, ONLY
21 22% OF HOUSEHOLDS CAN AFFORD THE MEDIAN PRICED HOME IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. AND THIS NUMBER WILL CONTINUE TO SHRINK IF WE
23 DON'T ALLEVIATE OUR CURRENT HOUSING SHORTFALL. TODAY, YOU HAVE
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OVER 19,000 PRICE ATTAINABLE UNITS,
25 15% OF WHICH ARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS THE STEP IN THE

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1 RIGHT DIRECTION. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
2 UNITS, CENTENNIAL IS DESIGNED TO BRING IN YOUNG BUYERS JUST
3 STARTING OUT AS WELL AS WORKING FAMILIES. WE URGE YOU TO
4 APPROVE THIS MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MARDI CARUSO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARDI CARUSO. I'M SPEAKING AS
9 A PRIVATE CITIZEN TODAY. I'M THE SIXTH GENERATION OF MY FAMILY
10 BORN IN CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF THE STATE
11 OF CALIFORNIA, DEVELOPING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BUT THE
12 SUPERVISORS HAVE GONE TO TOO FAR. I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MY
13 OPPOSITION TO THE TOWN OF CENTENNIAL AND DEVELOPING TEJON
14 RANCH IN GENERAL. I THINK THAT THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS PRESENTED
15 ON THE I5 ARE INSURMOUNTABLE. THERE'S ALREADY A FULL STOP ON
16 TRAFFIC RIGHT NOW IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M SURE YOU
17 HAVE ALL NOTICED. I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE FULL BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE TODAY. I THINK IT IS ONE OF
19 THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT YOU'RE EVER GOING TO LISTEN TO.
20 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ROUND UP ON WHAT YOU
21 PRESENTED HERE TODAY AND YOUR MISSING WITH THE PLANNERS OF THE
22 TEJON RANCH.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR
2 EVERYBODY TO KNOW, THE FULL BOARD OF THE SUPERVISORS ARE IN
3 ATTENDANCE TODAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THEY'RE NOT HERE.

6

7 **MARGOT EISER:** THEY'RE NOT SITTING HERE. I'M MARGOT EISER. AND
8 I ASK YOU, AS A CITIZEN, A RESIDENT, AND A VOTER TO SAY NO ON
9 THIS PROJECT. YOU CANNOT REPLACE OPEN SPACE. YOU CANNOT
10 MITIGATE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN YOUR OWN CITIES THAT
11 EXIST HERE. I SUGGEST YOU CLEANUP THOSE MESSSES FIRST. THERE'S
12 HOMELESS CHILDREN THAT CAN'T GET GOOD EDUCATION. WE NEED TO
13 PRESERVE THIS OPEN SPACE. IT IS GOOD FOR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL
14 HEALTH. EVEN ONE OF THE ROSE PRINCESSES SAID THAT. YOU CANNOT
15 REPLACE IT. THE SCIENTIFIC DATA THAT YOU -- THERE IS NEW DATA
16 THAT SHOWS THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS THAT ARE COMPLETELY
17 IMMUNE TO ANY KIND OF PROTECTION THAT THE ONES THAT JUST
18 HAPPENED. THERE IS NOT A WAY TO PROTECT BUILDINGS FROM FIRES
19 IN THIS TYPE OF AREA. IT IS BETTER TO LEAVE IT NATURAL. WE
20 NEED OPEN SPACE FOR OURSELVES. YOU DID ONCE APPROVE THAT THE
21 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COULD BE A NATIONAL MONUMENT. I SUGGEST
22 YOU SAY NO TO THE DESTRUCTERS. GIVE BACK THE MONEY THAT THEY
23 GAVE YOU. YOU CAN DO THAT. IT WOULD BE THE ETHICAL THING TO
24 DO. AND THEN SAY YES TO --

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **RHETTA ALEXANDER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RHETTA ALEXANDER.

4 I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN VAN NUYS. I SPEAK

5 AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN OPPOSITION TO THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

6 FOR MANY REASONS, INCLUDING THAT IT IS I THINK BAD FOR HEALTH

7 AND SAFETY. IT IS BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. AND I DON'T THINK

8 IT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSES THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE

9 CITY. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE HAS GIVEN

10 A MERE 10 OR 12 YEARS TO AVOID THE CATASTROPHIC IMPACT OF

11 CLIMATE CHANGE. AND I THINK THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE IN

12 CALIFORNIA ALREADY THAT KNOW WHAT THAT IMPACT IS,

13 UNFORTUNATELY. WHAT I BELIEVE -- I THINK THAT -- I AM

14 CONCERNED THAT THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR C.E.Q.A. ARE

15 PERHAPS INADEQUATE TO MEET THIS CRISIS. AND WE NEED YOUR BOLD,

16 COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **RICHARD DICKEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RICHARD DICKEY. I AM A

21 PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. AND I'VE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHING

22 CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPES OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. I HAVE VISITED

23 THE TEJON RANCH ALMOST A HUNDRED TIMES OVER THE YEARS AND

24 DOCUMENTED IT'S WILDFLOWER LANDSCAPES FROM YEAR TO YEAR. I'VE

25 ALSO TRAVELED ALL OVER CALIFORNIA AND DOCUMENTED A FEW

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1 REMAINING WILDFLOWER HABITATS THAT EXIST INTACT. AND NOTHING
2 COMPARES TO THE JAW DROPPING WONDER AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
3 OF TEJON AND THE ADJACENT GORMAN HILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN
4 COMPARED TO YOSEMITE VALLEY FOR THEIR WORLD CLASS SCENERY NOT
5 SEEN ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE PLANET. THIS AREA HAD BEEN
6 DESIGNATED AN S.E.A. FOR DECADES FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. AND NOW,
7 WE FIND OUT THAT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND BACK ROOM DEALS,
8 S.E.A. WAS STRIPPED FROM THIS LANDSCAPE WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC
9 NOTICE OR INPUT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW. THE S.E.A.
10 PROGRAM OBJECTIVE IS TO CONSERVE GENETIC AND PHYSICAL
11 DIVERSITY WITHIN L.A. COUNTY BY DESIGNATING BIOLOGICAL
12 RESOURCE AREAS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING THEMSELVES INTO
13 THE FUTURE. ONCE YOU ALLOW THE BULLDOZERS TO RIP UP THE
14 LANDSCAPE, YOU WILL BE DESTROYING A UNIQUE CALIFORNIA LEGACY
15 THAT IS IRREPLACEABLE. WHAT'S THE FRICKIN' POINT OF HAVING AN
16 S.E.A. PROGRAM IF YOU DON'T OBSERVE IT?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **DAVID GAINES:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID GAINES. I'M A NATIVE OF
21 BURBANK SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. MY SON WORKS FOR HOMELESS
22 HEALTHCARE OF L.A. I'M HERE, UNPAID, A VOLUNTEER, SPEAKING
23 WHAT I THINK IS THE TRUTH FOR MOST RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.
24 WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS PROJECT HAS MERIT. WE DON'T THINK THAT
25 ADDING 75,000 MORE CAR TRIPS THROUGH THIS AREA IS GOING TO

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1 BENEFIT ANYONE WHO IS CURRENTLY LIVING HERE. WE DON'T BELIEVE
2 THAT PUTTING 19,000 HOMES IN WHAT IS THE CENTER OF A FIRE
3 HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE IS GOING TO BENEFIT US. WE BELIEVE THAT
4 DESTROYING THIS ACREAGE, ONCE IT IS GONE, THERE IS NO
5 BRINGING IT BACK. ONE WILDFIRE, IT IS OVER. WE REALLY URGE YOU
6 GUYS TO EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA BY
7 VOTING DOWN THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE

10

11 **SNOWDY DODSON:** HELLO, I'M SNOWDY DODSON WITH THE CALIFORNIA
12 NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY. I'M PART OF THAT NETWORK OF TEN THOUSAND
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM THE TEJON RANCH. WE'VE
14 BEEN BLACKBALLED. SO, WHEN WE STAND UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AS
15 WE SHOULD BE, WE ARE BANNED FROM SETTING FOOT ONTO THAT
16 PROPERTY. SO I THINK IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT THOSE DEVELOPERS
17 GOT UP HERE AND SAID HOW MUCH PUBLIC ACCESS THERE WOULD BE TO
18 THIS OPEN SPACE. THERE IS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THAT OPEN SPACE.
19 YES, IT IS SET ASIDE. AND THAT IS WONDERFUL THAT IT IS SET
20 ASIDE. BUT YOU GUYS SHOULD NOT BE PRETENDING THAT YOU'RE
21 STANDING UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR OUR COUNTY
22 WHILE APPROVING THIS PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO DESTROY HABITAT.
23 I THINK BEING BLACKBALLED, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE
24 BLACKBALLED?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **LESLEY GOREN:** I'M LESLEY GOREN. AND I'M FROM THE THIRD

4 DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE DEVELOPMENT. I

5 WAS BORN IN THE 1970S, A TIME OF MAJOR EXPANSION AND

6 UNCHECKED DEVELOPMENT IN LOS ANGELES. IT SEEMS VERY

7 DISAPPOINTING THAT THIS IS THE SAME MODEL OF GROWTH THAT WE'RE

8 LOOKING AT IN 2018. HOW FAR WILL FRINGE EXPANSION TAKE US, AND

9 AT WHAT COST? DO WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR DEPENDENCY ON FOSSIL

10 FUELS AND AUTOMOBILES? DO WE NEED TO FURTHER SOLIDIFY LOS

11 ANGELES'S REPUTATION AS THE CITY OF ENDLESS SPRAWL? TODAY, WE

12 SEE AN INCREASING PROBLEM OF CLIMATE CHANGE, DROUGHT, AND

13 WILDFIRE. LOOKING AT THIS, WE SEE IT'S THE FLAWED LOGIC OF

14 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT IN THE WILD LAND/ URBAN INTERFACE.

15 CENTENNIAL CAN INCLUDE ALL OF THE SAFETY MEASURE THEY LIKE IN

16 THEIR NEW DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE FIRES WILL NOT CONFORM TO THESE

17 PRECAUTIONS. THE FIRES WILL NOT EXCUSE OUR SHORTSIGHTEDNESS.

18 RATHER OUR POORLY THOUGHT MISTAKES WILL BURN JUST LIKE THE

19 FUEL THAT THEY ARE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DIANE CARLTON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DIANE CARLTON. I AM A

24 MEMBER OF THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.

25 I AM RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I WAS ALSO A MEMBER

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1 OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE THAT WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF REGIONAL PLANNING DURING THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF
3 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN
4 SUPPORT OF CENTENNIAL. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN WAS
5 DESIGNED TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN NEEDED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
6 IMPORTANT CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL OPEN SPACE IN THE
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE CENTENNIAL MASTER PLAN IS THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROVED ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN. A
9 FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM IS BEING ABLE TO AFFORD
10 A HOME. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT -- THIS HAS BEEN
11 INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR MANY IN CALIFORNIA AS SUPPLY FAILS
12 TO MEET DEMAND CAUSING THE PRICE OF HOUSING TO GO UP.
13 CENTENNIAL, WITH 19,000 HOMES, WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
14 THOUSANDS OF BUYERS A PART OF THAT AMERICAN DREAM.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **BRITTANY DICKERSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 BRITTANY DICKERSON. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
20 CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY. MY FAMILY RUNS A SMALL PRINTING BUSINESS
21 IN PALMDALE, WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED. WORKING FOR MY
22 FAMILY'S BUSINESS, I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTIES FOR SMALL
23 BUSINESS TO SUCCEED. AS A SECOND GENERATION BUSINESS OWNER AND
24 POTENTIAL FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER, I WANT TO STAY IN THE AREA.
25 BUT THE LACK OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ARE MAKING THAT

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1 DIFFICULT. MY OTHER SIBLINGS HAVE ALREADY HAD TO LEAVE THE
2 STATE DUE TO LACK OF AFFORDABILITY. AND MY PARENTS ARE HOPING
3 THEY DON'T LOSE ME TO MORE AFFORDABLE STATES. CENTENNIAL'S
4 COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE HOUSING AT A COMPETITIVE RATE, ALLOWING
5 PEOPLE SUCH AS MYSELF TO LIVE THERE AND STAY IN THE ANTELOPE
6 VALLEY. I ASK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THIS
7 PROJECT AS IT WILL HAVE MANY ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR BOTH PEOPLE
8 LIVING THERE AND THOSE IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **ANNE BURNAUGH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANNE BURNAUGH. AND I
14 HAVE LIVED IN THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. 20
15 OF THOSE YEARS, I HAVE BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE MOUNTAIN
16 COMMUNITIES FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER. AND OUR MISSION THERE IS
17 TO ENRICH OUR FAMILIES, TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH, AND TO ENHANCE
18 OUR COMMUNITY. TEJON RANCH HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EACH OF THOSE
19 AREAS AS AN INVOLVED PARTNER AND A GOOD NEIGHBOR. I AM IN
20 SUPPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. AND HERE'S WHY. IT IS A
21 MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY, WHICH MEANS NO ONE TO TWO HOUR
22 COMMUTING EACH WAY TO GO TO WORK, REMOVING TIME FROM
23 FAMILIES, LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FAMILIES. AND I MEAN
24 LOCAL. CLOSE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR EMERGENCIES, SAVING LIVES.
25 NO MORE 40 MILE TRIPS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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1 CENTENNIAL SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY ARE NEED IN OUR AREA, TOO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 TIME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **CHRISTINA FIAHLO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CHRISTINA FIALHO. I
8 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CALIFORNIA. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
10 NONPROFIT CALLED FREEDOM FOR IMMIGRANTS. WE HAVE AN OFFICE IN
11 LINNWOOD AND SANTA MONICA. IF YOU APPROVE THIS PROJECT, YOU
12 WILL BE CREATING ANOTHER CITY THAT IS LARGER THAN SANTA
13 MONICA, HOURS AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN L.A. THIS WILL NOT ADDRESS
14 THE HOUSING CRISIS. WE NEED TO BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES
15 HERE. WE NEED TO EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HERE. WE NEED TO
16 BUILD UP RATHER THAN PAVING OVER MORE OF OUR PRECIOUS WILDLIFE
17 LEGACY. OUR HOMELESS POPULATION AND OUR UNDERSERVED IMMIGRANT
18 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT GOING TO BE SERVED BY CENTENNIAL,
19 ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DEVELOPER SEEMS UNWILLING TO DEFINE
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO LOW-INCOME. RIGHT NOW, AS IT STANDS, ALL
21 15% OF, QUOTE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COULD BE FOR MID INCOME.
22 THIS IS NOT WHAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS. THERE ARE MUCH BETTER
23 SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING SHORTAGES AND THE NEED FOR FORDABLE
24 HOUSING, ONES THAT ARE IN LINE WITH OUR VALUES OF PROTECTING

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1 RESIDENTS AND PROTECTING THE STATE'S BEAUTY. I URGE YOU NOT TO
2 APPROVE THIS PROJECT.

3

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

5

6 **ARMANDO FLORES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARMANDO
7 FLORES, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS MANAGER WITH VALLEY INDUSTRY
8 COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A. I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO
9 SUPPORT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT, AN
10 IMPORTANT INVESTMENT THAT WILL HELP ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING
11 CRISIS OUR COUNTY CONTINUES TO FACE. OUR HOUSING DEFICIT GROWS
12 EVERY YEAR AS PRODUCTION OF HOMES CONTINUOUSLY FAILS TO MEET
13 DEMAND. THE SHORTAGE IS DRIVING UP THE COST OF HOMES AND
14 APARTMENTS, PUSHING OUT WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES
15 FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, AND MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR BUSINESSES
16 TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT. THE ONLY WAY WE ARE GOING TO GET
17 OUT OF THE HOUSING CRISIS IS BY BUILDING MORE. THE TEJON RANCH
18 COMPANY IS TAKING CRITICAL STEPS TO ADDRESS THIS PRESSING
19 ISSUE WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY. CENTENNIAL
20 IS A FORWARD-THINKING PROJECT. IT WILL TRANSFORM AN
21 UNDERUTILIZED REGION INTO A VIBRANT COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL
22 HUB WHILE PROTECTING THE OPEN SPACE THAT IS UNIQUE TO THE
23 TEJON RANCH AREA. CENTENNIAL WILL GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
24 IN PUBLIC REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND HAS COMMITTED TO
25 CONTRIBUTING MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY,

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1 CONTINUING ITS GREAT SYNERGY WITH THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES
2 AND COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
3 PROJECT.

4

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

6

7 **GINO PAOLINO:** YES, MY NAME IS GINO PAOLINO. I WORK WITH
8 RICHARD SKAGGS AND OWN STAR AND WITH THE OSO TOWN COUNCIL.
9 SOME YEARS AGO, RICHARD HAD PURCHASED A RANCH IN THE AREA. AND
10 THEY WERE GOING TO BULLDOZE DOWN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL CENTER
11 THERE. RICHARD PURCHASED THAT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY
12 AND HAS CONTINUED TO THRIVE. HOWEVER, DURING THIS PERIOD, WE
13 HAVE HAD OUR HANDS ON THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY. AND WHAT WE
14 NEED IS ECONOMIC VITALITY. AND THAT IS WHAT THIS CENTENNIAL IS
15 GOING TO BRING TO THE AREA. THE HOUSING AND THE CONSTRUCTION
16 AND ALL OF THE RELATED JOBS WILL BRING THAT ECONOMIC
17 PROSPERITY TO THIS AREA. AND THAT IS REALLY THE GOAL. WE HAVE
18 BEEN HEARING IT OURSELVES PERSONALLY FROM THE RESIDENTS. AND
19 WITH THE ADVENT OF THE CENTENNIAL, THERE WILL BE ECONOMIC
20 PROSPERITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
23 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU WANT TO CALL MORE?

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
2 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
3 NAME, STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? PASTOR HAYES, WENDY HEFFERAN,
4 LOIS HENRY, TROY HOOPER, CANDICE HUSKY BROWN, MICHAEL
5 JOSSELYN, GERALD KASMAN, KEN KELLER, KATHERINE KING, VICKI
6 KIRSCHENBAUM, OLIVIA LEE, ROBERT LEYLAND, BRYN LINDBLAD,
7 VICTOR LINDENHEIM, LINDSEY LOPEZ, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, TIM
8 MARTINEZ, CLIFFORD MCLEAN, MIKE MCMILLEN, AND FABIOLA
9 MELENDREZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **HESTER BELL:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HESTER BELL. I AM A LIFETIME
14 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO
15 CENTENNIAL. THERE HAVE BEEN A MOUNTAIN OF WORDS, AN AVALANCHE
16 OF WORDS OF PROMOTING THIS PROJECT AS A SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS
17 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I DON'T SEE THIS PROJECT AS A SOLUTION.
18 I SEE IT AS A SOURCE OF PROBLEMS. IT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS IN
19 TERMS OF FIRE EXPOSURE. IT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF
20 WATER ALLOCATION. IT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS IN AIR POLLUTION,
21 CONGESTION, IN ACCESS TO VITAL RESOURCES. CENTENNIAL IS 50
22 MILES AWAY FROM BOTH THE CLOSEST LEVEL 2 TRAUMA CENTERS. IT IS
23 NOT A SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING PROBLEMS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN DO BETTER. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **JACK EIDT:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JACK EIDT. AND I AM WITH WILD
4 HERITAGE PLANNERS. I'M AN URBAN PLANNER. I'M ALSO A CO-FOUNDER
5 OF SO CAL 350 CLIMATE ACTION. IT'S A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
6 350.ORG. AND I HAVE WORKED ON A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS FINDING
7 ALTERNATIVES. WHEN WE HAVE -- WE HAVE HEARD A LOT OF STORIES
8 HERE OF MASSIVE DESTRUCTION VERSUS A GREAT PROJECT AND THE
9 NEED FOR HOUSING. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IN THE E.I.R. IS A PROPER
10 EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE WHAT THE E.I.R. LACKS IS
11 AN ALTERNATIVE THAT REDUCES THE SIZE OF THIS PROJECT BECAUSE
12 THIS IS NOT AT ALL AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THIS AMOUNT OF
13 HOUSING, THE INTENSITY, AND THE MASSIVE IMPACT OF TRAFFIC. AND
14 ALSO, WE HAVE A CARBON BUDGET. NOW, THERE WAS THE TALK ABOUT
15 PUSHING ASIDE THE C.A.R.B. LETTER AS OH, WE'LL DEAL WITH
16 THAT. WE CAN'T JUST SAY WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT. THAT'S LIKE
17 SAYING WE HAVE GOT 10 YEARS TO GET OFF THIS TRACK OF ABUSING
18 OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PUTTING GREENHOUSE GASES OUT. WE'LL DEAL
19 WITH IT. NO, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT BY TAKING ACTION. AND
20 APPROVING A PROJECT, WHICH IS THE SAME THING WE HAVE BEEN
21 DOING, AS IT HAS BEEN SAID, APPROVING THIS PROJECT OUT IN THE
22 MIDDLE OF THE WILDERNESS, 35 MILES TO THE CLOSEST TOWN, 100%
23 CAR-ORIENTED. IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE WRONG ANSWER. SO, WHAT WE
24 NEED IS A SMALLER PROJECT HERE. AND C.E.Q.A. IS INEFFICIENT
25 HERE. SO WE HAVE A DOCUMENT THAT DID NOT DO THE JOB. AND ALSO

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1 TO TAKE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AS IT IS AN ALREADY
2 DECIDED PLAN, NO, THIS IS BUBBLES ON A MAP OUT IN THE MIDDLE.
3 IT IS A CREATIVE, WISHFUL, PUBLIC RELATIONS THING. THE PROCESS
4 TO DO THE ACTUAL EXAMINATION TO SAY THAT IS AN ACTUAL ZONING,
5 THAT NEEDS TO BE AN ANALYSIS HERE, WHICH THIS PROJECT IS HERE.

6

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

8

9 **JACK EIDT:** I WAS GIVEN AN EXTRA MINUTE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'D GOT IT. YOU GOT TWO MINUTES. THANK
12 YOU. THANK YOU.

13

14 **JACK EIDT:** SO WHAT WE NEED HERE --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, WAIT. WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, EXCUSE ME. YOU
17 WERE CEDED AN EXTRA MINUTE BY ANOTHER SPEAKER. AND YOU HAVE
18 JUST COMPLETED YOUR TWO MINUTES.

19

20 **JACK EIDT:** NO, I COMPLETED ONE MINUTE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, YOU COMPLETED TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU
23 VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO --

24

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1 **JACK EIDT:** THIS IS A VERY STILTED PROCESS. IT'S A VERY STILTED
2 PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE WERE ALL WATCHING IT. YOU GOT TWO
5 MINUTES.

6

7 **JACK EIDT:** ONE MINUTE IS INSUFFICIENT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
10 LANCASTER NOW.

11

12 **JAQUELINE AYER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HONORABLE
13 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JACQUELYN AYER. AND I'M HERE ON
14 BEHALF OF SAVE OUR RURAL TOWN WITH TWO RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
15 WILL ENHANCE THIS PROJECT AND WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH ANY OF
16 THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE. THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION
17 MAY PERHAPS BE ADDRESSED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION, BUT,
18 TO MAKE SURE, I WILL MENTION IT ANYWAY. THE PROJECT E.I.R.
19 AFFIRMS THAT ALL TRAFFIC IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED. SO, WE ASK
20 THAT THE PROJECT BE CONDITIONED TO PROCEED IN STAGES SO THAT
21 TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE IS CONSTRUCTED TO KEEP P.A.C.E. WITH
22 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. THIS APPROACH IS ENTIRELY FEASIBLE
23 BECAUSE THE PROJECT PROPONENT ALREADY INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH
24 DEVELOPMENT IN A PHASED MANNER. THE SECOND CONCERN IS THE
25 MANNER IN WHICH OPEN SPACE IS INTENDED TO BE PRESERVED BECAUSE

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1 THE PLAN IS TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER TO RETAIN FULL CONTROL OVER
2 THE OPEN SPACE ITSELF. THIS IS TROUBLESOME BECAUSE THE COUNTY
3 HAS TAKEN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STANCE IN THE DRAFT S.E.A.
4 ORDINANCE, WHICH REQUIRES PROPERTY OWNERS TO GIVE UP THEIR
5 OPEN SPACE TO A THIRD PARTY. AND IT ONLY ALLOWS PROPERTY
6 OWNERS TO RETAIN CONTROL OVER THEIR OPEN SPACE UNDER THE MOST
7 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR CONSISTENCY, WE URGE THE
8 BOARD TO REQUIRE THAT MUCH OF THE TEJON RANCH OPEN SPACE BE
9 GIVEN TO A THIRD PARTY LAND CONSERVANCY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT
10 WITH WHAT IS IN CONTEMPLATED IN THE DRAFT S.E.A. ORDINANCE.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **RON HAYES:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU. I COME IN SUPPORT
17 OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. MY NAME IS
18 RON HAYES. I SERVE AS PASTOR OF DIVISIONS OF HEAVEN CHURCH AND
19 ALSO C.E.O OF VISIONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH. WE ARE HERE TO MAKE
20 AN OUTCRY. WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT ASKING
21 THAT THEY WOULD BE FAIR, ASKING THAT THE PROJECT WOULD GO
22 FORTH. AND WE'RE ASKING FOR REPRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF MY
23 COMMUNITY. MY COMMUNITY STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM A PROJECT LIKE
24 THIS WITH HOUSING AND WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES. WITH THE JOBS
25 OPPORTUNITY, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO BE -- BE ABLE TO AFFORD SUCH

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1 HOMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.
2 WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD, AT THIS TIME, IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER,
3 THEY WOULD APPROVE THIS PROJECT, SO THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY
4 TO BENEFIT AND RECEIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 IS A MODEL PLACE TO BE. AND MANY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO BENEFIT.

6

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

9

10 **VICKI KIRSCHENBAUM:** HI, MY NAME IS VICKI KIRSCHENBAUM. I'M A
11 RESIDENT OF BURBANK. THERE WAS ONCE A TOWN CALLED PARADISE. ON
12 NOVEMBER 8TH, 2018, FIRE ROARED THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY OF
13 27,000 RESIDENTS. DOZENS COULD NOT ESCAPE IN NINE. 9,800 HOMES
14 AND 366 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED. THIS IS WHAT
15 CLIMATE CHANGE LOOKS LIKE IN THE HIGH-RISK FIRE AREAS OF
16 CALIFORNIA. TEJON RANCH IS SUCH A PLACE. IN THE PAST 50 YEARS,
17 MORE THAN 30 FIRES LARGER THAN A HUNDRED ACRES HAVE OCCURRED
18 WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE PROPOSED CENTENNIAL SITE, FOUR WITHIN
19 PROJECT'S BOUNDARIES. IMAGINE SOARING SUMMER TEMPERATURES,
20 MONTHS OF DROUGHT, ONE CAMP FIRE SOMEBODY NEGLECTED TO
21 EXTINGUISH, FLAMES IGNITING FLAMMABLE GRASSES, FIRES SPREADING
22 HOUSE TO HOUSE, CONSUMING CENTENNIAL'S 19,000 HOMES. 57,000
23 PEOPLE DESPERATELY TRYING TO EVACUATE WITH ONE MAJOR ROAD
24 OUT. I ASK YOU TO VOTE NO.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

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4 **TROY HOOPER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS TROY HOOPER. I'M THE
5 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF
6 COMMERCE. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE CENTENNIAL
7 PROJECT. THE CHAMBER RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR FUTURE GROWTH IN
8 NORTH L.A. COUNTY, WHICH HAS ALREADY HAS THE HIGHEST JOB
9 GROWTH IN THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN INCLUDES
10 GROWTH IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY AS THEY DEDICATED THIS AREA AS AN
11 ECONOMIC GROWTH AREA WHICH INCLUDES CENTENNIAL. CENTENNIAL
12 WILL BRING 23,000 PERMANENT JOBS TO THE AREA. THESE JOB
13 NUMBERS ARE AN OUTSTANDING BOOST TO THE L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMY.
14 LASTLY, FOR CENTENNIAL TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL AND
15 RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES, ALL WITHIN THE PROJECT, IT ALLOWS A
16 BOOST IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY FOR FAMILIES TO SPEND MORE TIME
17 TOGETHER AS THEY WORK AND LIVE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY. WE URGE
18 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE TRICOUNTY WATCHDOGS. AND I
23 WOULD NOTE THAT WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERS, LIKE
24 THOSE OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, THAT HAVE BEEN
25 BLACKBALLED FROM TEJON CONSERVANCY'S EVENTS BY TEJON RANCH

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1 CORPORATION. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NEIGHBORS AND LIVE PRACTICALLY
2 ACROSS THE STREET, THAT PUBLIC ACCESS IS DENIED TO US. I HOPE
3 YOU HAVE THE BOOKLET. MY GROUP HAS PUT TOGETHER A PHOTOGRAPHIC
4 ESSAY. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.
5 AND THEY SHOW THAT QUAIL LAKE IS AN IMPORTANT MIGRATORY STOP
6 FOR MANY SPECIES OF WATER BIRDS, SHORE BIRDS, RAPTORS, AND
7 SONGBIRDS. QUAIL LAKE IS ON THE BORDER OF THE CENTENNIAL
8 DEVELOPMENT AT THE VERY NORTH END. THEY ALSO DOCUMENT THE
9 FORAGING PATTERNS OF BREEDING COLONIES OF TRICOLORED BLACK
10 BIRDS, A SPECIES THAT IN LATE AUGUST WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED A
11 THREATENED SPECIES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **KEN KELLER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, STAFF
16 AND TEAM MEMBERS. MY NAME IS KEN KELLER. AND I'M WITH DIGNITY
17 HEALTH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OUR OF BAKERSFIELD. AS YOU MAY KNOW,
18 DIGNITY HEALTH OPERATES 40 HOSPITALS WITHIN ARIZONA, NEVADA,
19 CALIFORNIA, SEVEN OF WHICH ARE WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND KERN
20 COUNTIES. WE, IN TALKING WITH THE DEVELOPERS, WHO HAVE ALREADY
21 HAD THE FORESIGHT TO PUT TOGETHER THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AS
22 THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPS, HAVE DISCUSSED PLANS AND PUT TOGETHER
23 THE TENETS OF A BASIC ROAD MAP AND PLAN TO CREATE, DEVELOP,
24 AND MANAGE HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT SCALE WITH THE PLANNED

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1 COMMUNITY ITSELF. ON BEHALF OF DIGNITY HEALTH, WE GREATLY
2 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **CANDICE HUSKY:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CANDICE HUSKY. AND I'M
7 A NEIGHBOR OF TEJON RANCH. I'M ALSO PRESIDENT OF A NONPROFIT
8 ANIMAL SHELTER CALLED SHELTER ON THE HILL. TEJON RANCH HAS
9 BEEN A GREAT NEIGHBOR TO OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES AND A LOCAL
10 SUPPORTER OF OUR ANIMAL SHELTER. FOR 25 YEARS, I HAVE WATCHED
11 TEJON INVEST IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, FUND VARIOUS YOUTH
12 PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORT ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION. I FIRST
13 LEARNED OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO. AND I
14 HAVE BEEN EXCITED ABOUT THE BENEFITS IT WILL BRING TO OUR
15 MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES. THE JOB CREATION, THE HEALTHCARE
16 FACILITIES, RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES, HOUSING, AND OTHER PUBLIC
17 BENEFITS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED IN THE FRAZIER PARK AND MOUNTAIN
18 AREA. A PERSONAL PASSION OF MINE IS RESCUING LOST AND
19 ABANDONED ANIMALS FROM THE STREETS. I AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE
20 THAT CENTENNIAL HAS COMMITTED TO BRINGING ANIMAL CARE TO THE
21 PROJECT SITE. I KNOW THAT CENTENNIAL WILL BE A HUGE BENEFIT.
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **WENDY HEFFERAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS WENDY HEFFERAN. AND I
2 RESIDE IN SANTA CLARITA. I AM LIFETIME RESIDENT OF L.A.
3 COUNTY. THAT IS OVER SIX DECADES. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
4 AND I TOOK THE DAY OFF BACK IN JUNE TO SPEAK TO THE PLANNING
5 COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. AND I AGAIN TAKE THE
6 DAY OFF TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS
7 PROJECT AGAIN. I BELIEVE IT TO BE A WELL PLANNED PROJECT. I
8 BELIEVE TEJON RANCH CORPORATION TO BE A GREAT STEWARD OF THE
9 LAND. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, AS A MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN WHO
10 LIVE IN SANTA CLARITA, WHO ARE PRICED OUT OF THE HOUSING
11 MARKET, I WANT MY KIDS TO BE ABLE TO LIVE CLOSE TO ME. I WANT
12 TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN CALIFORNIA. I WANT HOUSING IN A
13 BEAUTIFUL AREA THAT I CAN AFFORD AND RETIRE IN, AND PLAY, AND
14 LIVE, AND HAVE MY KIDS CLOSE BY. I THINK THAT IS EXTREMELY
15 IMPORTANT FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT I HAVE LOVED IN THIS
16 COUNTY. RETIREES ARE LEAVING THE STATE. CHILDREN ARE LEAVING
17 THE STATE. AND THAT DOESN'T HELP ANY OF US. AND THAT DOESN'T
18 HELP MY FAMILY. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN
19 ASKING YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **VICTOR LINDENHEIM:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS VICTOR LINDENHEIM.
24 I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOLDEN STATE GATEWAY COALITION.
25 WE'RE A NONPROFIT ADVOCATING FOR NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 2003. I'M HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
2 THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. AS FOUNDING MEMBER OF OUR COALITION,
3 CENTENNIAL HAS BEEN A LEADER IN BRINGING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS TO
4 INTERSTATE 5 THROUGH FORWARD THINKING AND GENEROUS PRIVATE
5 CONTRIBUTIONS. INCLUDED IN THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXTENDED
6 TRUCK CLIMBING LANES TO THE NEWHALL PASS, AND NEW CARPOOL
7 LANES SCHEDULED TO BREAK GROUND BY 2020. CENTENNIAL IS ALSO
8 COMMITTED TO WIDENING AND SEEING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO
9 THE WESTERN SEGMENT OF THE 138 FREEWAY. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH
10 THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, INCLUDING CENTENNIAL, THE
11 COUNTY, AND OTHERS WILL RESULT IN IMPROVED MOBILITY, SAFER
12 ROADS, AND CLEANER AIR. SO IN ADDITION TO THE OBVIOUS BENEFITS
13 OF THE PROJECT, HOUSING, JOBS, AND A BOOST TO THE REGIONAL
14 ECONOMY, CENTENNIAL'S DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO
15 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR L.A. COUNTY EARNS OUR SUPPORT
16 FOR THE PROJECT.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MICHAEL JOSSELYN:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL JOSSELYN. I'M A
21 CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST WITH 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. IN 2003, I
22 WAS HIRED BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO WORK WITH THE TEJON
23 RANCH CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE
24 RANCH. OUR GOAL WAS TO IDENTIFY THE MOST BIOLOGICALLY DIVERSE
25 AND PRISTINE HABITATS WITHIN THE RANCH TO PROVIDE FOR A LONG-

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1 TERM LEGACY OF PROTECTION FOR ITS UNIQUE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.
2 OUR EFFORTS WERE EXPANDED WHEN THE RANCH INVITED ENVIRONMENTAL
3 GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING. AND ADDITIONAL
4 SCIENTISTS WERE ADDED, INCLUDING EXPERTS IN NATIVE GRASSLANDS
5 AND SPECIES MIGRATION PATTERNS. THE END RESULT WAS AN
6 AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 2008 TO PROTECT 240,000 ACRES OF LAND
7 UNDER A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, THE
8 LARGEST CONSERVATION AGREEMENT IN THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA.
9 THE CENTENNIAL SITE WAS INVESTIGATED EXTENSIVELY AND NUMEROUS
10 TIMES BY PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT AND RESOURCE AGENCIES. I'M
11 PROUD TO BE PART OF THAT CONSERVATION EFFORT AND BELIEVE THE
12 CENTENNIAL PROJECT IS THE BEST PLACE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

13

14 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, OR IS IT AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
15 MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. WHERE IS THE COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY
16 WIDE SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT? I WOULD LIKE THAT CONCEPT TO BE
17 USED IN ALL MAJOR PROJECTS, THE SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT. I'M SURE
18 WE NEED HOUSING. WE NEED TO USE THE TALENTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE
19 PLANNED THIS AND WORKED ON IT FOR A LONG TIME, THOSE PEOPLE
20 WHO ARE EAGER TO DO THE CONSTRUCTION WORK. BUT ON WHAT SHOULD
21 THEY BE WORKING IS THE QUESTION. WHAT KIND OF HOUSING? WE NEED
22 MORE. WHAT IS THE MORE THAT WE NEED? THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THE
23 HOUSING MOST HAVE NOT BEEN HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY. THEY WOULD
24 SAY LET'S HAVE 85% LOW COST AND NO COST-HOUSING. HOW YOU WOULD
25 PUT TOGETHER THE ABILITIES TO DO THAT IS A BIG, BIG CHALLENGE,

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1 BUT YOU'RE NOT ENGAGING IN IT BY APPROVING THIS TODAY. THIS
2 COULD BE REVISED. I WOULD LIKE -- HOW ABOUT A VISION OF EVERY
3 ONE OF THE TALENTED PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS AND ARE
4 READY TO WORK ON THIS BE WORKING ON SOMETHING THAT GIVES US
5 WHAT EVERYBODY KNOWS THE COUNTY NEEDS MOST. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **CLIFF MCLEAN:** HELLO, I'M CLIFF MCLEAN. AND I AM A RESIDENT AND
10 VOTER IN THE L.A. COUNTY. AND I'M ALSO PRESIDENT OF OF THE SAN
11 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT
12 SOCIETY. AND AS A NATIVE PLAN PROPONENT, I'M VERY CONCERNED
13 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CENTENNIAL ON THE RARE PLANT COMMUNITIES
14 AND HABITATS FOR OUR NATIVE ANIMALS IN AND AROUND THE PROPOSED
15 BOUNDARIES OF CENTENNIAL. AS A CITIZEN, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
16 CENTENNIAL FOR ADDITIONAL REASONS. BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION
17 SURROUNDED BY HIGHLY FLAMMABLE GRASSLAND AND SUBJECT TO VERY
18 HIGH WINDS, IT IS EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO DEADLY WILDFIRES. IF
19 I WERE A SUPERVISOR, I WOULD NOT WANT THE DEATHS OF CENTENNIAL
20 RESIDENTS ON MY CONSCIENCE FOR APPROVING THIS PROJECT. ALSO,
21 BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE FROM SETTLED JOBS, CENTENNIAL PROMISES
22 TO ADD LARGE AMOUNTS OF CLIMATE CHANGING CARBON INTO THE
23 ATMOSPHERE AT A TIME WHEN CALIFORNIA HAS JUST INITIATED A
24 DRAMATIC AND MUCH NEEDED PROGRAM TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE. AND

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1 I DON'T BELIEVE THAT 50% OF THE RESIDENTS CAN BE EMPLOYED IN
2 CENTENNIAL. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **OLIVIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS OLIVIA LEE
7 WITH THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE
8 CENTENNIAL PROJECT AT TEJON RANCH. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF A
9 HOUSING PROJECT AND ARE IN DIRE NEED OF MORE HOMES AT ALL
10 LEVELS TO COMBAT THIS CRISIS. THIS PROJECT WILL BRING FORTH
11 OVER 19,000 HOMES TO HELP REDUCE OUR HOUSING SHORTAGE, ALONG
12 WITH AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND MEDICAL
13 FACILITIES WHILE PRESERVING 90% OF THE RANCH FOR OPEN SPACE.
14 THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ALMOST 3,000
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND IMPLEMENT A COORDINATED WORKFORCE
16 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP ENCOURAGE THE HIRING OF
17 LOCAL RESIDENTS, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES.
18 WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE FIRST SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THIS
19 PARTICULAR REGION AND ARE HEARTENED THAT THE DEVELOPER AND THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING CREATED MITIGATION EFFORTS
21 SUCH AS FOUR NEW FIRE STATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, UNDERGROUND
22 POWER LINES, AND BUILDING EVERY HOME TO THE STRICTEST STANDARD
23 AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. WE URGE THE BOARD TO
24 ADOPT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT.
25 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **LINDSEY LOPEZ:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
5 NAME IS LINDSEY LOPEZ, I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
6 CENTENNIAL PROJECT. I'M HERE TO ASK THIS BECAUSE I'M A
7 POSITIVE SPEAKER ON THIS PROJECT FOR THE FACT THAT I SEE THAT
8 IT IS GOING TO BE BRINGING IN MORE JOBS. IT'S GOING TO BE
9 TAKING CARE OF THE HOMELESSNESS AND ALLOWING OTHERS TO BE
10 THINKING ANOTHER POSITIVE MINDSET INTO ANOTHER COMMUNITY. IT'S
11 GOING TO BE ALLOWING OTHERS TO BE THINKING THAT THEY'RE ABLE
12 TO BE SAFE IN THIS COMMUNITY IF WE'RE ALL ABLE TO BE MORE
13 DIVERSE, MORE ABLE TO HAVE THESE AFFORDABLE HOMES, AND NOT TO
14 MENTION THESE JOBS. AND I ALSO LOVE THE FACT THAT IF WE'RE
15 BRINGING IN THESE NEW HOMES, IT'S GOING TO BE SHOWING THE
16 HOMELESSNESS ANOTHER POSITIVE MINDSET WHERE THEY CAN BE
17 GETTING ANOTHER JOB THEMSELVES IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. OR IF NOT
18 SO, THEY CAN BE GETTING THESE AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR THEMSELVES
19 AND MAYBE LOOKING FOR THEIR FUTURE OF THEIR OWN KIDS AND THE
20 FUTURE HAVING THE HOUSES THERE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **LINDSEY LOPEZ:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **DR. NICK JENSEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT. MY NAME IS
5 DR. NICK JENSEN. I REPRESENT THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT
6 SOCIETY. MY ORGANIZATION HAS MORE THAN 10,000 MEMBERS
7 STATEWIDE. THE CONSERVATION OF THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF
8 IRREPLACEABLE PERENNIAL GRASSLANDS AND WILD FLOWER FIELDS IS
9 OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO MY ORGANIZATION. IN THE CASE OF
10 CENTENNIAL, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS GOOD FOR NATURE
11 IS ALSO GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WOULD
12 LIKE TO FOCUS ON TWO CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN RECENT
13 YEARS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR DECISION TODAY. FIRST, RECENT
14 YEARS HAVE SEEN A DRASTIC INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY AND
15 SEVERITY OF WILDFIRES. THESE FIRES, DRIVEN BY WIND, DROUGHT,
16 AND CLIMATE CHANGE ARE INDISCRIMINATE AND HAVE CONSUMED
17 ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. AS A GRADUATE STUDENT, I SPENT HUNDREDS OF
18 DAYS ON TEJON RANCH. AND THIS IS A DRY AND WINDY LOCATION. I
19 CAN ATTEST TO THAT BY MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. THESE ARE
20 EXACTLY THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT HAVE PRECIPITATED DISASTERS
21 ELSEWHERE. YOU TAKE THAT INTO YOUR CONSCIENCE. SECOND, U.N.
22 INDICATES THAT WE HAVE JUST 12 YEARS TO CUT OUR GREENHOUSE GAS
23 EMISSIONS, SUCH THAT THE WORST EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE DON'T
24 FALL UPON US. NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO PERMIT A
25 PROJECT THAT WILL RELEASE MORE THAN 160 MILLION METRIC TONS OF

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1 UNMITIGATED GREENHOUSE GASES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE EACH YEAR. I
2 POINT YOU TO THE RECENT LETTER SUBMITTED TO YOU BY THE
3 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD THAT FOCUSES ON THESE ISSUES.
4 AND THESE THINGS NEED TO BE CORRECTED BEFORE THE PROJECT CAN
5 MOVE FORWARD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD INSTEAD TAKE A
6 LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PROMOTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT MINIMIZES
7 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. I ASK YOU TO EMPLOY COMMON SENSE AND
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP TO REJECT THIS CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN. THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **ROBERT LEYLAND:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LEYLAND, L-E-Y-L-A-N-D. I
14 LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I AM SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. THE TEJON RANCH
15 CENTENNIAL DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE BUILT AT OR NEAR THE
16 TEHACHAPI MOUNTAINS, THE HEART OF THE ENDANGERED CALIFORNIA
17 CONDORS' HABITAT. DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PORTION OF THE TEJON
18 RANCH WILL LIKELY ASSURE THAT THE CALIFORNIA CONDORS' DEMISE.
19 THE PRESENT OWNERS WERE FINED \$136,000 FOR SHOOTING AND
20 KILLING 11 COUGARS. SHOOTING AND LOSS OF HABITAT ARE AMONG THE
21 FACTORS THAT LED ALMOST TO THE CALIFORNIA CONDORS' EXTINCTION.
22 BOTH RISKS CAN BE MITIGATED OR ELIMINATED BY ESTABLISHING THE
23 CALIFORNIA CONDOR INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AS
24 RECOMMENDED BY THE LATE WORLD-RENOWNED ENVIRONMENTALIST, DAVID
25 BROWER AND OTHERS. THE C.E.Q.A. REPORT NEEDS TO ADEQUATELY

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1 CONSIDER THE SANCTUARY AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO LIMIT URBAN
2 SPRAWL, PROTECT WILDLIFE --

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF
5 YOU HAVE MORE WRITTEN TESTIMONY, YOU CAN HAND IT IN. AND WE'LL
6 READ IT.

7

8 **ROBERT LEYLAND:** I'M SORRY.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE YOUR TESTIMONY IN WRITTEN FORM,
11 WE CAN READ IT, IF YOU DIDN'T GET THROUGH IT RIGHT NOW. YOU
12 CAN HAND IT TO -- AND WE'LL READ IT IF YOU'D LIKE. THANK YOU.
13 YES, THANK YOU. YOU CAN SUBMIT IT. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **MIKE MCMILLEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MIKE MCMILLEN WITH TRIPOINT
16 GROUP. WE ARE A PARTNER WITH TEJON RANCH. OUR COMPANY
17 SPECIALIZES IN BOTH LAND DEVELOPMENT AND HOME BUILDING. I'M
18 HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF CENTENNIAL, WHICH WILL HELP
19 OUR REGION SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS. TO FURTHER SUPPORT
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S OPENING COMMENTS, WE'RE 100% IN ALIGNMENT
21 ABOUT FIRE SAFETY. OUR HOMES WILL BE BUILT TO STRINGENT
22 BUILDING CODES AND WILL INCLUDE FRAME RESISTANT ROOFING, ATTIC
23 VENTS WITH MESH SCREENS, AND DOUBLE PANED TEMPERED GLASS
24 WINDOWS. ALL OF OUR HOMES WILL ALSO BE FIRE SPRINKLERED.
25 BRUSH WALLS WILL BE CLEARED WITHIN A SAFE RADIUS OF ALL HOMES.

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1 AND ALL LANDSCAPING WILL BE FIRE RESISTANT. POWER LINES, WHICH
2 WERE THE CAUSE OF THE RECENT FIRES, WILL BE PLACED
3 UNDERGROUND. IN A SHOW OF CONFIDENCE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING
4 COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS COMMUNITY, IN PART
5 BECAUSE THE PLANS WE HAVE FOR FIRE SAFETY ARE SO
6 COMPREHENSIVE. OUR GOAL IS TO DELIVER A COMMUNITY THAT IS
7 SAFE, PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED HOUSING, AND CREATES JOBS. WE HOPE
8 THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT CENTENNIAL AS WE LOOK TO SOLVE THE
9 HOUSING CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **TIM MARTINEZ:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS TIM MARTINEZ. I'M A
14 PASADENA RESIDENT, LIFELONG PASADENA RESIDENT. AND I GRADUATED
15 FROM CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE WITH A DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES AND
16 PLANNING. AND I'M HERE TODAY -- REALLY, I'M CONFOUNDED THAT I
17 HAVE TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK OUT IN OPPOSITION TO JUST
18 CLASSIC SPRAWL, A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF WHAT THEY TAUGHT US IN
19 SCHOOL OF WHAT NOT TO DO. YOU KNOW, ALL THE OTHER SPEAKERS ARE
20 TOUCHING ON THE RISK OF FIRE. I THINK IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE TO
21 PLACE THIS DEVELOPMENT AFTER OUR CALIFORNIA FIRES THAT WE'RE
22 FACING. PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING TO THE HOUSING NEEDS. UNDOUBTEDLY,
23 WE NEED HOUSING. BUT ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE GOING TO BE ABLE TO
24 TAKE OUT A MORTGAGE FOR A \$500,000 HOUSE? COME ON. IT'S NOT
25 GOING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. SO, I JUST WANT TO END BY

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1 SAYING THERE'S NUMEROUS REASONS THAT SEEM TO BE FALLING ON
2 DEAF EARS. AND WE KNOW IN URBAN PLANNING THAT WE WANT TO
3 CREATE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CLOSE TO THE CITY. SPRAWL
4 SPREADS OUT OUR RESOURCES. THIS IS JUST NOT THE RIGHT PROJECT.
5 AND I'M JUST VERY DISAPPOINTED BY ALL OF THIS. WE NEED BETTER
6 LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL --

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE, NO CLAPPING. [OFF MICROPHONE]

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

12

13 **BRYN LINDBLAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BRYN LINDBLAD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
14 OF CLIMATE RESOLVE. THERE'S NO DISPUTE THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
15 IS IMPORTANT. BUT SPRAWL FAR FROM JOBS IS REALLY NOT HOW TO DO
16 IT. WE CAN'T USE THIS UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AS A RELEASE
17 VALVE FOR THE HOUSING CRISIS THAT WE'RE FACING BECAUSE IT
18 REALLY ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE. HOUSING PEOPLE 60 MILES FROM
19 MAJOR JOB CENTERS WITH NO TRANSIT ACCESS TO SPEAK OF MEANS
20 WE'RE TRAPPING -- WE WOULD BE TRAPPING PEOPLE IN CAR-DEPENDENT
21 TWO-HOUR COMMUTES. AND IT IS HARD TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE WHEN
22 YOU ARE STUCK IN TRAFFIC FOR FOUR HOURS EVERY DAY. THE
23 PROPOSAL'S SUPPOSED JOB-HOUSING BALANCE IS UNREALISTIC. TRENDS
24 ARE SHOWING INCREASING DEFICIT OF JOBS IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY. I
25 WANT TO POINT OUT THE E.V. PROJECTIONS IN THE PROPOSAL ARE

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1 ALSO UNFOUNDED. WE NEED MORE CHARGERS AND INCENTIVES TO MAKE
2 THAT ANYWHERE NEAR REALITY. THEY USE A STRANGE MISLEADING USE
3 OF THE TERM NET ZERO. IN CONCLUSION, THE G.H.G.S FROM THIS
4 PROJECT ARE REALLY OUT OF ALIGNMENT WITH OUR STATE CLIMATE
5 TARGETS AND MUST --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL MORE
8 SPEAKERS.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
11 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
12 NAME. KATHLEEN MITCHELL, MARGARET MOSER, GLEN OYAN, GINO
13 PAOLINO, CALVIN PURSE, LYDIA PONCE, ERIC PREVEN, ANGELICA
14 PRITO, POLLY ROBERTS, JUSTIN ROCKY, J.P. ROSE, RONNI SOLMAN,
15 STEVE SAUNDERS, REBECCA STANKEWITZ-LEVERS, BILL TAYLOR, VERN
16 TAYLOR, PASTOR K.W.TULLOSS, ANN WEBER, DR. TOM WILLIAMS,
17 FRANK WILLIAMS, PASTOR WILSON, HEATHER WOODURY. PLEASE COME
18 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO LANCASTER
21 AGAIN. LANCASTER, WELCOME.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF BIZFED CENTRAL VALLEY.
24 COLLECTIVELY, OUR MEMBERS REPRESENT ABOUT 20,000 BUSINESSES UP
25 HERE IN THE VALLEY. AND THEY STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE

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1 CENTENNIAL PROJECT. OF COURSE IT WILL PROVIDE BADLY NEEDED
2 MARKET RATE AS WELL AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND IT HAS BEEN
3 PLANNED USING INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS THAT WILL MAKE IT WATER-
4 WISE, WALKABLE, AND ENERGY EFFICIENT. AS YOU'VE HEARD,
5 CENTENNIAL DESIGNERS HAVE ALSO TAKEN VERY SERIOUS NOTE OF
6 WILDFIRE PROTECTION. AND WILL BE SEVERAL FULLY STAFFED
7 EQUIPPED FIRE STATIONS ON-SITE. CONSTRUCTION WILL INCORPORATE
8 THE LATEST STATE-OF-THE-ART FIRE RESISTANT DESIGN. AND UTILITY
9 LINES WILL BE BUILT UNDERGROUND. THE STREETS, BY THE WAY, THE
10 DESIGN, THE LAYOUT OF CENTENNIAL HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNED WITH
11 CONSIDERATION OF GETTING FIREFIGHTERS QUICKLY IN AND RESIDENTS
12 QUICKLY OUT IN CASE OF ANY KIND OF AN EMERGENCY. IN ADDITION,
13 IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND KERN COUNTY
14 FIRE DEPARTMENTS ALREADY OPERATE UNDER AN EXCELLENT ONGOING
15 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT IN CASE OF ANY EMERGENCIES. SO, FOR
16 THOSE REASONS, BIZFED CENTRAL VALLEY DOES STAND IN SUPPORT.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **KATHLEEN MITCHELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN
21 MITCHELL. AND I WORK WITH CLIMATE RESOLVE. AND I AM HERE TO
22 OPPOSE THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE CENTENNIAL DEVELOPMENT IS
23 SITUATED IN AN AREA CONSIDERED TO BE A HIGH TO VERY HIGH FIRE
24 HAZARD ZONE. AND WE ARE NO STRANGER TO WILDFIRES HERE IN
25 CALIFORNIA. THE SHAPE OF THE VALLEY ENCOURAGES A WIND TUNNEL-

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1 LIKE EFFECT THAT FACILITIES INCREASED WIND SPEEDS THAT
2 INCREASE FIRE SEVERITY. THE STRICT FIRE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
3 PASSED IN 2008 SEEK TO PREVENT HOUSES CATCHING FIRE. YET,
4 ACCORDING TO CAL FIRE DATA, 80% OF HOUSES WITH THESE STANDARDS
5 WERE STILL DESTROYED IN THE THOMAS FIRE. REPRESENTATIVES HAVE
6 NOT DONE ENOUGH TO REDUCE THIS CONCERN. THE CLIMATE, FOLIAGE,
7 AND TOPOGRAPHY, AND HIGH WINDS POSE A HIGH FIRE RISK THAT THE
8 DEVELOPER HAS NOT SOUGHT TO FULLY ADDRESS. CREATING FIRE
9 RESISTANT STRUCTURES BASED ON CURRENT STANDARDS ARE NOT
10 ENOUGH. THE DEVELOPER MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CURRENT STANDARDS
11 DO NOT MEET THE THE NEEDS OF PREVENTING FIRE DAMAGE AND TAKE
12 THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP TO ADOPT HIGHER STANDARDS. THANK YOU FOR
13 YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **MARGERET MOSER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARGARET MOSER. I'M
18 A PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. THIS IS WHAT WE DRESS LIKE DURING
19 FINALS. SUPERVISOR BARGER OBSERVED EARLIER THAT WE'RE NOT
20 BUILDING HOUSING THE WAY THAT WE WERE IN THE '50S THROUGH THE
21 '90S. THAT'S BECAUSE WE CAN'T. WE DON'T HAVE INFINITE LAND. WE
22 DON'T HAVE INFINITE RESOURCES. THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT HAS MADE
23 SOME CONCESSIONS. BUT IT'S STILL BASED IN THAT '50S TO '90S
24 MINDSET. IT IS AN EX-URB WITH SOME NICE MITIGATION AND SOME
25 PROMISES AND SOME HOPES ABOUT JOBS. BUT FIREPROOFING MATERIALS

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1 DON'T MAKE IT A SAFE PLACE TO BUILD. THE SET ASIDES WILL STILL
2 FRAGMENT THE LAST 1% OF NATIVE GRASSLANDS. THE DEVELOPERS HOPE
3 THE JOBS WILL KEEP THE RESIDENTS LOCAL, BUT IT'S STILL GOING
4 TO ADD THOSE 75,000 CAR TRIPS AND HOURS OF MISERY TO THE
5 PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE. THIS IS A STEP BACKWARD. IN A FEW SHORT
6 YEARS, IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE L.A.X. WHERE THERE'S SHORT 110
7 ON RAMPS. WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED.
8 AND WE NEED TO DO BETTER.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JUSTIN ROCKY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
13 OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS JUSTIN ROCKY, AND I'M THE VICE
14 PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS FOR PROGRESSION DRYWALL CORPORATION, A
15 UNION CONTRACTOR LOCATED IN LANCASTER CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS
16 BEING A 40-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M HERE TO
17 EXPRESS MY FULL SUPPORT OF CENTENNIAL. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE
18 POSITIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, IT IS A COMPANY LIKE MINE
19 THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS. BUT NOT JUST MY COMPANY, MY TWO
20 TO 300 EMPLOYEES THAT I EMPLOYEE ANNUALLY AND SIGN THEIR
21 PAYCHECKS. I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OF WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE FOR
22 SOME OF THOSE MEN TO BE ABLE TO GET OFF WORK AT 3:30 IN THE
23 AFTERNOON AND PICK THEIR KID UP FROM SCHOOL. AS IT IS TODAY,
24 IT TOOK ME TWO AND A HALF HOURS TO DRIVE 54 MILES TO THIS
25 HEARING THIS MORNING. IF I WAS WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, IT

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1 WOULD TAKE ME 15 MINUTES. I COULD HAVE DROPPED MY SON OFF FROM
2 SCHOOL. AND I WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PICK HIM UP. BUT HAVING TO
3 DRIVE DOWN HERE TO WORK ON PROJECTS LIKE THIS THIS WITH
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, VETERAN HOUSING, SENIOR LIVING HOUSING, I
5 AM SIGNATORY TO MANY P.L.A. AGREEMENTS. I'M SIGNATORY TO THE
6 MASTER LABOR AGREEMENT. THIS WILL BENEFIT MY COMPANY AND MANY
7 OTHER UNION OPERATIONS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **LYDIA PONCE:** LYDIA PONCE (INAUDIBLE) AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT.
12 EXPERTISE: INDIGENOUS HUMAN BEING. ALL OUR RELATIONS, OUR
13 WINGED AND OUR FOUR LEGGED SUFFER THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT
14 ALREADY EVIDENT OF THE FIRES AND THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT. SO,
15 PLEASE DO NOT BUILD ON THE MIGRATORY PATH OF OUR RELATIVES.
16 CENTENNIAL AFFORDABILITY OF THIS HOUSING, AFFORDABLE TO WHOM?
17 I LAY BLAME FOR THE SHORTAGE OF UNAFFORDABILITY ON THE CITY
18 PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THE DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION OF
19 L.A., INCLUDING THE BIRDS AND THE CREEPY CRAWLERS, ALL OF OUR
20 RELATIONS. THE JOBS, THE COMMUNITIES HERE THAT WOULD DO BETTER
21 WITH EMPLOYMENT, REBUILDING WHOLE COMMUNITIES THAT BURNED
22 DOWN. THOSE FIRES, THESE FIRES, THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE. IT ALL
23 BURNS. FIRES DON'T BURN IN YIELD TO YOUR PERMITS AND PLANS.
24 SMART GROWTH HAS NOT BEEN SMART. THE EAGLE AND CONDOR
25 PROPHECIES REQUIRE ALL OF US TO TAKE THE ROAD OF NURTURING AND

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1 HEALING LAND AND WATER. STOP AND END THIS PATH TO CONSTRUCTION
2 TO RUIN A LAND. A HIGHER AND MORAL OBLIGATION IS THE
3 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US. THIS OPEN SPACE IS PRICELESS.
4 EARTH MOTHER RULES AND REIGNS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **GAVIN PIERCE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS GAVIN PIERCE. I'M A STUDENT
9 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH SO CAL 350 CLIMATE ACTION. I'M
10 ALSO A HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER WHERE I
11 SERVE AS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR. OPINIONS TODAY,
12 HOWEVER, ARE MY OWN. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE
13 CENTENNIAL. WE ARE AT A HISTORIC POINT OF TIME IN WHICH ALL
14 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EFFORTS MUST BE DIRECTED TOWARD
15 ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN ENVIRONMENTAL SETBACKS NO
16 MATTER HOW SUGARCOATED THOSE SETBACKS MIGHT BE. WE ONLY HAVE
17 12 YEARS TO RESOLVE THE CLIMATE CRISIS. AND FURTHER, THE
18 I.P.C.C., IN THIS FINDING, WARNED THAT WE WILL NEED TO TAKE
19 RADICAL AND IMMEDIATE ACTION ON ALL LEVELS OF POWER TO
20 SUCCEED AND MINIMIZE HUMANITARIAN DISASTER. HOW CAN WE FACE
21 THIS ALARMING TRUTH WITH A PROJECT THAT WOULD DEMAND IMMENSE
22 COUNTY FUNDING THAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR GREEN
23 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN ALREADY DEVELOPED REGIONS. LET'S BE
24 WISE. LET'S HEED THE WARNINGS OF CLIMATE SCIENCE BY DIRECTING
25 THE COUNTY'S FOCUS AND FUNDING TO THOSE URGENTLY NEEDED GREEN

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1 PROGRAMS, HIGH-PAYING GREEN JOBS, RATHER THAN THIS
2 UNNECESSARY SPRAWL THAT WILL SERVE ONLY AS PENDING FUEL FOR
3 FIRES. WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD A DISTRACTION. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **POLLY ROBERTS:** MY NAME IS POLLY ROBERTS, AND I LIVE IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE OF MY OWN ACCORD. I AM A NATIVE
9 PLANT GARDENER. AND I AM MOST CERTAINLY A BUCKWHEAT
10 ENTHUSIAST. I'M A MEMBER OF C.N.P.S. AND THEREFORE, WILL
11 UNLIKELY EVER BE ABLE TO VISIT TEJON RANCH. I'M OPPOSED TO
12 CENTENNIAL. ACCORDING TO ATTACHMENT O, C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF
13 FACT, THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT
14 SIX SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES OF PLANTS, NINE SPECIAL STATUS
15 SPECIES OF ANIMALS, AND 16 SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES OF BIRDS,
16 INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR AND THE BURROWING OWL. WHILE
17 THERE ARE MITIGATION MEASURES LISTED, THERE IS NO WAY TO
18 REASONABLY MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BRINGING ROUGHLY
19 100,000 PEOPLE AND THEIR ACTIVITIES TO A PREVIOUSLY
20 UNDEVELOPED NATURAL AREA. AS CHAR MILLER, PROFESSOR OF
21 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS -- THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **BILL TAYLOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS BILL TAYLOR. I REPRESENT BOTH GRANITE CONSTRUCTION
3 COMPANY AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE OF WHICH I'M A
4 DIRECTOR. I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT
5 OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WILL BRING ECONOMIC
6 GROWTH TO OUR REGION THROUGH THE CREATION OF JOBS, BOTH IN THE
7 CONSTRUCTION PHASE, AND IN THE LONG-TERM. ON THE CONSTRUCTION
8 SIDE, WE'RE ESTIMATING THAT THERE WILL BE 25,000 WELL-PAID
9 JOBS THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT AS WELL AS THE HOUSING. IN
11 ADDITION TO THAT, THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ESTIMATED 23,000 LONG-
12 TERM JOBS THAT WILL BE PUT INTO PLACE BY THIS JOB -- THIS
13 PROJECT. SOME OF THOSE JOBS WILL ALSO BE ON THE LONG-TERM
14 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL BE
15 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT. WE HAVE A CHALLENGE UP THERE WITH
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE VALLEY, AS WELL AS COMMUTERS THAT
17 COME DOWN TO CENTRAL L.A. THAT WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN THE LOCAL
18 AREA. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THIS PROJECT.
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **ANGELICA PRITO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANGELICA PRITO. AND I'M A
24 SUPPORTER OF THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT BECAUSE WE HAVE A
25 SHORTAGE OF HOUSING IN L.A. THIS PROJECT WILL CREATE 19,000 OF

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1 THE (INAUDIBLE) HOUSING AND I BELIEVE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
2 THAN MOST OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. THIS PROJECT
3 WILL GIVE ME AND OTHER PEOPLE HOPE THAT SOME DAY WE WILL BE
4 ABLE TO AFFORD A HOUSE THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO DO IT HERE IN
5 L.A. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **DR. TOM WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. TOM WILLIAMS, I LIVE IN
10 DISTRICT 1. I WORK IN DISTRICT--

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. IS HE SUPPOSED TO GET THE TWO
13 MINUTES?

14

15 **DR. TOM WILLIAMS:** AND ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITIZENS COALITION
16 FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS ON
17 ENFORCEMENT. SO MY GREATEST CONCERN FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE
18 ENFORCEMENT OF THE M.M.R.P. AND ALL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. I
19 REMEMBER CALIFORNIA CITY. MAYBE THIS IS CALIFORNIA CITY 2. I
20 DON'T KNOW. THERE IS A GOOD ALTERNATIVE SITE. IT'S ALREADY
21 THERE. IT'S ALMOST BY RIGHT. YOU COULD RELOCATE THIS PROJECT
22 TO THERE. ON THE OTHER SIDE, I WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT IN THE
23 FIRST DISTRICT BECAUSE WE NEED THE JOBS. WE NEED THE HOUSING.
24 SO, IN POINT OF FACT, THE GROWTH INDUCEMENT IS NOT PROPERLY

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1 DEVELOPED BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT S.B.50 COMING NEXT YEAR. SO WHAT
2 HAPPENS THEN? THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **J.P. ROSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS J.P. ROSE.
7 AND I'M WITH THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. SUPERVISORS
8 HAHN, SOLIS, AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, I HOPE TODAY YOU WILL STAND BY
9 YOUR PROGRESSIVE VALUES AND REJECT CENTENNIAL. A DIVERSE
10 COALITION OF GROUPS HAVE ALREADY ASKED YOU TO REJECT THIS
11 OUTDATED AND DANGEROUS PROJECT. LAST WEEK, THE L.A. TIMES
12 EDITORIAL BOARD URGED YOU TO PUT A STOP TO THIS SPRAWLING,
13 DISTANT, AND RISKY DEVELOPMENT. OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, MANY
14 THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO WRITE OR
15 CALL YOU AND ASK YOU TO REJECT THIS PROJECT. EVEN THE
16 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD HAS SAID THAT THE HOUSING GOALS
17 DON'T OUTWEIGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND QUALITY
18 OF LIFE COSTS THAT WILL BE IMPOSED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE
19 ONLY RATIONALE OFFERED FOR THIS OUTDATED SPRAWL PROJECT IS
20 HOUSING. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, WHICH I
21 CAN ATTEST TO. MY PARTNER AND I ARE MILLENNIALS, AND WE HAVE
22 BEEN SAVING MONEY FOR SIX YEARS. WE STILL CANNOT AFFORD TO
23 PURCHASE A HOME IN L.A. BUT MY GENERATION DOES NOT BELIEVE
24 THE SOLUTION IS MORE SPRAWL ON CALIFORNIA'S DIMINISHING WILD
25 LANDS. WE NEED HOUSING NEAR EXISTING JOB CENTERS NOT IN REMOTE

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1 FIRE-PRONE AREAS. INDEED, CENTENNIAL WOULD BE AND INCREDIBLY
2 WASTEFUL AND INEFFECTIVE PATH TO HOUSING. THE PROJECT REQUIRES
3 TAXPAYERS TO SHELL OUT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON NEW
4 FREEWAYS TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXTRA 75,000 LONG DISTANCE
5 COMMUTERS. MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT HOW THIS PROJECT IS IN A
6 HIGH FIRE ZONE. I VISITED THE AREA. IT IS EXTREMELY WINDY.
7 CENTENNIAL IS A RECIPE FOR MORE SCORCHED HOMES, LOSS OF HUMAN
8 LIFE, AND SKYROCKETING FIREFIGHTING COSTS. THERE'S ANOTHER
9 REASON YOU SHOULD REJECT THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE E.I.R. DOESN'T
10 CONSIDER ANY REAL ALTERNATIVES TO TEJON'S PROPOSAL. IN
11 CLOSING, PLEASE CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF YOUR
12 DECISION. YOUR VOTE HERE WILL BE YOUR LEGACY. CENTENNIAL MAY
13 NOT BE BUILT FOR MANY YEARS OR EVEN DECADES. MY GENERATION OF
14 CALIFORNIANS WILL INHERIT THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR VOTE. I ASK
15 YOU NEED NOT TO LEAVE MY GENERATION A LEGACY OF MORE SPRAWL,
16 SOUL CRUSHING TRAFFIC JAMS, AND HABITAT DESTRUCTION. PLEASE DO
17 THE RIGHT THING AND REJECT THIS PROPOSAL.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **STEVE SONDER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEVE SONDER. I'M A 62-
22 YEAR RESIDENT OF THE GORMAN AREA. I'VE FOLLOWED CENTENNIAL
23 CLOSELY THROUGH THE YEARS AND HAVE ATTENDED MANY OF THEIR
24 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS. I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE
25 WATER. CENTENNIAL HAS DEVISED A WATER PLAN THAT FULLY EXCEEDS

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1 THE STATE WATER REQUIREMENTS. CENTENNIAL HAS SECURED MULTIPLE
2 SOURCES OF WATER TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF WATER
3 UNDER NORMAL DRY AND MULTIPLE DRY YEAR CONDITIONS. AND THEY
4 HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT IMPACTING EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES TO
5 OTHERS. THE WATER IS CONTROLLED BY TEJON RANCH AND WAS
6 PREVIOUSLY USED FOR AGRICULTURE. CENTENNIAL ALSO HAS BEEN WISE
7 IN THE USE OF WATER, FOCUSING ON WATER CONSERVATION, USE OF
8 RECYCLED WATER PRIMARILY FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION AND STORM
9 WATER CAPTURE. THEIR PLAN INCLUDES A WATER BANK SO THAT
10 SURPLUS WATER DURING RAIN TIMES CAN BE STORED FOR DURING THE
11 DRIER TIMES. LASTLY, CENTENNIAL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 BUILDING THE WATER SYSTEM, INCLUDING WATER, SEWER TREATMENT
13 PLANTS, STORAGE TANKS, DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES AT NO COUNT TO
14 THE COUNTY OR RESIDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M HAPPY TO
15 SAY THAT I'M A SUPPORTER OF CENTENNIAL AND URGE YOU TO APPROVE
16 THIS PROJECT. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN WAITING FAR TOO
17 LONG FOR CENTENNIAL TO BECOME A REALITY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **STEVE SONDER:** I THINK IT'S TIME --

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
24 YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

25

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1 **STEVE SONDER:** OH, I'M SORRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET THE
2 LIGHT SHINE IN GORMAN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **REBECCA STANKEWITZ-LEVERS:** MY NAME IS REBECCA STANKEWITZ-
7 LEVERS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
8 AND ALSO A U.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER. AND AS
9 SUCH, I AM PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE SEVERE LIMITATIONS OF 100
10 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE LANDSCAPE, THESE TECHNIQUES, PARTICULARLY
11 IN THE HOMEOWNERS DO NOT VIGILANTLY MAINTAIN IT, AND THE
12 EFFICACY OF CURRENT BUILDING CODES IN THE CASE OF THE RAGING
13 FIRE STORM, WHICH OFTEN STARTS AS A SIMPLE GRASS FIRE PUSHED
14 BY SANTA ANNA WINDS. AS CALIFORIANS DEBATE THE CAUSATIVE
15 FACTORS OF FIRE TRAGEDIES IN OUR STATE, WE CAN NO LONGER
16 IGNORE THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING ENTITIES, WHICH
17 PERMIT URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES.
18 DO WE REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACQUIESCE TO LAND
19 SPECULATORS IN AN INAPPROPRIATE AREAS? DO NOT PUT ANOTHER
20 60,000 LIVES OF MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN AT STAKE. I AGREE
21 WITH YOU THAT CENTENNIAL IS A LOVELY VISION, BUT IF YOU VOTE
22 FOR IT, IT MAY ALL GO UP IN SMOKE.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, I'M
2 SORRY. WAIT. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, I THINK WE HAVE SOME
3 MORE PEOPLE TO CALL UP.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
6 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
7 JOHNNY Z, SUSAN ZAHNTER, MARTA SEGURA, ORCHID BLACK, ERIC
8 ANDERSON, VICTOR TRUJILLO, JACKIE LEE, JEREMIAH GEORGE, STEVE
9 PONTELL, HUGH KENNY, VIRGINIA STOUT, IN LANCASTER, RICKY NG,
10 IN THE BOARD ROOM, SHARON EVANS, PRECIOUS YOUNG, DAVID TROY,
11 RED CHIEF HUNT, GIO FERTADO, ANN TRUSSEL, AND PABLO MEZA.
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **RONNI SOLMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RONNI SOLMAN.
17 APPARENTLY FROM THE ARTICLE IN L.A. TIMES, THIS PROJECT WAS
18 CONCEIVED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO. THE GOVERNOR OF OUR STATE
19 SAYS WE HAVE A NEW ABNORMAL IN THIS STATE. SO ANY PLAN OF
20 DEVELOPMENT IN WILD SPACE CONCEIVED 20 YEARS AGO IS NOT TAKING
21 INTO THE NEW ABNORMAL INTO ACCOUNT. MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S
22 PARENTS, WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF PARADISE, ARE NOW LIVING IN A
23 MOTEL ROOM WITH THEIR DOGS. I DON'T THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA
24 TO BUILD CENTENNIAL WHERE IT IS. AND I THINK YOU, AS
25 SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, REALLY HAVE TO THINK HARD,

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1 DEEP, AND LONG ABOUT THIS DECISION BECAUSE 20 YEARS DOWN THE
2 ROAD, I BELIEVE THE RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BE IN GRAVE DANGER.

3

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

6

7 **HEATHER WOODBURY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M HEATHER WOODBURY. I AM A
8 MEMBER OF SO CAL 350. I'M ALSO A CONGREGANT AT ST. ATHANASIUS
9 EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH IN ECHO PARK, A PERSON OF FAITH. AND MY
10 HUSBAND IS ALSO IN THE BUILDING TRADES. SO, I'D LIKE TO SALUTE
11 OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE BUILDING TRADES AND SALUTE
12 THOSE WHO ARE ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOUSING
13 FOR HOMELESS. I APPLAUD THEIR GOALS. HOWEVER, I THINK THAT THE
14 WAY THAT THIS PLAN ARRIVES AT CREATING A BALANCE BETWEEN
15 PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND NATURE AND BALANCING THAT WITH HUMAN
16 NEEDS IS A 20TH CENTURY PLAN. AND WE'RE LIVING IN THE 21ST
17 CENTURY. AS MY COLLEAGUE RONNI JUST STATED, WE'RE IN AN ERA OF
18 UNPRECEDENTED WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA. I ALSO HAVE MILD
19 C.O.P.D. AND I CAN'T BREATHE IN THE CALIFORNIA THAT I'M LIVING
20 IN. AND NEITHER CAN A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **FRANK WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. FRANK WILLIAMS, I'M AN
25 ADVOCATE AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE 200 AND ALSO N.A.H.R.E.P. LOS

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1 ANGELES. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE AS AN
2 ADVOCATE OF HOUSING AND CREATING WEALTH THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP.
3 BY CREATING WEALTH THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP, YOU OFFER FAMILIES
4 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER THINGS LIKE EDUCATION,
5 INVESTING IN THEIR OWN RETIREMENT, AND MAYBE INVESTING IN A
6 SMALL BUSINESS. BY APPROVING THIS PROJECT, YOU'RE HELPING
7 ANGELINOS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME THAT HAVE NOT HAD A
8 CHANCE TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE OPTION. I AM PROUD THAT
9 CENTENNIAL PROJECT HAS REACHED OUT TO OUR ORGANIZATION, THE
10 200 AND N.A..H.R.E.P., WHICH IS A STATEWIDE ADVOCACY GROUP
11 AND A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR CREATING WEALTH THROUGH
12 HOMEOWNERSHIP. THIS PROGRAM -- THIS PROJECT WAS WELL DESIGNED.
13 AND IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ONE FAMILY AT A TIME, ONE FAMILY AT
14 A TIME THAT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY THEIR OWN HOME. THAT IS
15 A CHILD THAT CAN GO TO THEIR OWN SCHOOL, THAT GO OVER THE
16 COURSE OF THEIR GENERATION TO KNOW ONE HOME AND THAT THEY CAN
17 HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSFER THAT WEALTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
18 FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE'RE GOING GO TO LANCASTER RIGHT
21 NOW BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER HERE. LANCASTER, HELLO. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **VIRGINIA STOUT:** MY NAME IS VIRGINIA STOUT FROM THE ANTELOPE
24 ACRES TOWN COUNCIL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL FOR A NEW
25 BIOLOGICAL OR EXTENDED BIOLOGICAL REPORT. THERE'S NO PROVISION

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1 FOR WILDLIFE CROSSING STUDIES. SINCE INDUSTRIAL SOLAR NOW
2 COVERS THE NORTHERN END OF THE VALLEY, THE ONLY CROSSING FROM
3 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS TO THE TEHACHAPIS WILL HAVE TO GO
4 THROUGH THE TEJON. AND TEJON'S BEEN FINED FOR SEVERAL ILLEGAL
5 DEATHS OF COUGARS. THEY HAVE OBTAINED A TAKE PERMIT FOR
6 CONDORS. AND WE DON'T FEEL THAT THEY REALLY ARE BEING VERY
7 TRUTHFUL ABOUT THEIR BIOLOGICAL CONCERNS UP THERE. AND THE
8 NEXT ONE IS A CALL FOR AN IMPROVED TRAFFIC STUDY. AT ONE OF
9 THE FIRST MEETINGS I ATTENDED, THEY SAID THAT THEY WILL
10 MOSTLY STARTER HOMES. THEY WILL ALL COMMUTERS AT LEAST FOR THE
11 FORESEEABLE FUTURE ONCE BUILT. AND THAT THEY COULD CLOG UP THE
12 FREEWAY, THAT'S THEIR WORD, BY ADDING 50 THOUSAND TRAFFIC
13 TRIPS A DAY. THEY AREN'T TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE 138
14 WIDENING, IT'S EFFECT ON WILDLIFE CROSSINGS, AND ON THE
15 COMMUNITY. SO, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO LOOK INTO THAT BEFORE
16 YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION BECAUSE THIS IS A FOREVER DECISION.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, BACK HERE, NEXT
20 SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER. I'M DIRECTOR OF
23 ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS AND PRESIDENT OF THE
24 THREEPOINTS LIBRE MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL, WHICH IS DIRECTLY
25 ADJACENT TO THIS PROJECT. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN

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1 CREATED A NEW MODEL, WHICH DIRECTS INVESTMENT TO AREAS WITH
2 EXISTING AND/OR PLANNED SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND AWAY FROM
3 AREAS WITH NATURAL HAZARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, WHICH
4 WILL SHAPE LAND USE IN THE VALLEY WITH POLICIES THAT EMPHASIZE
5 RESOURCE EFFICIENCY, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND THE PRESERVATION OF
6 RURAL CHARACTER. THIS PROJECT DOES NOT PRESERVE RURAL
7 CHARACTER. AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WERE EXEMPTED FROM THIS
8 POLICY. NORTH WESTERN HIGHWAY 138 IMPROVEMENTS ARE CLOSELY
9 INTERTWINED WITH THIS PROJECT. SEVERAL OF OUR TOWN COUNCIL
10 AREAS WILL EXPERIENCE TRAFFIC IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF
11 CENTENNIAL AND ITS REQUIRED HIGHWAY EXPANSION THAT WERE NOT
12 IDENTIFIED IN THE E.I.R. OR THE HIGHWAY 138 E.I.R. OPEN SPACE
13 USES AND MANAGEMENT --

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR
16 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, WE CAN READ IT. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. I THOUGHT
19 THERE WAS TWO MINUTES?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ONE MINUTE.

22

23 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** OKAY, I'M VERY CONCERNED WITH THE PROJECT
24 BECAUSE THERE IS NO FREEWAYS. I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR MANY
25 YEARS. I KNOW WHAT THE DESERT IS ABOUT. THE WATER COMPANIES IN

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1 ACTON HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF 160,000 PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE
2 WATER. AND WHERE THEY'RE TRYING TO SET THE WATER ISSUE,
3 THERE'S NO WATER. ANOTHER THING, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CRISIS.
4 THERE IS A CRISIS. LOOK AT THE FREEWAYS FROM 1 TO 4 OR 5:00.
5 YOU HAVE TO GET HOME AT 10:00 AT NIGHT. IT'S DANGEROUS. WE ARE
6 CONGESTED. WE'RE DOING THIS PROJECT FOR BUFFET BECAUSE HE HAS
7 THOSE SATELLITES OUT IN THE DESERT. IF HE CAN'T GET NO ONE TO
8 BUY THE ELECTRICAL, WE'RE DONE. THIS IS A POLITICAL ISSUE.
9 THIS IS A COVER UP. THIS IS A CRIME. THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
10 HAS A GAS LEAK. IT'S STILL LEAKING. EVERYBODY I KNOW IN THE
11 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, TO THIS DAY, YOU GO ON APPS. AND YOU'LL
12 CHECK IT OUT. THERE IS A CRISIS. THERE IS A LEAK. AND
13 EVERYBODY IS GETTING SICK. AND NO ONE IS FIXING NOT EVEN THAT
14 CRISIS. WE ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM THE PROBLEM.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ORCHID BLACK:** MY NAME IS ORCHID BLACK. AND I AM PRIVATE
19 CITIZEN. I AM SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION. MADAM CHAIR AND
20 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I APPRECIATE THE TIME. I WANT TO POINT
21 OUT A COUPLE OF ISSUES WITH CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. THE
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT, AS I'VE BEEN TO THE PLANNING
23 MEETINGS, IS PRIMARILY RENTALS. THIS IS NOT A HOME AND WEALTH
24 BUILDING OPPORTUNITY. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENTS HAVE
25 BEEN LEFT TO THE PROJECT PROPONENT TO DO AS THEY WISH. AND

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1 THAT IS NOT HOMES. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SAY THAT SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER COMPARED CENTENNIAL PROJECT TO THE PARADISE PROJECT --
3 TO THE PARADISE FIRE. AND THEY SHOULD HAVE -- SHE SHOULD HAVE
4 COMPARED IT TO TO THE WOOLSEY FIRE. AND WHEN CENTENNIAL BURNS,
5 IF IT IS PERMITTED TO BE BUILT, THE FIRE WILL BE A 20-MILE
6 LONG METAL DEATH TRAP IF THAT PASS CATCHES FIRE. DO YOU WANT
7 THAT TO BE YOUR LEGACY? THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **HUGH KENNY:** HI, MY NAME IS HUGH KENNY. I'M OPPOSED TO THE
12 PROJECT. WHEN I CAME IN, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WERE
13 OPPOSED. AND SURE ENOUGH, MOST OF THEM HAD GRAY HAIR. YOU
14 KNOW, I AM NOT NAIVE ENOUGH TO EQUATE GRAY HAIR WITH WISDOM,
15 BUT IT IS A FACTOR YOU SHOULD FIGURE IN. WE'VE BEEN HAVING
16 THIS CONVERSATION THROUGHOUT HISTORY FOR 4,000 YEARS. AND
17 LOOK, YOU KNOW, THEY KEEP TAKING THE OTHER SIDE AND KEEP
18 CONTINUING TO BUILD. LOOK WHERE IT HAS GOT US. TAKE A LOOK,
19 WE'VE GOT -- AND IT'S GOING TO BE -- THIS TIME'S GOING TO BE
20 ON YOU. AND HISTORY WILL REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID HERE TODAY,
21 ASSUMING THERE IS A HISTORY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **STEVE PONTELL:** HELLO, MY NAME IS STEVE PONTELL. I'M THE
2 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE AND THE
3 CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WITH
4 GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS. NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE IS THE
5 LARGEST NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER IN SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA. WE'RE HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. AS
7 YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS WELL OVER 2,000
8 HOUSING UNITS SHORT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE TODAY. IT'S
9 GROWING BY 100,000 UNITS PER YEAR. WE'RE BUILDING 80,000. WE
10 NEED 180,000. THIS PROJECT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY OF
11 LOS ANGELES TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA OF HELPING TO
12 MEET THE HOUSING SHORTAGE. WE SUPPORT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
13 COMPONENT. WE SUPPORT IT AT 15%. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND
14 THAT MARKET RATE HOUSING SUPPLY IS CRITICAL. ONE OF THE
15 BIGGEST CHALLENGES WE HAVE IS THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN
16 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND MARKET RATE HOUSING. SO, WE NEED AS
17 MUCH MARKET RATE HOUSING AS WE CAN IN ORDER FOR MIDDLE-INCOME
18 EARNERS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS HOUSING, NOT JUST ADDITIONAL
19 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DAVID TROY:** DAVID TROY.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **DAVID TROY:** JOKES. AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN
3 AFFORD THE HOUSES? THIS WILL BE PLOPPED INTO A WILDERNESS
4 WHICH WAS BEAUTIFUL. BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE A HOUSING
5 DEVELOPMENT THERE, THIS GIGANTIC THING PLOPPED DOWN THERE IN
6 THE MIDDLE OF ALL THESE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, YOU NO LONGER
7 HAVE THAT BEAUTIFUL THING. START NOW AND IT IS GONE FOREVER.
8 GLOBAL WARMING. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS ORDERED EVERY
9 AGENCY TO CONSIDER GLOBAL WARMING IN ITS PROCEEDINGS. THIS IS
10 FRAUGHT WITH GLOBAL WARMING. CONCRETE IS ONE OF THE MOST
11 GLOBAL WARMING BUILDING MATERIALS. THE ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE,
12 HOSPITALS, ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO GO IN THERE, WE
13 DON'T NEED THE SPRAWL MORE. FOR WE HAVE, FOR 50 YEARS NOW, HAD
14 PEOPLE AWARE THAT WE'RE DOING THE WRONG THING. ARE WE GOING TO
15 TAKE ONE MORE CHANCE TO TRY TO BLAST OUR FUTURE?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MARTA SEGURA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING
20 US HERE. MY NAME IS MARTA SEGURA. AND I'M WITH -- I LIVE IN
21 COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 IN A COMMUNITY CALLED VIEW HEIGHTS. AND
22 WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS -- WELL, BEFORE I GO THERE,
23 I'M WITH THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AS WELL, THE
24 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR. AND I WAS ONCE A
25 PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF L.A. SO, I ACTUALLY KIND

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1 OF KNOW HOW YOU FEEL UP THERE. WE OVERSAW MANY SPECIFIC PLANS
2 IN FRONT OF US. AND I KNOW HOW MUCH LOBBYISTS CAME TO ME. AND
3 I'M SURE THEY ALSO CAME TO YOU. SO, I UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURE
4 YOU MUST BE UNDER. WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THAT OUR SCARCE
5 RESOURCES SHOULD GO INSTEAD TO EQUITABLE REVITALIZATION OF
6 EXISTING COMMUNITIES NOT A LEAP FROG DEVELOPMENT KNOWN TO US
7 AND TO YOU AS CENTENNIAL. IT WOULD UNDERMINE OUR FIDUCIARY
8 DUTY AND COMMITMENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE AND SHOULDERED THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE. I DO NOT
10 BELIEVE THAT OUR HOMELESSNESS ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED BY A
11 COMMUNITY 65 MILES AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN L.A., WHERE THE HEART OF
12 THE PROBLEM IS. I THINK THAT THAT IS A SEPARATE ISSUE. I
13 BELIEVE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS SHOULD INSTEAD GO TO
14 AREAS LIKE COMPTON, AND WATTS, AND PARTS OF THE SOUTH BAY THAT
15 ALREADY HAVE CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THAT ARE PAYING FOR
16 THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. SO, LET'S PAY
17 ATTENTION TO NOT A NEW COMMUNITY AND WHOEVER MIGHT BE THERE,
18 ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS SO CLOSE TO KERN COUNTY. I THINK A
19 PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTY STATED THAT IT
20 DID NOT MAKE SENSE TO HIM SINCE THIS WAS KERN COUNTY ADJACENT
21 THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY OUR L.A. COUNTY
22 TAXPAYER DOLLARS. SO I DO BELIEVE THAT HE HAD A POINT THERE
23 THAT THIS WILL BENEFIT MORE KERN COUNTY THAN IT MIGHT BENEFIT
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I COULD GO ON, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THE
25 ENTITLEMENTS AND THE SUBSIDIES THAT ARE BEING GRANTED FOR THIS

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1 SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT SHOULD GO TO EXISTING COMMUNITIES. THANK
2 YOU.

3

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

5

6 **ERIC ANDERSON:** IS THAT ME?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

9

10 **ERIC ANDERSON:** ERIC ANDERSON, FRAZIER PARK. THANK YOU. I
11 WROTE A LETTER TO L.A. COUNTY PLANNING IN 2004 DURING THE
12 N.O.P. NOTHING HAS CHANGED. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THE
13 WORLD IS WARMING. TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND REALLY THINK ABOUT
14 THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF THIS CITY IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. WE
15 IGNORE NATURE AT OUR OWN PERIL. SHE DOESN'T HAVE MERCY WHEN
16 YOU DON'T FOLLOW NATURE'S RULES. TEJON RANCH CORPORATION MUST
17 WORK WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA, AND
18 KERN COUNTIES ON A CUMULATIVE E.I.R. THAT CONSIDERS ALL OF THE
19 LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THIS AREA. THAT WOULD INCLUDE
20 TEJON'S T.I.C. EAST, TEJON MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, TEHON'S GRAPEVINE
21 CITY, AND CENTENNIAL. THIS IS NOT JUST A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 ISSUE. WE COULD ALSO TALK ABOUT VALLEY FEVER, PAPER WATER,
23 FIRE CODES THAT ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE MORE YOU WOULD LIKE
2 TO SUBMIT, WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY.

3

4 **ERIC ANDERSON:** I HAVE GOT 10 YEARS OF LETTERS, THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **SHARON EVANS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS SHARON EVANS. I'M THE
9 PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS RESOURCE GROUP, A MEMBER OF BIZFED,
10 AS WELL AS THE GREEN LINING INSTITUTE. I HAVE BEEN AN ECONOMIC
11 DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, HAVING CHAIRED
12 THE MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION UNDER MAYORS HAHN
13 AND RIORDON. I AM COMING TODAY TO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL
14 PROJECT. OUR COMPANY REPRESENTS 1200 SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS
15 FOUR COUNTIES THAT EMPLOYEE HUNDREDS OF MIDDLE-INCOME WORKERS.
16 SPECIFICALLY, OUR CONTRACTORS ARE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND THE
17 PEOPLE THEY EMPLOY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO QUALITY OF LIFE AND
18 AN ABILITY TO ACCESS EQUITABLE WEALTH BUILDING IN OUR COUNTRY.
19 THIS PROJECT PLACES, IN NORTHERN L.A. COUNTY WHERE I LIVE,
20 OPPORTUNITY FOR MY NANNY, THE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, THE
21 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, AND THE TEACHERS OF MY SPECIAL NEEDS
22 CHILD TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS, OWN A HOME, AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
23 SERVICES IN OUR NORTHERN L.A. COUNTY, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO
24 DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO BURBANK. I SPEND 2.5 HOURS A DAY ON THE
25 FREEWAY. PLEASE HELP OTHERS NOT TO HAVE TO DO THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. WAIT, WE HAVE ONE MORE TO
3 CALL?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD REVEREND DR. MELLO
6 DESIRE PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **JILL FERTADO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JILL FERTADO.
11 AND I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND
12 ALTHOUGH WE'RE WAY NORTH L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE STILL A PART OF
13 L.A. COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT. I'M
14 ACTUALLY VERY EXCITED AND ENCOURAGED THAT THE CENTENNIAL
15 COMMUNITY WILL BRING OVER 19,000 CRUCIALLY NEEDED HOMES WITHIN
16 L.A. COUNTY AND HIGHLIGHT THE 15% OF THESE THAT WILL BE SET
17 ASIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I BELIEVE THIS PROJECT SERVES AS
18 AN EXEMPLARY HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE MODEL FOR ALL OF L.A.
19 COUNTY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AVIARY PLAN, E.I.RS, FIRE,
20 SCHOOLS, HEALTHCARE, OPEN SPACE, TRAFFIC, AIR QUALITY, ETC. WE
21 NEED MORE HOUSING OF ALL LEVELS. THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT
22 DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY AND
23 OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND
3 HONORABLE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. I THINK THAT THIS
4 IS A GOOD PROJECT. I THINK WHY BECAUSE ANYTIME YOU CAN CREATE
5 JOBS AND CREATE HOMES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, I JUST WANT -- I
6 JUST WENT THROUGH A BAD EXPERIENCE OF SLUMLORDING WITH
7 VOUCHERS, THINGS LIKE THAT. SO, PLEASE CREATE MORE HOUSING.
8 PLEASE CREATE MORE JOBS. AND PLEASE TAKE THIS PROJECT FROM THE
9 COUNTY TO THE CITY AND HELP EVERYBODY BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IS
10 IMPORTANT. AND BRAND-NEW HOMES AND THINGS LIKE THAT IS
11 IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE. DON'T MAKE PEOPLE HAVE SLUMLORDS AND
12 THINGS LIKE THAT AND PROJECTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT AS FAR AS
13 YOU CAN HELP THEM. GOOD PROJECT. STAND WITH IT AND KEEP THEM
14 BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE RED CHIEF HUNT.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ANN TRUSSELL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ANN TRUSSELL. THANK
19 YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN
20 DISTRICT 5. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL
21 PROJECT. CENTENNIAL WILL CREATE OVER 25,000 CONSTRUCTION JOBS
22 AND OVER 23,000 PERMANENT JOBS. THE JOB CREATION OF CENTENNIAL
23 WILL CREATE ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. I ASK YOU
24 THAT YOU APPROVE THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **RICKY NG:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKY NG. I'M CURRENTLY HOMELESS. AND
4 MY EXPERIENCE IS THAT THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT SOUNDS LIKE A
5 REFUGE FOR MEASURE H AND C.S.A.C. YOU ARE TAKING THE PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE MINORITIES THAT ARE FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
7 PUTTING THEM IN ANOTHER CITY WHERE THEY'RE NOT FROM. I'M BORN
8 AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. I ADMIRE COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU CAN
9 RIDE YOUR QUAD TO THE STORE. BUT I'M FROM THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. IT IS LIKE A BIGGER PICTURE OF THE FILTER OF C.S.A.C.
11 THEY'RE NOT HELPING PEOPLE GET REESTABLISHED IN LOS ANGELES.
12 SO, THEY'RE GETTING READY TO SHIP THEM OUT AND SEND THEM
13 SOMEWHERE ELSE SO THEY'LL BE ESTABLISHED OUT THERE BECAUSE
14 THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT REALLY ABOUT ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY. IT IS ABOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND MAKING IT
16 LUXURY FOR THE LUXURY ECONOMY THAT IS ABOUT TO COME. WITH ALL
17 THE BUILDINGS, ALL THE PROJECTS, EVERYBODY WILL BE 30 MINUTES
18 AWAY FROM ALL THEIR ENTERTAINMENT AND THEIR VENUES.

19

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

21

22 **PABLO MEZA:** HI, MY NAME IS PABLO MEZA. AND I'M A RESIDENT FROM
23 ANTELOPE VALLEY ALSO WITH THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY
24 ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL
25 PROGRAM. THROUGH THE CENTENNIAL PROGRAM, THE TEJON RANCH WIDE

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1 AGREEMENT WILL BE SETTING ASIDE ABOUT 90% OF THE OPEN SPACE TO
2 BE PRESERVED AND PROTECTED, OR TOTALING OVER 240 ACRES. THIS
3 WILL ENSURE THAT THESE IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES ARE PROTECTED FOR
4 FUTURE GENERATIONS. AND WE NEED THE HOUSING. WE CAN TALK ALL
5 DAY ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO, BUT WE NEED
6 HOUSING BOTTOM LINE. IT IS SOMETHING THAT, FOR ALL THE REAL
7 ESTATE COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY ITSELF, WE NEED THE HOUSING.
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **DR. VERN TAYLOR:** MY NAME IS DR. VERN TAYLOR. I LIVE IN LOS
13 ANGELES. EVER SINCE THE ADVENT OF AUTOMOBILES, MILLIONS OF
14 URBAN DWELLERS TRAVELING UP AND DOWN THE GRAPEVINE ON
15 INTERSTATE 5 HAVE HAD AN EXPERIENCE OF NATURAL BEAUTY MOSTLY
16 ACCESSIBLE ONLY TO BACK COUNTRY HIKERS. I INVITE YOU TO RECALL
17 AND PICTURE TOWERING GREEN HILLSIDES, WHICH IN SPRINGTIME ARE
18 CARPETED WITH THE ORANGE OF POPPIES, THE RUGGED GULLIES, A
19 LAKE IN THE DISTANCE, ALL JUST OUTSIDE THE CAR WINDOW. NOW
20 PLACE ON TOP OF THAT IMAGE A PICTURE OF JUST ANOTHER FAMILIAR
21 TOWN ALONG JUST A FAMILIAR HIGHWAY. WHEN WEIGHING COSTS AND
22 BENEFITS TODAY, REMEMBER THE VALUE OF THE SUBLIME VISTAS ALONG
23 THIS STRETCH OF HIGHWAY FIVE. THESE VERY VISTAS RESIDE IN, AND
24 ARE RIGHTLY EVEN THE PROPERTY OF, THE SOULS OF MILLIONS

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1 PROPERTIES OF ANGELINOS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE TRAVELED THROUGH
2 OUR COUNTY. PLEASE PRESERVE AND PROTECT THIS BEAUTY.

3

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

5

6 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, I HAVE A NEUTRAL TAKE ON THIS. I
7 REALLY DON'T -- I'M NOT INTERESTED WHO IS BUILDING HERE IN
8 CASAIC CANYON. MY CONCERN IS THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 1100
9 HOMELESS FAMILIES, LANCASTER AREA. AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
10 BUILDING BUSINESS PARKS AND SCHOOL OVERLAYS AND RECREATION AND
11 ENTERTAINMENT OVERLAYS, WHO IS IT REALLY BENEFITING? YOU HAVE
12 LITERALLY THE WHOLE AUDITORIUM FILLED UP, AND A LOT OF
13 SPEAKERS TODAY. SO I LOOKED AT THE ETHNICITY OF CASTAIC
14 CANYON, AND IT IS 74% WHITE. SO NOW I UNDERSTAND THE
15 ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCRY ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO KNOW HOW
16 MANY LOW-INCOME, HOW MANY MINORITIES ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF
17 FIRST BEFORE YOU PUT A BIG PROJECT LIKE THIS ON. IT IS JUST MY
18 CONCERN BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY IS VERY UNBALANCED. YOU KNOW, YOU
19 HAVE THE RICH AGAINST THE POOR. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 THIS DEVELOPMENT IS EQUAL AND BENEFICIAL FOR ALL RACES OUT
21 THERE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OKAY, GEORGE BUZZETTI. ONCE AGAIN, YOU TRIED
2 TO STOP ME FROM SPEAKING WITH YOUR ILLEGAL RULES BECAUSE YOU
3 DON'T HAVE TO SIGN UP. AND PEOPLE, YOU CAN CLAP. THEY'RE
4 CONSTANTLY BREAKING THE LAW. 26 YEARS AGO, I GAVE THE STUPID
5 GENERAL COUNSEL THE LAW. AND THEY CONTINUE TO BREAK IT. AND
6 JANICE HAHN DIDN'T LEARN FROM SHEILA KUEHL. NOW, NOW, I KNOW
7 THAT AREA REAL WELL BECAUSE I DIRT BIKE ALL OF SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN GORMAN. ANOTHER THING,
9 PEOPLE, DO YOU REALIZE HOW CROOKED THE GORMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 IS AND HOW CROOKED THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IS?
11 THOSE STUPID PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW THAT L.A. UNIFIED HAD 150,000
12 KIDS THAT DON'T COME TO SCHOOL EVERY WEEK -- EVERY DAY. AND
13 GORMAN IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CROOKEDEST CHARTER SCHOOL GAME
14 IN THE WORLD OUT THERE. DON'T YOU PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
15 AND WITHOUT WITHOUT A PROPER E.I.R. AND C.E.Q.A., WHICH I KNOW
16 REAL WELL FROM FIGHTING -- DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR KEEPING L.A.
17 COUNTY RURAL LIKE SAN DIEGO DID IT BY USING ENVIRONMENTAL
18 REGULATIONS?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** [INDISCERNIBLE].

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THESE ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE BEEN
25 CALLED TO SPEAK?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD IT BE
5 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE
8 THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTED TO SPEAK.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AS A
13 RESULT OF SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS GIVEN. SO, IF SOMEONE
14 FROM FIRE IS HERE AS WELL AS I WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS
15 REGARDING THE TRAFFIC, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PLANNING. AND THEN I
16 DO WANT TO POINT OUT, THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS THAT TALKED ABOUT
17 PEOPLE COMING DOWN TO LOS ANGELES. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT
18 UNDERSTAND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THAT AREA, MANY OF THEM
19 DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO TRAVEL DOWN TO L.A., NOR ARE THEY
20 PLANNING ON TRAVELING DOWN TO L.A. THERE ARE MANY THAT LIVE UP
21 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT WORK UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO
22 THIS ASSUMPTION THAT THE DESTINATION IS TO COME BACK DOWNTOWN
23 OR COME DOWN TO LOS ANGELES, I THINK IS NOT ACCURATE. I KNOW
24 IT IS NOT ACCURATE. SO I WOULD JUST CAUTION YOU TO NOT MAKE
25 THAT ASSUMPTION. THE GOAL IS SIMILAR TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

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1 ACROSS THE KERN COUNTY LINE. IT'S TO CREATE JOBS, WHICH TEJON
2 RANCH HAS DONE ON THE KERN COUNTY SIDE AT THE OTHER SIDE OF
3 THE GRAPEVINE. THAT IS THE GOAL MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS
4 PROJECT IS TO KEEP JOBS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I APPRECIATE
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTIONS AS IT RELATES TO THAT BECAUSE THE
6 GOAL IS NOT JUST TEMPORARY JOBS FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO
7 PROVIDE THE LABOR UNIONS WITH, BUT ALSO SUSTAINABLE, LONG-TERM
8 ACROSS THE BOARD. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT, WORKING WITH OUR
9 LABOR PARTNERS, WE HAVE PUT AS A MAJOR FOCAL POINT. SO WITH
10 THAT, CHIEF OSBY, I WANT TO THANK YOU. BUT CAN YOU DESCRIBE
11 THE APPROVAL PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO FIRE SIGN OFF ON THE
12 CENTENNIAL PROJECT AND WHAT THE COUNTY'S ROLE IS?

13

14 **CHIEF OSBY:** GOOD MORING -- GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR
15 AND BOARD. DARYL OSBY, L.A. COUNTY FIRE CHIEF. AND THANK YOU
16 FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND AS IT RELATES TO THE
17 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS, NATURALLY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
18 IS THE LEAD DEPARTMENT. BUT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
19 DEPARTMENT WORKS CLOSELY WITH THEM. AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
20 VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM SINCE THE INCEPTION. AND AS IT RELATES
21 TO THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, I MEAN THIS -- IT IS IN A HIGH
22 SEVERITY FIRE ZONE. AND SO, OUR ROLE WAS REALLY TO LOOK AT THE
23 LAND USE AS IT RELATES TO THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT AND THEN
24 REALLY ASSESS WATER AND ACCESS AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC SAFETY
25 TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER INGRESS AND EGRESS AS IT

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1 RELATES TO A PUBLIC SAFETY PERSPECTIVE TO ENSURE THEY HAVE
2 PROPER WATER AND ENSURE THAT ALSO, WHEN WORKING WITH THE
3 DEVELOPER, THAT WE HELP THEM AS IT RELATES TO THE SCOPE OF THE
4 PROJECT TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF FIRE STATIONS THERE AND
5 THEN ALSO TO HAVE THE PROPER FUEL MODIFICATIONS. AND SO, IN
6 THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION, FOR THE PROJECT, WE'LL HAVE,
7 AROUND THE PERIMETER, PROPER FUEL MODIFICATION TO REDUCE THE
8 IMPACT OF A POTENTIAL FIRE. AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS
9 NEW TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS IS
10 THAT, WHEN WE DO FUEL MODIFICATION PROJECTS AS IT RELATES TO
11 THE EXTERIOR AND THEN ALSO THE INDIVIDUAL HOMES, IT WILL BE TO
12 CURRENT CODE. AND SO, MOST OF THE -- WELL, ALL THE VEGETATION
13 WILL BE NONFLAMMABLE. SO, THAT IS THE OVERALL PERSPECTIVE AS
14 IT RELATES TO THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT. AS THE PROJECT GETS
15 CLOSER AS IT RELATES TO THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, THOSE PLANS
16 HAVEN'T BEEN SUBMITTED YET, BUT AS IT GETS TO THE BUILDING
17 CONSTRUCTION, THEN WE WILL ALSO WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE
18 PARTICULAR BUILDINGS MEET THE CURRENT FIRE CODE.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, THAT INCLUDES LOOKING AT THE FIRE MATERIALS
21 THAT ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION? YOU WOULD HAVE A
22 ROLE IN WORKING WITH THEM ON THAT?

23
24 **CHIEF OSBY:** YES, THAT, ALONG WITH WORKING WITH BUILDING AND
25 SAFETY, IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, ALL OF THE MATERIALS THAT

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1 WILL BE USED FOR THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE
2 NONFLAMMABLE. THEY WILL HAVE ENCLOSED VENTILATION SYSTEMS SO
3 EMBERS CAN'T GET IN, DOUBLE PANED WINDOWS, AND SPRINKLERED
4 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND WILL THIS PROJECT PROVIDE FOR SAFE
7 EVACUATION SHOULD THERE BE A FIRE IN THE AREA BASED ON WHAT IT
8 IS INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS MOVING FORWARD?

9

10 **CHIEF OSBY:** OF COURSE. IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, WE ARE
11 WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AND LOOKING AT WATER AND
12 ACCESS. AND THAT'S THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT
13 WE HAVE PROPER INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR OUR APPARATUS TO GET IN
14 AND FOR CITIZENS TO GET OUT IF THERE'S AN INCIDENT. AND ALSO,
15 IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO KERN COUNTY
16 BECAUSE THIS PROJECT HAS THREE MAJOR PHASES. THE FIRST TWO
17 PHASES ARE IN KERN COUNTY. THEN THIS PHASE IS IN L.A. COUNTY.
18 SO, I HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH MY DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH THE
19 KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE
20 COLLABORATIVELY EVALUATING THE PROJECT BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE
21 MUTUAL AID RESPONSIVE. SO, WE HAVE MUTUAL INTEREST IN ENSURING
22 THIS IS A SAFE COMMUNITY.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN JUST FOR POINT OF CLARIFICATION, CAN YOU
2 CLARIFY WHAT EXACTLY A HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE IS AND HOW ONE
3 PREPARES DIFFERENTLY IN THIS ZONE.

4

5 **CHIEF OSBY:** IN OUR COUNTY, PRIMARILY AS IT RELATES TO THESE
6 TYPES OF SITUATIONS IN THE URBAN INTERFACE WHERE HOMES BUTT UP
7 AGAINST THE WILD LAND AREAS, THERE IS THREE ZONES, THERE'S
8 MODERATE. THERE'S HIGH SEVERITY. AND THERE'S VERY HIGH
9 SEVERITY, AND BASICALLY, THERE'S A LOT OF SCIENCE BEHIND THAT.
10 BUT IN A VERY HIGH OR HIGH SEVERITY ZONE, IT IS BASED ON THE
11 VOLATILITY OF A POTENTIAL WILD LAND FIRE, THE EMBER CAST, AND
12 THE IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE ON A STRUCTURE. AS IT RELATES TO
13 THIS PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, IT MEANS THAT IN A VERY HIGH OR
14 HIGH SEVERITY FIRE ZONE, THAT WE REALLY PAY A LOT OF
15 ATTENTION, AS MENTIONED EARLIER AS IT RELATES TO ROADS COMING
16 IN AND OUT, WATER SYSTEMS, FUEL MODIFICATIONS, AND ENSURING
17 THAT THE BUILDINGS IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT MEET THE FIRE
18 CODES, MEANS, ONCE AGAIN, FIRE RESISTANCENESS AND SPRINKLERED.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. ONE LAST QUESTION. WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT
21 THESE PROJECTS -- AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE INCORPORATED LANGUAGE
22 NOW INTO THE FINAL APPROVAL THAT ACTUALLY MAINTAINS A ROLE FOR
23 YOU AS IT RELATES TO BRINGING IN CAL FIRE AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS.
24 ARE YOU COMFORTABLE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT AS WRITTEN?

25

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1 **CHIEF OSBY:** I'M EXTREMELY -- AS THE FIRE CHIEF, I'M CONFIDENT
2 AND COMFORTABLE. WE'RE PLANNING THIS COMMUNITY FROM THE
3 INCEPTION. AND AS WAS MENTIONED BY PREVIOUS SPEAKER, AS IT
4 RELATES TO THESE TYPES OF COMMUNITIES, THE RETIRED FIRE
5 MARSHAL FROM SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS REALLY THE GOLD
7 STANDARD AS IT RELATES TO THESE TYPES OF COMMUNITIES. BUT
8 NATURALLY, WE WILL COLLABORATE ACCORDINGLY WITH CAL FIRE.
9 RIGHT NOW, THEY DO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WILD LAND
10 AREA IN THAT PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT. ALSO, TOO, AS I MENTIONED
11 EARLIER, HONORABLE SUPERVISOR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT
12 RECEIVED CURRENT PLANS FOR PROPOSED STRUCTURES. WE PROJECT
13 THAT THAT PROBABLY IS AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS AWAY. I KNOW THAT
14 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE WOOLSEY INCIDENT.
15 AND WE'LL BE COMING TO YOUR HONORABLE BOARD AT A LATER DATE
16 NEXT YEAR AS IT RELATES TO UPGRADING OUR EXISTING FIRE CODE.
17 SO, IF THERE'S ANY LESSONS LEARNED FROM ANY PARTICULAR
18 INCIDENTS THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THIS DISTRICT OR THROUGHOUT THE
19 STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THOSE UPGRADES WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO
20 THE BOARD FOR YOU TO CONSIDER TO ADOPT. AND THOSE CODES WILL
21 BE APPLIED TO THIS PROJECT.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NOW, I HAVE A QUESTION. GO
24 AHEAD, AMY.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** [INDISCERNIBLE] MADAM SUPERVISOR, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD
2 TO THAT THE E.I.R. SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES THAT THE EMERGENCY
3 RESPONSE PLAN BE UPDATED AND REVIEWED BY BOTH THE FIRE
4 DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT EVERY SINGLE TIME
5 A TRACT MAP IS FILED. SO IT IS A CONTINUOUS, EVOLVING
6 OPERATION. AND THE E.I.R. FURTHER CLARIFIES THAT THERE ARE
7 ENOUGH EXIT ROUTES TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS THROUGH
8 MULTIPLE EXITS. EVEN IF THERE ARE BRIDGE COLLAPSES THAT WOULD
9 GO OVER THE AQUEDUCT, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE MORE THAN ADEQUATE
10 EXIT CAPACITY AS PLANNED RIGHT NOW TO EXIT SAFELY.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THAT WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF MY QUESTIONS. AND
13 IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THAT WAS CONSIDERED WORKING IN
14 COLLABORATION WITH BOTH FIRE AND WITH THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND THEN KNOWING CAL TRANS IS A PARTNER,
20 AND I MENTIONED THEM IN MY OPENING COMMENTS BECAUSE THEY
21 ACTUALLY ARE AN IMPORTANT PARTNER, WHAT HAS THEIR ROLE BEEN
22 THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO THE PROJECTIONS,
23 BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE 5?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
2 I'M JUST GOING TO FLIP TO MY TRAFFIC SECTION OF MY C.E.Q.A.
3 DOCUMENT. SO CAL TRANS HAS BEEN ENGAGED FROM DAY ONE ON THIS
4 PROJECT. THEY REVIEW ALL OF THE C.E.Q.A. DOCUMENTS AS A
5 RESPONSIBLE STATE AGENCY. THEY DID PROVIDE A COMMENT LETTER TO
6 THE DRAFT E.I.R. IN JULY 2017. THOSE COMMENTS WERE ADDRESSED
7 AND INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT E.I.R. BUT IN ADDITION TO
8 THAT, THERE WERE OVER A DOZEN MEETINGS WITH CAL TRANS AND
9 COUNTY STAFF THAT INCLUDED BOTH D.P.W. AND PLANNING AND THE
10 DEVELOPER TO TALK ABOUT THEIR IMPROVEMENT PLANS. AS WE KNOW,
11 STATE HIGHWAY 138 IS A CAL TRANS FACILITY. THE E.I.R. INCLUDES
12 40 -- 40 MITIGATION MEASURES RELATED TO TRAFFIC AND
13 CIRCULATION. AND THE MAJORITY OF THOSE REQUIRE THE CONCURRENCE
14 OF CAL TRANS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCURRENTLY
15 ON THOSE IMPROVEMENT PLANS. SO CAL TRANS WILL REMAIN A
16 COMMITTED PARTNER THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE EFFORT BECAUSE WE
17 WON'T BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT. I THINK ONE OF THE
18 QUESTIONS THAT I HAD HEARD EARLIER WAS WAS THERE TRIGGER
19 POINTS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT. AND THERE ARE. WE CAN GO INTO
20 THOSE IN MORE DETAIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, IS SOMEONE
23 HERE FROM CENTENNIAL THAT CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION REGARDING
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING? AND AMY, I WANT YOU TO STAY PUT BECAUSE
25 WAS LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS. AND I'M OPEN TO THE WHOLE DIALOGUE

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1 AND DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING, BUT I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT. AND WHEN
3 I LOOK AT PAST APPROVALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, PRETTY MUCH,
4 TRADITIONALLY, IT HAS BEEN 10. AND THEN WITH CENTENNIAL, IT'S
5 GONE UP TO 15. I THINK THE ONLY OTHER EXCEPTION IS GRAND PARKS
6 HOTEL, WHICH HAS LIVING UNITS IN IT, WHICH MY UNDERSTANDING IS
7 THE HOTEL PRICE FOR THE ROOMS WILL BE IMPACTED BY THAT. BUT
8 THE HOTEL OPERATOR RECOGNIZED THAT. SO, I JUST WANT TO
9 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPACT IS GOING TO BE. AND MAYBE, IF YOU
10 COULD JUST EXPLAIN WHERE THE 15 TO 20 -- SO THAT I UNDERSTAND
11 -- BECAUSE, AGAIN, I'M NOT OPPOSED. BUT I JUST WANT TO
12 UNDERSTAND THE THOUGHT PROCESS. SO, MAYBE FIRST FROM
13 CENTENNIAL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IMPACT'S GOING TO BE FOR
14 YOU ALL BECAUSE I KNOW ORIGINALLY IT WAS 10. AND THEN AT
15 PLANNING, YOU AGREED TO GO TO 15. AND NOW, IT IS BEING
16 PROPOSED 20. WOULD YOU GIVE US AN OUTLINE IN TERMS OF WHAT
17 THAT IMPACT IS GOING TO BE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY. AS YOU INDICATED, WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED
20 10%. AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WE AGREED TO 15%. WE DID AN
21 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THAT. AND THE RESULT OF THAT INCREASE OF
22 5% WAS TO INCREASE THE COST OF THE REMAINING UNITS, THE NON --
23 THE MARKET RATE UNITS BY APPROXIMATELY 20-- ON AN AVERAGE OF
24 \$25,000 PER UNIT. INCREASING, AGAIN, FROM 15 TO 20 WOULD BE

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1 ANOTHER 25%. SO FROM OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, WE WOULD BE
2 LOOKING AT AN INCREASE OF OVER \$50,000 PER UNIT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND SO, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND
5 WHAT THE THOUGHT PROCESS IS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW -- ON THE
6 GRAND PARK PROJECT, I KNOW 20% WAS DONE. I THINK, YOU KNOW,
7 AGAIN, WHAT I AM HEARING IS THAT THE CONSIDERATION WAS IT'S A
8 HOTEL THAT WILL OFFSET THAT COST INCREASE BY CHARGING MORE PER
9 ROOM. AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE 5% IMPACT OR
10 WHERE 15 TO 20, IF THERE WAS SOMETHING I'M MISSING IN TERMS OF
11 WHY IT WENT FROM 15 TO 20 NOW. I MEAN FOR THE SUPERVISOR WHO
12 RECOMMENDED THAT. OR DO YOU WANT TO?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** ONE OF THE SPEAKERS INDICATED THAT A CHALLENGE TODAY
15 IS THAT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT OR THE LOW AND VERY
16 LOW IS BEING SATISFIED BY SUBSIDIES. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM THAT
17 WE HAVE IS WHAT WE REFER TO AS THE MISSING MIDDLE, THE HOUSING
18 THAT'S NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOLTEACHERS, THE FIREFIGHTERS, THE
19 POLICE. THAT IS THE NICHE THAT CENTENNIAL FILLS. AND BY
20 INCREASING OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT EVEN HIGHER, IT
21 MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN THAT MISSING MIDDLE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY BECAUSE MY WHOLE GOAL ON THIS PROJECT, I
24 MEAN THIS IS GOING TO BE A FIRST AS IT RELATES TO P.L.A.S ON
25 PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS. SO THIS SHOULD BE AN EXCITING TIME FOR

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1 BOTH CENTENNIAL, BUT ALSO FOR OUR LABOR PARTNERS, NOT ONLY IN
2 L.A. COUNTY, BUT ORANGE COUNTY, KERN COUNTY. AND THIS IS
3 REALLY GOING TO OPEN UP AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY. AND ON THE
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SIDE, I AM ALL FOR -- AND I'VE SAID THAT --
5 I'M ALL FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT IF I UNDERSTAND WHERE THE 15
6 TO 20 IS COMING FROM. AND I JUST WANT TO SEE WHAT THE
7 DIFFERENCE IS GOING TO BE IN TERMS OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
8 OPPORTUNITIES UP IN THAT AREA. IS THE NUMBER OF UNITS -- WHAT
9 WOULD THE NUMBER OF UNITS GO FROM? IT'D GO FROM 2900 UNDER THE
10 15% TO --

11

12 **SPEAKER:** 38 HUNDRED.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, IT WOULD GO UP ANOTHER THOUSAND UNITS?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND, YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THE UNITS, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE RENTALS?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THEY WOULD BE MOSTLY RENTALS.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** APARTMENTS?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, APARTMENTS, ATTACHED, MULTIFAMILY.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN THE AMOUNT YOU CHARGE ON THE RENT FOR
2 THE APARTMENTS IS TIED TO WHAT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** IF I COULD, ON THE AFFORDABLE UNITS, THOSE ARE DEED
5 RESTRICTED AND SUBSIDIZED. AND SO, THE COST OF THE AFFORDABLE
6 UNITS APARTMENT RENT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE LINKED TO THE MEDIAN
7 INCOME FOR LOW-INCOME AND VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND SET BY
8 SCHEDULE.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THE MEDIAN INCOME IN THAT AREA, OR IS IT ALL OF
11 L.A. COUNTY? OR IS IT ALL OF THE STATE?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS YET ANOTHER BLACK BOX. THE DETAILS OF THAT
14 PROCESS OF DECIDING WHAT THE APPROPRIATE METRIC IS FOR AREA
15 MEDIAN WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT IT'S VERY LOW AND LOW.
16 THE MARKET RATE UNITS, OF COURSE, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THOSE
17 CONSIDERATIONS. AND SO, AS MR. MEDEROS MENTIONED, THE
18 EXPECTATION IS A MARKET RATE UNIT WOULD INCREASE, FOR EXAMPLE,
19 ON A FOR SALE PRODUCT BY ABOUT 50,000 INSTEAD OF ABOUT 25,000
20 TO GO FROM 15 TO 20.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, I -- IN CLOSING, I JUST
23 WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT CAME TO SPEAK ON BOTH SIDES. THIS
24 PROJECT IS A VERY COMPLICATED AND HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS. AND
25 I UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONS ON BOTH SIDES AS IT RELATES TO THIS

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1 PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE SHOULD
2 CONCLUDE THAT THIS PROJECT, NOTWITHSTANDING ISSUES RAISED AT
3 THE HEARING TODAY, IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED PROJECT FROM THE
4 PROPOSED ONE THAT WAS PRESENTED NEARLY TWO DECADES AGO. AND
5 AGAIN, AMY, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THAT
6 BECAUSE YOU TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION MANY OF THE THINGS THAT
7 CAME UP DURING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS EVEN BEFORE YOU GOT HERE,
8 AMY, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT S.E.A.S UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
9 AND ALL. AND SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS MORE
10 BALANCED AND BETTER REFLECTIVE OF THE NEEDS UP IN THE ANTELOPE
11 VALLEY. YOU KNOW, THE DEVELOPERS LISTENED AND RESPONDED ON
12 EVERYTHING FROM IMPROVED COMMUNITY DESIGN TO A ROBUST LIST OF
13 PUBLIC FACILITIES. HERE IS WHY I BELIEVE THIS PROJECT IS A
14 GOOD PROJECT. IT'S A PRIVATE DEVELOPER DEVELOPING THEIR
15 PRIVATE LAND HOLDINGS. THEY'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND, SETTING
16 ASIDE 90% OF THEIR HOLDINGS FOR PERMANENT CONSERVATION. THEY
17 HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL OF OUR LOCAL END USE POLICIES AND HAVE
18 WORKED TO GO BEYOND THAT FOUNDATION WITH SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
19 GOODS. CENTENNIAL HAS WORKED IN GOOD FAITH TO MAKE THEIR
20 PROJECT AS GOOD AS IT CAN BE BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT FROM BOTH
21 SIDES. IN THE END, WE ARE FORCED WITH A CHOICE ON WHAT OUR
22 FUTURE HOUSING STOCK WILL LOOK LIKE. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS NO
23 ONE CAN ARGUE WE NEED MORE STOCK. IF WE NEED TO LOOK AT I
24 THINK IT WAS TRACY BROUGHT IN THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THREE OUT OF
25 FOUR INFILL PROJECTS HAVE NOT MOVED FORWARD. I THINK WE NEED

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1 BE VERY AWARE OF THE IMPACT THAT THIS BOARD AND THE DECISIONS
2 WE MAKE HAVE ON HOUSING STOCK MOVING FORWARD. WE NEED MORE OF
3 EVERYTHING. WE NEED MORE INFILL REDEVELOPMENT IN URBAN AREAS.
4 WE NEED TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THIS C.U.P. OR
5 THIS AGREEMENT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION. I KNOW THAT
6 TRANSPORTATION WAS DISCUSSED AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING
7 COMMISSION. AND IN FACT, YOU HAVE ALL HAVE, WRITTEN WITHIN
8 THE REPORT, A MANDATE TO WORK WITH A.B.T.A. AND OTHER TRANSIT
9 -- SANTA CLARITA VALLEY TRANSIT, AS WELL, TO PUT TOGETHER A
10 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON PEOPLE USING
11 THEIR VEHICLES. SO, WHILE I KNOW THERE IS GOING TO BE PEOPLE
12 THAT ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT UNDER ANY
13 CIRCUMSTANCE, I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT DOES STRIKE A
14 BALANCE THAT WILL BENEFIT GENERATIONS TO COME. AND AGAIN, I
15 WILL SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD THE 20 IF I CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND
16 HOW THAT WORKS. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO -- I KNOW YOU'VE GOT --
17 YOU WANTED TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS. I REALLY APPRECIATE
18 EVERYONE'S TIME ON THIS.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** CAN I CHIME IN? [INAUDIBLE, MULTIPLE PEOPLE SPEAKING]

21
22 **SUP. BARGER:** I WAS ASKING --

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS BEEN WAITING SO
4 PATIENTLY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I KNOW. ON THIS SUBJECT, REGARDING THE 20%.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU KNOW, MY FIRST THOUGHT IS THANK YOU SO MUCH,
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CONSIDERING THIS BECAUSE I THINK WHAT WE
12 HAVE HEARD ARE DIFFERENT VOICES FROM THE AUDIENCE. ONE IS
13 WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OR FOR
14 MODERATE INCOME PEOPLE, AS YOU SAY. AND WE'RE ROUGHLY TALKING
15 ABOUT HOME VALUES STARTING OUT AT, WHAT, 450 THOUSAND. OKAY
16 THAT THAT, FOR SOME PEOPLE, IS OUT OF REACH FOR PEOPLE THAT
17 ARE WORKING AT MINIMUM WAGE OR HOMELESS. LET'S FACE IT.
18 HOWEVER, NOW YOU'VE SAID THAT WHATEVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING YOU
19 WILL HAVE WILL BE APARTMENTS, SO OR A MIXTURE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** IT IS A MIXTURE OF BOTH APARTMENTS AS WELL AS FOR
22 SALE. MOSTLY MULTIFAMILY.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, IF I MAY CLARIFY FOR THE RECORD, THE
25 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT IS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENTED DOES CALL

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1 FOR A MIX OF FOR SALE AND RENTAL. AND THAT ENDS UP BEING
2 DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY'S OWN C.D.C. SO FOR THE RECORD, THE
3 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN EXHIBIT G DOES REQUIRE A MIX OF USES,
4 NOT JUST RENTAL. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WE WON'T KNOW WHAT THAT PERCENTAGE IS FOR A
7 WHILE?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NO, THE PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY DID ASK THAT
10 THERE BE A BLEND AND A MIX OF ALL AFFORDABILITIES BETWEEN 50%
11 AND 120% A.M.I. SO THAT IT WOULDN'T BE JUST ALL 50% OR JUST
12 ALL 80% OR JUST ALL 120%. SO THERE IS LANGUAGE IN THE
13 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT DOES, IN FACT, STATE THAT IT IS AN
14 INTENTION OF BOTH PARTIES TO ENTER INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION
15 AGREEMENT WHERE THERE IS A BALANCE OF THOSE A.M.I. LEVELS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, GIVEN THE STRUCTURING OF THIS CITY OVER A 30-
18 YEAR PROCESS, AND THE TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT ON THE PART OF THE
19 COUNTY, I WILL HAVE TO SAY. THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN TERMS OF
20 FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY, WE ARE GOING BE CREATING A CITY. AND
21 THERE IS A LOT OF FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO GO INTO THAT ON
22 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY IN ADDITION TO WHAT THE TAXPAYERS PAY.
23 BUT HOWEVER, THE COUNTY IS ALSO GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE, I
24 WOULD THINK, A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PLANNING. IS THAT
25 CORRECT? AM I CORRECT IN THAT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** THAT THE DEVELOPER WOULD HAVE TO --

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, WE'RE ALSO THEN SUBSIDIZING, TO A CERTAIN
5 EXTENT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WHAT'S BEING THERE. THAT IS WHY
6 I AM GOING TO INSIST ON AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF 20% BECAUSE WHAT
7 HAPPENS, TYPICALLY, IN THE COURSE OF COMMUNITIES GROWING AND
8 THE EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION OF OUR ECONOMY, WE'RE BEING TOLD
9 RIGHT NOW ALSO THAT OUR ECONOMY IS FLUCTUATING OR WILL BE IN
10 FLUX. AND I OBVIOUSLY WANT TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN TERMS OF HOW
11 WE ARE STEWARDS OF OUR MONEY, OF OUR TAXPAYER MONEY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, DID YOU WANT TO ENTER THAT AS A MOTION?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD LIKE TO PUT -- I STILL WANT TO PUT THAT
16 FORWARD AS A 20% BECAUSE I STILL THINK -- IT'S NOT GOING TO
17 BREAK, IN MY OPINION -- I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BREAK THE
18 PIGGY BANK IN TERMS OF WHAT CENTENNIAL IS CURRENTLY PLANNING
19 FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU PUT THAT IN AS A
22 MOTION?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION. --

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND FOR THE MOTION?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I WANTED TO CLARIFY TWO THINGS. ALL OF THE PUBLIC
4 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE SITE, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
5 COUNTY IS NOT SUBSIDIZING ANY OF THAT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
6 AND I WOULD LIKE THE DEVELOPER TO CONCUR OR DENY THAT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CORRECT. IT IS INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT
9 AGREEMENT.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. BECAUSE I WILL SAY, IF THERE WERE SUBSIDIES, IT
12 WOULD TRIGGER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR THE DEVELOPER UNDER STATE
13 LAW. RELATED TO SUBSIDIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE
14 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR A ONE-YEAR TIME FRAME THAT THE
15 DEVELOPER SITS DOWN WITH THE COUNTY, MAINLY PLANNING, BUT THEN
16 C.D.C., AND THEY WORK OUT A HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.
17 WITHIN THE HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND WITHIN THE D.A.,
18 IT SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT THE COUNTY CAN CHOOSE TO SUBSIDIZE
19 OR NOT SUBSIDIZE ANY OF THE AFFORDABILITY LEVELS THAT ARE
20 REQUIRED. THAT WILL BE A NEGOTIATION THAT CLEARLY OCCURS
21 LATER. BUT WE DID WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS NOT AN
22 UNDERSTANDING GOING IN THAT A SUBSIDY WAS EXPECTED. I JUST
23 WANTED TO CLARIFY THOSE TWO POINTS. AND THAT IS YOUR
24 UNDERSTANDING AS WELL? IS THAT CORRECT?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CORRECT. AS FAR AS BOTH THE CONSTRUCTION, AND
2 WE DID RUN A FISCAL ANALYSIS ON THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
3 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT. AND IT COMES BACK AS A NET
4 SURPLUS OF OVER \$1 MILLION TO THE COUNTY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** A YEAR.

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8 **SPEAKER:** A YEAR. SO THAT IS BOTH CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS
9 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS COMMUNITY.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM, CHAIR. I STILL WANT TO PUT MY MOTION
12 FORWARD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO YOU ARE PUTTING A MOTION THAT YOU
15 WOULD LIKE THE WILL OF THIS BOARD WOULD BE FOR 20%? IS THERE
16 A SECOND TO THAT MOTION? NO? I WILL SECOND THAT MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A LOT TO
23 SAY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE, FIRST OF ALL, OF THOSE WHO CAME
24 TO TESTIFY. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS PUT
25 INTO THIS IN TALKING TO EVERYONE FOR YEARS. I APPRECIATE OUR

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1 DEPARTMENTS FOR WORKING WITH IT. I WOULD -- I MAY BE THE ONLY
2 VOICE ABSOLUTELY AGAINST THIS PROJECT. SO I WOULD ASK PEOPLE -
3 - THANK YOU -- NOT TO MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF NOISE BECAUSE I
4 REALLY WANT TO MAKE A LITTLE BIT OF A SPEECH. AND IT'S GOING
5 TO SOUND LIKE A RALLY SPEECH, BUT IT IS NOT BECAUSE I THINK
6 THERE IS AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF THINGS WRONG WITH THIS PROJECT.
7 AND I KNOW -- I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE NORMALLY ARE
8 DEFERENTIAL TO EACH OTHER, NOT ONLY YOU, BUT ALL FIVE OF US,
9 BECAUSE GENERALLY, I CARE MOST OF ANYBODY ABOUT THINGS THAT
10 HAPPEN IN MY DISTRICT. AND I KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU DOES AS
11 WELL. AND IT IS KIND OF BECAUSE THE WOOLSEY FIRE DEVASTATED SO
12 MUCH OF MY DISTRICT THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS MORE ON MY MIND
13 EVEN THAN IT HAD BEEN A MONTH AGO. BUT LET ME SAY, FIRST OF
14 ALL, THE THINGS I THINK ARE A PROBLEM. PEOPLE HAVE COME TO
15 TESTIFY AGAINST IT, AND THEY EACH HAVE A REASON. LIKE THE
16 STORY OF THE MEN AND THE ELEPHANT WHERE ONE WILL TALK ABOUT
17 THE LEG AND ONE WILL TALK ABOUT THE TRUNK. AND ONE WILL TALK
18 ABOUT THE EAR. AND IT'S KIND OF EASY TO SAY WELL, THAT'S JUST
19 THAT. IT IS THE AGGREGATE OF THESE ISSUES THAT REALLY
20 CONVINCES ME THAT IT IS A BAD IDEA. THE WORD "SPRAWL" HAS
21 EVOLVED WITH A BIT OF A NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION. AND THE REASON
22 IT HAS IS BECAUSE OF THE RESOURCES IT REQUIRES IN ORDER TO
23 PROVIDE ALL OF THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND STRUCTURE WHEN YOU
24 ARE SO FAR AWAY FROM OTHER URBAN DEVELOPMENTS OR EVEN SUBURBAN
25 DEVELOPMENTS WHERE YOU HAVE ACCESS ALREADY TO POWER AND WATER,

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1 ETC. AND SO, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT MITIGATION FOR
2 THAT. UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY LINES, EXCELLENT, WE'RE TALKING
3 ABOUT THAT TO TRY TO AVOID FIRE. BUT THE TRUTH IS THE
4 ELECTRICITY STILL HAS TO GET TO CENTENNIAL. AND FROM
5 CENTENNIAL, THAT WILL BE ABOVE GROUND, AS IT IS NOW. NOTHING
6 WILL CHANGE ABOUT THAT, EXCEPT IN THE AREA ITSELF, WHICH MAY
7 PROTECT THOSE HOUSES A LITTLE MORE, BUT NOT REALLY THE WHOLE
8 SURROUNDING AREA. SECONDLY, THERE IS THE WATER. I THINK
9 CENTENNIAL HAS BEEN VERY WISE IN BANKING ALL THEIR AGRICULTURE
10 RIGHTS AND I THINK EVEN CONTRACTING FOR SOME OF THE STATE
11 WATER PROJECT. BUT THAT STILL REQUIRES THE WATER TO BE DRAWN
12 OFF FOR THAT PROJECT INSTEAD OF INFILL OR THE OTHER AREAS
13 WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO CONSERVE AND USE. C.A.R.B. HAS INDICATED
14 THE PROBLEM WITH AIR QUALITY BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE CAR TRIPS.
15 THAT IS A REAL THING. WE DON'T HAVE A TRAIN GOING TO THE
16 CENTENNIAL PROJECT. AND I'M NOT SURE THAT WE WILL. SO, IT IS A
17 REQUIREMENT, IF YOU ARE GOING TO WORK ANYWHERE ELSE, THAT YOU
18 ARE GOING TO BE DRIVING QUITE A WAYS. C.A.R.B. ESSENTIALLY HAS
19 ESTIMATED THAT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. THE THING THAT I
20 GUESS I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE MOST IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
21 COME TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR HAVE ESSENTIALLY EXHIBITED A GREAT
22 DEAL OF FAITH IN WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT TWO THINGS
23 THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR URBAN POPULATIONS. ONE IS
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THE OTHER IS JOBS. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
25 VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR GUILDS AND UNIONS, AND ESPECIALLY THE

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1 TRADES. I LOVE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SO MUCH WORK. AS A
2 MATTER OF FACT, WE'RE WORRIED AT METRO THAT THERE ARE SO MANY
3 PROJECTS THAT THERE WILL BE TOO MUCH WORK. AND WE'LL HAVE
4 TROUBLE PAYING, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT BECAUSE THAT JUST MEANS
5 THAT THE RATES WILL BE SOMEWHAT HIGHER. BUT IT'S NOT AS
6 THOUGH THERE IS NO WORK FOR THE TRADES IN L.A. COUNTY,
7 ESPECIALLY SINCE MEASURE W PASSED AT \$300 MILLION A YEAR FOR
8 BUILDING STUFF RELATED TO WATER. BUT IT'S GOOD. JOBS ARE GOOD.
9 BUT ONCE YOU'VE BUILT THIS, THOSE JOBS GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
10 THERE HAS BEEN A CONCENTRATION ON WHAT JOBS WILL STAY IN
11 CENTENNIAL. AND I THINK IT IS A LITTLE BIT OF PIE IN THE SKY,
12 AS I LISTEN TO IT, THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE ARE GOING TO
13 WORK THERE. DON'T KID YOURSELF. I'M CERTAIN THERE WILL BE SOME
14 MINIMUM WAGE JOBS IN THE PROJECT, IF THERE ARE JOBS THERE. AND
15 AS I LOOK AT THE WAY THE HOUSING IS STRUCTURED, I DON'T KNOW
16 WHAT THEY MEAN BY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE WORD AFFORDABLE AND
17 THE WORD HOUSING, WHEN THEY COME TOGETHER, ARE VERY
18 ATTRACTIVE. I WAS THE AUTHOR OF \$100 MILLION A YEAR GOING INTO
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. AND EVERYONE SUPPORTED IT.
20 AND WE'RE GETTING TO THAT LEVEL. YOU LOOK AT YOUR AGENDAS
21 EVERY WEEK, HUNDREDS OF UNITS ARE BEING APPROVED BY US AS
22 OPPOSED TO WHAT WAS SAID IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEING
23 STOPPED. WE ARE BUILDING HUNDREDS OF UNITS AND APPROVING
24 HUNDREDS OF UNITS A WEEK IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, WHAT DOES
25 IT MEAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CENTENNIAL? WELL, IT SOUNDS, TO

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1 ME, LIKE MOST OF IT IS GOING TO BE RENTAL. THOUGH PLANNING HAS
2 SAID SOME OF IT HAS TO BE YOUR ABILITY TO BUY SOMETHING. SO I
3 DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN OR YOU FEEL YOU CAN BUY. WE TALK ABOUT
4 TEACHERS, FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE. TEACHERS ARE MAKING A LOT LESS
5 THAN FIREFIGHTERS OR POLICE. SO, AND THEY SHOULDN'T, BUT I'M
6 NOT SAYING FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE ARE NOT EARNING THEIR WAY.
7 THEY CERTAINLY ARE. BUT THEY CAN'T LIVE IN MOST OF THE AREAS
8 IN L.A. COUNTY. I DON'T KNOW HOW ARE THEY GOING TO LIVE IN
9 CENTENNIAL. WE'RE IMAGINING THESE POLICE OR FIREFIGHTERS WILL
10 BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE. BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE EARNING, AT A
11 MINIMUM, \$64,000 A YEAR TO BE IN THE 50% LEVEL TO QUALIFY FOR
12 SOME OF THESE RENTALS. AND WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT SUBSIDIZING
13 THEM, THERE IS ONLY TWO WAYS TO SUBSIDIZE RENTALS OR THE
14 PURCHASE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ONE IS THE WAY CENTENNIAL HAS
15 SAID, WE CAN SUBSIDIZE IT IF WE RAISE THE COST OF ALL THE
16 OTHER HOUSING. I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT YOU SAID. THAT'S WHAT
17 YOU MEANT BY 25,000 AT 15%, 50,000 EXTRA PER HOUSE TO BUY IT
18 AT 20%. SO IT IS SUBSIDIZED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDING
19 THIS THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE ALSO, HOWEVER, MENTIONED, AND I
20 BELIEVE PLANNING MENTIONED, THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME OPENING
21 FOR THE COUNTY TO SUBSIDIZE THESE RENTS. NOW, I'M SURE YOU
22 KNOW, WHEN THE COUNTY SUBSIDIZES RENTS, AND BECAUSE NOBODY HAS
23 GOT RENT CONTROL HARDLY ANYWHERE, IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT YOU, AS
24 THE PERSON WHO DESERVES AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PERHAPS CAN ONLY
25 BE REQUIRED TO SPEND 30% OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY,

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1 WHATEVER THE AVERAGE IS, ON YOUR RENTAL. AND THE COUNTY
2 SUBSIDIZES THE REST UP TO MARKET RATE. SO IT IS NOT CLEAR IN
3 ANY WAY WHAT IS MEANT YET. AND WE HEARD THIS IS STILL UNDER
4 NEGOTIATION. AND WE WILL HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT. I DON'T FEEL
5 SECURE THAT THE NOTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS DEFINED
6 SUFFICIENTLY THAT I THINK WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GET IT. I
7 DON'T FEEL SECURE THAT THE NOTION OF ALL OF THESE JOBS THAT
8 ARE GOING TO BE STAYING IN THIS PROJECT WILL ACTUALLY BE
9 THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. THE NOTION OF GREENHOUSE
10 GAS, HARDLY ANYBODY REALLY CARES ABOUT IT, EXCEPT IN THE
11 ABSTRACT. WHEN WE LOOK AT A PARTICULAR THING, I'M NOT SAYING
12 ADVOCATES DON'T CARE. OF COURSE, THEY DO. BUT GENERALLY,
13 PEOPLE ARE LIKE OKAY, IF YOU TELL ME THERE IS GOING TO BE A
14 BUNCH OF GREENHOUSE GAS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT MAKES
15 GREENHOUSE GAS AND HOW IS IT GOING TO BE MADE BY CENTENNIAL.
16 I DON'T KNOW. BUT THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT IN ORDER FOR
17 US TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT, WE HAVE TO MAKE A FINDING THAT
18 157,000 METRIC TONS A YEAR OF GREENHOUSE GAS ARE UNAVOIDABLE,
19 NOT MITIGATED, UNAVOIDABLE. IT REQUIRES US TO ADOPT THE
20 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION FOR 21 DIFFERENT IMPACTS
21 THAT THE DEVELOPER IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO MITIGATE. SO, I'M
22 NOT SAYING THIS IS THE WORST THING EVER. I JUST REALLY BELIEVE
23 THAT IF YOU BUILD A CITY OF 57,000 PEOPLE, IT IS NOT THE
24 MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. PEOPLE IN GORMAN CAN TELL YOU. THEY'RE NOT
25 IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMEWHERE

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1 THEY WANTED TO BE. AND IT IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA. BUT IT IS STILL
2 VERY FAR FROM WHERE MOST PEOPLE WOULD LIVE TO WORK THERE AND
3 WHERE MOST PEOPLE WOULD WORK IF THEY LIVED THERE. FINALLY,
4 FIRE. FIRE REQUIRES DEFENSE. IT DOESN'T JUST REQUIRE CROPPING
5 ALL OF THE GREENERY AROUND YOUR HOUSE, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. I
6 BROUGHT SIX BILLS LIKE THAT IN THE LEGISLATURE. SO, WE WENT
7 FROM 100 FEET TO 200 FEET. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM
8 GETTING THEIR HOUSES BURNED. THAT WAS INSUFFICIENT IN THESE
9 MULTIPLE FIRES THAT WE HAVE SEEN THIS YEAR BECAUSE WHEN THE
10 WIND PICKS UP AN EMBER, IT DOESN'T CARE IF YOU CLEARED THAT.
11 IT IS GOOD. IT HELPS A LITTLE. BUT I THINK THE THREAT FROM
12 FIRE IN THIS AREA IS STILL VERY HIGH. AND IF WE BUILD SO THAT
13 THE HOUSES DON'T BURN, WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO DEFEND
14 THOSE HOUSES. WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO SAY, OH, WELL, YOU BUILT
15 THEM SO THEY DON'T BURN. SO, THAT IS FINE. AND THAT IS COUNTY
16 RESOURCES. AND AS YOU KNOW, CHIEF, WE DON'T HAVE JUST ONE FIRE
17 AT A TIME ANY MORE. SO WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THIS
18 MUTUAL AID STUFF AS WELL, WHICH WE DID IN THE BIG FIRE. SO, I
19 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO, YOU KNOW, TALK THIS LONG ABOUT
20 IT. I MAY, AS I SAID, BE THE ONLY VOICE THAT IS IN OPPOSITION
21 TO THIS PROJECT. SO I SPOKE FOR TWO AND A HALF EXTRA TIMES.
22 BUT I CAN'T SUPPORT IT. I THINK IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO BUILD
23 A BRAND-NEW CITY SO FAR AWAY FROM EVERYTHING ELSE BECAUSE OF
24 THE FIRE CONCERN, BECAUSE I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE
25 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROMISES, BECAUSE OF THE JOB PROMISES

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1 AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION JOBS ARE DONE. I DON'T REALLY
2 UNDERSTAND AND SEE HOW THAT IS GOING TO BE EITHER TRACKED OR
3 MAINTAINED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IN CLOSING, IF AND WHEN THIS
4 PASSES, I WOULD LIKE THOSE WHO SAID MY PEOPLE NEED JOBS, WE'RE
5 GETTING JOBS THERE. MY PEOPLE NEED HOUSING. WE'RE GETTING
6 HOUSING THERE. I WOULD LIKE YOU COME BACK IN FIVE YEARS AND
7 TELL ME HOW MANY OF YOU ARE LIVING THERE AND HOW MANY OF YOUR
8 ARE WORKING THERE, OR PEOPLE FROM YOUR COMMUNITIES OR PEOPLE
9 YOU CARE ABOUT BECAUSE I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW. THIS IS WHAT
10 HAPPENS. WE SAY YES, AND FRANKLY WE NEVER KNOW. SO, I'M GOING
11 TO SAY NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] SUPERVISOR BARGER.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, MY RESPECT FOR YOU,
16 I MEAN, WHEN YOU OUTLINE YOUR CONCERNS, YOU'RE VERY
17 THOUGHTFUL. AND I RESPECT YOUR OPINION. AND I THINK THAT'S
18 PROBABLY ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT I RESPECT THE MOST
19 IS WE CAN AGREE TO DISAGREE AND BE CIVIL ABOUT IT. AND I
20 ALWAYS WILL LISTEN TO YOU. AND THAT'S JUST YOU'RE STUCK WITH
21 ME FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO YEARS, RIGHT? THERE YOU GO. BUT I
22 PUT MY MOTION ON THE TABLE. AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
23 HAS A MOTION AS WELL AS THE 20%. BUT THE REASON I WANTED TO
24 UNDERSTAND WHERE THE 20% WAS COMING FROM IS I HEARD IT WAS
25 BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COUNTY WAS SUBSIDIZING OR

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1 PAYING THE COST. AND THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AND SO, I JUST, FOR
2 ME, THAT ASSUMPTION IS WHY, ORIGINALLY WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT
3 THIS, I WAS OPEN TO GOING 15 TO 20% BECAUSE I HAD HEARD THAT
4 AS WELL THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO SUBSIDIZE THIS COST. BUT
5 KNOWING THAT, IN FACT, THAT IS NOT THE CASE, I -- I AM -- I'M
6 HAVING A HARD TIME GOING FROM 15 TO 20, BASED ON THE FACT THAT
7 THE FULL COSTS ARE IN FACT BEING INCURRED BY THE DEVELOPER.
8 NOW, THE AMOUNT THE COUNTY IS GETTING BACK I THINK CAN BE
9 DEBATED. YOU SAY A MILLION. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW. I'M NOT
10 GOING TO ASSUME ON THAT. BUT ON THE OTHER ONE, BASED ON THE
11 FACT THAT BOTH PLANNING AND THE DEVELOPER RECOGNIZE THAT THERE
12 IS NO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS GOING INTO THAT IS WHY I
13 WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK AT THE 15. BUT I AM WILLING TO -- I
14 KNOW IT HAS BEEN SECONDED, HAVE THAT VOTED ON. BUT KNOWING IT
15 IS BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT THE COUNTY IS, IN FACT,
16 SUBSIDIZING THAT COST.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AS A COMPROMISE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER 18?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** YES. YES, I WILL.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MOTION THEN TO MODIFY -- WITHDRAW MY MOTION AND
25 SUBMIT AN ALTERNATIVE MOTION OF 18%.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I WILL.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I WILL SECOND THAT. OKAY. SO, WE HAVE
5 WITHDRAWN THE MOTION FOR 20%. AND YOU HAVE MODIFIED THAT TO
6 SAY 18%. THAT HAS BEEN SECONDED.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** I ACCEPT THAT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND WE ALSO NEED A SECOND ON, SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER, YOUR ORIGINAL MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AND YOU HAVE THAT MOTION, CORRECT?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. IS THERE A SECOND FOR -- OKAY,
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS YOUR ORIGINAL MOTION. AND,
17 AGAIN, I ALSO, AS CHAIR, YOU KNOW, WE HAD OVER 100 SPEAKERS
18 THAT CAME AND SPOKE ON BOTH SIDES. AND THERE IS A LOT OF
19 PASSION. THERE IS A LOT OF EMOTION ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS
20 ISSUE. IT IS ALL ABOUT LAND USE FOR MOST OF US IN OUR
21 DISTRICTS AND IN THE COUNTY. AND WE LOOK AT DOING RESPONSIBLE
22 DEVELOPMENTS. BUT I HEARD A LOT ABOUT WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, WHERE
23 THEY WORK, HOW FAR THEY DRIVE. AND AGAIN, AS YOU REMEMBER,
24 THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO PURSUE IN MY YEAR AS
25 CHAIRWOMAN IS REALLY THINKING OUT OF THE BOX AND SEEING IF WE

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1 CAN REALLY RETHINK WHERE PEOPLE GO TO WORK. A LOT OF JOBS DO
2 HAVE TO SHOW UP AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION. BUT I THINK WE CAN DO
3 A BETTER, INNOVATIVE JOB OF ALLOWING PEOPLE TO WORK CLOSER TO
4 WHERE THEY DO LIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THESE HOUSING
5 DEVELOPMENTS OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN CITIES, YOU KNOW, LOOK
6 AT HOTELING AGAIN, WHERE FOLKS COULD JUST SHOW UP SOMEWHERE
7 CLOSE TO HOME, PLUG IN THEIR LAPTOP, AND DO A LOT OF THEIR
8 WORK FROM THERE. I THINK THAT IS WHERE WE HAVE TO MOVE AS A
9 COUNTY. I'M NOT SURE, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'M NOT
10 SURE ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS EVEN ON THE
11 DRAWING BOARD IS GOING TO SOLVE THE TREMENDOUS TRAFFIC
12 SITUATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY. I THINK WE HAVE TO
13 LOOK AT IT A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS, HOW PEOPLE WORK AND LOOK
14 MORE AT PEOPLE WORKING FROM HOME, LOOKING, SHOWING UP AT AN
15 OFF-SITE LOCATION. THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS I REALLY WANT
16 TO LOOK AT AS A COUNTY. OKAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT DO
17 WE HAVE BEFORE US?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR. THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD, MADAM CHAIR, THAT I
22 APPRECIATE THINKING OUT OF THE BOX. BUT IN THIS CASE, I'D LIKE
23 TO GO BACK IN THE BOX AND, IN TERMS OF PROCEDURES, TAKE UP
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDED MOTION FIRST.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, WE WILL NOW TAKE UP SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS'S AMENDED MOTION, WHICH WAS THE 18% AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
3 ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A ROLL CALL ON THAT?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, THE ITEM TO AMEND FOR THE 18%.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS.

12

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

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERIVSOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSTAIN.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE

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24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
25 HAHN. SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. CARRIES 4-1 WITH ONE
3 ABSTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW WHAT IS BEFORE US?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NOW, WE'RE VOTING ON SUPERVISOR MOTION TO
8 AMEND ITEM 48 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS

14

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

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. THE MOTION CARRIES
6 4-1. AS AMENDED.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
9 EVERYBODY. AND IF YOU ARE LEAVING AT THIS POINT, WE ASK YOU TO
10 TRY TO EXIT THE BUILDING IN AN ORDERLY FASHION AS WE STILL
11 HAVE A MEETING GOING ON. AGAIN, WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE
12 IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR
13 MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ARE WE ON ITEM 5? COULD I
14 PLEASE ASK EVERYONE TO EXIT IN AN ORDERLY AND QUIET FASHION.
15 WE ARE CONTINUING WITH OUR MEETING. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF
16 ITEMS TO TAKE UP. OR NOT. THEY'RE NOT LISTENING. OKAY. LET'S
17 PROCEED. ITEM 5. OKAY, SUPERVISORS, THIS IS ITEM 5. AND IT IS
18 AN ITEM THAT I HELD. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE JUST BEEN LISTENING A
19 LOT ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE LAST ITEM. COLLEAGUES,
20 [GAVEL] I HATE TO GAVEL MY OWN COLLEAGUE. BUT COLLEAGUES,
21 MAYBE YOU REMEMBER THAT IN PARAMOUNT, A CITY I REPRESENT,
22 RESIDENTS WERE BEING EXPOSED TO HIGH LEVELS OF HEXAVALENT
23 CHROMIUM, A KNOWN HUMAN CARCINOGEN. IT SEEMED SIMPLE ENOUGH.
24 JUST SHUT DOWN ANY NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESS UNTIL THE ISSUE WAS
25 RESOLVED.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A POINT OF ORDER, CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE SERGEANTS NEED TO MAKE IT
7 CLEAR THAT WE'RE STILL IN SESSION, AND THE CHAIR IS MAKING A
8 PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YES. WE COULD USE A LITTLE HELP
11 FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS. I THOUGHT I MADE THAT CLEAR
12 EARLIER. BUT... OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS FOR GETTING ORDER IN THE COURT. AGAIN, IN PARAMOUNT,
14 THE RESIDENTS WERE BEING EXPOSED TO HIGH LEVELS OF HEXAVALENT
15 CHROMIUM. AND IT SEEMED SIMPLE ENOUGH. WE COULD SHUT DOWN ANY
16 NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESSES UNTIL THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. BUT WE
17 BEGAN TO REALIZE IT WAS NOT SO SIMPLE. AND THE COUNTY LACKED
18 THE AUTHORITY TO SHUT THESE FACILITIES DOWN, EVEN WHEN WE KNEW
19 IT WAS A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS. FEELING
20 FRUSTRATED BY OUR WEAK STANCE, I INTRODUCED THE FIRST PUBLIC
21 HEALTH DIRECTIVE MOTION A YEAR AGO, ASKING OUR DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO SEE WHAT MORE WE
23 COULD DO. THEY ADVISED US THAT WE COULD PURSUE STATE
24 LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO REGULATE THESE
25 BUSINESSES WHEN THEY VIOLATE THEIR PERMITS. AND WHEN THE

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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A.Q.M.D., THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
2 SUBSTANCE CONTROL, AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES WORK
3 EXTREMELY HARD TO REGULATE AND ENFORCE DANGEROUS EMISSIONS,
4 CHEMICALS, AND WASTE, WE WANT TO HAVE THE POWER TO STEP IN AS
5 WELL. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE QUICK TO
6 MONITOR AND ENFORCE THESE ISSUES THAT ENDANGER THE PUBLIC
7 HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS. WE WANT THEM TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
8 CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT WORK. AND SO, WITH THIS MOTION TODAY,
9 I AM ASKING THE C.E.O TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 HEALTH AND THE FIRE DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
11 THAT WOULD GIVE US, THE COUNTY, THAT AUTHORITY. THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BEING MY COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. THANK
13 YOU TO THE STAFF AT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE,
14 COUNTY COUNSEL, C.E.O., FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON THE
15 IMPORTANT ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR ESTEEMED GUEST TO
16 SAY A FEW WORDS ON THIS MOTION.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT
20 MOTION, WHICH REALLY AT ITS HEART WOULD ALLOW US TO INCREASE
21 THE HEALTH OFFICER'S AUTHORITY TO ABATE EMISSIONS OF HAZARDOUS
22 SUBSTANCES THAT THREATEN THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE
23 WORKED ALONGSIDE MANY OF OUR PARTNER REGULATORY AGENCIES TO
24 ASSESS AND REDUCE THE RISKS, BUT WHEN WE ENCOUNTER A CONDITION
25 THAT CLEARLY THREATENS HEALTH, WE ABSOLUTELY WOULD LIKE TO

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1 HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION AND BE ABLE TO DIRECT
2 THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO IMMEDIATELY ABATE THE CONDITIONS. AS
3 THE COUNSEL REPORTED TO THE BOARD EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE LACKED
4 THIS AUTHORITY. AND WE WOULD BE REQUESTING THE BOARD TO SEEK
5 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR A
6 LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER TO RESPOND TO THESE HAZARDOUS EMISSIONS
7 THAT ENDANGER THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC IN NEARBY COMMUNITIES.
8 THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE AUTHORITY WE ALREADY HAVE TO ABATE
9 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, AS WE MOVE INTO
10 EMERGING THREATS, THE IMPORTANCE OF US BEING ABLE TO CONSIDER,
11 AS A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT, HAZARDOUS EMISSIONS IS PARAMOUNT.
12 SO, I'VE ASKED ANGELO BELLOMO TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCE IN HOW
13 WE CAN USE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES AND HOW THIS MOTION WOULD
14 REALLY IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANGELO.

17

18 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND THANK YOU, MEMBERS
19 OF THE BOARD. I THINK THE AUTHORITY THAT DR. FERRER JUST
20 MENTIONED ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S ABILITY TO TAKE
21 ACTION TO ABATE ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS, IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR
22 AT LEAST 100 YEARS. BUT WHEN THOSE PROVISIONS WERE DEVELOPED,
23 THEY WERE DEVELOPED FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, TO PREVENT
24 INFECTIOUS DISEASES. AS THE BOARD HAS ADVOCATED FOR THE MEMBER
25 DEPARTMENTS GOING MORE INTO REGULATING SOME OF THE EMERGING

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1 THREATS, AS DR. FERRER REFERENCES, CHEMICAL EMISSIONS, WHICH
2 ARE TOXIC TO THE PUBLIC, REALLY NEED A SIMILAR TYPE OF
3 AUTHORITY. THIS MOTION WOULD BENEFIT OUR EFFORTS TO ABATE
4 HAZARDS WHETHER THEY'RE BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL BY SIMPLY
5 EXPANDING THE SAME REMEDY WE HAVE, APPLYING THAT SAME REMEDY
6 FOR INFECTIOUS THREATS TO CHEMICAL THREATS. SO IT IS REALLY,
7 AT THE HEART, IT IS SORT OF THAT BASIC. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO
8 WORK, D.P.H., COUNTY FIRE, D.P.W., THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
9 PLANNING, COUNTY COUNSEL. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW TO,
10 TOGETHER AS A TEAM, IMPROVE SOME OF OUR ACTIONS IN THIS AREA
11 BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, WITH THE EXCIDE MATTER, WITH THE ALISO
12 MATTER, AND THE MATTER YOU MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, MADAM CHAIR,
13 THE PARAMOUNT SITUATION, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET
14 THE STATE REGULATORS TO DO WHAT WAS NECESSARY. AND WE KNEW THE
15 RIGHT THING WAS TO ISSUE A DIRECTIVE, BUT IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL
16 THAT, WHEN WE ISSUE A DIRECTIVE, IT IS ENFORCEABLE. AND SO,
17 THAT IS WHAT THIS MOTION WOULD HELP US SOLVE. WE WOULD WORK
18 WITH THE MEMBER DEPARTMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
19 GROUP C.E.O TO DO WHAT YOU SAID, WHICH WAS TO LOOK AT WHAT
20 TYPE OF LEGISLATIVE REMEDIES MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THIS
21 ISSUE.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND AGAIN,
24 JUST WORKING WITH THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE, THE BURDEN WAS ALWAYS
25 ON THE PUBLIC TO, YOU KNOW, MAYBE DRIVE OUT TO DIAMOND BAR TO

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1 ATTEND AN A.Q.M.D. HEARING BOARD AND TESTIFY ABOUT WHAT THESE
2 HIGH LEVELS OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM WERE DOING TO THE KIDS IN
3 SCHOOL. AND IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THIS IS SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY,
4 PARTICULARLY FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I MEAN, THIS
5 IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE WHEN THIS HAPPENS. I THOUGHT IT WOULD
6 BE EASIER TO, ONCE THEY WENT OVER THEIR LEVELS -- ONE OF THEM
7 AT ONE POINT WAS THREE HUNDRED TIMES THE LEVEL OF HEXAVALENT
8 CHROMIUM WAS BEING EMITTED INTO THE AIR. AND I THOUGHT IT
9 WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM TO SHUT THEM DOWN UNTIL THEY CAME IN
10 COMPLIANCE. AND I FOUND THAT JUST HAS NOT THE CASE. THANK YOU
11 FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A FANTASTIC
14 MOTION. I REALLY, REALLY THINK THAT IT'S A SORT OF A BRILLIANT
15 ADDITION TO ALL THE THINGS OTHER AGENCIES SHOULD DO AND, I
16 HAVE TO SAY IN MANY CASES, TRY TO DO. A.Q.M.D., WHEN THEY
17 FOUND OUT ABOUT PARAMOUNT -- I MEAN IT IS INTERESTING. THE
18 CITY OF PARAMOUNT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THESE METAL GRINDING
19 BUSINESSES WERE THERE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I WAS
20 LOOKING FOR US TO KIND OF THINK ABOUT REGISTERING BUSINESSES
21 IN THE COUNTY SO THAT AT LEAST WE KNOW WHAT'S THERE. THAT MAY
22 COME IN THE FUTURE. WE'LL SEE. BUT A.Q.M.D. DID SHUT DOWN SOME
23 OF THEM UNTIL THEY TOOK SOME MITIGATING ACTIONS. THERE WAS --
24 BUT THE NEIGHBORS KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG, BUT THEY DIDN'T
25 KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG BECAUSE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF

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1 BUSINESS THAT IS NEXT DOOR. SO I THINK THIS IS REALLY GREAT. I
2 THINK WE SHOULD GO AS FAR AS WE CAN IN THE COUNTY, ENABLING
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DO WHAT THEY CAN. AND
4 WHERE THEY LACK THE AUTHORITY, AS YOU'VE INDICATED, TO
5 STRONGLY LOOK FOR LEGISLATION TO EXPAND THAT AUTHORITY. SO,
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DOING THIS.

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10 >>SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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12 SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS AND TAKE A LEADERSHIP
14 ROLE ON THIS. I AM GLAD YOU CLARIFIED BECAUSE I REMEMBER WHEN
15 DR. FIELDING WAS PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, HE WAS ABLE TO GO IN,
16 BUT IT WAS INFECTIOUS VERSUS BIOLOGICAL. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT,
17 ON THE INFECTIOUS SIDE, WE'RE DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB OF
18 ENSURING THE PUBLIC IS SAFE. BUT ON THE BIOLOGICAL, IT SEEM
19 LIKE EVERY YEAR NOW, EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS, THERE IS
20 SOMETHING GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I CANNOT THINK OF A
21 BETTER TIME TO HAVE THIS ADDRESSED BECAUSE EVEN AS EARLY AS
22 LAST MONTH, YOU WERE OUT IN AN AREA IN MY DISTRICT SETTING UP
23 MONITORS BECAUSE OF THE FIRE TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING
24 GOING ON IN THE AIR BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, THE COMMUNITY DOES
25 NOT TRUST THE STATE AGENCY, AT THIS POINT, TO GET IT DONE.

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1 KNOWING THAT A.Q.M.D., WE PARTNERED WITH THEM ON THE ALISO
2 CANYON, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH THEY CAN DO AS WELL. SO, THEY'RE
3 LIMITED. SO, I KNOW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE ONE MORE TOOL
4 THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND IT IS
5 OCCURRING MORE AND MORE AND MORE. AND SO, I WANT TO THANK
6 YOU, DR. FERRER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WHEN WE PUT THE CALL
7 INTO YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, YOU HAD PEOPLE OUT THERE.
8 WELL, AND ANGELO. THANK YOU, ANGELO, AS WELL. BOTH OF YOU, THE
9 WHOLE TEAM, QUITE FRANKLY. YOU HAVE GOT AN INCREDIBLE TEAM, NO
10 DOUBT ABOUT IT. ANGELO, YOU ESPECIALLY. BUT HAD WE FOUND THERE
11 WAS SOMETHING GOING ON, TO HAVE LEGISLATION IN PLACE, YOU
12 WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY. IF WE HAD
13 FOUND SOMETHING, WITHOUT THIS LEGISLATION, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
14 -- WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO CONTACT AGENCIES AND ASK THEM TO TAKE
15 APPROPRIATE ACTION. MEANWHILE, THE CLOCK IS TICKING. SO, I
16 THINK THIS IS TIMELY, IMPORTANT, AND WILL SAVE THE STATE MONEY
17 AS WELL BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE US -- EMPOWER US, BUT ALSO GIVE
18 US THE ABILITY IN REAL-TIME TO TAKE ACTION AND ENSURE THAT OUR
19 CONSTITUENTS ARE PROTECTED. SO AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I GIVE
20 FULL CREDIT TO YOU FOR YOUR -- FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND
21 ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF IT. IT'S GOING TO BENEFIT EVERY
22 SINGLE DISTRICT, THOUGH, SO THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU
2 AND YOUR COAUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT IS SOMETHING
3 WE HAVE DWELLED ON AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN
4 HERE REGARDING EXIDE AND HOW WE FOUND OURSELVES WITHOUT REALLY
5 ANY TEETH IN OUR ENFORCEMENT AND REGS, AND HOW FRUSTRATING
6 THAT IS. AND WE HAVE HAD, SINCE THAT TIME, OTHER INCIDENTS
7 OCCUR IN MY DISTRICT, THE THE MAYWOOD MAGNESIUM SPILL THAT
8 SHUT DOWN BLOCKS, 200 HOUSEHOLDS. 100 PEOPLE HAD TO BE REMOVED
9 FROM THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF THAT EXPOSURE. PEOPLE HAD NO IDEA
10 THEY WERE LIVING NEXT TO WHAT WE FOUND OUT LATER COULD KILL
11 PEOPLE. SO, I APPLAUD YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
12 YOU. I THINK IS SENDS A WAKE-UP CALL TO OUR LOCAL CITIES THAT
13 THEY, TOO, HAVE TO BE VIGILANT ABOUT IN WHAT THEY'RE
14 PERMITTING. I JUST TAKE NOTE TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN VERNON
15 AND OTHER EVEN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE HAVE TO BE VERY
16 VIGILANT. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS
17 FORWARD.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SHOULD WE CALL
20 UP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM?
21 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND THANK YOU, ANGELO.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
24 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
25 NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC

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1 PREVEN, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, SHEILA WARD, RED CHIEF HUNT, GEORGE
2 BUZZETTI, VICTOR TRUJILLO. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
3 ASSIT YOU.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
6 STRICT. I WILL JUST TAKE ONE MINUTE ON THIS. I APPRECIATE WHAT
7 YOU ARE DOING HERE BECAUSE THAT HEXACHROMIUM WAS A DISASTER.
8 WE HAVE THE EXIDE -- I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF SITUATIONS IN
9 THE PUBLIC HEALTH SPHERE WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE. I WOULD
10 DISAGREE WITH BARGER, WHO WAS TALKING TO ONE OF THE GUYS FROM
11 THE DEVELOPMENT ABOUT WE ARE DOING GREAT IN INFECTIOUS
12 BECAUSE, LAST WEEK, WE HAD AN S.T.D. FESTIVAL OF
13 EMBARRASSMENT. AND WE HAD ALL OF SHEILA'S COLLEAGUES COMING
14 DOWN HERE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY TO DO FURTHER S.T.D. AND THAT
15 IS PUBLIC HEALTH. WHAT IS WORSE IS ITEM 48 THAT YOU JUST
16 APPROVED, THAT BIG HEARING, IS UP RIGHT NEAR KERN COUNTY. AND
17 I'VE ASKED BARBARA FERRER, WHO ONCE -- SHE ALWAYS LEAVES AS
18 SOON AS I START TALKING. WHAT ABOUT THAT VALLEY FEVER, THAT
19 COCCI? THAT STUFF THAT'S GOING TO KILL MIRA LOMA. I DON'T WANT
20 TO UPSET MARY WICKHAM BECAUSE SHE'S WORKING WITH MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS ON GETTING ACOM, ANOTHER 4.5 INTO THE -- THEY'RE LIKE
22 THE WAL-MART OF SELF-SERVICE CONSULTING FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO
23 TELL THEM WHAT THEY THINK. SO, I JUST THINK THAT THEY NEED TO
24 DO A MUCH BETTER JOB IN PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THIS WILL GIVE THEM
25 THE POWER TO DO THAT. SO, THANKS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT TESTIMONY, PLEASE.

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4 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS
5 DR. BARBARA FERRER DID INDICATE, WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC OF RATS.
6 WE HAVE RAT INFESTATION, PARTICULARLY HERE AT THE MUSIC CENTER
7 GRAND PARK, AND ALL THE TREES, THE SHRUBBERY, THE HEDGES. WE
8 ARE INUNDATED WITH RATS. IF YOU ARE HOMELESS, LIKE MYSELF,
9 HOMELESS BY DESIGN, YOU GET TO SEE WONDERFUL RATS AND CRITTERS
10 ALL OVER THE CITY. HORRENDOUSLY. NOW, WHAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT
11 IS A MASSIVE INFESTATION OF SCABIES, M.R.S.A., BED BUGS,
12 VIRULENT STAPH STRAINS, AND OTHER CONTAGIOUS SKIN DISEASES. I
13 POINTED THIS OUT TO CITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE HERB WESSON, AND
14 NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. THAT MANY OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE,
15 PRIMARILY ON TEMPLE STREET -- EXCUSE ME, ON MAIN STREET
16 BETWEEN TEMPLE AND FIRST, ALL THE HOMELESS HAVE HORRENDOUS
17 ITCHINESS. AND THEY'RE SCRATCHING AND JUST PRACTICALLY RAW IN
18 ALL THEIR ARMS, THEIR BACKS, AND THEIR BODIES. I WOULD ASK YOU
19 TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLIGHT. PLEASE, THE HOMELESS RAT
20 INFESTATION THAT'S IS BRINGING ADDITIONAL BACTERIA AND
21 VIRUSES. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, I JUST WAS SPEAKING WITH
2 ANGELO BELLOMO. ANGOLO BELLOMO WAS HERE BECAUSE, FOR THREE
3 YEARS, GENE KRISHUR AND I ALONE STOPPED ROY ROMER FROM
4 ELIMINATING HIS POSITION AT L.A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
5 SAFETY, THE POLICE, AND OTHER AGENCIES. I'M SO HAPPY THAT
6 ANGELO IS HERE, OKAY? I'M THE GUY THAT SHUT DOWN BELMONT. I
7 SUGGEST THAT YOU READ AND ASK ANGELO ABOUT DR. K. KILBORN AND
8 HIS BOOK "CHEMICAL BRAIN INJURY." WHEN HYDROGEN SULFIDE AND
9 THESE CHEMICALS GET INTO ESPECIALLY A CHILD'S MIND, THE BRAIN
10 CELLS ARE DESTROYED FOREVER. ARE THEY NOT, ANGELO? FOREVER! I,
11 PERSONALLY, HAVE HAD TOXIC HEALTH WASTE PERMITS FROM -- I WAS
12 ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO EVER GOT ONE BECAUSE I DID ACID
13 ETCHING. AND I RAN A CLEAN OPERATION AND CLOSED IT DOWN
14 CLEAN. YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR
17 THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, THAT'S ALL THE SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, WE HAVE ONE MORE. DR. GENEVIEVE.

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23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'M GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT IT, AND
4 IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE A LONG TIME AGO. SO I THINK WE SHOULD
5 START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REALLY KEEP TRACK OF IT AND MAKE
6 SURE THAT ACTION ARE TAKEN WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING WHAT
7 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS
10 ON THIS ITEM?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US,
15 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. IF
16 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
17 ORDER. OKAY, NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 12. THIS WAS HELD BY
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM VERY PLEASE TO
21 PRESENT THIS ITEM AND HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
22 SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE US. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALSO COAUTHORING THE MOTION. MUCH HAS
24 DONE TO ENHANCE THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ADULT WOMEN THAT ARE
25 INCARCERATED AND PREGNANT. BUT TODAY, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO

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1 INCARCERATED PREGNANT GIRLS BY IMPROVING THE CARE THEY RECEIVE
2 WHILE IN OUR CUSTODY. ON FEBRUARY THE 13TH OF THIS YEAR, THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION TITLED
4 PREGNANT AND INCARCERATED WOMEN AND GIRLS, RESULTING IN THE
5 COUNTY'S FOCUSED ATTENTION ON RESEARCHING AND EVALUATING THIS
6 CRITICAL ISSUE. ON JULY 24TH OF 2018, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES RELEASED A REPORT IN RESPONSE TO THE MOTION. THE
8 D.H.S. REPORT NOTED THAT 50 YOUTH, 4.8% OF YOUTH, BOOKED IN
9 THE COUNTY HAD A POSITIVE INITIAL URINE PREGNANCY SCREEN IN
10 2017 ALONE. OF THE 50 YOUTH, 34, OR 68%, WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN
11 FOSTER CARE. THE REPORT TELLS US MUST OF WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW.
12 GIRLS WHO ARE IN THE SYSTEM INVOLVED ARE AT MUCH GREATER RISK
13 OF BECOMING PREGNANT THAN THEIR NON FOSTER CARE PEERS. THE
14 REPORT ALSO REVEALED THAT WE NEED SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH
15 SERVICES FOR OUR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM YOUTH, AS WELL AS
16 OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, SUCH AS ADDITIONAL BEDDING AND
17 VISITATION WITH THEIR NEWBORN BABIES. MOREOVER, WHILE THE
18 COUNTY HAS SHOWN SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT TOWARD REDUCING THE
19 NUMBER OF YOUTH IN DETENTION, A COLLABORATIVE AND CONCERTED
20 EFFORT SHOULD FOCUS ON KEEPING PREGNANT GIRLS OUT OF DETENTION
21 AND ENDING THEIR INCARCERATION. L.A. COUNTY HAS SERVICES THAT
22 HELP INCARCERATED PREGNANT GIRLS HEAL FROM THE TRAUMA THEY'VE
23 ENDURED IN THEIR YOUNG LIVES. AND I AM COMMITTED TO HELPING
24 THESE VULNERABLE GIRLS BREAK FREE FROM THE CYCLE OF POVERTY.
25 WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THESE YOUNG GIRLS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE TOOLS

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1 AND SKILLS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED BACK TO THE
2 COMMUNITY SO THEY CAN SAFELY PARENT AND FINISH THEIR
3 EDUCATION. I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
4 AND ITS MANY PARTNERS FOR ITS IMPORTANT WORK TO IMPROVE THE
5 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS SUBPOPULATION OF YOUTH. I ALSO WANT TO
6 GIVE A SHOUT OUT AND A THANKS TO U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW, YOUTH
7 AND JUSTICE CLINIC LED BY PROFESSOR JYOTI NANDA, WHO WERE HERE
8 EARLIER TODAY, FOR THEIR WORK AND RESEARCH ON HELPING US
9 PREPARE THIS MOTION AND MOVING FORWARD. YOU KNOW, MEMBERS,
10 THIS CAME TO MY ATTENTION ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN I
11 WAS VISITING OUR DETENTION CENTER JUVENILE HALL IN EAST LAKE.
12 AND I SAW A YOUNG WOMEN IN HER TEENS WHO WAS EIGHT MONTHS
13 PREGNANT. AND SHE HAD -- SHE WAS EXERCISING INSIDE THE
14 FACILITY, WALKING AND MARCHING WITH OTHER YOUNG GIRLS. YOU
15 COULD TELL BY HER CLOTHING AND HER CARE THAT SHE WASN'T IN
16 GOOD HEALTH. AND IT DREW MY ATTENTION TO NEEDING MORE ANALYSIS
17 AND EVALUATION BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT IT IS OR WHAT THE
18 CIRCUMSTANCES ARE, A YOUNG MOTHER SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE PUT IN
19 THOSE CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. SO, I HOPE THIS REPORT
20 WILL HELP US GLEAN MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BETTER TREAT AND
21 PREVENT THESE YOUTH FROM HAVING TO GO THROUGH THIS
22 CIRCUMSTANCE TO BEGIN WITH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SYBIL BRAND, I DON'T
25 KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER SYBIL BRAND. BUT SHE WAS -- I

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1 THINK ONE OF THE FIRST VOICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT BEGAN
2 WALKING OUR JAILS AND SEEING THE TREATMENT OF WOMEN, MANY OF
3 WHOM, AT THE TIME, WERE IN VERY BAD CONDITIONS IN OUR JAILS,
4 SLEEPING ON THE FLOORS. AND IT WAS HER REALLY ADVOCACY THAT WE
5 BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT WOMEN WHO WERE IN OUR JAILS. OF COURSE,
6 SHE WENT ON TO -- SYBIL RAN AN INSTITUTE. SHE WAS THAT GREAT
7 CHAMPION. FOR A LONG TIME, WOMEN WERE AN AFTERTHOUGHT IN TERMS
8 OF CUSTODY. WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH THIS MOTION TODAY,
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS YOU ARE SAYING OKAY, NOT ONLY ARE WOMEN
10 NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT, BUT WE REALLY NEED TO PAY ATTENTION,
11 PARTICULARLY TO YOUNG WOMEN WHO FIND THEMSELVES REGNANT AND IN
12 CUSTODY. I MEAN I KNOW PART OF WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO IS
13 LOOK AT WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DIVERT A LOT OF THESE
14 WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT FROM EVEN BEING IN OUR JAILS. BUT WHEN
15 THEY'RE IN OUR JAILS, THEY DESERVE DEFINITELY SPECIAL CARE AND
16 ATTENTION. IT IS SUCH A CRITICAL TIME IN YOUR LIFE. AND I
17 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HUMANITY IN LOOKING AT THIS POPULATION
18 IN OUR JAILS THAT WE NEED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO. AND
19 FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE NEED TRY TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T END
20 UP IN OUR JAILS. BUT IF THEY DO, THEY DESERVE A REALLY
21 ELEVATED LEVEL OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR BEING PREGNANT. SO
22 THANK YOU FOR THIS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND, AS THE AUTHOR, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS

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1 THE COAUTHOR, THIS MOTION IS VERY IMPORTANT. I SIMPLY WANT TO
2 ASSERT THAT INCARCERATING PREGNANT GIRLS IS MISGUIDED AND,
3 FRANKLY, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AND AS D.H.S. NOTED IN ITS EARLIER
4 REPORT, EARLIER THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 2/3 OF THE PREGNANT YOUNG
5 WOMEN BOOKED IN THE COUNTY JAILS WERE CROSSOVER YOUTH, MEANING
6 THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH BOTH PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. THESE ARE
7 YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRAUMATIZED, IT SHOULD BE
8 NOTED, OFTEN AT THE HANDS OF THEIR CAREGIVERS. INCARCERATING
9 THEM, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, IS RETRAUMATIZING THEM. BOTH FOR
10 THE EXPECTANT MOTHERS, AND FOR THEIR BABIES ENTERING THE
11 WORLD, WE OUGHT TO JUST COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS. SO IN
12 FEBRUARY OF 2018, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE OFFICE OF CHILD
13 PROTECTION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON CROSSOVER YOUTH TO
14 PREVENT FOSTER YOUTH FROM ENTERING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE
15 FIRST PLACE. SO THE COUNTY WIDE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, PLAN ON
16 CROSSOVER YOUTH SHOULD INCLUDE STRATEGIES FOR PREGNANT GIRLS.
17 THAT IS THE STRENGTH AND THE INSIGHT OF THIS MOTION. AND WE
18 OUGHT TO CAUSE THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO COME TO GRIPS AND TAKE
19 THE BEST OF WHAT IS HERE. I THINK THAT IS JUST REALLY
20 IMPORTANT. I ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE THOSE NAMED IN THE MOTION
21 TO COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. ONE OF THE
22 STRENGTHS OF THIS BOARD HAS BEEN TO BREAKDOWN THESE SILOED
23 WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS. AND SO THIS SOLIS-HAHN MOTION HELPS US
24 IN THAT MANNER. THESE ARE TO BE CONSTRUED AS FRIENDLY
25 SUGGESTIONS THAT THIS BUILDS ON THE STRENGTHS OF PREVIOUS

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1 WORK. AND THAT WORK OUGHT TO ENHANCE THIS WORK. THEREFORE, I
2 LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK AND AM CONFIDENT THAT THE
3 COUNTY CAN DEVELOP INNOVATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,
4 PARTICULARLY FOR PREGNANT GIRLS. MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I CONCUR. I WAS JUST
9 INTERESTED IN -- I THINK THE MOTION IS EXCELLENT. IT REALLY
10 LOOKS PRIMARILY, HOWEVER, AT YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE ALREADY
11 PREGNANT. AND EVEN IN TALKING ABOUT PROVIDING INFORMATION AND
12 FAMILY PLANNING, IT SAYS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE
13 INCARCERATED AND PARENTING. SO, IN A SENSE, WE HAVE GOT REALLY
14 THREE POPULATIONS, PREGNANT YOUNG WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS WHO
15 ARE ALREADY PARENTING, BUT I WONDER IF WE COULD EXPLORE --
16 AND IT MAY BE JUST A QUESTION MAYBE TO THE HEALTH SERVICES AND
17 NOT TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE IN THE MOTION, BUT WHETHER FAMILY
18 PLANNING INFORMATION IS A REGULAR PART OF THE MEDICAL CARE
19 THAT'S PROVIDED TO INCARCERATED YOUTH. AND IF IT IS, GOOD. BUT
20 I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT IS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
23 THAT IT IS, ONCE THEY'RE IN OUR CARE, THEY'RE RECIPIENTS OF
24 THIS INFORMATION.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL OF OUR INCARCERATED YOUTH, WHETHER THEY'RE
2 PARENTING OR NOT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I BELIEVE SO BECAUSE I HAD ASKED THAT QUESTION.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD HAVE FIGURED YOU DID, BUT IT JUST CAME TO
7 MIND. AND I THOUGHT I WOULD INQUIRE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE
10 HAVE INVITED SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE DO, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
13 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
14 NAME? MARIA HERNANDEZ, TALI GIRES, SARAH CHO, JESSICA SANCHEZ,
15 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GO AHEAD.

18

19 **TALI GIRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY FIRST THANKING SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS FOR THE MOTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE AS
22 WELL AS MADAM CHAIR FOR SERVING AS COAUTHOR. MY NAME IS TALI
23 GIRES, AND I AM A SECOND YEAR LAW STUDENT. AND I, ALONG WITH
24 SARAH CHO AND MARIANA HERNANDEZ ARE STUDENTS AT U.C.L.A. WE'RE
25 PART OF THE YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC AT U.C.L.A LAW, WHICH

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1 FOCUSES ON THE REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE
2 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. DURING THE COURSE OF THE RESEARCH FOR
3 THIS REPORT, FIVE OF OUR CLASSMATES SPOKE TO 18 STAKEHOLDERS
4 AND COUNTY AGENCIES INCLUDING PROBATION, D.C.F.S., AND
5 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY OVER A PERIOD OF 12 WEEKS. I WOULD LIKE
6 TO ALSO TO THANK OUR PROFESSOR, JYOTI NANDA, FOR HER ONGOING
7 SUPPORT DURING THE COURSE OF THIS PROJECT. WE'RE GRATEFUL THE
8 BOARD IS NOT BOUND BY THE CONFINES OF ITS IMAGINATION AND
9 INSTEAD RECOGNIZES THAT AN ABUNDANCE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON
10 ADOLESCENT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT TELLS US INCARCERATING PREGNANT
11 GIRLS DOES NOT REHABILITATE BUT INSTEAD PERPETUATES THEIR
12 TRAUMA. AS THIS HONORABLE BOARD KNOWS, STUDIES HOW THAT
13 PREGNANT GIRLS ARE LOCKED UP FOR HAVING COMMITTED MOSTLY
14 NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. ADOLESCENTS ENGAGE IN DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR
15 AND EVENTUALLY GROW OUT OF THIS BEHAVIOR. PREGNANT GIRLS ARE
16 NO DIFFERENT. PREGNANT GIRLS COME INTO THE SYSTEM AN ALREADY
17 VULNERABLE POPULATION, 92% OF WHOM HAVE REPORTED RAMPANT
18 EXPERIENCES OF PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE PRIOR. EVERY DAY IN
19 OUR CITY, WE MAKE A CHOICE. BY PASSING THIS MOTION, THIS BOARD
20 HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THE WAY IN ENDING INCARCERATION
21 FOR PREGNANT GIRLS, TO BE A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTIES. BEST
22 PRACTICES SHOW US THAT DIVERTING PREGNANT GIRLS AWAY FROM
23 JUVENILE INCARCERATION IS COST-EFFECTIVE, REDUCES RECIDIVISM,
24 AND IS SIMPLY MORE HUMANE. WHEN WE INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED
25 PROGRAMS, PREGNANT GIRLS ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL AND HEALTHY. WE

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1 URGE THE HONORABLE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MARIANA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIANA
7 HERNANDEZ. I'M A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. AND
8 I USED TO WORK AT A GROUP HOME FOR FOSTER YOUTH. WE APPRECIATE
9 THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO END THE INCARCERATION OF
10 PREGNANT GIRLS. BASED ON MY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, I'VE
11 SEEN HOW SPOTTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CAN BE DETRIMENTAL, AS
12 OPPOSED TO TAILORED AND DETAILED POLICIES THAT I KNOW CAN MAKE
13 A DIFFERENCE. PROBATION DOES PROVIDE CERTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS
14 FOR PREGNANT GIRLS SUCH AS ADDITIONAL WATER, AN EXTRA
15 MATTRESS, AND INCREASED FOOD PORTIONS. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE
16 BOARD, IN THIS MOTION, RECOGNIZES THIS IS THE FLOOR AND NOT
17 THE CEILING. OUR SECOND RECOMMENDATION BOLSTERS THE EXISTING
18 ACCOMMODATIONS TO ENSURE PREGNANT GIRLS RECEIVE COMPREHENSIVE
19 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE. WHEN WE INCARCERATE PREGNANT
20 GIRLS, WE REMOVE THEM FROM THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORT
21 SYSTEMS. NATURALLY, WE ARE SOCIAL BEINGS THAT CRAVE HUMAN
22 CONNECTION. SOCIAL ISOLATION IS DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR MENTAL
23 HEALTH AND OVERALL WELL-BEING. THESE REPERCUSSIONS ARE FELT BY
24 THE MOTHER, THE UNBORN CHILD, AND THEIR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AS
25 TRAUMA STAYS WITHIN THE BODY AND TRANSFORMS A LINEAGE OF

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1 D.N.A. THE CONTEXT FROM WHERE THESE GIRLS ARE COMING FROM
2 CANNOT BE IGNORED. PREGNANT AND INCARCERATED GIRLS
3 DISPROPORTIONATELY HAVE BACKGROUNDS ROOTED IN INSTITUTIONAL
4 MARGINALIZATION. AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO YOUTH ARE
5 OVERREPRESENTED AT EVERY STAGE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
6 RANGING FROM HIGHER ARREST RATES TO HARSHER DISPOSITIONS
7 COMPARED TO THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. THIS IS WHY IT IS
8 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THESE GIRLS RECEIVE KEY SERVICES
9 AT ALL STAGES OF PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM CARE, AS PER OUR
10 THIRD RECOMMENDATION. WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SARAH CHO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS SARAH CHO. AND I'M A
16 THIRD-YEAR STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. LAW. UNDER THIS BOARD'S
17 LEADERSHIP, L.A. COUNTY IS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE OF
18 YOUTH DIVERSION. WHILE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO DIVERSION
19 POLICIES SPECIFIC TO PREGNANT GIRLS, WE BELIEVE THAT DIVERSION
20 WILL AND MUST PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ENDING INCARCERATION OF THESE
21 GIRLS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THIS YEAR,
22 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY HAS ALREADY BEGUN AN
23 INITIATIVE FOR PREGNANT ADULT WOMEN. THIS INITIATIVE
24 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PREGNANT INCARCERATED
25 WOMEN. IT HAS ALSO PARTNERED WITH HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH

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1 SERVICES TO PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF CARE. WE SHOULD DO THE SAME
2 FOR PREGNANT INCARCERATED GIRLS. ADDITIONALLY, THE COUNTY
3 ALREADY INVESTS IN SUPPORTING PREGNANT YOUTH IN THE DEPENDENCY
4 SYSTEM WHERE THE PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM YOUTH HAVE ACCESS TO
5 A CONFERENCE TEAM THAT ASSISTS HER AT EVERY STAGE OF THIS
6 TRANSFORMATIVE PERIOD IN HER LIFE. IN THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM,
7 WE PROVIDE THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED. THERE IS NO NEED
8 TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. WE SHOULD PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES TO
9 PREGNANT YOUTH IN THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. FINALLY, THE FOURTH
10 RECOMMENDATION ON THE MOTION ADDRESSES ACCOUNTABILITY AND
11 GRIEVANCE. NO SERVICE PROVIDER WE INTERVIEWED KNEW OF ANY
12 LONG-TERM SYSTEM TO KEEP TRACK OF INCARCERATED GIRLS' HEALTH
13 OUTCOMES IN THE COUNTY. SUCH A SYSTEM IS NECESSARY FOR THE
14 YOUTH AND FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING AND BE
15 BETTER ADVOCATES THEMSELVES. BUT EVEN WHEN A TRACKING SYSTEM
16 IS IN PLACE, THEY NEED A FUNCTIONING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AS
17 WELL. IN CLOSING, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR
18 TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ADDRESSING THIS MATTER. WE BELIEVE
19 THAT L.A. COUNTY CAN AND MUST DO BETTER TO TREAT EVERY CHILD
20 WITH THE DIGNITY SHE DESERVES, THE LOVE AND CARE SHE NEEDS. ON
21 BEHALF OF THE U.C.L.A. YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC, WE
22 RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO PASS THIS MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
25 **SPEAKER.**

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1

2 **JESSICA SANCHEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I

3 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION AND ALSO

4 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BEING THE COAUTHOR. I AM -- MY NAME IS

5 JESSICA SANCHEZ. AND I AM COMING ON BEHALF OF HOMEBOY

6 INDUSTRIES. AS A YOUTH, I WAS INCARCERATED AT 18 YEARS OLD. MY

7 EXPERIENCE BEING INCARCERATED PREGNANT WAS NOT A VERY PLEASANT

8 ONE. WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED, I WAS ACTUALLY FORCED TO BE

9 BAREFOOT, EVEN THOUGH I WAS BLEEDING BECAUSE OF SOME INJURIES

10 I THAT HAD. SINCE MY PREGNANCY, THEY REFUSED ANY MEDICAL

11 SERVICES. I WASN'T ABLE TO BE SEPARATED WITH ANYBODY ELSE,

12 EVEN THOUGH IN THE TANK, WHEN WE WERE BEING HELD, THERE WAS

13 FIGHTS AND ALTERCATIONS. AND I HAD TO BE AROUND ALL THAT AND

14 ACTUALLY BE INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE ALTERCATIONS WITH THE

15 WOMEN THAT HAD MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT

16 WHERE I WAS AT. I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING THAT WAS THERE TO HELP

17 ME. WHENEVER I WOULD ASK FOR HELP, THEY WOULD JUST TELL ME

18 THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

19 AND I JUST ASK THAT YOU GUYS PASS THIS MOTION. AND I COULDN'T

20 IMAGINE BEING A 16-YEAR-OLD CHILD HAVING TO GO THROUGH THIS

21 BECAUSE I WAS THAT 18-YEAR-OLD CHILD THAT -- TECHNICALLY, I

22 STILL WAS A CHILD. AND I WAS INCARCERATED AND PREGNANT. MY

23 CHILD DID SURVIVE BUT I COULD NEVER THINK ABOUT WHAT IF SHE

24 WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED. BEING A WOMAN IS ALREADY HARD IN

25 ITSELF. AND BEING A WOMAN INCARCERATED AND A MINORITY, WE'RE

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1 JUST NOT GIVEN ANY OF THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED. IF IT DOES
2 COME TO BE THAT WE'RE INCARCERATED, I REALLY FEEL THAT WE
3 SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE HUMAN BEINGS AND AS MOTHERS THAT WE ARE
4 AND WE'RE GOING TO BE BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TEACHING OUR KIDS
5 HOW TO GROW UP. IF WE GROW UP WITH THAT HATE, THEN WE'RE NOT
6 GOING TO BE TEACHING THEM ANYTHING BETTER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE HAVE
9 MORE SPEAKERS TO CALL UP.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ANTHONY ROBLES,
13 ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, GEORGE BUZZETTI, JOSEPH
14 MAIZLISH, KIM MCGILL, PRECIOUS YOUNG, RED CHIEF HUNT, REVEREND
15 DR. MELLO DESIRE. SHEILA WARD, HERMAN HERMAN, MARCEL FARMER,
16 KENT MENDOZA, ALLISON ALLISON, RICKY NG. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE HAVE 15 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP.
19 WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE EACH.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** WE HAVE BEEN HERE ALL DAY. BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT
22 ARBITRARILY. WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS? THEY JUST
23 HAD TWO MINUTES?

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE ONE MINUTE
2 SINCE WE'VE GOT OVER FIFTEEN --

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE NOW? I ONLY WANT ONE --

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'VE GOT ONE MINUTE.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, ROUGH ROOM. OKAY. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND
9 I'M SO PLEASED THAT THESE YOUNG WOMEN CAME DOWN HERE AND ARE
10 TUNING IN TO THE WAY THE COUNTY INCARCERATES BECAUSE
11 INCARCERATED WOMEN IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. I THINK MOST OF US
12 WOULD AGREE. SOMETIMES, IT HAS TO HAPPEN AS SOLIS POINTS OUT.
13 BUT AS SOLIS POINTED OUT ALSO, A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, IT CAN'T
14 HAPPEN SO FAR AWAY THAT WE WIND UP TREATING THESE SAME WOMEN
15 WHO MIGHT BE PREGNANT, VULNERABLE TO DEPORT THEM VIRTUALLY TO
16 ANOTHER AREA, WAY UP NEAR LANCASTER WHERE THERE IS VALLEY
17 FEVER, WHERE THEY'RE VULNERABLE. NOW, WHO'S VULNERABLE? YOU
18 COULD ASK THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERSON, BUT SHE KEEPS EXITING. IT
19 IS AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. IT'S FILIPINO-AMERICAN WOMEN. IT'S
20 -- AND THEY'RE VULNERABLE TO SOMETHING CALLED COCCI WHICH
21 COMES IN THE SOIL. AND IT BLOWS IN THE WIND. AND IT GETS IN
22 YOUR BODY. AND YOU CAN GET SICK. SOME PEOPLE DO OKAY. BUT SOME
23 PEOPLE DIE. SO IT IS VERY UPSETTING. AND IT IS VERY CONFUSING
24 TO CONSIDER MOVING PEOPLE INTO AN INCARCERATED ENVIRONMENT,
25 WHICH IS NOT VOLUNTARY, WHERE THEY'RE SO VULNERABLE. SO THAT

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1 IS WHY I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR NIXING THIS PROJECT.

2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS A LEADER DOWN AT THE HOSPITAL. WHO KNOWS?

3 MAYBE WE PROVIDE OUTPATIENT LIKE SERVICES TO THE WOMEN WHO DO

4 HAVE TO HAVE SOME SUPERVISION.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENT

9 MENDOZA, AND I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE

10 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE A.R.C. MEMBERS, THE WOMEN WHO WERE

11 INCARCERATED AND HAD WENT THROUGH THIS AS CHILD, AS YOUTH. I

12 PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE

13 ASKING. I THINK SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALREADY SOMETHING THAT WE

14 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS A LONG TIME AGO.

15 BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE, I ALSO WENT THROUGH CAMP, PROBATION,

16 AND D.J.J., AND THEN IMMIGRATION. AND WHILE BEING IN CAMP, I

17 REMEMBER SEEING A LOT OF YOUNG PARENTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS

18 NOW. BUT I FEEL THAT EVEN IF YOU DO HAVE KIDS THAT ARE GOING

19 THROUGH THIS AND THEY'RE GETTING INTO TROUBLE, WE NEED TO GET

20 AWAY FROM SENDING THEM INTO ANY TYPE OF CONFINEMENT OR CELLS

21 BECAUSE THAT IS JUST GOING TO MAKE IT WORSE. YOU KNOW I JUST

22 KNOW THAT THAT HAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OR BIOLOGICAL

23 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE YOUTH DURING THAT AGE. WE HAVE TO

24 CONSIDER THE AGE, MAN. THEY'RE SO YOUNG. THEY SHOULDN'T BE PUT

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1 IN CELLS. WE NEED TO REALLY PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SERVICES
2 THAT WE CAN DO IN THE COMMUNITY.

3

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

5

6 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, CELESTE KING THE FOURTH AND
7 I SPENT YEARS WITH SHERIFF BACA WORKING ON EXACTLY THESE
8 SUBJECTS. IT IS ACTUALLY A PREBIRTH TO PRISON PIPELINE, NOT
9 SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE. THAT IS FOR PEOPLE THAT DON'T
10 UNDERSTAND ANYTHING. WHAT YOU HAVE TO REALIZE IS THAT THESE
11 WOMEN, WHEN THEY'RE PREGNANT AND IN THIS PLACE -- AND THE JAIL
12 FOR WOMEN IS WORSE THAN THE TWIN TOWERS, I HEAR, PERSONALLY.
13 THAT THESE CHEMICALS OF FEAR AND SUCH ARE BEING PASSED THROUGH
14 THE BLOOD, INTO THE FETUS. AND WHILE THAT BRAIN IS FORMING, IT
15 IS LEARNING TO KNOW NOTHING BUT FEAR AND HATE. I SUGGEST THAT
16 YOU GET TOGETHER WITH SOME PEOPLE LIKE MELLO DESIRE, WHO
17 ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT THESE YOUTH. AND LET'S GET SOME ARTS FOR
18 THESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN INTO THESE JAILS, GET THEM SEPARATED
19 FROM GENERAL POPULATION BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CONDEMN
20 THE YOUTH UNBORN BECAUSE OF WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE MIGHT OR MIGHT
21 NOT HAVE DONE WHO IS BEING ILLEGALLY PROSECUTED BY THE D.A.
22 FOR MISDEMEANORS ON TOP OF THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **RICKY NG:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKY NG. I HAVE BEEN TO EVERY
2 PROGRAM AND SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES, FROM THE JUVENILE SYSTEM,
3 TO JUVENILE CAMPS, TO THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY, TO THE
4 PRISON SYSTEMS. YOU CANNOT TRUST THE MEDICAL FACULTY IN THE
5 PRISON SYSTEM OR ANY SYSTEM BECAUSE, WHILE IN AVENAL STATE
6 PRISON, I WAS GIVEN EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY. I WENT IN FOR
7 ORTHOSCOPIC SURGERY, AND I CAME OUT WITH MUCH MORE. SINCE
8 THEN, MY WORLD HAS BEEN ISOLATED AS I HAVE BEEN SLANDERED FROM
9 MY SON'S SCHOOL TO MY LIFE. AND THAT IS WHY I'M HOMELESSNESS.
10 I APPROACHED MR. RIDLEY -- MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AT A
11 GROUNDBREAKING ON -- AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR ON 6TH
12 STREET. AND I ASKED YOU ABOUT IT. AND I ASKED YOU DID YOU KNOW
13 OF ME. AND YOU SAID YES. AND I ASKED YOU, COULD YOU HELP ME.
14 AND YOU TOLD ME THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. THAT THIS HOUSING WAS
15 IMPORTANT. AND THAT YOU TOLD ME THAT I LOOKED GOOD IN SPITE OF
16 EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME. PLEASE HELP ME IF YOU GUYS
17 BELIEVE IN TRUTH AND JUSTICE AND HONESTY BECAUSE I REALLY NEED
18 HELP. THIS IS ONGOING RIGHT NOW. AND THE TECHNOLOGY IS
19 RAPING ME AND SODOMIZING ME IN FRONT OF MY FAMILY AND IN
20 PUBLIC. AND I HAVE FACTS. I'D RATHER BE CHALLENGED WITH A
21 POLYGRAPH.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE
24 MAYBE MEET YOU ON THE FRONT ROW?

25

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1 **RICKY NG:** MY ACCUSATIONS ARE TRUE AND FACT.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEBODY TODAY?

4

5 **RICKY NG:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, MAYBE SOMEONE COULD MEET HIM. OKAY,

8 WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOMEBODY MEET YOU DOWN IN THE FRONT ROW AND

9 YOU CAN SPEAK TO THEM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS PRECIOUS YOUNG. I

12 BELIEVE THAT THESE YOUNG LADIES, IN THE EVENT THAT THEY -- IF

13 THEY WERE TO GET PREGNANT AND HAD TO BE INCARCERATED, I

14 BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE ISOLATED AND SEPARATED FROM GENERAL

15 POPULATION AND ALSO TAKEN OUT OF THE JAIL ALTOGETHER AND PUT

16 INTO A PROGRAM OR SOME TYPE OF SEPARATE ENCLOSURE WHERE THEY

17 CAN GET THE PROPER COUNSELING AND THERAPY NEEDED AND ALSO TO

18 BE ABLE TO GET THE SERVICES TO HAVE A HEALTHY BABY AND LEARN

19 PARENTING SKILLS AND LEARN DIFFERENT THINGS TO HELP THEM COPE

20 AND NOT BE A REPEAT OFFENDER AND NOT BE PUT IN THAT SITUATION

21 AGAIN. I ALSO THINK THAT THE CHILDREN NEED OUTLETS OF ARTS,

22 AND PERFORMING ARTS, DIFFERENT CREATIVE INITIATIVES WHERE THEY

23 CAN AVOID THE SITUATION ALTOGETHER AND NOT HAVE TO BE

24 INCARCERATED AND NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THOSE THINGS BECAUSE

25 IF PERFORMING ARTS AND DIFFERENT THINGS ARE IN PLACE, THEY

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1 PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE GOT INTO TROUBLE TO BE PUT IN THAT
2 POSITION OF BEING PREGNANT AND INCARCERATED. SO, PLEASE
3 CONSIDER OTHER SERVICES.

4

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

6

7 **MARCEL FARMER:** OH, ALL RIGHTY. MY NAME IS MARCEL FARMER. I
8 WOKE UP THIS MORNING, THERE WAS A FIRE JUST BURNING INSIDE OF
9 ME. SO I JUST WROTE DOWN WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. BUILDED I THE
10 GREAT PYRAMID, PATTERNED AFTER THE PYRAMID OF EARTH FORCE,
11 BURNING INTERNALLY SO THAT IT TOO MIGHT REMAIN THROUGH THE
12 AGES. IN IT I BUILDED THE KNOWLEDGE OF MAGIC SCIENCE, SO THAT
13 I MIGHT BE HERE AGAIN WHEN I RETURN FROM AMENTI. I, WHILE I
14 SLEEP IN THE HALLS OF AMENTI, MY SOUL REMAINING FREE WILL
15 REINCARNATE, DWELL AMONGST MEN IN THIS FORM OR ANOTHER. HER
16 MAN'S THRICE. THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE YOU ALL ENTERTAINING THE THOUGHT AND
21 PUTTING IT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE IMPROVING AND ENDING THE
22 INCARCERATION OF PREGNANT GIRLS. AND I COMMEND THESE FOLKS AT
23 U.C.L.A. AND THAT YOUNG LADY THAT HAD THE COURAGE TO COME UP
24 AND SPEAK HER STORY BECAUSE I WOULD NOT HAVE. I WAS A FOSTER
25 MOM. I AM HOMELESS RIGHT NOW. YOU ALL KNOW MY SITUATION. I

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1 C.C. YOU ON MY E-MAILS. BUT I HAD SOME FOSTER CHILDREN WHO
2 WERE PREGNANT AND INCARCERATED. AND THIS EPIDEMIC NEEDS TO
3 STOP.

4

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

6

7 **DR. MELLO DESIRE:** DEAR MISS DESIRE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REQUEST
8 FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.
9 WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE KINGDOM WARRIORS FOUNDATION,
10 WHO SUPPORTS YOUTH DIVERSION PROJECTS SINCE 2014, IS NOT
11 RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. IT
12 APPEARS YOU SUBMITTED TWO SEPARATE PROPOSALS ON ONE REQUEST.
13 THERE IS ONE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY, A PROPOSAL
14 THAT WAS NOT FUNDED BY D.M.H., WHO YOUR ROCK STAR, JONATHAN
15 SHERIN, STILL HASN'T DONE ANYTHING FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN SOUTH
16 L.A. SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THE
17 DEGREE OF CURRENT COLLABORATION. HOW CAN WE DO THAT IF
18 KATHLEEN AUSTRIA IS COCK-BLOCKING US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY?
19 SO, I'M SAYING IF YOU GUYS ARE PUTTING AGENDAS TO HELP GIRLS
20 IN JAIL, TO HELP PROBATION, TO YOUTH IN THE STREETS, AND THEN
21 YOU GUYS SEND A LETTER OF DENIAL TO ME, WHO HAD A SOLUTION
22 SINCE 2013, IT IS HYPOCRITICAL. WE NEED TO STOP WASTING
23 TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS WITH THE BOGUS AGENDAS TO MAKE IT LOOK
24 GOOD. AND THEN BEHIND THE SCENES ON DECEMBER 4TH, WHICH WAS

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1 LAST WEEK, KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, THAT [EXPLETIVE] DECIDES TO SEND
2 ME THIS LETTER.

3

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

5

6 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, AS RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD PUT IT, I SEND YOU
7 THIS EMAIL CONCERNING THE DENIAL FOR YOUR YOUTH AND THE USE OF
8 YOUR PROGRAM. BUT ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS ON DECEMBER 6TH,
9 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS FOUND, BY ADVISORY OF COUNSEL, THAT
10 TODAY WE MISAPPROPRIATED \$300 MILLION OF MEASURE H WAS A
11 DENIAL. INCOMPETENCE AND ABUSE OF POWER, ABSOLUTELY. HOW? THE
12 BOARD, AS A WHOLE, DENIES FUNDING TO A SIMPLE SOLUTION AND
13 WASTE. WHY NOT HAVE THE INTERVENTION? WHY CAN'T WE START EARLY
14 INTERVENTION NOW BASED ON THE CRITICISM AND BIAS OF WHAT
15 YOU'VE HEARD NOW? THIS IS A EMAIL THROUGH MELLO DESIRE TO MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS. GET ON THE GAME, MR. THOMAS. YOU ARE DOING
17 NOTHING OTHER THAN TO SAVAGELY ABUSE YOUNG WOMEN AND
18 INCARCERATE THEM FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME TO DEAL WITH THE
19 SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH. THAT IS INCOMPETENT AND INCOHERENT
20 OF YOUR BEHAVIOR.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR.
25 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE BRINGING THE ISSUE OF

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1 PREGNANT YOUNG GIRLS, BUT WHAT IS GOING ON NOW IN THE JAIL
2 REALLY NEED YOUR ATTENTION. RIGHT NOW, THE SITUATION IS SO
3 BAD, YESTERDAY, ONE OF THE R.N. WHO WORKS IN THE JAIL SAID
4 MANY OF THE NURSES HAVE ACUTE P.T.S.D. THEY WORRY ABOUT THEIR
5 SAFETY. INMATES DON'T GET ANY MEDICATIONS THEY NEED. AND
6 ESPECIALLY IS WHAT I'LL IMPRESS, AND YOU'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH
7 PREGNANT WOMAN, OUR CITIES IN THE L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE A LOT
8 OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS AND SO ON. BUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING, IF
9 IT IS NOT ENFORCED, IS USELESS. AND AS IT IS TODAY, PEOPLE ARE
10 NOT GETTING THEIR MEDS. I TOLD ALREADY THAT TO YOU TWO OR
11 THREE TIMES. MANY OF THE NURSES, THEY WANT HEALTH TO GO BACK
12 TO THE SHERIFF. TAKE IT AWAY FOR D.H.S.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, WE HAVE ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED
19 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF
20 THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS TO A A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
21 ORDER. OKAY. SO, THAT IS THE ORDER. ITEM 13, THIS WAS HELD BY
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OPENING COMMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I APPRECIATE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS ITEM. SOME OF YOU ARE AWARE OF MY

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1 BROTHER'S KEEPERS CHALLENGE. IT WAS CAMPAIGN THAT WAS LAUNCHED
2 BY THEN PRESIDENT OBAMA BACK IN 2014 THAT CALLS ON OUR LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP PLANS THAT WOULD CLOSE EXISTING
4 EDUCATIONAL AND OPPORTUNITY GAPS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN OF
5 COLOR. LOS ANGELES COUNTY JOINED THE MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
6 CHALLENGE BACK IN 2015, DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A SET OF
7 RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THESE
8 YOUNG BOYS AND YOUNG MEN OF COLOR. TO DATE, THE COUNTY'S
9 M.B.K. INITIATIVE HAS DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING EFFORTS. A NEW
10 UNIT, YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT, WAS CREATED. A
11 COUNTYWIDE EFFORT WAS CREATED TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEES TO MENTOR
12 YOUTH THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS. AND OVER 50 YOUTH HAVE
13 PARTICIPATED IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BRIDGES PROGRAM,
14 FACILITATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. AND BACK IN
15 APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE OBAMA FOUNDATION'S M.B.K. ALLIANCE
16 PROGRAM LAUNCHED THE M.B.K. COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COMPETITION TO
17 HELP ACCELERATE THE IMPACT FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN OF COLOR.
18 LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION SERVED AS OUR LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S APPLICATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
20 M.B.K. INITIATIVES, THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE CENTER FOR
22 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS. THE APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTED MUCH OF
23 THE WORK TAKING PLACE IN OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING THE EFFORTS
24 THAT I JUST MENTIONED. IN NOVEMBER OF 2018, LOS ANGELES WAS
25 SELECTED BY THE OBAMA FOUNDATION AS ONE OF THE 10 IMPACT

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1 COMMUNITIES. WE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST AWARD IN THE M.B.K.
2 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COMPETITION. THE GRANT PROVIDES \$425,000
3 IN FUNDING FOR OVER TWO YEARS FROM THE OBAMA FOUNDATION TO
4 HELP JUMP-START INITIATIVES AND TO HELP BUILD UPON WHAT WE
5 HAVE BEGUN HERE IN THE COUNTY, TO BUILD OUT CAPACITY, SUPPORT
6 EVALUATION, AND ATTRACT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND NEW PARTNERS.
7 IN L.A. COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS ALSO
8 STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE BY EXCEEDING THEIR PLEDGE TO MATCH A
9 PORTION OF THE FUND'S \$425,000 AWARD THAT WE'RE GIVEN WITH
10 \$575,000 OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD TO HELP EXPAND TRAUMA
11 RESPONSIVE SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTIONS. TOGETHER, THE AMOUNTS
12 TOTAL MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS TOWARD THIS VERY
13 UNIQUE PROGRAM. IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND
14 ESPECIALLY YOUNG MEN OF COLOR IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR NEXT
15 GENERATION, FOR THEIR FAMILIES, FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND FOR
16 SOCIETY. THIS AWARD SHOWS WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN L.A.
17 COUNTY PARTNERS, COUPLED WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, WORK TO
18 IMPROVE OUTCOMES AND USE IT IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE.
19 ENSURING EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON HAS AN EQUAL SHOT AT A
20 GOOD EDUCATION, A CAREER, AND HOPE IS WHAT WE INTEND ON DOING.
21 I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR SUBMITTING SUCH A STRONG
22 APPLICATION. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY FORMER EMPLOYER,
23 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, AND HIS FOUNDATION, FOR GRANTING THIS
24 AWARD. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION,
25 WHICH SERVES AS THE LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY APPLICATION, THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
2 D.M.H., THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALL OF THE
3 PARTNERS IN L.A. COUNTY M.B.K. INITIATIVE, INCLUDING THE
4 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY'S DIVISION OF YOUTH DIVERSION
5 AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, SOCIAL JUSTICE
6 LEARNING INSTITUTE, COMMUNITY COALITION, LEADERS UP, COMBER
7 GIRLS IN ACTION, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, ARTS FOR
8 INCARCERATED YOUTH NETWORK, INNER CITY STRUGGLE, URBAN PEACE
9 INSTITUTE, AND THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA. AND
10 LASTLY, THE ANTI ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. MADAM CHAIR, I'M
11 PROUD TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS. WE HAVE A LIST. AND
12 WE HAVE OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS HERE WHO MAY WANT TO --

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE START WITH OUR DEPARTMENT
15 HEADS. DR. SHERIN, WELCOME.

16

17 **JONATHAN SHERIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND
18 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS REALLY IMPORTANT MOTION.
19 AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE FULL BOARD SUPPORT. THIS IS REALLY AN
20 EXAMPLE OF US BEING PROACTIVE IN MITIGATING DISPROPORTIONATE
21 TRAUMA AND LEVERAGING SCHOOLS AS WELL AS MENTORSHIP MODELS TO
22 INTERVENE. THIS APPROACH WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, NOT
23 JUST ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF TRAUMATIZED INDIVIDUALS, BUT
24 THEIR SUCCESS IN LIFE AND THE WELL-BEING IN COMMUNITY. THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS HONORED TO PARTNER IN THIS

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1 COLLECTIVE EFFORT BECAUSE IT TAKES A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO
2 ADDRESS COMPLEX SOCIAL ISSUES. WE WANT TO EXPRESS PARTICULAR
3 APPRECIATION TO THE OBAMA FOUNDATION, TO LIBERTY HILL, TO THE
4 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, ALSO TO OUR C.E.O., OFFICE OF
5 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, AND CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS.
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO THE REST OF YOU WANT TO SAY
9 SOMETHING?

10

11 **PETER ESPINOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
12 HAVING ME HERE. MY NAME IS PETER ESPINOZA. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
13 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. AS THE BOARD KNOWS QUITE
14 WELL, OUR WORK FALLS INTO TWO GENERAL BUCKETS WHEN IT COMES
15 TO YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT IS THE
16 ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF DIVERTING 2/3 OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE
17 CURRENTLY BEING ARRESTED AND BROUGHT INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
18 SYSTEM BEFORE THAT EVENT OCCURS. THE SECOND BUCKET OF WORK IS
19 OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORK, INTENDED TO REACH YOUNG PEOPLE
20 BEFORE THEY COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
21 SYSTEM, TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL DEFICIENCIES AND OTHER
22 FACTORS THAT PUT THEM AT RISK FOR EDUCATIONAL FAILURE. THE
23 INTERSECTION OF EDUCATIONAL FAILURE AND INCLUSION IN THE
24 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, JUVENILE JUSTICE/ CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS
25 UNDENIABLE, WHICH IS WHY THIS WORK IS CRITICAL. AND THE BOARD

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1 RECOGNIZES THAT. THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
2 LEARNING INSTITUTE WILL USE THIS FUNDING TO EXPAND THEIR
3 SCHOOL BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM TO SERVICE PRIMARILY YOUNG
4 BOYS OF COLOR AND TO INCREASE THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. THE
5 WISDOM OF THIS COLLABORATION BETWEEN O.D.R.'S YOUTH
6 DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION DIVISION WILL ALLOW THE PARTNERS TO
7 LEVERAGE OUR CONTRACTING DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THE D.M.H. MATCH
8 -- WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. SHERIN FOR THAT MATCH -- BE
9 DIRECTED MORE EASILY TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT
10 WILL BE DOING THIS WORK, THUS ANCHORING THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN
11 SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **VINCENT HOLMES:** SO, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS VINCENT HOLMES, AND I'M
17 WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHERE I COORDINATE THE
18 COUNTY'S MY BROTHER'S KEEPER INITIATIVE. AS HAS BEEN
19 PREVIOUSLY STATED, IN 2016, YOUR BOARD LAUNCHED THE COUNTY'S
20 M.B.K. EFFORTS AND DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH
21 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A HOST OF EFFORTS AIMED AT IMPROVING
22 THE OUTCOMES OF BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR. AS A RESULT THE ACTIONS
23 YOUR BOARD TOOK IN 2016, L.A. COUNTY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
24 LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND
25 A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER PARTNERS, BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTY AND

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1 OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY, WERE MOST COMPETITIVELY ABLE TO APPLY
2 FOR AND BE AWARDED THIS OBAMA FOUNDATION M.B.K. COMMUNITY
3 CHALLENGE GRANT. THIS GRANT WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE SERVICES TO
4 -- TO THE SCHOOL-BASED EFFORTS, BUT IT ALSO HELP BUILD THE
5 CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DO YOUTH
6 DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT WORK. IT WILL ALSO BE VERY HELPFUL
7 IN ATTRACTING PRIVATE DOLLARS TO REALLY ASSIST WITH OTHER
8 YOUTH JUSTICE RELATED EFFORTS. THE IMPACT OF THE GRANT IS
9 REALLY EXPONENTIALLY INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE PLEDGE OF
10 \$575,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THOSE MATCHING
11 FUNDS. AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THOSE FUNDS ARE GOING
12 TO REALLY HELP TO EXPAND TRAUMA RESPONSIVE SCHOOL-BASED
13 INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE REALLY HELPFUL IN MOVING YOUNG PEOPLE
14 AWAY FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, IN WORKING WITH THEM IN SCHOOL
15 SETTINGS, SO THAT THEY NEVER HAVE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH OUR
16 JUSTICE SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH. AND THIS MOTION REALLY SETS THE
17 STAGE FOR THE COUNTY'S NEW YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT
18 UNIT TO OPERATIONALIZE THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT OF ITS
19 TITLE. THE RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT PROGRAMING THAT ADDRESSES
20 TRAUMA IN YOUNG PEOPLE INCREASES THEIR ABILITY TO POSITIVELY
21 PROGRESS THROUGH SCHOOLS AND LESSENS THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH
22 ANTISOCIAL AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR. THIS IS REALLY WORKING
23 TOWARDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORK. SO, WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT
24 THE MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO YOUR BOARD IN

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1 THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS OTHER M.B.K. RELATED EFFORTS THAT
2 ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US THIS AFTERNOON.
5 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE INVITED SPEAKERS.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD DAVID TURNER AND KEN MENDOZA PLEASE
8 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OVER 15 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP. WE WILL
11 ALSO GIVE ONE MINUTE TO EACH OF THEM. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **DAVID TURNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAVID TURNER. I AM
14 THE MANAGER OF THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES COALITION AND A
15 REPRESENTATIVE OF INNER CITY STRUGGLE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
16 THE COUNTY AND OUR FOUNDATION PARTNERS FOR WORKING ON THIS
17 ISSUE AND OF COURSE THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS. I SIT HERE IN
18 FRONT OF YOU WITH ONE COUSIN CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AND THE
19 ONLY MEMBER OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO NOT BE INCARCERATED.
20 THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT I'M INHERENTLY BETTER. BUT THIS IS TO
21 SAY THAT FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE PRIVILEGED PUNISHMENT BEFORE
22 PEOPLE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN HISTORY,
23 A MOMENT THAT CAN BEGIN TO CORRECT PAST INJUSTICES AND MOVE US
24 MORE TOWARD RACIAL EQUITY. I HAVE BEEN A BENEFICIARY OF
25 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WORKED TO BUILD ME AND INVEST IN

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1 WHO I AM. AND IF WE MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS, WE CAN MOVE IN THE
2 RIGHT DIRECTION. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US
3 TO EXPAND THE WORK OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE BOYS AND MEN OF
4 COLOR. AND IF WE WANT RACE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES, WE'RE GOING TO
5 NEED RACE SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS AND SOLUTIONS. A YES VOTE ON
6 AGENDA ITEM 13 WILL WILL HELP US AND WILL HELP TO MOVE OUR
7 WORK FORWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND PLEASE VOTE YES.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. CALL
10 THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS UP.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
13 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? AHMIR BATES, ANTHONY
14 ROBLES, ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, HERMAN HERMAN,
15 JOSHUA HAM, PRECIOUS YOUNG, RED CHIEF HUNT, REV. DR. MELLO
16 DESIRE, RONALDO VILLEDA, AND SHEILA WARD. PLEASE COME FORWARD
17 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

20

21 **AHMIR BATES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AHMIR BATES. I'M A
22 MEMBER CURRENTLY OF THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES COALITION. I'M
23 A GRADUATE FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE LEARNING INSTITUTE. AND FOR
24 ABOUT 10 YEARS NOW, I HAVE BEEN WITH LIBERTY HILL YOUTH. YOU
25 JUST HERE FROM MY MENTOR, DAVID TURNER. MY EXPERIENCE WITH

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1 THESE PROGRAMS, IT IS THE ONLY REASON I'M IN COLLEGE RIGHT
2 NOW. I'M A JORDAN WINGS SCHOLAR BECAUSE OF THEM. THEY HAVE
3 PUSHED ME THROUGH COLLAGE. I AM A STUDENT NOW AT MILES
4 COLLEGE. THE HAVE PRESSED ME TO PURSUE MY BUSINESS. I'M A
5 PHOTOGRAPHER NOW. WITHOUT ANY OF THESE THINGS, I WOULD BE IN
6 JAIL WITH MY UNCLE RIGHT NOW. HE'S BEEN LIKE ALMOST MY SECOND
7 FATHER. AND WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM, I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I WOULD
8 BE, PERIOD. SO, PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS. I'M A PRODUCT OF
9 EVERYTHING THEY'VE PUT INTO ME. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD. I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE TWO
14 MINUTES. I WANTED TO SAY MORE. BUT I WILL KEEP IT SHORT. AFTER
15 BEING RELEASED FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOUR AND A
16 HALF YEARS AGO, IN 2014, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE HOW
17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS REALLY DO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR
18 YOUTH. I FEEL THAT, FOR SO MANY YEARS, WE WERE TRYING TO DO
19 MANY THINGS TO FIGURE THIS ISSUE AND HOW TO REALLY ADDRESS
20 THE NEEDS OF THESE YOUTH WHO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND FOR SO
21 MANY YEARS, WE WERE FAILING THEM. I FEEL LIKE RIGHT NOW, IT'S
22 LIKE WE HAVE LIKE A PORTAL THAT IT IS THERE TEMPORARY. AND WE
23 NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT PORTAL THAT TO LITERALLY GET
24 EVERYTHING DONE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND WHO BEST TO DO THIS
25 THAN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS? THEY LITERALLY UNDERSTAND

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1 THESE PEOPLE. I SAY THIS BECAUSE, WHEN I COME HOME, I CAME
2 HOME TO A.R.C. WHO SUPPORTED ME AND PROVIDED ME WITH EVERY
3 SINGLE RESOURCE THAT MADE ME THE PERSON I AM TODAY. NOW I WORK
4 FOR THIS ORGANIZATION. I AM ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY.
5 I FEEL THAT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE WAY TO DO
6 IT. LET'S CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH AND SPEND THE MONEY
7 WHERE IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE SPENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAVE A
8 GREAT DAY.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **JOSHUA HAM:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSHUA HAM. I'M THE (INAUDIBLE)
13 COORDINATOR FOR THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES COALITION. I'M
14 FROM SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE.
15 IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH. WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF THESE
16 BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH SUFFER FROM A LOT OF ANCESTRAL TRAUMA
17 THAT HAVE BEEN TRICKLED DOWN FROM SLAVERY AND A LOT OF
18 OPPRESSION THAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE ME AND
19 PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE MY COUNTERPARTS. IT IS TIME TO HEAL.
20 IT'S TIME TO BE LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE AND LOVE ON THESE
21 YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM ACCESS TO PROGRAMS, TO MENTAL AND
22 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. WE KNOW THE TYPE OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE
23 SUFFER WITH. I HAD COUNTERPARTS AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND
24 PARENTS WHO WAS ON CRACK, DRUGS, AND ALL TYPE OF THINGS LIKE
25 THAT. AND I'M TIRED OF OUR PEOPLE BEING STATISTICS AND BEING

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1 SEEN LIKE WE NEED TO BE CRADLED AND HELPED. AND IT IS TIME FOR
2 US TO REALLY HEAL AS PEOPLE. EVERYTHING WILL HAVE TO HAVE
3 MONEY TIED TO IT. AS PEOPLE, WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR HEARTS AND
4 BE COMPASSIONATE, BE PATIENT, BE RESILIENT, AND MAKE SURE THAT
5 WE LOVE ON ONE ANOTHER, MAKE SURE I'M ABLE TO LEAN ON MY
6 BROTHER. MY BROTHER WAS A SUBJECT TO THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. 11
7 YEARS HE SERVED IN PRISON. AND HE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO THESE
8 PROGRAMS. AND NOW, I'M A PRODUCT, AS YOU SEE MY OTHER
9 COUNTERPARTS ARE A PRODUCT OF IT. IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE. IT IS
10 2018 NOW, AND PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING INCARCERATED, KILLED, AND
11 STUFF LIKE THAT. SO, LET'S GET BACK TO LOVE AND COMPASSION.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **RONALDO VILLEDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. IT IS A PLEASURE
17 TO BE HERE TODAY AS IT IS MY FIRST TIME GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT.
18 MY NAME IS RONALDO VILLEDA. AND I'M 21 YEARS OLD. TWO MONTHS
19 AGO, I WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL AFTER SERVING A FOUR-YEAR
20 SENTENCE. SINCE THEN, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ANTI-
21 RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE MY MENTOR, KENT
22 MENDOZA, BROUGHT ME ALONG AND BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT OUR YOUTH.
23 THIS MOTION RESONATES WITH ME BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED THIS
24 EXPERIENCE. I BELIEVE IN ORDER TO PREVENT YOUTH FROM ENTERING
25 THE SYSTEM AND BECOMING JUSTICE INVOLVED, IT TAKES COMMUNITY-

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1 BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DIVERT THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF
2 COLOR. WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT, WE CAN COLLECTIVELY PREVENT
3 YOUTH FROM HAVING TO EXPERIENCE WHAT I DID FOR THE PAST FOUR
4 YEARS. EDUCATION IS SOMETHING WHICH ALLOWED ME TO FIND MYSELF
5 AND EMPOWERED ME TO SPEAK FOR MY PEERS WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR
6 THEMSELVES. WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT FROM MY COMMUNITY AND
7 THERAPIST, I WOULD HAVE NEVER OVERCOME MY ADVERSITY. I
8 STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION AND TAKE A STEP IN
9 THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO HELP INVEST AND SAVE THE LIVES OF THE
10 YOUTH IN OUR L.A. COUNTY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU,
11 AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL DONE FOR YOUR FIRST TIME.
14 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MISS DESIRE.

15
16 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO I HOLD BEHIND ME, THE ANTHONY J.
17 WEBBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS. HE WAS GUNNED DOWN BY SHERIFFS
18 IN THE VERY SAME APARTMENT COMPLEX I STILL LIVE IN TODAY.
19 THESE THREE OFFICERS ARE SHOT 13 TIMES, NONE OF THEM KILLED
20 THEM. SO I WISH THIS AGENDA ON M.B.K. FUNDING OR RESOURCES
21 WERE THERE TO HELP ANTHONY WEBBER AS WELL AS ANTHONY VARGAS,
22 TAVIN PRICE, HANNAH BELL, MARIONE AND MONJA JACKSON, JUST TO
23 NAME A FEW. I'M OUT THERE IN THE STREETS. AND I'M FILLING OUT
24 PROPOSALS, WRITING PROPOSALS LEFT AND RIGHT, LEFT AND RIGHT,
25 D.M.H., CAL MESA. DR. JONATHAN SHERIN, THIS IS THE CLOSEST I

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1 EVER GOT TO YOU IN HAVING A CONVERSATION AND RESOLUTIONS FOR
2 OUR KIDS IN SOUTH L.A. I KNOW YOU SAID YOU ARE DOING ENOUGH,
3 BUT IF I'M NOT BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, AND I'M CONSTANTLY
4 BURYING THESE KIDS, IT IS DUE DILIGENCE TO HAVE A SIT DOWN TO
5 ME SO WE CAN GIVE SOLUTIONS AND STOP WASTING D.M.H. DOLLARS
6 AND TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS THROUGH MEASURE H ON STRATEGIC
7 ALLIANCES WITHOUT EVEN GIVING IT TO THE PEOPLE. WE ARE TIRED.
8 I THANK YOU FOR THIS AGENDA, BUT IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING US TO
9 THE TABLE TO ACTUALLY HELP OUR BLACK, BROWN BOYS AND GIRLS IN
10 SOUTH L.A., WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR SOLUTIONS FROM YOU. BRING US
11 TO THE TO THE TABLE SO WE CAN TELL YOU HOW TO FIX IT.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU
14 NEED TO CALL ONE MORE PERSON?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD ALLISON ALLISON PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

20

21 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS PRECIOUS YOUNG. I BELIEVE
22 THIS INITIATIVE IS A GOOD ONE. AND I ALSO THINK THAT A LOT OF
23 THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE PROVIDING IS WONDERFUL FOR THE YOUTH
24 AND THE CHILDREN. AND I ALSO THINK THAT, BECAUSE I HAVE TWO
25 SONS, AND I WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO EVENTUALLY GET IN THIS

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1 PROGRAM AND LEARN HOW TO THRIVE AND BE ABLE TO SUCCEED FROM
2 HAVING THIS INITIATIVE AND HAVING THESE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS
3 AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM BECOME GREAT MEN AND LEARN HOW TO DO
4 THINGS CORRECTLY AND BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE IN THEIR
5 COMMUNITY. I ALSO THINK THAT HAVING THESE INITIATIVES AND
6 GIVING THESE YOUNG BOYS AN OUTLET AND CERTAIN THINGS TO DO IS
7 GREAT AND THAT IT WILL MAKE BETTER MEN AND LEADERS OF OUR
8 COMMUNITY. AND BE ABLE TO HAVE -- GIVE THEM SOMETHING POSITIVE
9 TO DO SO THEY CAN HAVE AN OUTLET AND BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR
10 GREATNESS.

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A WHOLE HOST OF ISSUES THAT YOU ALL HEARD
15 HERE TODAY. IT IS GOING TO TAKE DIVINE INTERVENTION TO FIX
16 THEM. I APPRECIATE YOU ALL HAVING THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA. I
17 LOST A BROTHER AT 15 YEARS OLD TO GANG VIOLENCE. I LOST A
18 COUPLE OF FAMILY MEMBERS TO SERIAL MURDERS AND RAPES. BUT THIS
19 IS A GOOD THING HERE ON THE AGENDA. BUT AS DR. MELLO
20 MENTIONED, BRING PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND HERSELF TO THE TABLE
21 SO YOU COULD GET THINGS FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE. I KNOW WE SOUND
22 ANGRY. WE ARE. BUT IT COMES FROM HURT. IT COMES FROM PAIN. IT
23 COMES FROM THE LACK OF TREATMENT. RIGHT NOW, OUR -- MY SON'S
24 CONTINUITY OF CARE IS BEING HELD UP. HI DR. SHERIN. I THINK
25 DR. SHERIN IS TRYING TO COME CLEAN SOME THINGS UP THAT WERE

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1 LEFT PREVIOUSLY WHEN DR. SUTHERS WAS IN HERE. ANYWAY, IF WE
2 COULD GET QUASHINE'S PAPERWORK GOING WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND
3 OUT OF --

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, TO MOST PEOPLE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR
8 RIGHTS. BUT 42U.S.C. 1983 GIVES ME AN EXCEPTION. I AM MY
9 BROTHER'S KEEPER, BUT MORE SO MS. MELLO DESIRE. SHE'S PUT
10 EVERY EFFORT TO CORRECT AND ASK OF ASSISTANCE, AND YET NOT ONE
11 OF OBAMA'S FANTASTIC [EXPLETIVE] LEADERS HAS COME IN TO SIT
12 DOWN WITH HER AND SUPPORT HER ACTIONS. NOW I HAVE TO USE
13 INTENSIFIERS TO AMPLIFY WHY MISS MELLO DESIRE, WHO IS PROBABLY
14 THE BEST PROACTIVE ADVOCATE IN HER COMMUNITY, OUR COMMUNITY,
15 THE BROWN, THE BLACK, AND THE [EXPLETIVE] POOR. AND WE WANT
16 THAT ACTION. SO YOU SHOW US BY TRUTH IF YOU'RE GOING TO SIT
17 DOWN WITH HER AND ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WANTS TO GIVE
18 YOU INFORMATION TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM. OTHERWISE, I'LL KEEP
19 COMING IN AS MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THESE ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT
22 HAVE BEEN CALLED?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE'VE CALLED ALL THE SPEAKERS, MADAM
25 CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE ITEM 13 BEFORE US.

3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS
4 REMARKS.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE WITNESSES
7 AND PEOPLE WHO CAME UP TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THIS INITIATIVE.
8 I REALLY DO THINK IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK AND A LOT OF HOW WE
9 SAY IN SPANISH, CORAZON, HEART, FOR PEOPLE TO REALLY GET
10 INVOLVED AND UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT AND FAR-REACHING A
11 PROPOSAL LIKE THIS CAN TAKE THE COUNTY. SO, I WANT TO THANK
12 ALL OUR PARTNERS AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT
13 CAME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF AND IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. THANK
14 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, ITEM 13 IS NOW BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS MOVES, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S
18 NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE. THAT WILL BE
19 THE ORDER. NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE
20 BOARD.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
23 TIME TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE
25 SUPERVISORS. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME

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1 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? MARCEL FARMER HAS REQUESTED TO
2 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON TIMES 1, 8, 7, 10, 20, 33, 34, 36, AND
3 37. ALLISON ALLISON REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 4.
4 ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2, 4,
5 7, 8, 10, 16, 18, 20, 21, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, CS1. SHEILA
6 WARD HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1H, 1, 2, 4,
7 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34,
8 36, 37, 38. PRECIOUS YOUNG HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
9 ON ITEMS 4, 7, 33. ANTONIO RAMIREZ HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS
10 THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1H, 4, 7, 10, 20, 26. RED CHIEF HUNT HAS
11 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1H, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9,
12 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37,
13 38. GEORGE BUZZETTI HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
14 ITEMS 7, 18, 27, 33. VICTOR TRUJILLO ON ITEMS 7, 10, 20. RICKY
15 NG ON ITEMS 1H AND 7. ANTHONY ROBLES ON ITEMS 10, 20, AND 25.
16 DR. MELLO DESIRE HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS
17 1H, 4, 7, AND 13. KEN MCGILL ON ITEMS 25. DR. GENEVIEVE
18 CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1H, 1, 4,
19 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, 26, 27, 29, 33, AND CS1. AND HERMAN HERMAN
20 HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1H, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8,
21 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37,
22 AND 38.

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LORD HAVE MERCY. HI, ERIC.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, FINE. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY,
2 THIRD DISTRICT. I APPRECIATE THE TIME. THERE IS A ITEM TO
3 ADJUST CONTRACTS THAT BEACHES AND HARBORS HAVE THAT ARE LESS
4 THAN 7500 IT USED TO BE. AND WE WERE DOING BAD ONES. IN YOUR
5 DISTRICT, WE WERE PICKING UP THE COSTS OF AMERICAN GOLF'S
6 PARKING LOT. BUT NOT FOR BEACHES AND HARBOR, BUT HERE WE'RE
7 LOSING THE \$7500. SO IT LOOKS LIKE ANY CONTRACTS ON THE
8 BEACHES. AND THAT IS A PROBLEM AS WE PUSH THROUGH THE WOLFGANG
9 PUCK EARLY NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT AND OTHER THINGS BECAUSE WE
10 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SUPERVISING THINGS. AND I WILL
11 SAY, ABOUT EARLY NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS, THERE IS NO BIGGER
12 CHAMPION THAT I CAN THINK OF THAN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
13 RICHARD BRUCKNER, WHO TOGETHER WERE WORKING DILIGENTLY DOWN
14 HERE IN VIOLATION OF THE HOLD BACK ON DEPARTMENT HEADS
15 LOBBYING AT THE COUNTY. THAT'S (INAUDIBLE) IS EXCELLENT.
16 CHIRPING RIGHT UP INTO THE CHAIR'S EAR SO SHE DOESN'T HEAR IT.
17 IN ANY CASE, WE GOT TO DO AWAY WITH THAT STUFF. THERE WAS AN
18 EARLY NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT, VERY SIMILAR, PUSHED INTO OFFICE
19 YESTERDAY OR INTO EFFECT WHERE MITCHELL ENGLANDER, WHO RAN FOR
20 COUNTY SUPERVISOR FIVE, LOST BADLY TO THE GENIUS. AND WAS
21 TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH A.E.G., J.W. MARRIOTT \$97 MILLION
22 FEASIBILITY GAP. THAT MEANS THEY CAN'T GET IT DONE WITHOUT ONE
23 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER FUNDS. SO, THEY'RE PUSHING
24 IT THROUGH NOW. HE'S LEAVING TO BE A LOBBYIST FOR TIM LEWICKI,
25 WHO IS NOT A.E.G. SO IT IS TOTALLY LEGAL. BUT IT'S TOTALLY

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1 INAPPROPRIATE AS WELL, ISN'T IT? AND THAT MONEY SHOULD NOT BE
2 MARCHED OUT THE DOOR TO FEED THE L.A. LIVE FOLKS AT ALL. PATTY
3 GIGGINS DESERVES A BIG FAT THANK YOU FROM SHEILA KUEHL. THAT'S
4 WHAT SHE'S GETTING TODAY IN THIS MOTION TO DO A FIVE SIGNATURE
5 LETTER ABOUT WOMEN AND VIOLENCE. PATTY HIGGINS IS A FIGHTER
6 FOR THE WOMEN AND FOR, I THINK IT'S CALLED, PEACE OVER
7 VIOLENCE. THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. SHE NEEDS
8 TO MAKE GOOD ON HER JOB OVER AT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
9 ON JAILS, WHICH IS TO NIX, AND I WANT TO USE THE OFFICIAL
10 TERM, THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT. WE'RE GOING TO NIX IT BECAUSE IT
11 IS ABHORRENT TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO'S LAUGHING, WHICH IS
12 NOT BECAUSE IT IS FUNNY TO INCARCERATE WOMEN. I CAN ASSURE
13 YOU OF THAT. NOW, IN TERMS OF VEHICLES, I APPRECIATE THAT
14 WE'RE PICKING UP THE COST OF PARKING FOR FOLKS ALL OVER THE
15 PLACE. AND I APPRECIATE ALSO THAT WE POST "L.A. TIMES"
16 REWARDS FOR FOLKS SO WE CAN CATCH CRIMINALS. I MUST TELL YOU,
17 WHEN WE PAY OUT -- WE'VE NEVER PAID OUT, OR VERY RARELY DO WE
18 PAY OUT A REWARD. HERE WE DID OUT A REWARD. AND THERE IS JUST
19 SOMETHING A TEENY BIT WEIRD ABOUT HOW WE RE-UPPED THE THING
20 JUST A MONTH OR TWO AGO. THIS WAS AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED A
21 COUPLE YEARS AGO. SO, IT REALLY IS -- IT STRAINS THE
22 CREDULITY. NOW IN TERMS OF I THINK I MENTIONED A.C.O.M.
23 THEY'RE, AGAIN, A CONSULTANT. BUT THIS IS THE CONSULTANT THAT
24 HAS DONE OUR AIRPORT, OUR JAIL, OUR -- THEY SWAPPED WITH VANIR
25 BRIEFLY. THIS IS WAY TOO CLOSE. IT IS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE TO

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1 GO IN THAT DIRECTION. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU NEED GO IN THAT
2 DIRECTION. I WOULD DECOUPLE THEM FROM THE ITEM OF
3 CONSULTATION.

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

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OKAY. 18, IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT REALLY
8 NEEDS TO BE UPPED THE ANTE HERE, THAT IS REWARDS ON HOMICIDES
9 AND KILLINGS. THERE IS NOTHING MORE DEVASTATING THAN THAT. I
10 AM DEALING WITH A PERSON RIGHT NOW WHO WASN'T KILLED. HE WAS
11 MANAGING A CLUB. SOME NEO-NAZIS COME IN. HE GETS COLD COCKED
12 FROM THE BACK, HIT HERE. IT CRUSHES HIS SKULL. HIS EYE FALLS
13 OUT. GOES TO CEDARS SINAI, THEY CUT OFF THE BLOOD. NOW HE HAS
14 GOT NO EYE. THIS IS A GUY TATTED FROM HERE TO HERE. YOU DIG?
15 ONE OF THOSE KIND OF GUYS. NOW HIS WHOLE PERSONALITY IS
16 DESTROYED. HE CHECKS HIMSELF INTO ONE-YEAR MENTAL HEALTH
17 HOSPITALS WILLINGLY. AND WHAT DOES HE OBSERVE IN THERE, WORSE
18 THAN I SAW IN YOUR TRASH PIT! HE'S SUPPOSED TO GO TO COURT TO
19 TESTIFY. HE'S HIDING UNDER THE BED. YOU KNOW, THERE'S
20 SOMETHING WRONG. SHERIN, I'M SENDING HIM TO PRISON. AND THAT
21 BLACK HAired LADY WITH THAT GUY, THAT WOMAN, YOU TOOK HER
22 ADVICE TO HAVE ME ARRESTED. SHE PERJURED HERSELF IN COURT. DO
23 YOU HEAR ME? SHE'S GOING TO JAIL. AND YOUR LADY LINDA HERE,
24 AND THIS WITCH, YOU'RE GONE TOO, LADY. IF WE HAVE ANY RULE OF
25 LAW HERE BECAUSE IN PUBLIC COMMENT YOU'RE GETTING THE WAY I'M

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1 PLAYING WITH YOU. AND THAT IS WHAT IS CALLED A CLUSTER F. XXX.
2 OKAY? THAT IS PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST EVERY AGENCY. YOU ARE
3 LATE GIVING ME MY PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST. YOU ARE LAW
4 BREAKERS HERE. YOUR D.A. IS A YEAR LATE. YOUR PUBLIC DEFENDER
5 CAN'T ANSWER. YOUR D.P.S.S. CAN'T ANSWER. YOU'RE LAW BREAKERS,
6 AND YOU ARE GOING TO PAY THE PRICE. IN FACT --

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** HERE'S THE P.I.R. WHO TAKES THIS GARBAGE
11 HERE?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE IT.

14

15 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YEAH, YOU'LL TAKE IT. AND YOU'RE GOING TO
16 RESPOND TO IT IN LEGAL TIME. THAT IS 10 BUSINESS DAYS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GEORGE. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **RICKY NG:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKY NG. I ALWAYS FELT THAT I HAD
21 THE CHOICE OF FREEDOM REGARDLESS OF WHAT I DID WHEN IN HONESTY
22 AND TRUTH. WHEN WE SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND THEN WE
23 SAID A PRAYER, I MEAN IT ONLY APPLIES IF EVERYONE TELLS THE
24 TRUTH. EACH DAY, I TEACH MY SON TO ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH NO
25 MATTER WHAT. I SAID EVEN IF YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG, TELL THE

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1 TRUTH. AND IT TAKES THE VALIDITY OF WHAT YOU DID TO BE HONEST
2 AND SINCERE THAT YOU MADE A MISTAKE. I KNOW EVERYONE HERE
3 TEACHES THEIR KIDS TO TELL THE TRUTH. BUT DO YOU TEACH YOUR
4 KIDS TO HAVE A FILTER ON IT TO WHEN TO APPLY IT OR TO WHO TO
5 APPLY IT TO? IT IS LIKE WE'RE BACK IN SLAVERY AGAIN. YOU KNOW,
6 I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH THAT I HAD EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY. I'M
7 TELLING THE TRUTH THAT I HAD SEVERAL MORE PROCEDURES THROUGH
8 CEDARS SINAI HOSPITAL WITH DR. STEVENS. I'M TELLING THE TRUTH
9 THAT I WAS SODOMIZED THROUGH INVISIBLE STUFF, AS CRAZY AS IT
10 SOUNDS. BUT LIKE I SAY, THIS IS NOT HEARSAY OR ACCUSATIONS.
11 THESE ARE FACTS. AND I DARE ANY ONE OF YOU TO CHALLENGE ME ON
12 A POLYGRAPH. AND LET ME PICK OUT OFFICIALS TO SAY DO THEY KNOW
13 BECAUSE I KNOW THE ONES THAT KNOW. THAT IS THE SAME REASON WHY
14 I STOPPED WHEN HE WAS DOING THE GROUND BREAKING BECAUSE THE
15 FEDS WAS POINTING ME OUT, MOCKING ME, LAUGHING AT ME. SO I
16 STOPPED. IN THE RED, PARKED NEXT TO A FIRE HYDRANT, NO ONE
17 SAID NOTHING TO ME BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY WAS ALREADY IN THE
18 WRONG. THEY JUST SENT ME ON MY WAY. WHEN I ASKED RIDLEY FOR
19 HELP, OR THOMAS, HE SAID THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT. THE HOUSES
20 ARE. THOSE HOUSES ARE. IF I HAVE NO GOALS, NO DREAMS, NO
21 HOPES, YEAH [INDISCERNIBLE] HOUSES WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ME.
22 BUT IT IS NOT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE.

25

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1 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR.
2 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL START WITH NUMBER FOUR, SUPPORTING
3 THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMAN ACT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
4 KUEHL. I HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO PUSH FOR THAT AND MAKE SURE IT
5 IS PASSED. AND ALSO ON NUMBER 9, WE'RE STILL HAVING A LOT. I
6 KNOW HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE ARCHIVE ALL OF YOU. BUT WHEN YOU
7 LOOK AT THE ARCHIVE, YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE CARE OF THE
8 PATIENT IN THE ARCHIVE AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHY THINGS
9 ARE NOT THE WAY IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE. ON ITEM 10, I THINK TO
10 DO WITH THE MANUFACTURING OF METRO. I AGREE WITH THAT. BUT
11 RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF THE PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING WITH METRO IS
12 BECAUSE THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT OF HIGH QUALITY. THE TRAIN
13 SHOULDN'T NEED MAINTENANCE EVERY TWO OR THREE WEEKS. AND
14 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HAVING NOW ON THE GOLD LINE. I DON'T KNOW
15 ABOUT THE OTHER LINE BECAUSE GOLD LINE IS WHAT I USE. SO, IF
16 YOU'RE GOING TO PUSH FOR MANUFACTURER HERE, MAKE SURE IT IS
17 FOR HIGH QUALITY AND NOT, YOU KNOW, LIKE WE HAVE NOW WITH VERY
18 SUBSTANDARD BECAUSE THEY NEED REPAIR ALL THE TIME. ALSO ON
19 ITEM 26, THERE IS A CANCELLATION OF DENTAL CARE AT D.H.S. I AM
20 GETTING VERY TIRED NOW THAT WE ARE HAVE SO MANY PROGRAMS WHO
21 ARE REMOVED FROM D.H.S., ESPECIALLY AT L.A.C+U.S.C. I AM
22 GETTING CONCERNED ABOUT TOP PHYSICIAN BEING FIRE-ABLE,
23 (INAUDIBLE) TO BEING FIRE. I WOULD REALLY ASK FOR SOME
24 RESEARCH DONE OF WHY THIS IS HAPPENING. IT IS OF HIGH CONCERN
25 TO ME. AND ON ITEM 13, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT IS IMPORTANT

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1 ACCEPTING THE GRANT TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AND SO ON. IT'S WHY I
2 AM CONCERNED THAT DR. ASTRID CARRIER WAS PROHIBITED TO GIVE
3 GRANT FOR THE (INAUDIBLE). INSTEAD, WE ARE CAUSING (INAUDIBLE)
4 RIGHT AND LEFT. SO NOBODY CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO
5 ARE UNDER SUCH A TOUGH SITUATION. SO PLEASE LOOK AT THIS,
6 THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, WHAT I'M PROBABLY GOING TO BE
11 DISCUSSING IS THE HOMELESSNESS AGENDA, 7. ON DECEMBER 6, THE
12 AD HOC -- THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MEASURE
13 H HAVE DECIDED THAT, AFTER PHIL'S PRESENTATION, THAT I QUOTE,
14 THEY WERE MORE CONFUSED AT THE SIXTH MEETING THAN THEY WERE
15 SINCE DAY ONE. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A REPORT BACK FROM
16 PHIL ANSELL WHO YOU GUYS SO BRILLIANTLY CELEBRATED THIS
17 MORNING. AND FROM THE VERY OWN CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
18 WHO ARE MORE CONFUSED SAYING THIS INFORMATION THAT PHIL HAS
19 BEEN PRESENTING, ONLY HE CAN UNDERSTAND. AND THIS IS THE
20 RELATION OF WHAT THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THIS MEETING ON
21 DECEMBER 6 FELT. WE ARE COMMENDING THESE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS,
22 WHICH WE'RE NOT GOING TO NAME. THEY'RE IN THE COPIES. AND WE
23 THANK THEM FOR ACTUALLY BEING TRANSPARENT. ONE OF THE THINGS I
24 WAS MENTIONED ALSO WAS THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR BLACK
25 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ACCORDING TO SARA MARTIN,

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1 THAT THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MET FOR FIVE MONTHS. AND THESE
2 WERE THE WHO'S WHO OF HOMELESS ADVOCACY. THEY MET FOR FIVE
3 MONTHS. AND AT THE END, I QUOTE, SHE SAID, "WE STILL DON'T
4 HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION." HMM, SO 333 MILLION OF OUR MEASURE H
5 DOLLARS THAT THE L.A. COUNTY CONSTITUENTS ENTRUSTED IN YOU
6 FIVE MEMBERS DISTRIBUTING TO ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS HAVE BEEN
7 FOUND INCOMPETENT AS OF DECEMBER 6 BY YOUR OWN ADVISORY
8 COMMITTEE BOARD. WHO ARE THE BRILLIANT PEOPLE IN THE
9 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION MEETING, BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE? YOU ASK? THIS IS LIST IS ALISA DONNA,
11 PETE WHITE, SHAUN SPEAR, BRENDA SHOCKLEY, MOLLY RIESMAN,
12 JOHNTON MARK, NOVA MIRARI DESHACKI, RICK REMMA, ROBIN
13 HUGHES, JANET KELLY, CHELLA DEMORA CATIER, OLIVIA BUIE, RACHEL
14 RASHIR, WENDELL BLASINGAME, JACK BARBER, EDWARD ANDERSON,
15 CHANCELLA ANN WONSEUR, VALENCIA ADAMS KELLEEM, VERONICA LEWIS,
16 JUST TO NAME A FEW. YOU SHOULD KNOW WHO THEY ARE. BUT IT IS
17 DISGUSTING YOU USE, NOT ONLY YOU WASTED MEASURE H FUNDING, BUT
18 YOU PUT IT INTO PRESENTATIONS. YOU PUT IT INTO STAFF MEMBERS.
19 70% OF THAT WENT INTO STAFFING DEVELOPMENT. AND YET, VERY
20 LITTLE OF THAT MONEY WENT TO ACTUALLY HELPING HOUSING PEOPLE.
21 AND THIS IS WHAT THE CONSTITUENTS OF L.A. COUNTY ARE TIRED OF.
22 WE'RE TIRED OF COMING TO THE TABLE WITH CLEAR SOLUTIONS THAT
23 YOU HAVE SO CLEARLY DENIED US WITH THIS LETTER ON DECEMBER
24 4TH. IT WAS A SLAP IN THE FACE. WHEN YOU ARE USING MEASURE H

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1 MONEY AND TAX MONEY FOR PROPOSALS AND NOT BRINGING THE
2 SOLUTIONS TO THE TABLE, IT IS GOING TO END AS OF 2019.

3

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

5

6 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, LET IT BE TWO MORE WEEKS OF THE
7 NONSENSE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK.

10

11 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** YES, HELLO. YES. MY NAME IS PRECIOUS YOUNG. I
12 WANTED TO JUST READ AN E-MAIL. IT WAS A RESPONSE THAT WE
13 RECEIVED. WE HAVE REVIEWED YOUR FUNDING REQUEST AND ARE UNABLE
14 TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST AT THIS TIME. A HARD COPY OF THE
15 ATTACHED RESPONSE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PICK UP AT THE
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OKAY, MARK --
17 THIS WAS OUR RESPONSE. MARK, WHY WOULD YOU SEND ME THIS E-MAIL
18 CONCERNING THE DENIAL FOR THE YOUTH TO USE THE PEOPLE'S LOT ON
19 MANCHESTER AND VERMONT, THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE NORMANDY AND
20 95TH LOT AS WELL AS 53RD AND FIGUEROA? YOU ALSO DENIED US FOR
21 THE THREE 9X16 L.E.D. SCREENS, THE WI-FI, FOUR COMPUTERS, RED
22 CARPET, AND FOOD FOR THE 300 KIDS WE REQUESTED, FOR 60 KIDS.
23 AND YOU INSTRUCTED SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO IGNORE
24 OUR REQUEST, AS WELL. NOW, YOU HAVE TAMPERED WITH OUR
25 NONPROFIT STATUS. WE HAVE BEEN IN GOOD STANDING SINCE 2013,

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1 AND NOW THIS IS GETTING VERY PERSONAL. ALL WE ASKED IN 2013
2 WAS FOR \$10,000 AND A BUILDING TO WORK WITH OUR HOMELESS
3 YOUTH. ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS ON DECEMBER 6TH, THE COUNTY
4 OF LOS ANGELES WAS FOUNDED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT DAY
5 MISAPPROPRIATED THREE HUNDRED MILLION MEASURE H DOLLARS. NOW
6 THIS DENIAL LETTER, COMING FROM KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, ADDS INSULT
7 TO INJURY. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A MINIMUM OF 14 PROPOSALS
8 CONCERNING PREVENTATIVE AND EARLY INTERVENTION FOR THE
9 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND JUVENILE PREVENTION, AS WELL AS
10 SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO PHIL ANSELL, THE C.E.O OF HOMELESS L.A.
11 COUNTY. THE CONSTITUENTS OF DISTRICT 2 REQUEST THE RESIGNATION
12 OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INCOMPETENCE AND ABUSE OF POWER. OUR
13 KIDS DESERVE BETTER, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH AND EAST L.A. WE
14 THANK THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR DOING THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AND
15 REQUEST THAT THE STATE INTERVENE FOR THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF
16 MEASURE H DOLLARS. THE BOARD, AS A WHOLE, DENIES FUNDING TO A
17 SIMPLE SOLUTION AND WASTES OUR 300 MEASURE H TAX DOLLARS. THE
18 HARD WORKING CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENTRUSTED HAHN,
19 KUEHL, BARBER, SOLIS, AND M.R.T. WITH 1/4 OF OUR TAXES TO HELP
20 ALLEVIATE THE HOMELESS CRISIS. AS OF DECEMBER 6TH, THIS HAS
21 BEEN PROVED TO BE WASTED MONEY AS PHIL ALLOCATED MAJORITY OF
22 FUNDING TO CHARTS, GRAPHS, UNPRODUCTIVE AD HOC COMMITTEES,
23 ETC. L.A. COUNTY CONSTITUENTS DESERVE ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS.
24 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, GIBSON, AND HARRIS DAWSON ARE NOT HELPING
25 C.D.9. MEEK MILL REFORM.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 4,
5 SUPPORTING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN'S ACT. AGAIN, YOU GUYS
6 HEARD A LOT OF ISSUES IN HERE. AND THERE IS A LOT OF BLACK
7 ISSUES. AND ONE OF THOSE ISSUES ARE, AS GROWING UP
8 MULTIRACIAL, I WAS TAUGHT YOU DO NOT TELL YOUR BUSINESS. WHAT
9 GOES ON IN THIS HOUSE, STAYS IN THIS HOUSE. REALLY WHAT I WAS
10 TAUGHT IS TO HOLD A SECRET. IT WAS VERY VIOLENT GROWING UP.
11 THAT IS WHY I HAD TO GET PUT IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND I
12 ENDED UP GETTING INTO SEVERAL ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. NOW THAT
13 I FEEL, TO SOME DEGREE, EMPOWERED, I VOICED -- I VOICE AND
14 ENFORCE MY RIGHT TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IS HOW IS THE COUNTY HAVING
16 THESE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS COMPLY WITH H.U.D.'S
17 DEFINITION AND REGULATIONS ON B.O.W.A. I WOULD ALSO LIKE
18 TO READ THIS -- H.U.D.'S DEFINITION OF WHAT THE COORDINATED
19 ENTRY AND VICTIMS' SERVICE PROVIDERS SHOULD BE DOING BECAUSE
20 WHEN I ASSERT MYSELF, I AM RETALIATED AGAINST. IT SAYS
21 COORDINATED ENTRY IS A PROCESS DEVELOPED TO ENSURE ALL PEOPLE
22 EXPERIENCING A HOUSING CRISIS HAVE FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS TO
23 THE COMMUNITY'S HOUSING AND HOMELESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCES AND
24 ARE QUICKLY IDENTIFIED, ASSESSED FOR, AND CONNECTED TO
25 FLEXIBLE HOUSING AND SERVICE OPTIONS, INCLUDING

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1 FINANCIAL/RENTAL ASSISTANCE, VOLUNTARY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,
2 AND OTHER MAINSTREAM RESOURCES BASED ON THEIR SELF-IDENTIFIED
3 NEEDS, STRENGTHS, AND GOALS. COORDINATED ENTRY PROCESSES HELP
4 COMMUNITIES PRIORITIZE ASSISTANCE BASED ON VULNERABILITY AND
5 SEVERITY OF SERVICE NEEDS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WHO NEED
6 ASSISTANCE THE MOST CAN RECEIVE IT IN A TIMELY MANNER.
7 COORDINATED ENTRY PROCESSES ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT
8 SERVICE NEEDS AND GAPS TO HELP COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR THEIR
9 ASSISTANCE AND IDENTIFY NEEDED RESOURCES. VICTIM SERVICE
10 PROVIDERS PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN THEIR COMMUNITY'S HOUSING
11 AND HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM BY PROVIDING PERMANENT HOUSING,
12 INCLUDING RAPID REHOUSING, MEASURE H, SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL
13 HOUSING, AND ADVOCACY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF
14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEREFORE, IT IS CRITICAL THAT THESE
15 PROVIDERS BE INCLUDED AS FULL PARTNERS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND
16 THIS EMAIL TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO START
21 WITH 1H. DO NOT APPROVE OR EXECUTE THIS PROJECT, IF YOU ARE
22 UNLAWFULLY HOUSING [EXPLETIVE] AND GANG BANGERS, WHO ARE
23 FILTHY, NASTY, NOSY, UNCIVILIZED SAVAGES BECAUSE THERE GOES
24 THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH GRAFFITI, VANDALISM, VIOLENCE, THEFT,
25 THEFT, THEFT, HOME INVASION, ROBBERIES, DRUGS, WEAPONS,

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1 PEDOPHILIA, HOMICIDES. LOOK AT THE LATINO NEIGHBORHOODS.
2 THEY'RE A TOXIC URBAN BLIGHT AND TOXIC, EXCRUCIATING, LOUD
3 NOISE. THERE IS NO QUALITY OF LIFE. NUMBER 4, LADIES AND
4 GENTLEMEN, WE THE HOMELESS WOMEN HAVE A PLIGHT. THAT IS, WE'RE
5 SUBJECTED TO VIOLENCE ON A DAILY BASIS. WE'RE TARGETED BY THE
6 PREDOMINANTLY JUNKIES, LATINO [EXPLETIVE], GANG BANGERS, SKID
7 ROW [EXPLETIVE], AND WHITE TRASH JUNKIES. WHEN DOES IT STOP?
8 WE GET ROBBED. WE GET ATTACKED. WE GET HARASSED. WE GET
9 STALKED. WE GET PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY ASSAULTED ON A DAILY
10 BASIS. MOREOVER, ANOTHER VIOLENCE TO WOMEN THAT HAS NOT BEEN
11 ADDRESSED IS THAT WE HAVE NOW NO BATHROOMS AVAILABLE 24/7. AND
12 ALL HOMELESS WOMEN HAVE GOTTEN U.T.I., OR URINARY TRACT
13 INFECTION, WHICH IS AN EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HARDSHIP. IT IS
14 UNCONSCIONABLE THAT OUR MICKEY MOUSE LEADERS CAN'T PROVIDE US
15 WITH NECESSARY, SAFE, SECURE, CLEAN, AND PRIVATE BATHROOMS FOR
16 THE WOMEN AND OUR BELOVED MILITARY VETERANS. NUMBER 14, I
17 SPEAK FOR THE LEGAL LAW-ABIDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL VETS. WE
18 WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS THE BATHROOMS AT THE MUSIC CENTER GRAND
19 PARK IN THE MORNINGS AND THE EVENINGS. BUT BECAUSE OF THE
20 EVENTS, THEY DETER US FROM ENTERING THE BATHROOMS. AND YET, WE
21 HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. I ALSO ALERT THE TOURISTS. THERE ARE NO
22 BATHROOMS IN LOS ANGELES AVAILABLE. AND NUMBER 20, GOD BLESS
23 OUR HONORABLE PRESIDENT, DONALD TRUMP. I SAID THE MAN HAS
24 BALLS. START WITH DEPORTATIONS. NO SUBSIDIES. HOUSE ALL OUR
25 HOMELESS VETS AND LEGAL LAW-ABIDING MIDDLE CLASS CITIZENS. GET

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1 I.C.E., I.C.E., I.C.E. TO DO ITS LEGALLY MANDATED RAIDS. DO
2 THE RIGHT THING. DEPORT, DEPORT, DEPORT. LET THEIR COUNTRIES
3 OF BIRTH NOW ASSUME THEIR CITIZENS' CARE RESPONSIBILITIES. AND
4 VIOLA, YOU WILL SEE THAT WE WILL HAVE A SURPLUS OF MONEY,
5 HOME, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND DOUBLE VIOLA, CRIME FREE, GANG
6 FREE, DRUG FREE, AND DISEASE FREE LOS ANGELES IN AMERICA. AND
7 NUMBER 26, TRULY, THIS IS SHAMEFUL. ALL THE [EXPLETIVE] AND
8 GANG BANGERS GET DENTAL CARE, YET OUR HONORABLE BRAVE UNITED
9 STATES MILITARY VETERANS NOR OUR LEGAL LAW- ABIDING BABY
10 BOOMERS, MIDDLE CLASS SENIOR CITIZENS, OR THE IMPOVERISHED
11 HOMELESS MIDDLE CLASS HAVE GET DENTAL CARE. PEOPLE GET DENTAL
12 CARE ALL THE TIME BY THE [EXPLETIVE] AND THE GANG BANGERS.
13 THEY ARE INCLUDED. BUT WE NEED DENTAL CARE NOW, NOW, FOR ALL
14 THE LEGAL LAW-ABIDING AMERICAN CITIZENS. AND COINCIDENTALLY,
15 THESE BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN PEOPLE, LEGAL, REAL AMERICAN PEOPLE,
16 HAVE FED THE WORLD FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. THEY'RE THE MOST
17 GRACIOUS, MOST LOVING, MOST GENEROUS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

20

21 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** GOD BLESS AMERICA AND DONALD TRUMP.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WOW, IT MUST BE GREAT TO BE HOMELESS. IT MUST
2 BE THE AMERICAN DREAM TO BE HOMELESS AND CONTINUE LIKE THIS IN
3 THIS CRISIS THAT ERIC GARCETTI, YOUR FAILED MAYOR OF LOS
4 ANGELES, IN ADDITION TO A FEW OTHER POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS WHO
5 PARTICIPATE IN BRINGING EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND HARM TO A
6 POPULATION OF NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. WHY DO WE
7 DEMONSTRATE SUCH POOR SUPPORT WHEN MILLIONS, IF NOT HUNDREDS
8 OF MILLIONS, OF DOLLARS ARE THERE FOR THOSE IN NEED. WHY DO WE
9 SUBJECT OUR COMMUNITIES TO THIS CRISIS? BECAUSE WE HAVE THE
10 F.B.I. INVESTIGATING 14 ELECTED OFFICIALS AT CITY HALL. 14!
11 STARTING WITH JOSE HUIZAR, WHO COLLABORATED WITH JOE BUSCAINO
12 TO STATE THAT MISS JANET HAHN WAS ON A COLLABORATION WITH
13 THEM TO STEAL MONEY FROM SEA BREEZE OUT IN LONG BEACH. IS IT
14 TRUE? IS IT TRUE? IS IT A FACT? BUT NO, THERE OTHER ELECTED
15 OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED TO STEAL FROM THE PUBLIC. IT
16 IS GETTING TO THE POINT OF BEING NOT TIRED. IT IS GETTING TO
17 THE POINT OF BEARING THIS [EXPLETIVE] PROBLEM FROM PEOPLE WHO
18 I ASSERT BY NAME, [EXPLETIVE], WHO HAVE DONE THIS TO THE
19 PUBLIC'S INTEREST. AND WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU SIT BACK, AND YOU
20 COLLABORATE WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE STEALING FROM THE PUBLIC. AND
21 SO, AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, AS LONG AS I HAVE THE BREATH TO
22 ADVOCATE ON HOMELESSNESS, THE ELDERLY ABUSE, AND MORE SO,
23 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY ABUSE, I WILL COME IN HERE AND RAIN
24 LIVING [EXPLETIVE] HELL ON THE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE. LISTEN,

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1 MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE GOT THE FLOOR! I HAVE GOT THE FLOOR UNDER
2 THE BROWN ACT. PLEASE BUTT OUT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE KNOW THAT YOU DO HAVE THE FREEDOM
5 OF SPEECH. BUT WE'RE ASKING IF YOU WOULD CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE
6 PROPERLY.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I'M OFFENDED THAT YOUS WALK BY PEOPLE WHO ARE
9 HOMELESS AND DISCARD THEM AS TRASH. I'M APPALLED BY PEOPLE
10 WITH MONEY WHO GO BY BLACK COMMUNITIES AND LOOK DOWN ON BLACK
11 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND DON'T PROVIDE THEM JOBS AND
12 HOUSING. IF YOU COULD PROVIDE ONE [EXPLETIVE] HOUSE TO A
13 PERSON WHO'S HOMELESS, YOU'D RESOLVE MULTIPLE ISSUES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AGAIN, WE PLEASE ASK YOU TO WATCH YOUR
16 LANGUAGE.

17

18 **HERMAN HERMAN:** FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DENIED ACCESS TO LIVABLE
19 WAGES AND HOUSING. [EXPLETIVE].

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, IS THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT WE HAVE
22 ON THIS ITEM?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THIS CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE
2 SIGNED ON THE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA. SO, AT THIS POINT, PLEASE
3 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM THAT WE'LL BE VOTING ON. ITEMS BEFORE
4 YOU ARE 1H, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26,
5 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, AND 38.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
9 AND NOW, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS
10 NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA. I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOME SPECIALS BY
11 THE THIRD AND THE SECOND DISTRICTS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO
14 REFERENCE A MOTION, READ IT IN TODAY, AND ASK THAT IT BE VOTED
15 ON NEXT WEEK, RELATED TO THE WOOLSEY FIRE. THERE IS REALLY
16 SORT OF THREE PHASES THAT WE SEE IN THESE KINDS OF DISASTERS.
17 ONE IS THE DISASTER IS HAPPENING. IT'S KIND OF CHAOTIC. WE'RE
18 TRYING TO DEAL WITH IT. SECOND IS RECOVERY, A VERY LONG
19 SITUATION WHERE LOTS OF DIFFERENT OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
20 ARE INVOLVED. THE THIRD IS REALLY I THINK ANALYSIS. AND THAT
21 IS WHAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT. SO THE PREAMBLE ESSENTIALLY
22 TELLS THE HISTORY OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE, THE AMOUNT OF SPACE
23 THAT WAS AFFECTED, AND THE HISTORY OF OUR GOING THROUGH, IN
24 TERMS OF EVACUATIONS, AND THEN RECOVERY. AND WE INDICATE THAT
25 THERE WAS A MINIMAL LOSS OF LIFE, FOR WHICH WE'RE GRATEFUL.

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1 BUT THE PUBLIC HAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURES
2 THAT WERE USED FOR EVACUATIONS, ABOUT FIREFIGHTING PROCESSES,
3 ABOUT DECISIONS MADE REGARDING RE-POPULATION, ABOUT ROAD
4 CLOSURES AND WHEN THEY WERE CLOSED AND OPENED, ETC. AND SO, WE
5 DECIDED WE WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK.
6 AND I'LL READ YOU THE DIRECTIVE SECTION OF IT. I, THEREFORE,
7 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE RESPONSE TO
9 AND RECOVERY FROM THE WOOLSEY FIRE AND TO IDENTIFY BEST
10 PRACTICES FOR EVACUATION AND RE-POPULATION PROCEDURES,
11 INCLUDING THE NEED FOR A UNIFORM MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR
12 USE THROUGHOUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE COUNTY OF
13 LOS ANGELES. THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF ALL COUNTY
14 DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE WOOLSEY FIRE
15 AND ITS AFTERMATH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COUNTY
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE
17 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
18 DEPARTMENT, ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC
19 WORKS, AS WELL AS THE L.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT, CALIFORNIA
20 HIGHWAY PATROL, VENTURA COUNTY FIRE, VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT, CAL O.E.S., CAL FIRE, NATIONAL PARKS, AS WELL AS
22 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA
23 MOUNTAINS, CITY OF L.A., CITIES OF CALABASAS, AGORA HILLS,
24 HIDDEN HILLS, MALIBU, AND WEST LAKE VILLAGE, AND THE COUNTY OF
25 VENTURA. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT

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1 BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS AND EVERY 90 DAYS THEREAFTER
2 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A FINAL REPORT IS PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENGAGE THE
5 WORKING GROUP REFERENCED ABOVE AND TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT WITH
6 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO REVIEW THE COUNTY, CITY, STATE,
7 AND OTHER INVOLVED AGENCY'S EFFORTS IN RESPONDING TO THE
8 WOOLSEY FIRE AND PREPARE AND PRESENT A PROGRESS REPORT BACK TO
9 THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS AND EVERY 90 DAYS THEREAFTER UNTIL
10 COMPLETED WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING: ONE, THE CAUSE
11 AND ORIGIN OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE, TWO, THE DEPLOYMENT OF
12 FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES AS THE FIRE PROGRESSED, THREE, THE
13 DISTRIBUTION AND ADEQUACY OF FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES INCLUDING
14 THE AVAILABILITY OF MUTUAL AID RESOURCES, FOUR, EVACUATION
15 NOTIFICATION AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF
16 PUBLIC ALERT PROCEDURES AND THE USE OF MASS NOTIFICATION
17 SYSTEMS, FIVE, THE STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE FIRE
18 AND ITS AFTERMATH BETWEEN FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
19 AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AND THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE
20 FIRE, AND SIX, COMMUNITY RE-POPULATION NOTIFICATION AND
21 PROCEDURES, INCLUDING ANY CONFLICTS IN INFORMATION BETWEEN AND
22 AMONG FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE CONSULTANT'S
23 REPORT SHALL DETAIL LESSONS LEARNED AND STRENGTHS AND RESPONSE
24 OF RECOVERY EFFORTS AND SHALL ALSO IDENTIFY AREAS OF
25 IMPROVEMENT TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN DETERMINING WHETHER CHANGES

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1 ARE NEEDED IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO BE BEST PREPARED TO
2 RESPOND TO ANOTHER CATASTROPHIC EVENT SUCH AS A WILDFIRE OF
3 WOOLSEY'S MAGNITUDE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THAT WILL BE PLACED ON NEXT
6 WEEK'S AGENDA.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WISH TO
13 THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. COLLECTIVELY,
14 AS A BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ENSURING SAFETY THE
15 HUMANE TREATMENT IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES.
16 WE RECENTLY LEARNED OF INCIDENTS REGARDING PEPPER SPRAY. AND
17 THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. THEREFORE, I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT
18 UPON US TO ACT WITH DISPATCH. THEREFORE, WE WISH TO MOVE THAT
19 WE DIRECT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IN COORDINATION WITH COUNTY
20 COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO INVESTIGATE CLIENT
21 AND STAFF SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUVENILE
22 HALLS AND PROBATION COUNTS, PARTICULAR THE USE OF FORCE,
23 INCLUDING PEPPER SPRAY, AND REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 45 DAYS
24 WITH ANY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPROVEMENT. MADAM
25 CHAIR, I LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING THIS ISSUE UP IN EARNEST NEXT

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1 WEEK. BUT THIS IS THE MATTER OF SOME URGENCY THAT I'M SURE THE
2 ENTIRE BOARD WILL WISH TO ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO OTHER SPECIALS AT
5 THIS TIME. IT WOULD BE -- THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS
6 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT
7 ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD.
8 PLEASE CALL UP THOSE SPEAKERS. HOW MANY DO WE HAVE?

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE 34, OVER 34.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** 34 SPEAKERS, WE WILL GIVE THEM ONE MINUTE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
15 AND THE STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ABEL MOLINAS, DEIRDRA DUNCAN,
16 ALAN LOGO, AMADOR CUEVAS, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, CAROLINA ARELLANO,
17 DR. TOM WILLIAMS, EDUARDO MARTINEZ, ERIC PREVEN, FRANK GULLI,
18 GEORGE BUZZETTI, HERMAN HERMAN, JAMES ESSEX, JOSE BENEVIDES,
19 KENNETH BATISTE, LESLEY GOREN, LUIS SAGUATCH, LYDIA PONCE, AND
20 MARCEL FARMER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
23 DISTRICT. AND THE REASON WHY HE'S BRINGING UP PEPPER SPRAY IS
24 BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO SNEAK A BUNCH OF TASERS,
25 WHICH HURT PEOPLE, ARE NOT EFFECTIVE, IN THE BODY WORN VIDEO

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1 CAMERA ORDER. SO THIS IS LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THAT,
2 NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, IT'S TRUE WHAT THE OTHER SPEAKER SAID
3 ABOUT MEASURE H. THEY CAME UNGLUED ABOUT HOW PHIL ANSELL AND
4 MARK GALLEY AND THE GUY FROM THE UNITED WAY WERE THE
5 [EXPLETIVE] IN CHIEF. THEY WERE TOTALLY MESMERIZINGLY OFF
6 CLARITY. IT WAS HARD TO FOLLOW. SO, THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM.
7 ALSO, OVER AT CITY HALL, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW WE KILLED
8 HERBALIFE'S BIG DEAL ON THE BEACH AROUND HERE. BUT HERB
9 WESSON, WHO'S LOSING IT I HAVE TO SAY UNFORTUNATELY, PUSHED
10 THROUGH A TRIATHLON IN HIS OWN DISTRICT FOR HERBALIFE. SO,
11 HE'S REPLACING SHEILA KUEHL'S MISSTEP, WHICH WAS REALLY ZEV
12 YAROSLAVSKY'S MISSTEP. AND SPEAKING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ZEV
13 HAS OVER \$2 MILLION IN HIS ACCOUNT FROM HIS PREVIOUS
14 ELECTIONS. TOMORROW, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUSH THROUGH A
15 DRACONIAN APPALLING KIND OF HAMMER LOCK ON REGULAR CANDIDATES
16 GETTING INTO THE RACE THROUGH THE MATCHING FUND OVER THERE.
17 IT'S VERY BAD.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** AND ANYONE WHO CARES ABOUT OPEN DEMOCRACY SHOULD
22 RAISE THEIR VOICE LIKE ALL OF YOU BECAUSE YOU RAISE SO MUCH
23 MONEY.

24

25 **SUP HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **RICKY NG:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKY NG. FORTUNATELY, I HAD A GREAT
3 CHILDHOOD WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. I DIDN'T LACK ANY RESOURCES.
4 I COULD HAVE BEEN AND DONE ANYTHING I WANTED TO DO. ACTUALLY,
5 JESSE BREWER, HE'S USED TO FIT A FIX ON MY MOTOCROSS BIKES ON
6 THE WEEKENDS. BUT I WAS OUTNUMBERED BY COMMUNITIES, A FAMILY
7 THAT DIDN'T WORK, AND THE KIDS SOLD CRACK. SO, TO FIT IN, I
8 SOLD CRACK. MY PARENTS WAS NEVER ON DRUGS. MY MOM WASN'T ON
9 DRUGS. ACTUALLY, MY PARENTS MET AT L.A.C.C. COLLEGE. AND WHY I
10 SAY THAT IS THAT WHEN YOU PICK PEOPLE IN POSITION TO BE
11 DIRECTORS THAT ARE MINORITIES THAT HAVE LESS THAN FORTUNATE
12 CHILDHOODS, THEY TEND TO STAND IN THE MIRROR AND GLORIFY
13 THEMSELVES AND THEIR NEW GAINED JOB OPPORTUNITY INSTEAD OF
14 HELPING THE PEOPLE. SO I NOTICED THAT THERE A LOT OF PROGRAMS
15 I GO INTO, THEY'RE SO BUSY LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT MY
16 NEW CAR, LOOK AT MY NICE SHOES, THAT THEY FORGET ABOUT HELPING
17 THE PEOPLE.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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21 **DEIRDRA DUNCAN:** HELLO, YES, MY NAME IS DEIRDRA DUNCAN.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC?

24

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1 **DEIRDRA DUNCAN:** MY NAME IS DEIDRA DUNCAN. I'M HERE TO PUT
2 EVERYBODY ON NOTICE HERE BECAUSE THERE IS AN INJUSTICE GOING
3 ON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FILING
4 FALSE REPORTS, PETITIONS, AND THE COURT HAVING THIS BURDEN OF
5 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE. AND THEN WHEN THEY HAVE THE EVIDENCE,
6 THEY'RE NOT EVEN WILLING TO READ THE REPORT IN THE RECORD SO
7 THEY DON'T HAVE ANY PERSONAL LIABILITY, AND THEY CAN SEPARATE
8 THEMSELVES. AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THAT EACH AND EVERY BOARD
9 MEMBER NEEDS TO TAKE A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
10 FAMILY SERVICES COURT AND SEE THAT THERE IS ONLY BROWN PEOPLE
11 IN THAT COURT. YOU HAVE A LOOK. SO WHAT IS GOING WRONG? WHAT
12 IS HAPPENING? SO THE BROWN PEOPLE ONLY MAKE A MISTAKE THAT
13 CAN'T BE FIXED? THE OTHER PARTS DO NOT? I HAVE ASKED YOU TO GO
14 AND CHECK THIS OUT.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **EDUARDO MARTINEZ:** HELLO, YES, MY NAME IS EDUARDO MARTINEZ. I
19 VOLUNTEER WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. EXCUSE ME. AND
20 I JUST WANTED TO SALUTE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION THAT
21 YOU PRESENTED IN ORDER TO HAVE GENERAL HOSPITAL CONVERT INTO A
22 HOUSING FACILITY FOR HOMELESS. WE TRIED TO DO THAT A COUPLE
23 OF MONTHS AGO WITH THE PARKER CENTER. WE FAILED. SO, WE'RE
24 HAPPY TO SEE THAT HOPEFULLY GENERAL HOSPITAL CAN BE PART OF
25 THE SOLUTION FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE. SO, WE SALUTE YOU WITH

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1 THAT. AND ALSO FOR SENORA SHEILA AND SENOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
2 PRESENTING THE MOTION TO GET ASIDE MONEY IN ORDER TO FIGHT
3 S.T.D.S IN (INAUDIBLE) VALLEY. SO, WE SALUTE YOU FOR THAT, AND
4 WE SALUTE YOU FOR TAKING SUCH VERBAL ABUSE EVERY DAY. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS TIME. I'M A
10 VOLUNTEER WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND OUR SISTER
11 COMPANY, HEALTHY HOUSING FOUNDATION. THERE ARE TWO ISSUES
12 WHICH I'M HERE TO COMPLIMENT YOU GUYS ON TAKING ACTION ON. THE
13 S.T.D. PROBLEM IS OUT OF CONTROL. THERE ARE MANY -- THERE ARE
14 LOTS OF AGENCIES THAT ARE BASICALLY TRYING TO EDUCATE YOU AND
15 FORCE YOU TO FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES, WHEN ALL WE REALLY NEED
16 TO DO IS GET IN AND GET TESTED, GET RESULTS AND GET TAKEN CARE
17 OF. THE SAME SITUATION WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL, THERE IS ALL
18 KINDS OF GRANT SCHEMES ON THE BOARD TO HELP FIX THE HOUSING
19 CRISIS. THE SITUATION WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL IS A GREAT IDEA.
20 WE COMPLIMENT YOU FOR DOING THAT. AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. AND I'M
21 REALLY SORRY YOU HAD TO BE SUBJECTED TO SUCH RIDICULOUS
22 LANGUAGE. SERIOUSLY.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, FOR BEING HERE. DO YOU WANT
2 TO CALL UP SOME MORE PEOPLE, WHILE --? WHO ELSE IS GOING TO
3 COME UP?

4

5 **MARIA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARIA HERNANDEZ. I
6 LIVE AT 1662 WEST, 36TH PLACE IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE EIGHTY
7 THOUSAND DEBT, TWENTY THOUSAND WITH THE Y GREEN COMPANY, SIXTY
8 THOUSAND WITH P.A.C.E.. I WOULD LIKE FOR THE SUPERVISORS OF
9 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO MEET WITH US IN EFFORTS TO FIND
10 A SOLUTION. THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE GARAGE
11 CONVERSION DID NOT DO ANYTHING. THE COMPANY WAS ECO SOLAR AND
12 PLUM? PRUNE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **AMADOR CUEVAS:** MY NAME IS AMADOR CUEVAS. I USUALLY SPEND SEVEN
17 HOURS OR MORE EVERY TUESDAY ON COMMUTING TO COME AND SPEAK FOR
18 JUSTICE ON CASE BC052027 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND
19 GO BACK TO MY FAMILY AND TELL THEM, I WAS IGNORED AGAIN. BUT
20 THIS TIME I JUST CAME TO CONGRATULATE YOU MISS HAHN FOR YOUR
21 NEW POSITION. MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU DO NOT GIVE THE PEOPLE
22 ENOUGH TIME TO EXPLAIN THEIR PROBLEMS, WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM
23 ARE YOU GOING TO HELP THEM WITH? I HAVE SUFFERED THIS
24 VIOLATION SEVERAL TIMES. I HAVE BEEN TERRORIZED. AS A SENIOR
25 CITIZEN, I HAVE BEEN ABUSED. NOW, I HAVE THE LAST GUARD ON MY

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1 HANDS. THE HONORABLE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENT ME A
2 REPORT. SHE NEVER FELT IN MY PLACE. CAN YOU HELP ME OUT,
3 PLEASE?

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

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7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT YOU
8 HELP AMADOR AND OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THIS. I KNOW AMADOR'S
9 PROPERTY AND VICTOR'S PROPERTY, FOR SO LONG, IT IS RIDICULOUS.
10 AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOT HELPING ALL THESE PEOPLE IN THE
11 INNER CITY, I LIVE WHERE HOUSES ARE \$2 MILLION. I LIVE IN ONE
12 OF THE NICEST HOUSES IN L.A. FILLED WITH ANTIQUES. WE'VE GOT
13 SO MANY ANTIQUES, WE CAN'T EVEN PUT THEM IN THE HOUSE, AND
14 ARTWORK. OF COURSE, I'M SO STUPID, I'M GRAVELY DISABLED.
15 ACCORDING TO YOU, YOU KNOW THE LITTLE BLACK-HAIRED LADY THERE,
16 THAT WAS OVER THERE WITH THE MAN? SHE PERJURED HERSELF TO YOU
17 AND ME. AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAD ME ARRESTED ON HER PERJURY. SO,
18 GUESS WHAT LADY? YOU ARE GOING AWAY. SHE IS GOING AWAY BECAUSE
19 WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IF WE'RE NAZI FASCIST AMERICA GERMANY
20 1933. DO WE HAVE ANY ROLE ON THIS TRASH PIT? I BROUGHT ENOUGH
21 OF YOUR CRIMES HERE AND YOUR STUPID FRAUD.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD, NEXT
24 SPEAKER.

25

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1 **CAROLINA ARELLANO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CAROLINA ARELLANO. AND I
2 AM A MEMBER OF THE A.C.E. ORGANIZATION. I AM A HOMEOWNER,
3 AND I LIVE IN 1712 WEST. 52ND STREET IN THE CITY OF LOS
4 ANGELES. I'M A VICTIM OF FRAUD BY A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY NAMED
5 ECO SOLAR. THE OWNER IS NELSON SOLIS. THEY PROMISED TO
6 CONSTRUCT A SECOND FLOOR, BUT THEY DEFRAUDED ME BY TAKING OUT
7 LOANS WITHOUT MY CONSENT OF \$48,000. AND THEY DIDN'T COMPLETE
8 ANYTHING. I NEED YOUR HELP IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM
9 BECAUSE A LIEN HAS BEEN PLACED ON MY HOME, IF I DON'T PAY THIS
10 LOAN. THE FINANCING COMPANY IS NAMED Y GREEN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **ALAN LOGO:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALAN
15 LOGO. I'M A COMBAT VETERAN. AND I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
16 I'M ALSO HERE TO ASK YOU TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE P.A.C.E.
17 PROGRAM. YOU ALL APPROVED LETTING THESE CROOKED COMPANIES LIKE
18 ECO SOLAR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE HOMEOWNERS, MAKING FALSE
19 STATEMENTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT FUNDED, AND HAVE US OWNERS HAVE
20 LIENS ON OUR PROPERTY AND HAVE TO PAY IT BACK ON OUR TAXES.
21 THEN THEY FILE FOR CHAPTER 7 AND RUN WITH THE MONEY AND NOT DO
22 ANY WORK TO OUR HOUSES. NOW WE'RE FACED WITH THESE TAX LIENS
23 ON OUR HOUSES. AND SOME OF US ARE IN A VERGE OF LOSING OUR
24 HOMES. SO WE ALREADY HAVING A PROBLEM WITH, YOU KNOW, HOMELESS
25 PEOPLE. AND IF YOU CONTINUE LETTING THESE COMPANIES DO WHAT

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1 THEY WANT TO DO, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE ON THE
2 STREETS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. ONE OF YOU.

5

6 **LUIS SAGUACH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS LUIS SAGUACH. I AM A
7 MEMBER OF THE A.C.E. ORGANIZATION. I AM A VICTIM OF FRAUD AS A
8 RESULT OF THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO
9 THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE 5TH STRICT. THAT'S ALL, THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** DID HE SAY THE P.A.C.E., P-A-C-E?

12

13 **LUIS SAGUACH:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SUPPORT MY HONORABLE
18 PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IN ENFORCING THE AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE
19 AND THE RULE OF LAW. FURTHERMORE, BY STANDING FIRM AND
20 PLACING OUR PHENOMENAL, LOYAL, AND BRAVE UNITED STATES MILITARY
21 WARRIORS AT THE SAN DIEGO UNITED STATES BORDERS TO PROTECT
22 AMERICA'S DEMOCRATIC SOVEREIGNTIES. IT SENDS CHOCK WAVES
23 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN
24 PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE BULLIED OR SUBMIT TO THE IDLE
25 THREATS OF THESE LATINO UNCIVILIZED VIOLENT SAVAGES. THESE

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1 LATINO [EXPLETIVE] AND GANG BANGERS ARE HELL BENT ON
2 DESTROYING AMERICA FROM WITHIN. THEY ARE POSITIONED IN EVERY
3 SOCIOECONOMIC FIELD AND WAITING FOR THE WORD FROM THE CARTELS
4 TO SHUT DOWN AND CRIPPLE AMERICA TO ITS KNEES. SO, WE SAY NO
5 AMNESTY. NO D.A.C.A. NO ASYLUM. THIS UNLAWFUL D.A.C.A. PROGRAM
6 WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR IT NEEDED TO GET CONGRESS'S
7 APPROVAL, WHICH IT DIDN'T. THEREFORE, THIS D.A.C.A. PROGRAM IS
8 NULL AND VOID. SO WE FIND THE JACKASS JUDGES IN CONTEMPT. AND
9 YOUR PROBATION WILL BE SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALKS AND CARRYING
10 YOUR TENT AND PERSONAL ITEMS FOR FIVE YEARS. YOU WILL HAVE NOT
11 POLICE PROTECTION. AND YOU ARE AT THE MERCY --

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO YOU SEE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ANGELINOS,
17 THOSE OF YOU WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTY, WHEN YOU LEARN THE LAW,
18 YOU CONTROL THE TIME. AND YOU CONTROL THE FLOOR. WE DON'T LIKE
19 THIS CONFRONTATION OR OPPOSITION BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE CAN TALK
20 THINGS OUT. AND I HAVE NO APOLOGY WHATSOEVER IN THE THINGS I
21 MENTIONED TODAY AND SAID BECAUSE, AS YOU HEARD, AMERICAN
22 PEOPLE ARE BEING LEFT ON OUR STREETS. NO PLACE LIKE HOME FROM
23 KEVIN DELEONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE THE SEAT AT CITY HALL. NO
24 PLACE LIKE HOME. AND HERMAN JASON WESSON, THE TYRANT ELECTED

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1 OFFICIAL OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, WANTS TO SIT HERE AND RUN THIS
2 COUNCIL. IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE CALL UP SOME MORE
5 SPEAKERS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
8 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
9 MARIA TORRES, MARIA TORIJA, MARIA HERNANDEZ, MARTHA CASTRO,
10 MIGUEL CHAVOYA, PRECIOUS YOUNG, RED CHIEF HUNT, REV. DR. MELLO
11 DESIRE, RICARDO JIMENEZ, SHEILA WARD, STANLEY CHAPMAN, VICTOR
12 TRUJILLO, VINCENT VICENCIO, MILCAH WHITE, AND ESIQUIO REYES
13 PLEASE COME FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GO AHEAD.

16

17 **MARIA TORIJA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARIA TORIJA. I LIVE
18 AT 3308 EAST 3RD STREET IN LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE FOR THE
19 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ARRANGE A MEETING
20 WITH US TO HELP US ADDRESS FRAUDULENT LOANS PROVIDED FOR
21 GARAGE CONVERSIONS. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAX IMPLICATIONS
22 AND LOSING MY HOME. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **STANLEY CHAPMAN:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS STANLEY CHAPMAN. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'M
3 ONE OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. I'M HERE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR
4 YOUR SERVICE FOR THIS PAST YEAR. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER ADVOCACY ON FUNDING FOR THE S.T.D.
6 CRISIS, ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO VOTED ON IT ALSO. I'M AN
7 ADVOCATE FOR A.H.F. HEALTHCARE. WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR ONE
8 MILLIONTH CLIENT IN TREATMENT. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF WE
9 CAN JUST TAKE A SECOND OF YOUR TIME TO TAKE A PHOTO WITH THE
10 BANNER THAT WE HAVE STATING THAT WE HAVE ONE MILLION PATIENTS
11 IN CARE. IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE -- CAN WE DO THAT?
12 IT WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND? NO.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO.

15

16 **STANLEY CHAPMAN:** CAN WE STAND OUT IN FRONT WITH THE BANNER?
17 OH, STILL IN SESSION. HOW ABOUT AFTER?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **STANLEY CHAPMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI, MY NAME IS ESIQUIO REYES. AS WHAT CAN BE
24 CONCERNING, WHICH IS THE GROWING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MANY
25 REGARDING ANY AND ALL ISSUES DEALING WITH AND CONNECTED TO

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1 HOMELESSNESS. THE REMOVAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO
2 MAINTAIN A REASONABLE APPROACH WHEN TALKING TO OTHERS IS GOING
3 TO ONLY GROW. THIS -- THERE ARE AS MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS
4 THAT CAN BE TAKEN AND MANY DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT HAVE YET TO
5 BE STARTED. I URGE THE BOARD THAT, WITH PEER-TO-PEER
6 INTERACTIONS, HELPING OTHERS DEAL WITH THEIR LEVELS OF
7 PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAINING THEIR SELF-AWARENESS
8 ABOUT THEMSELVES, THAT THE BOARD ALSO LISTENS TO SOME OF THE
9 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING BEFORE YOU ALL AND TRYING
10 TO SHOW OR SHINE LIGHT ON ISSUES IN WHICH THEY HAVE FOUND WAYS
11 TO BE ABLE TO HELP IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. SO, THAT WAS ABOUT
12 IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MARTHA CASTRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARTHA CASTRO. I'M A
17 MEMBER OF THE A.C.E. ORGANIZATION. I RESIDE IN 2036 WEST 30TH
18 STREET. I AM A VICTIM OF FRAUD AT THE HANDS OF THE COMPANY
19 GREEN NATIONAL DIRECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,000. WE NOW RUN
20 THE RISK OF LOSING OUR PROPERTIES AT THE RESULT OF HIGH TAXES.
21 I HAVE A PROPERTY TAX BILL, WHICH INDICATES I HAVE TO PAY
22 ROUGHLY AROUND \$18,000. A RESULT OF THIS INCOMPLETE PROJECT,
23 WE HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH HIGH PROPERTY TAXES. I ASK FOR YOUR
24 IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN EFFORTS TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM. WE ARE

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1 MORE THAN 50 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUFFERED THIS FRAUD. THANK
2 YOU.

3

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

5

6 **VINCENT VICENCIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VINCENT VICENCIO.
7 AND I'M AN AMBASSADOR WITH A.H.F., A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
8 FOUNDATION. I AM JUST HERE TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE THAT YOU GUYS
9 HAVE PUT INTO EFFORTS MAKING GENERAL HOSPITAL A NEW AFFORDABLE
10 HOUSING LOCATION. WE ALSO SPONSOR A NONPROFIT, HEALTHY HOUSING
11 FOUNDATION. AND WE HAVE A HEALTHY HOUSING OFF OF 7TH AND SAN
12 PEDRO. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU GUYS FOR STARTING GENERAL
13 HOSPITAL AND MOVING FORWARD TOWARD HELPING OUT PEOPLE THAT ARE
14 LESS FORTUNATE AND HOMELESS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **MILCAH WHITE:** HI, MERRY CHRISTMAS. MY NAME IS MILCAH WHITE. I
19 JUST WANTED TO SAY, FIRST OF ALL, I WAS PLEASED TO GO TO A
20 RECENT MEETING THAT HAD CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS REGARDS TO
21 (INAUDIBLE) PROBLEMS IN HOUSING. THAT JUST HAPPENED THIS PAST
22 FRIDAY. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GO. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ASK IF THERE COULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE TRANSPARENCY TO THOSE
24 OF US WHO BECOME CLIENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE BRIDGE TO HOME
25 AND L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WHAT I'VE

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1 NOTED FROM THAT MEETING, TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE MORE
2 INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO WHAT WE COULD HAVE DONE FOR MYSELF
3 AND OUR FAMILIES. I DO APPRECIATE MRS. BARGER'S ASSISTANT
4 DEPUTY, MS. MANIFORT, TRYING TO BE MORE PROACTIVE WITH ME AND
5 A LITTLE BIT MORE COMMUNICATIVE. AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
6 HOPEFULLY A RELOCATION FOR MY SON SO THAT HE COULD BE CLOSER
7 TO HIS COLLEGE OF CHOICE, WHICH IS L.A. FILM SCHOOL, AND FOR
8 MYSELF, SO THAT I COULD BE HOUSED IN ASSISTING HIM WITH THAT,
9 AND THE RESTORAL OF OUR SECTION 8. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK
10 YOU FOR LETTING ME SHARE.

11

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

13

14 **MIGUEL CHAVOYA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIGUEL
15 CHAVOYA. THEY INSTALLED TWO WATER HEATERS, WHICH THEY
16 INDICATED WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ENERGY EFFICIENT. I HAVEN'T SEEN
17 OR NOTICED ANY DECREASES IN THE CONSUMPTION OF GAS. THESE
18 INDIVIDUALS CLAIM THAT THE SERVICE THEY'RE GOING TO PROVIDE
19 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FREE. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I
20 CAME TO FIND OUT THAT THE SERVICES AND COSTS FOR THE REPAIRS
21 MADE WERE GOING TO BE CARRIED OVER TO THE CITY WHERE THEREFORE
22 GOING TO BE APPLIED INTO OUR PROPERTY TAXES. I WOULD LIKE FOR
23 THEM TO REMOVE THEM BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW AT MY AGE, IT WOULD BE
24 DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PAY FOR THESE COSTS. I WOULD LIKE TO
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. APPARENTLY, IT'S NOT JUST ONE OF US.

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1 IT'S SEVERAL OF US GOING THROUGH THIS. THANK YOU FOR
2 EVERYTHING.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN? SECOND. OKAY.
5 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR THOMAS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **MARIA TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA TORRES. A MONTH
8 AGO, NOVEMBER 13, I WAS HERE ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH MR.
9 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M HERE AGAIN TO ASK FOR HELP. WE HIRED
10 CONTRACTORS TO CONVERT OUR GARAGES AND MAKE ADDITIONS TO OUR
11 HOMES THAT LEFT US UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTIONS. WE WERE FRAMED
12 INTO ACCEPTING P.A.C.E. LOANS, Y GREEN, E3, HERO, AND P.A.C.E.
13 WHO NOW TURN US AWAY. WE ARE NOW STUCK WITH LOANS OF OVER
14 \$63,000, INCREASED TAXES DUE TO THESE SUPPOSED UPGRADES. MY
15 BILL IS OVER TEN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO
16 HAVE OUR TAXES ASSESSED IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE HOMEOWNERS IN
17 L.A. COUNTY WHO WERE FRAMED IN THE EXACT SAME WAY BY ECO
18 SOLAR, GREEN NATION DIRECT, SIRE ENERGY. THEY'RE NOW FILING
19 FOR BANKRUPTCY TO EVADE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, WHILE WE,
20 HOMEOWNERS, COULD LOSE OUR HOME. THIS IS NOT JUST AN ISSUE IN
21 MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. I ASK ALL THE COUNTY
22 SUPERVISORS TO JOIN TO STOP THE COUNTY FROM PARTICIPATING WITH
23 THESE P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS. THEY MUST BE REGULATED TO STOP THE
24 UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HARDWORKING

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1 HOMEOWNERS. OTHERWISE, WE, THE HOMEOWNERS, WILL BE HOMELESS
2 SOON. I AWAIT THE MEETING WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **RICARD JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RICARDO JIMENEZ.

7 I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS CAME TO MY HOME TO

8 INSTALL SOLAR HOT WATER HEATERS. THE INDIVIDUALS CLAIMED THAT

9 THIS PROGRAM WAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LOW-INCOME, AND THE COST

10 WAS GOING TO BE NO COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIRS. WE HAVE

11 SPOKEN TO THE GAS COMPANY ABOUT THE PROGRAM, AND THEY INDICATE

12 THEY HAVE NO AFFILIATION WITH THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE CONSULTED

13 WITH LAWYERS REGARDING THE CASE, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT HAS LEAD

14 US NOWHERE. SO WE'RE HERE ATTEMPTING TO CONSULT WITH YOU

15 ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. THE COMPANY IS EVOLUTION INNOVATION.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **RICARDO JIMENEZ:** IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE BECAUSE THE COMPANY

20 DID NOT PROVIDE US WITH COPIES OF WHAT WE HAVE SIGNED. AND IT

21 HAS BEEN MONTHS WE'VE BEEN REQUESTING THOSE COPIES. SO, I HOPE

22 YOU GUYS DO SOMETHING FOR US AND TAKE THOSE GUYS OUT OF THE

23 STREET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OH, WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER.

2 JAMES. GOOD AFTERNOON.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SHEILA KUEHL SHOULD BE RENAMED SHEILA COOL BECAUSE

5 WATER IS COOL. AND WHAT SHE HAD TO COOL IS VERY COOL. AND A

6 HAIKU. I HAVE A HAIKU DISTRICT 2. A 21ST CENTURY CALIFORNIA

7 DREAM WINS GOLD IN GREEN GARDENA. EARTH'S GARDENA, MOON

8 GARDENA, MARS. INTERPLANETARY SISTERN CITY. STAIRWELL TO THE

9 STARS. HAIKU DISTRICT 2. SEASON'S COMING. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO

10 LEARN A CHRISTMAS HYMN. I WILL DO MY BEST BECAUSE YOU GUYS DO

11 YOUR BEST. AND I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE SEEING YOU. OKAY. IS

14 THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE TODAY?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S ALL? NOW, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO

19 DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL BE STARTING WITH DISTRICT 3, THEN

20 4, THEN 5, THEN 1, THEN 2. SO, WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR

21 KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE

24 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEW YOUNG, A BOXER,

25 MODEL, BODY BUILDER. HE OWNED LEW YOUNG'S LIVING ROOM, A JAZZ

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1 CLUB ON SUNSET BOULEVARD, WHERE HE FEATURED UP-AND-COMING
2 MUSICIANS. HE CAME TO L.A. FOLLOWING A STINT IN THE ARMY WHERE
3 HIS TALENTS AS A BOXER ALLOWED HIM TO TRAVEL THE WORLD TO
4 COMPETE AGAINST NAVY, MARINE, AND AIR FORCE BOXERS. BEFORE
5 OPENING HIS CLUB, HE WAS A RENOWNED BARTENDER. AND HE CROWNED
6 THE MARGARITA KING OF THE SUNSET STRIP. HE'S SURVIVED BY LONG-
7 TERM PARTNER, CLAIRE CABREY CARAFELLO, AND HIS DAUGHTER, TINA.
8 AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
9 DR. ALAN HOLTZMAN, WHO WAS A PEDIATRICIAN WHO HELPED FOUND THE
10 NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL, WHERE HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF. HE
11 ALSO MAINTAINED HIS PRIVATE PEDIATRIC PRACTICE, SERVED AS AN
12 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A., AND CONDUCTED GROUNDBREAKING
13 MEDICAL RESEARCH IN A VARIETY OF AREAS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
14 DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH. AND I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
15 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HONORABLE DANIEL KAUFMANN. HE SERVED
16 AS THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE ATTORNEY
17 GENERAL'S OFFICE IN L.A. AND AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE
18 SUPERIOR COURT AT THE VAN NUYS COURTHOUSE. HE ALSO TAUGHT TAX
19 AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AT U.S.C. AND AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. HE
20 WAS APPOINTED TO THE L.A. COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT BY GOVERNOR
21 PAT BROWN IN 1966 AND ELEVATED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT IN 1976
22 BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE, RONNIE, AND
23 HIS THREE CHILDREN, TERRY, STEVEN, AND DAVID. AND I MOVE THAT
24 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEAN LINTHICUM.
25 SHE WAS A DEDICATED NURSE AND VOLUNTEER, [RESIDENT AND

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1 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE DEAFNESS RESEARCH FOUNDATION AUXILIARY.
2 SHE VOLUNTEERED WITH THE JOHN TRACY CLINIC AND THE KENNEDY
3 CENTER AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA MONICA AND, FOR MANY
4 YEARS, SERVED AS THE CAMP NURSE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER'S SUMMER
5 PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
6 HUSBAND, FRED, AND HER SONS, FRED AND PHILIP. AND I MOVE
7 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ODELL
8 MAYWEATHER, JR. HE SERVED L.A. COUNTY FOR OVER 18 YEARS AS A
9 RECREATIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR, MOST RECENTLY WORKING AT EL
10 CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK. HE CARED DEEPLY ABOUT YOUNG
11 PEOPLE AND HIS COMMUNITY AND ENJOYED CREATING A SAFE AND
12 JOYOUS PLACE FOR ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, ERICA,
13 JENNIFER, AND AMANDA, AND HIS SON, JAKHARI. AND I MOVE THAT
14 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELAINE ATTIAS.
15 SHE DEVOTED HER LIFE SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND THE ARTS. AFTER
16 ATTENDING REED COLLEGE, SHE ORGANIZED FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS WITH
17 THE LABOR LEADER HARRY BRIDGES BEFORE GOING ON TO EARN A
18 GRADUATE DEGREE IN THEATER ARTS FROM U.C.L.A. SHE PRODUCED
19 SEVERAL DOCUMENTARIES, INCLUDING "ITALIAN AMERICAN" WITH
20 MARTIN SCORSESE. AS A JOURNALIST, SHE WROTE FOR PUBLICATIONS
21 INCLUDING THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE L.A. TIMES, AND
22 INTERVIEWED INDIRA GANDHI DURING HER TERM AS PRIME MINISTER OF
23 INDIA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JANE AND DAN. AND
24 FINALLY, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF DANIEL LAZAROFF, A RESPECTED LEGAL SCHOLAR, AN

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1 ATTORNEY, AND A LAW PROFESSOR. HE ATTENDED LAW SCHOOL AT
2 N.Y.U., WHERE HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AND GRADUATED
3 WITH HONORS. HE WROTE EXTENSIVELY IN THE AREAS OF ANTITRUST
4 AND SPORTS LAW AND CONTRIBUTED TO NUMEROUS PROMINENT
5 PUBLICATIONS. HE TAUGHT LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT,
6 MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW, AND THEN FOR MANY YEARS AT LOYOLA LAW
7 SCHOOL. THERE HE HELD TENURE AND THE LEONARD COWAN CHAIR IN
8 LAW AND ECONOMICS. AND HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOYOLA
9 SPORTS LAW INSTITUTE. HE IS SURVIVED BY SISTER, BARBARA, AND
10 HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANDREW ACAMPORA, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY AT AGE OF 96. HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF RANCHO PALOS
15 VERDES AND A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST GENERATION. DURING WORLD
16 WAR II, ANDREW FLEW 56 COMBAT MISSIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.
17 RETURNING FROM THE WAR, HE EARNED A DEGREE IN AERONAUTICAL
18 ENGINEERING FROM CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND BEGAN HIS 37
19 YEAR CAREER WITH MCDONNELL DOUGLAS. ANDREW WAS A MEMBER OF
20 CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BELONGED TO MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS
21 SUCH AS THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR, THE ELKS CLUB, AND THE
22 FRIDAY MORNING CLUB. ANDREW WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS
23 LOVING WIFE OF 53 YEARS, DOROTHEA, AND SON, MIKE, AND
24 GRANDDAUGHTER, TAMMI. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, MARTIN

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1 AND JOHN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN.

2 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE

5 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH RUTH CAIN, A

6 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67.

7 RUTHIE, AS SHE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, WORKED AS A SCHOOL

8 AID WHERE SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE HEALTH ACTIVITIES.

9 SHE ENJOYED MAKING JEWELRY AND EXPLORING THE CITIES THROUGHOUT

10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. RUTHIE WAS STEADFAST IN HER FAITH AND HAD

11 EXTRAORDINARY WILL AND SPIRIT WITH WHICH SHE OVERCAME A CANCER

12 DIAGNOSIS. RUTHIE HAD A TENACITY TO INSPIRE AND LOVE OTHERS.

13 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JOE, OF 33 YEARS, HER SON,

14 NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO MARY LOU

15 CARRAHER, A 52-YEAR RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY, WHO PASSED

16 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS A TALENTED AND ACCOMPLISHED

17 ARTIST WHO WON WRITING AWARDS FOR HER CALLIGRAPHY, ART AWARDS

18 FOR HER PAINTINGS, AND THE L.A. COUNTY BRAVO AWARD FOR HER

19 TEACHING ART. SHE TAUGHT AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FOR THE

20 SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, KOLLEGE FOR KIDS AT COLLEGE OF

21 THE CANYONS, THE DETENTION CENTER, GOLDEN OAK ADULT SCHOOL,

22 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER ADULT CLASSES AND

23 RESPITE CLASS, AND THE CLASSES FOR STROKE PATIENTS AT HENRY

24 MAYO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SHE APPEARED IN THE WHO'S WHO OF

25 AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE ARTS. SHE TOOK THE GREATEST PRIDE IN

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1 BEING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR OF THE YEAR IN 1995,
2 WHICH ALLOWED HER TO BE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOURTH OF
3 JULY PARADE. MARY LOU IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND TWO
4 DAUGHTERS. ALSO WALTER GRABE, A LONG-TIME JUNIPER HILLS TOWN
5 COUNCIL MEMBER, WHO DIED NOVEMBER 21ST AT THE AGE OF 74. HE
6 WAS A RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN OFFICER
8 PALMDALE'S ELKS LODGE 2027. HE WAS A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S
9 EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FOR WHICH HE SERVED IN MANY CAPACITIES. HE
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER, NANCY, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
11 MICHAEL BRUCE MONTGOMERY, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SOUTH
12 PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. HE PROUDLY SERVED
13 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1954 TO 1958, AFTER WHICH HE
14 ATTENDED U.C.L.A. AND THEN U.S.C. LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS A LONG-
15 TIME ATTORNEY IN THE PASADENA AREA. MICHAEL SERVED AS THE
16 MAYOR OF SOUTH PASADENA AND WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT RONALD
17 REAGAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF
18 ATLANTA TUNA. HE WAS REAPPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W.
19 BUSH. AND SERVED UNTIL 1994. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS GENEROSITY,
20 CHARISMA, AND SENSE OF HUMOR. MICHAEL IS SURVIVED BY FIVE
21 CHILDREN, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS SISTER. LAST, I MOVE THAT
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KARL PETERSEN,, A 54 YEAR RESIDENT OF
23 SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE PROUDLY
24 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II
25 AS A COMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN IN THE 461ST ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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1 BATTALION, 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 1ST ARMY. HE SURVIVED
2 MANY CLOSE CALLS AND BATTLES IN COMBAT, INCLUDING D-DAY AND
3 BATTLE OF THE BULGE. HIS CAREER WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
4 SERVICE SPANNED 37 YEARS, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY 10 YEARS
5 WORKING FOR NEWHALL LAND AND FARM. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE
6 COMMUNITY AND JOINED PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS AFTER THE LOSS
7 OF HIS WIFE. HE SERVED ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES AND WAS ELECTED
8 PRESIDENT TWICE. KARL IS SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS AND ONE
9 SISTER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
14 COLLEAGUES. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF ROSANELL EATON, BORN APRIL THE 14TH, 1921 ON A FARM
16 OUTSIDE OF LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA. SHE PASSED IN THAT VERY
17 SAME TOWN ON DECEMBER THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS THE
18 YOUNGEST OF 7 CHILDREN, AND HER FAMILY HAD A FARM. AND THEY,
19 AS THEIR PRIMARY CROPS, THEIR STAPLE, TOBACCO AND COTTON, 20
20 ACRES. ULTIMATELY, MS. EATON ATTENDED NEW LIBERTY SCHOOL
21 BEFORE MATRICULATING TO ALBION ACADEMY WHERE SHE GRADUATED AS
22 THE VALEDICTORIAN OF HER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS. SHE WAS REQUIRED
23 TO RECITE THE PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO
24 PROVE THAT SHE WAS LITERATE ENOUGH TO VOTE. AND THAT WAS AT
25 THE AGE OF 21 IN 1942. SHE VOTED AND BECAME ONE OF NORTH

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1 CAROLINA'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO VOTE SINCE
2 RECONSTRUCTION. AND FROM THAT POINT ON, MS. EATON SERVED AS A
3 COUNTY POLL WORKER AND A SPECIAL REGISTRAR COMMISSIONER AND
4 ASSISTED OVER 4,000 PEOPLE IN REGISTERING TO VOTE. SHE
5 ATTENDED VANCE GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN HENDERSON, NORTH
6 CAROLINA FOR TWO YEARS WHILE WORKING AS A MACHINE PARTS PACKER
7 AND LATER ENROLLED IN NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY IN
8 RALEIGH. MS. EATON BECAME AN EDUCATOR AND SERVED AS A PHONICS
9 TEACHER AND A LIBRARIAN ASSISTANT UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN
10 1991. EVEN AFTER HER RETIREMENT, SHE CONTINUED TO TUTOR YOUTH
11 IN HER HOME AND WORKED AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. IT WAS IN
12 2013 THAT THE SUPREME COURT NULLIFIED A KEY PROVISION OF THE
13 VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, WHICH PROHIBITED A VAST ARRAY OF
14 DEVICES USED TO DISENFRANCHISE MINORITIES FROM VOTING. AND
15 THEN WHEN MS. EATON AND HER DAUGHTER BECAME LEAD PLAINTIFFS IN
16 A LAW SUIT AGAINST A NEW NORTH CAROLINA LAW, WHICH REQUIRED
17 VOTERS TO SHOW ONLY CERTAIN TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION BEFORE
18 BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE AND CUT BACK ON EARLY VOTING AND
19 PREREGISTRATION DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE. MS.
20 EATON AND HER DAUGHTER, ARMENTA, SPENT OVER EIGHT WEEKS
21 ATTENDING HEARINGS AND TESTIFYING IN FEDERAL COURTS. AND IN
22 2013, THE LOWER COURT UPHELD THE DISCRIMINATORY CHARGES, BUT
23 THE SUPREME COURT, IN 2017, UPHELD AN APPEALS COURT JUDGMENT
24 AND DENIED THE STATE'S REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE DISPUTED LAW.
25 MS. EATON WAS A MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. FOR MORE THAN 60

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1 YEARS. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN EDUCATOR AND ADVOCATE OF
2 VOTING RIGHTS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND ALL DISENFRANCHISED
3 VOTERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, ARMENTA, FOUR
4 GRANDCHILDREN, NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND
5 FRIENDS, AND FELLOW ADVOCATES FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE. ALL OF
6 WHOM WILL MISS HER DEARLY. AND WE DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ALL
7 THOSE SOULS, NAME AND UNNAMED, LIKE ROSANELL EATON, WHO FOUGHT
8 THAT ALL OF US MIGHT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. MAY SHE REST IN
9 PEACE AND IN POWER. MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHAT A LIFE. WHAT A LIFE SHE
12 LIVED. OKAY, WE WILL TAKE ALL OF THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS AS
13 SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS VOTE, WE'LL
14 MAKE THAT THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THIS
15 MEETING IS ADJOURNED!

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 11, 2018

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case).

This matter involves an audit related to outpatient medical
services. (18-7755)

**In Open Session, this item was continued to December 18,
2018.**