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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, AND WE WELCOME EACH AND EVERY

6 ONE OF YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS

7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY

8 30TH, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT FOUR MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.

9 SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL NOT BE HERE TODAY. AND WE HAVE OUR

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR EXECUTIVE

11 OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND

12 BEFORE WE HAD THE-- OUR INVOCATION, I WANTED TO ASK ALL OF US

13 TO HAVE JUST A MOMENT OF SILENCE. SUNDAY, AS WE KNOW, A YOUNG

14 MAN USED A SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE TO KILL A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY, A

15 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL, A MAN IN HIS 20S, AND INJURED DOZENS MORE AT

16 A FOOD FESTIVAL IN GILROY. EARLY SATURDAY MORNING HERE, A

17 YOUNG OFF-DUTY L.A.P.D. OFFICER, JUAN JOSE DIAZ, WAS SHOT AND

18 KILLED AT A TACO STAND IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. AND ON THURSDAY

19 EVENING, THREE PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED IN SEPARATE

20 INCIDENCES IN CANOGA PARK, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, AND THE SEPULVEDA

21 BASIN. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THESE ARE JUST A FRACTION OF THE 100

22 PEOPLE LOST EVERY DAY IN THIS NATION TO GUN VIOLENCE. AND I

23 WOULD ASK EVERYONE HERE TODAY TO JOIN ME IN A MOMENT OF

24 SILENCE TO HONOR THE LIVES WE LOST. BUT I DO SO, KNOWING FULL

25 WELL THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS AND THE LOWERING OF

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1 FLAGS IN THESE MOMENTS OF SILENCE WILL DO LITTLE TO COMFORT
2 THE FAMILIES WHO LOST LOVED ONES, AND PROBABLY WILL DO NOTHING
3 TO STOP THE NEXT TRAGEDY. AND I AM REMINDED THAT IN THE LAST
4 FEW DAYS, THAT WE'RE LIVING THROUGH A GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC IN
5 THIS COUNTRY. AND IT WILL NOT GO AWAY WITHOUT ACTION FROM OUR
6 NATION'S LEADERS. SO, IF YOU WILL STAND WITH ME NOW AND JOIN
7 IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED.] THANK
8 YOU. AND NOW WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION, LED BY THE
9 REVEREND PAUL CLAY OF THE HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED
10 CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. IT'S IN MY
11 FOURTH DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
12 ALLEGIANCE, LED BY ALEJANDRA FIGUEROA, FORMER SERGEANT IN THE
13 UNITED STATES ARMY, FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE THIRD
14 DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

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16 **REV. PAUL CLAY:** THANK YOU. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE. I'D LIKE TO
17 BEGIN WITH A HISTORICAL NOTE, AND THAT IS THAT 250 YEARS AGO
18 TODAY, THE PORTOLA EXPEDITION ENTERED WHAT IS NOW LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY. THEY WERE A GROUP OF 74 EXPLORERS, MEXICAN AND
20 SPANISH. THEY CAME INTO A LAND THAT WAS ALREADY INHABITED BY
21 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. A FEW DAYS LATER, THEY CAME TO A
22 BEAUTIFUL RIVER WHICH THEY CALLED THE RIVER OF OUR LADY OF THE
23 ANGELS OF PORZIUNCOLA. PORZIUNCOLA IS A PLACE IN ASSISI WHICH
24 WAS THE BEGINNING PLACE FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. THAT, OF
25 COURSE, IS THE SOURCE OF THE NAME OF OUR COUNTY. LET US PRAY.

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1 AS WE START TODAY, WE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY. WE CELEBRATE THE
2 TRIUMPHS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
3 TRAGEDIES AND THE ATROCITIES. AS WE GATHER, WE ASK FOR WISDOM
4 FROM THE PAST, A SENSE OF JUSTICE, COMPASSION, AND HOPE FOR
5 THE FUTURE. WE EACH PRAY IN OUR OWN WAY. AMEN.

6

7 **ALEJANDRA FIGUEROA:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COME ON NEXT TO ME HERE. IT'S SO GREAT TO
11 HAVE YOU HERE TODAY, AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
12 REVEREND PAUL CLAY WITH THE HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED
13 CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN LA HABRA HEIGHTS. REVEREND CLAY GRADUATED
14 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AND PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
15 IN BERKELEY. HE SERVED AS PASTOR AT HILLCREST FOR NINE YEARS,
16 AND FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS HAS SERVED CHURCHES IN WASHINGTON,
17 OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA. REVEREND CLAY IS A MEMBER OF THE
18 WHITTIER AREA CLERGY ASSOCIATION, AND IS CO-LEADER OF AN
19 INTERFAITH GROUP THAT MEETS MONTHLY TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL
20 POLITICAL ISSUES. HE'S ONE OF THE KEY ORGANIZERS FOR THE
21 HILLCREST FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS, WHICH DISPLAYS THE WORK OF
22 MORE THAN 200 ARTISTS, AND WELCOMES ABOUT 2,000 GUESTS EACH
23 YEAR FOR THREE DAYS OF GALLERIES, BOOTHS, MUSIC, AND GOOD
24 FOOD, ALL ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY. AND NEXT YEAR,
25 I BELIEVE, WILL BE THE FESTIVAL'S 60TH YEAR, AND I HAVE BEEN

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1 PROUD TO BE A SUPPORTER. IN YOUR FREE TIME, YOU ENJOY HIKING,
2 PHOTOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND ASTRONOMY. REVEREND CLAY, ON BEHALF
3 OF THIS BOARD AND MYSELF, PARTICULARLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
4 BEING HERE TODAY AND LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION.

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6 **REV. PAUL CLAY:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OUR PLEDGE TODAY WAS LED
9 BY ALEJANDRA FIGUEROA. SHE WAS A SERGEANT AND MILITARY POLICE
10 INVESTIGATOR IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 2003 TO 2012. SHE
11 WAS DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, TO
12 AFGHANISTAN, AND TO GUANTANAMO BAY. SHE WAS AWARDED THE
13 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM
14 EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE ARMY
15 SERVICE RIBBON, AND THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. SHE NOW WORKS
16 IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
17 AFFAIRS, WHERE SHE PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IN
18 ASSISTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THEIR BENEFITS. IN
19 HER SPARE TIME-- WE ALWAYS SAY IN HER SPARE TIME, WHICH SO
20 MANY OF US DON'T HAVE, AND I'LL BET YOU DON'T MUCH, EITHER--
21 BUT SHE RESCUES STRAY DOGS AND CATS, AND FINDS THEM PERMANENT
22 HOMES. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING SERGEANT ALEJANDRA
23 FIGUEROA. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
2 THE AGENDA.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SET MATTER
6 THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 11 A.M., AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
7 AGENDA. ITEM S-1 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LOS
8 ANGELES REGION SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
9 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ITEM S-1 RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM
10 48. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS
11 BOTH ITEMS. ON PAGE 5, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE
12 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
13 ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON PAGE 6, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS
15 FINANCING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-F, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
16 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM ALSO RELATES TO ITEM
17 49. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
18 THROUGH 17. ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 11, THIS INCLUDES A
20 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT HER VOTE BE RECORDED AS NO ON
22 DIRECTIVE NO. 2, WHICH REQUESTS A STATE AUDIT. ALSO, A MEMBER
23 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 12
24 THROUGH 14, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
25 BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON

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1 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
4 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
5 PAGE 17, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 47. ON ITEM
6 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS TO AMEND RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 TO
7 ADD THE PHRASE "WITH TWO WEEKS' ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS" AFTER THE PHRASE "IN EXCESS OF 250." ALSO, A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
10 19, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS TO AMEND RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 TO
11 ADD THE PHRASE "WITH TWO WEEKS' ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS" AFTER THE PHRASE "IN EXCESS OF 250." ALSO, A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS
14 20 THROUGH 23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE
15 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 24, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO AUGUST 6TH,
17 2019. ON ITEMS 25 THROUGH 38, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
18 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 39, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO AUGUST 13TH, 2019,
20 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 40, COUNTY
21 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 3RD,
22 2019. ON ITEMS 41 THROUGH 44, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
23 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 30, THIS INCLUDES
24 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
25 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 45-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS, THROUGH
3 45-A, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE
7 THESE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
8 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 31, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION.
11 ITEM 48 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE FLOOD
12 CONTROL DISTRICT CODE CHAPTER 16, RELATING TO THE LOS ANGELES
13 REGION SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, AND ADDING CHAPTER 18,
14 RELATING TO THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. ON
15 ITEM 48, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO S-1, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL
17 BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS. ALSO ON PAGE 31,
18 SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 49 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE
21 BONDS 2019 SERIES-E BONDS ON THE TAX-EXEMPT BASIS, WITH AN
22 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325 MILLION TO REFINANCE THE OUTSTANDING
23 NOTES ISSUED TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
24 FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS. ON ITEM 49, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1-

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1 F. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS MORNING I'M SO PLEASED TO
5 WELCOME-- LET'S SEE IF I GET YOUR PRONUNCIATION CORRECT--
6 MUNGKORN PRATOOMKAEW, CONSUL GENERAL OF THAILAND, HERE IN LOS
7 ANGELES. PRIOR TO THIS APPOINTMENT, HE WAS THE CONSUL GENERAL
8 OF THAILAND IN MADAGASCAR, AND CONSUL GENERAL PRATOOMKAEW
9 JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1993, AS THE SECOND
10 SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH ASIAN, MIDDLE EASTERN,
11 AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, FACILITATING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
12 THAILAND AND COUNTRIES IN EAST AFRICA. HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT
13 TOOK HIM TO MOSCOW, TO WORK ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THAILAND
14 AND RUSSIA. HE THEN SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON,
15 D.C., WHERE HE FOCUSED ON THAI-U.S. POLITICAL RELATIONS. AS A
16 MEMBER OF THAILAND'S FOREIGN SERVICE, HE SERVED IN THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE
18 MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AND THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS. HE IS A GRADUATE OF CHIANG MAI
20 UNIVERSITY, WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL
21 SCIENCE. HE ALSO HAS A MASTER'S OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT FROM THE
22 UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA IN THE U.K. CONSUL GENERAL
23 PRATOOMKAEW, MY COLLEAGUES AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR
24 APPOINTMENT AS THAILAND'S CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES, AND
25 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL

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1 IMPORTANCE, AND WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS AS YOU CARRY FORTH YOUR
2 MISSION. WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES, AND PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **CONSUL GENERAL PRATOOMKAEW:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD
6 MORNING, EVERYONE. IT'S MY GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AND TO MEET
7 WITH THE SUPERVISORS OF THE GREATEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, IN
8 TERMS OF SIZE OF THE ECONOMY, AND THE SIZE OF THE POPULATION.
9 THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED CONTACT IN 1818,
10 AND SIGNED A TREATY OF AMITY AND COMMERCE IN 1833, FORMALIZING
11 OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSE AND CORDIAL
12 FOR THE PAST 186 YEARS. THERE'S 100,000 OF THAI RESIDES IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY. THEREFORE, THE LOYAL THAI CONSULATE AND THE
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE BETTERMENT
15 AND PROSPERITY OF THESE PEOPLE. IN ADDITION TO MY CONSULAR
16 SERVICES TO THE THAI COMMUNITY, AND VISA ISSUANCE TO AMERICAN
17 VISITORS, AND AS MY SECOND TIME TO SERVE AT THE ROYAL THAI
18 CONSULATE, ONCE AS A DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL, AND NOW AS CONSUL
19 GENERAL, IT IS MY WISH TO EXPAND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONS,
20 AND ENHANCE BILATERAL ECONOMIC TIES WITH OUR TWO GREAT
21 NATIONS. WITH YOUR KIND AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT, I'M CONFIDENT
22 THAT MY MISSION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND FROM MY SIDE, THE
23 ROYAL THAI CONSULATE GENERAL STAND READY TO ASSIST THE COUNTY,
24 SHOULD THERE BE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN FIX. SO THANK YOU VERY

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1 MUCH ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION, AND I WISH YOU ALL A
2 GREAT DAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, THE PETS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO WE HAVE A
5 CAT TODAY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ME WITH THE CAT? I'LL DO THE
6 DOG, YOU DO THE CAT? OKAY. OKAY. WE'LL START WITH THE DOG. HI
7 THERE. OH, HI THERE. THIS IS SHORTY, AND SHORTY IS A FOUR-
8 MONTH-OLD TERRIER. AND SHORTY IS AVAILABLE-- SHORTY'S SHAKING.
9 I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I GET THIS WAY EVERY TIME ON TUESDAYS,
10 MYSELF. [LAUGHTER.] SHORTY IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM THE
11 DOWNEY SHELTER. AND IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SHORTY OR ANOTHER
12 DOG WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, CALL 562-728-4610, AND YOU CAN
13 HAVE SHORTY OR A LOT OF OTHER ANIMALS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A
14 FOREVER HOME. SO THIS IS SHORTY.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'LL BE THE CAT WHISPERER.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS LENNY, AND LENNY WANTS TO GO HOME
19 WITH SHEILA. [LAUGHTER.] LENNY IS A SEVEN-WEEK-OLD DOMESTIC
20 SHORTHAIK. LENNY IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. AND
21 IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING LENNY, OR THERE'S A LOT OF
22 LITTLE KITTIES AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER, PLEASE CALL, AGAIN, 562-
23 728-4610. AND LENNY'S READY TO GO, BUT LENNY LOOKS LIKE A NICE
24 KITTY CAT.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** HE'S A SWEET KITTY.

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3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THE HELP.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSOLUTELY. LOVE IT.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WELL,
10 THERE'S LENNY AND SHORTY, AND THEN THERE'S TERRY. [LAUGHTER.]
11 BUT THAT WOULD BE DR. TERRY COOPER. GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MEGAN, COME ON OVER. COME ON
13 OVER, MEGAN. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE-- WHERE ARE YOU?
14 WHERE'S MEGAN? LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
15 MADAM CHAIR, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE PROFESSOR
16 EMERITUS TERRY COOPER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, AND
17 CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM U.S.C. SOL PRICE
18 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. I EMBRACED HIS WIFE MEGAN, WHO I'VE
19 KNOWN FOR WELL OVER 40 YEARS, AS WE WERE COLLABORATORS AND
20 CONSPIRATORS IN AN EFFORT IN HOLLYWOOD CALLED JOINT HEALTH
21 VENTURES. AND WE LAUNCHED SOME OF THE FIRST HEALTH FAIRS IN
22 THE NATION RIGHT THERE. AND SO MEGAN IS HERE, AND WE ARE VERY
23 HAPPY TO SEE HER. WELL, WHO IS TERRY COOPER? WELL, HE IS WHO
24 HE WAS MEANT TO BE. SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD, MADAM CHAIR, HE HAD A
25 LOT ON HIS MIND. FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED AND DEBATED ISSUES OF

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1 ETHICS WITH HIS FAMILY AT HIS HOME IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.
2 AND AFTER MOVING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HE STUDIED AT
3 U.C.L.A., WHERE HE GRADUATED, AND THEN HE FINISHED A MASTER'S
4 DEGREE AT CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. THEN DR. COOPER BEGAN
5 TO LEARN THE ROPES OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, AS A MINISTER IN
6 EAST HARLEM, LATER RETURNING TO THE PICO UNION AREA OF LOS
7 ANGELES TO CONTINUE HIS WORK. HE ORGANIZED AND ADVOCATED FOR
8 THOUSANDS OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS TO PREVENT THEIR
9 DISPLACEMENT, AND AT THE SAME TIME TRIED TO ELEVATE THE
10 WITNESS AROUND NONVIOLENCE, AND PUSH AGAINST ALL OF THE THINGS
11 THAT WERE HAPPENING, IN TERMS OF YOUTH AT RISK AS IT TURNED
12 INTO GANG VIOLENCE. FEW ARE AS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SOUTH
13 LOS ANGELES'S MODERN HISTORY AS DR. COOPER, INTIMATELY,
14 DIRECTLY CONNECTED AFTER THE CIVIL UNREST OF 1965, WORKED IN
15 THAT AREA OF WATTS, BEING A PASTOR, A MINISTER, IN THE SENSE
16 IF NOT FORMALLY, BUT CERTAINLY IN HELPING PEOPLE TO PUT
17 THEMSELVES BACK TOGETHER, TRANSPORTING FOOD AND EVEN
18 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THEM IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. IT WAS IN 1973
19 THAT TERRY COOPER GRADUATED FROM U.S.C. WITH HIS PH.D. IN
20 SOCIAL ETHICS AND URBAN POLICY. HE HAS WRITTEN MANY RESEARCH
21 STUDIES AND BOOKS ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ETHICS AND
22 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD
23 ORGANIZATIONS. AND TO CAP OFF A STORIED CAREER, HE RECENTLY
24 RECEIVED THE 2019 PUBLIC INTEGRITY AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN
25 SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. I THINK THAT DESERVES A BIG

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1 ROUND OF APPLAUSE RIGHT THERE. [APPLAUSE.] AND SO HE'S WITH US
2 TODAY, AND HE'S WALKED THE JOURNEY OF TRYING TO BE A
3 CONTRIBUTOR IN THE BEST SENSE OF WHAT THAT WORD MEANS, TO THE
4 QUALITY OF LIVES, OF LIFE OF ORDINARY PEOPLE. AND THROUGH
5 THESE MANY YEARS, HE'S BEEN A LEADER, A SERVANT LEADER; AN
6 ACADEMICIAN WHO UNDERSTANDS HOW TO CONNECT THAT WHICH IS GOING
7 ON IN THE ACADEMY TO THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF US ALL. AND HE'S
8 HAD A MEANINGFUL IMPACT. AND FOR THAT, WE ARE PLEASED TO
9 CONGRATULATE DR. TERRY COOPER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
10 RETIREMENT. SHOW HIM SOME LOVE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] HAVE A
11 WORD.

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13 **DR. TERRY COOPER:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
14 THIS GREAT HONOR, AND I WANT TO PARTICULARLY THANK MY OLD
15 FRIEND, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR RECOGNIZING MY WORK
16 AS BEING OF SOME VALUE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO THE
17 PEOPLE THEREIN. MARK AND I HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE ABOUT
18 1976, AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TOGETHER
19 OVER THAT PERIOD OF YEARS, INCLUDING THE BEGINNINGS OF THE
20 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES. AND I GREATLY
21 RESPECT HIS WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
22 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
23 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR, MARK. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHO'S NEXT? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** A BUNCH OF PEOPLE RETIRING, WHICH OPENS UP GREAT
3 SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO, YOU KNOW, TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL
4 PLACE. BUT IT'S STILL KIND OF A SAD THING. SO I WANT TO TALK
5 TODAY ABOUT NEAL DUDOVITZ. FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, NEAL'S BEEN
6 DEDICATED TO PROVIDING MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO JUSTICE TO OUR
7 NATION'S LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. HE'S AN ACCOMPLISHED ADVOCATE
8 AND A VISIONARY LEADER. THROUGHOUT HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER,
9 HIS COMMITMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES HAS REMAINED CONSTANT, TO
10 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE, INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION LINKED TO HIGH-
11 IMPACT POLICY. THAT PHILOSOPHY HAS BEEN AT THE CORE OF HIS
12 LEADERSHIP AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, WHERE, SINCE TAKING
13 THE HELM AS DIRECTOR IN 1993, HE HAS WORKED TO DEVELOP
14 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF LOS ANGELES'S
15 VARIED LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN LEGAL
16 SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN, WHERE HE SPECIALIZED IN HEALTH
17 AND MENTAL HEALTH LAW. HIS NATIONALLY-FOCUSED LITIGATION
18 WITHIN THE CENTER TWICE BROUGHT HIM TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT,
19 WHERE HE ARGUED AS LEAD ATTORNEY. AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL
20 SERVICES OF L.A., HE DEVELOPED SEVERAL INNOVATIVE, NATIONALLY
21 RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE NATION'S LARGEST NETWORK OF
22 SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS, THE HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER,
23 AND A GROWING NETWORK OF MEDICAL/LEGAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.
24 NOW, HE'S ON THE BRINK OF RETIREMENT. HIS LEADERSHIP,
25 COMMITMENT, AND PUBLIC SERVICE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. IF THE

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1 FIRST DUTY OF SOCIETY IS JUSTICE, THEN NEAL DUDOVITZ HAS
2 SERVED AS A 5-STAR GENERAL. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WISHING HIM WELL
3 IN RETIREMENT, AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
4 TO THE COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **NEAL DUDOVITZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SHEILA, AND TO THE BOARD.
7 IT'S REALLY A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO GET RECOGNIZED BY A GROUP
8 OF INDIVIDUALS WHO I ADMIRE SO MUCH, AND REALLY APPRECIATE
9 YOUR SINCERE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE DIFFICULT ISSUES IN
10 LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW, IT'S ALSO A LITTLE STRANGE TO BE
11 RECOGNIZED FOR LIVING YOUR DREAM. SINCE I WAS A TEENAGER, I
12 WANTED TO BE A LEGAL SERVICES LAWYER, AND I'VE DONE IT FOR 46
13 YEARS. SO IT'S REALLY-- I DON'T NEED RECOGNITION FOR THAT.
14 THAT'S REALLY ALL I EVER WANTED TO DO. YOU DON'T GET TO THIS
15 PLACE WITHOUT HAVING HAD INCREDIBLE SUPPORT AND HELP FROM MANY
16 PEOPLE. FIRST, MY WIFE MARTA, WHOSE LOVE AND SUPPORT HAS
17 HELPED ME. THIS IS A 24/7 JOB, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND SO A LOT
18 OF IT IS DONE AT HOME, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT SUPPORT.
19 TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOME OF
20 WHOM ARE HERE TODAY, THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT HAS MADE IT
21 POSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO THE WORK I DO. AND TO THE STAFF AT
22 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES-- THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEM OVER
23 THE COURSE OF THE 26 YEARS-- YOU ARE INCREDIBLE. AND THEY DO
24 THE WORK EVERY DAY. I REALLY JUST SIGN THE PAYCHECKS.
25 [LAUGHTER.] SO, FINALLY, I WANT TO-- WHEN YOU GET TO THIS

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1 POINT, YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR LEGACY. AND FOR ME, I HAVE NO
2 QUALMS, NO PROBLEMS. THE LEGACY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES
3 WILL BE LED BY YVONNE RIJIMENEZ, WHO HAS BEEN MY PARTNER FOR
4 20 YEARS AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. NOBODY IS MORE
5 QUALIFIED AND MORE ABLE TO LEAD THE PROGRAM TO NEW HEIGHTS
6 THAN YVONNE. I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT I WILL BE SUCCEEDED
7 BY THE FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR TO LEAD NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL
8 SERVICES IN OVER 50 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] FINALLY, ON A PERSONAL
9 NOTE, MY TWO DAUGHTERS ARE HERE: AMY, A LAW PROFESSOR AT
10 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL; AND REBECCA, WHO IS OVER HERE, WHO'S A
11 PEDIATRICIAN AND TEACHES AT U.C.L.A. MEDICAL SCHOOL. I'M VERY,
12 VERY PROUD OF THEM, AND I HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT THE FUTURE WITH
13 THEM. THEY BOTH GREW UP IN LEGAL AID OFFICES. SOCIAL JUSTICE
14 IS IN THEIR D.N.A., AND THEY WILL STILL BE AROUND TO HELP,
15 ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN, JOSH AND JEFFREY KESSELMAN, AND
16 LEAH AND ISAAC MULLNER, WHO ARE NOT HERE TODAY. THEY, TOO,
17 HAVE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GENES. AND YOU JUST NEED TO TALK TO
18 JOSH AND JEFFREY FOR FIVE MINUTES AND YOU'LL KNOW: THEY KNOW
19 WHAT'S GOING ON. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD.
20 I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEAL. THANK YOU, NEAL AND MARTA AND
23 YOUR FAMILY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE KNOWN YOU AND WORKED WITH
24 YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND TEAM
25 THAT YOU HAVE HELPED PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR THE LAST 20, 30

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1 YEARS, PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT. BUT IN THE TIME WHEN WE ARE
2 UNDER SIEGE BY DIFFERENT FORCES, NOT ALL VERY KIND TO PEOPLE
3 LIVING IN POVERTY AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND IMMIGRANTS ACROSS
4 THE COUNTRY, YOUR GROUP IS A STAND-UP GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION.
5 AND WE'RE SO HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH YOU AND TO CONTINUE THAT.
6 AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE SITTING AT HOME, BECAUSE
7 RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO OFF AND
8 JUST TRAVEL. YOU'RE GOING TO BE BUSY. SO WE THANK YOU, AND WE
9 THANK YOUR STAFF, AND WE LOOK FONDLY AND ADMIRE THE PEOPLE
10 THAT YOU HAVE WORKING FOR YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
11 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
14 TODAY I HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF RECOGNIZING AN
15 ORGANIZATION THAT I THINK ALL OF US HERE KNOW VERY WELL: L.A.
16 CARE. WE ARE ACTUALLY MAKING THIS PRESENTATION BECAUSE OF THE
17 OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE, AND THE
18 LEADERSHIP. SOMETIMES THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO TALK THE TALK, BUT
19 SOMETIMES DON'T WALK THAT TALK. AND HERE IS AN ORGANIZATION
20 THAT IS DOING SOME STAND-UP WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY, PROBABLY AT
21 A FASTER PACE THAN WE WOULD LIKE ON THE BOARD TO SEE HAPPEN.
22 SO THE REASON I AM ACKNOWLEDGING THEM TODAY IS BECAUSE JOHN
23 BAACKES, THE C.E.O. OF L.A. CARE, AND HIS GROUP BEHIND US, ARE
24 SOME OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO EVERY TIME I SEE HIM, HE'S ON
25 THE MOVE. HE'S BREAKING BARRIERS. HE'S GOING OUT TO PLACES

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1 WHERE L.A. CARE HAS NOT BEEN, BUT IS NOW ESTABLISHING
2 THEMSELVES. AND I'M QUITE HONORED TO KNOW HIM, AND KNOW THAT
3 HE CARES SO DEEPLY ABOUT THE VERY SAME ISSUES THAT WE CARE
4 ABOUT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING
5 PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO ALL OF OUR
6 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. THIS MORNING, WE RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS
7 WORK AROUND ELEVATING THE SAFETY NET INITIATIVE. I HEARD ABOUT
8 THIS PROGRAM ON THE NEWS. AND WHEN I HEARD HIS NAME, I
9 THOUGHT, JESUS, WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS GUY HERE, BECAUSE HE
10 NEEDS TO BE TOLD THAT WE ARE BEHIND HIM 100 PERCENT. THE
11 PROGRAM IS A \$31 MILLION INITIATIVE THAT SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN
12 THE PROVIDERS' SAFETY NET RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY.
13 WITH A LOOMING PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE, WHICH ALL OF US KNOW VERY
14 UNIQUELY IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, THREATENING THE SAFETY NET THAT
15 PROVIDES HEALTHCARE TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS,
16 PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES, L.A. CARE
17 HAS MADE IT THEIR MISSION TO RECRUIT HIGHLY QUALIFIED PRIMARY
18 PHYSICIANS. THE ELEVATING THE SAFETY NET INITIATIVE LAUNCHED
19 LAST YEAR WITH THREE INITIAL PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE THE
20 FOLLOWING: A PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT PROGRAM OFFERING \$125,000
21 GRANTS TO CLINICS AND PRACTICES THAT RECRUIT NEW PHYSICIANS IN
22 L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET; A PHYSICIAN LOAN
23 REPAYMENT PROGRAM OFFERING THOSE NEW RECRUITS WITH DEBT RELIEF
24 UP TO \$180,000 IF THEY STAY IN THE SAFETY NET FOR THREE YEARS.
25 THAT IS OUR UNDERSERVED AREAS, TO BE EXACT. AND A MEDICAL

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1 SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WHICH PAYS EIGHT STUDENTS EACH WITH
2 \$350,000. AMAZING. AND JUST LAST WEEK, L.A. CARE ANNOUNCED A
3 FOURTH COMPONENT, WHICH INCLUDES A RESIDENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM
4 AT L.A. CARE, COMMITTING MORE THAN 5.2 MILLION FOR 14 NEW
5 RESIDENCY POSITIONS AT FIVE MEDICAL FACILITIES ACROSS L.A.
6 COUNTY. THESE INCLUDE THE ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL,
7 LOCATED RIGHT IN MY DISTRICT, AS WELL AS ALTAMED, CHARLES R.
8 DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE, THE CHILDREN'S
9 HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF
10 MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A. IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCING THE NEW
11 RESIDENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM, L.A. CARE ALSO INTRODUCED EIGHT NEW
12 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. AND THEY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
13 PSYCHIATRISTS FOR PHYSICAL RECRUITMENT GRANTS, BECAUSE OF THE
14 GREAT NEED FOR MORE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS. SOMEBODY'S
15 LISTENING TO THE BOARD, AND I LOVE IT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHY
16 WE'RE HERE TODAY: TO CELEBRATE THE LEADERSHIP OF JOHN BAACKES,
17 THE C.E.O. OF L.A. CARE, AND THOSE THAT HE BRINGS WITH HIM. I
18 HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING ON THAT BOARD A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN I
19 STARTED, AND I HAVE BEEN AMAZED. HE'S ALREADY PUT UP SITES IN
20 EAST L.A. HE'S GOING TO POMONA, IF HE'S NOT ALREADY THERE, AND
21 LOOKING AT HUNTINGTON PARK. THOSE ARE THE HIGHEST-NEED AREAS
22 THAT I CAN IMAGINE IN THE DISTRICT, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.
23 BUT AGAIN, I AM HONORED TO BE HERE AND TO BE YOUR FRIEND, AND
24 ALL OF US ARE. AND I WILL ALLOW YOU, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
25 SPEAK. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WISHES TO BE RECOGNIZED.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR FACILITATING JOHN
4 BAACKES'S PRESENCE HERE TODAY. AS ONE SERVING ON THE L.A. CARE
5 BOARD, I HAVE A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY, AND SOMETIMES MORE OFTEN
6 THAN THAT, IN VARIOUS VENUES TO SEE THE WORK THAT HE IS DOING,
7 AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT HE HAS BROUGHT TO BEAR. YOUR LIST WAS
8 PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTIVE IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF THINGS THAT
9 HE HAS DONE SINCE HE'S BEEN HERE, BUT I WANT TO PUNCTUATE
10 THOSE THINGS BY SAYING LEADERSHIP DOES MATTER. AND JOHN IS
11 FORTHRIGHT; OBVIOUSLY, VERY, VERY SEASONED IN TERMS OF THE
12 INSURANCE INDUSTRY; KNOWLEDGEABLE, ALMOST WITHOUT PEER IN THAT
13 REGARD, BUT UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT MEANS TO SHOW COMPASSION AND
14 TO BE INNOVATIVE IN THE PURSUIT OF HIS CURRENT ROLE. AND SO
15 THIS CURRENT INITIATIVE THAT IS BEING LIFTED UP TODAY IS BUT
16 AN ILLUSTRATION OF AN EXCELLENT CHOICE THE L.A. CARE BOARD
17 MADE WHEN THEY SELECTED JOHN BAACKES TO BE HERE, AND TO HAVE
18 THE IMPACT THAT HE IS HAVING IS SIMPLY WORTHY OF
19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PRAISE. AND SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
20 FOR ASKING HIM TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU, JOHN, FOR YOUR
21 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP. WE ARE RIGHT WITH YOU AND HOPE TO
22 ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO EVEN MORE. THANK YOU.

23

24 **JOHN BAACKES:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WELL, ON BEHALF OF MY
25 COLLEAGUES ON THE PLATFORM WITH ME, AND OUR 1900 COLLEAGUES

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1 WHO ARE BACK AT THE OFFICE, WORKING HARD, WE REALLY THANK YOU
2 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT I THINK L.A.
3 CARE IS A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION, AND I'M PROUD TO LEAD IT. BUT
4 WE HAVE A MISSION, AND OUR MISSION IS TO ADD VALUE: ADD VALUE
5 TO THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, AND ADD VALUE TO THE PROVIDERS THAT
6 PARTICIPATE IN OUR NETWORK. WE TAKE CARE-- OR WE HAVE 2.2
7 MILLION MEMBERS. MOST OF THOSE ARE ON MEDI-CAL. SO OUR
8 POPULATION THAT WE SERVE IS LIVING AND WORKING IN POVERTY, AND
9 THEY FACE MANY BARRIERS TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HEALTHCARE IN
10 THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. WE ALSO KNOW THERE IS A
11 REAL LACK OF PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE OUR MEMBERS
12 LIVE. THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE BOARD, AND THEY SUPPORTED,
13 SETTING ASIDE 5% OF OUR UNASSIGNED RESERVES, WHICH WOULD
14 OTHERWISE BE EARNING PITIFUL INTEREST IN VERY CONSERVATIVE
15 INVESTMENTS, AND SAY LET'S REINVEST IT IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
16 USE THAT MONEY TO BUILD UP OUR WORKFORCE. I AM PLEASED TO SAY
17 THAT SINCE WE ANNOUNCED THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR, WE HAVE
18 AWARDED 16 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BUILD A PIPELINE FOR THE FUTURE.
19 ALL OF THE STUDENTS THAT HAVE COME INTO THAT PIPELINE
20 REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY THEY WILL EVENTUALLY
21 SERVE. I'M ALSO PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE GRANTS AND MEDICAL
22 SCHOOL LOAN DEBT REPAYMENT PROGRAM, WE'VE HAD 72-- WE'VE MADE
23 72 GRANTS SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, AND I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT
24 50 PHYSICIANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECRUITED AND ARE PRACTICING,
25 THAT WEREN'T HERE A YEAR AGO. SO I THANK THE BOARD AND THOSE

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1 OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN ON OUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT L.A. CARE.
2 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT
3 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR
6 PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
7 PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

8

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

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME TELL YOU THE PLAN FOR TODAY. WE
16 WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THEN THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED
17 BY ITEM 16. AND AROUND 11 A.M., WE WILL TAKE UP SET MATTER S-
18 1, WHICH IS RELATED TO 48, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS
19 NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. AND SO NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF
21 INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF
22 THE BOARD. AND AS YOU HEARD FROM OUR CODE OF CONDUCT, WE ASK
23 EVERYONE, EVERYONE CAN COME AND SPEAK ON THESE MATTERS, BUT WE
24 ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM CURSING OR USING THE KINDS OF
25 LANGUAGE OR THREATS THAT WILL CAUSE OTHERS WHO HAVE ALSO COME

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1 HERE TODAY TO THIS BOARD MEETING, YOU WILL CAUSE THEM TO BE
2 UNCOMFORTABLE, OFFENDED, AND NOT FEELING ENGAGED IN OUR
3 PROCESS. SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS
4 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
8 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
9 NAME, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ANITA WILLIAMS, ANTONIA
10 RAMIREZ, ASHLEY ORONA, ERIC PREVEN, HUGH SCHURTZ, JAVIER
11 GARCIA, JOSE MARTINEZ, JUSTIN MEDELLIN, LARRY LAVEN, LUIS
12 HERNANDEZ, LYANNE ESPINOZA, MARY JACOBS, AND MIA VALADEZ.
13 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. PREVEN. GOOD MORNING.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND
18 OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT'S DAVID GOLDSTEIN OF C.B.S. L.A., I'M
19 GOING TO LOOK AWAY FROM MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS NOT ENGAGING. I
20 KNOW HE GOT UPSET LAST WEEK WHEN I CALLED HIM OUT FOR THAT. I
21 LOVE, YOU KNOW, THE PUBLIC, AND I THINK THAT THEY DESERVE SOME
22 STICKING UP FOR FROM TIME TO TIME. I KNOW THAT THAT'S
23 PARTIALLY YOUR JOB, AND ALSO THOSE OF US IN THE COMMUNITY WHO
24 WRITE ABOUT FACTS AND TRUTHS AND OPINIONS, ALSO. AND IN 2017,
25 THERE WAS A TERRIBLE BUT LIMITED TRAGEDY IN THE SEPULVEDA

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1 PASS. THERE WAS A FIRE. THEY MADE A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
2 THAT WAS PROVEN TO BE PRELIMINARY. AND YET KATHRYN BARGER
3 WROTE AGAIN, TRYING TO SCAPEGOAT THE HOMELESS ONCE AGAIN FOR A
4 FIRE WHERE THEY WERE NOT PRESENT. I MEAN, PAUL KORETZ AND
5 NICKY MINER MAY HAVE BEEN OUT ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS WITH THE
6 LEO BECK CREW, BUT YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. AND I JUST
7 SIMPLY ASKED THEM TO REMOVE THAT FROM A COUNTY DOCUMENT,
8 BECAUSE WE'RE BEING SUED BY LEO BECK TEMPLE OVER THIS FALSE--

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'RE GIVING YOU ONE MINUTE
11 ON THIS PART OF GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, SO NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WE HAVE AN EMPTY HALL.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD. YEAH. YOUR
17 TIME'S GOING TO START RUNNING.

18

19 **JUSTIN MEDELLIN:** DISTINGUISHED BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS
20 JUSTIN MEDELLIN, AND I LIVE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. I WORKED MY
21 WHOLE LIFE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND I'VE NEVER BEEN IN
22 TROUBLE WITH THE LAW. I SERVE MY COMMUNITY WORKING IN THE
23 FIELD OF EDUCATION, AND I'M A COLLEGE GRADUATE AND A CURRENT
24 LAW STUDENT. I COME TO YOU AS A FATHER CONCERNED FOR THE LIVES
25 OF CHILDREN GOING THROUGH THE D.C.F.S. SYSTEM. I COME TO THIS

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1 BOARD MEETING IN AN ACT OF DESPERATION TO SAVE MY CHILDREN AND
2 OTHERS FROM THE DANGERS THAT D.C.F.S. HAS PUT CHILDREN INTO,
3 DUE TO THEIR NEGLIGENCE. I'M A FATHER OF FOUR. HOWEVER, MY TWO
4 YOUNGEST CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF MY EX-
5 PARTNER, WHO CONTINUOUSLY PUTS THEM IN DANGER. SHE HAS NOT
6 CONTESTED ANY OF THE FACTS THAT I CAN PRESENT TO YOU TODAY,
7 AND IN FACT HAS ADMITTED TO THEM. I'M NOT HERE TO BADGER
8 ANYONE'S CHARACTER, BUT RATHER BRING AWARENESS TO D.C.F.S.'S
9 CONSCIOUS DISREGARD FOR MY CHILDREN'S LIVES AND COUNTLESS
10 OTHERS. D.C.F.S. HAS WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE DANGERS MY
11 CHILDREN ARE DUE INTO, AND THEY FAIL TO ACT. D.C.F.S. IS AN
12 INSTITUTION MEANT TO PROTECT MY CHILDREN, BUT AS I AM
13 WITNESSING FIRSTHAND, THEY DO NOTHING, AND ARE ONLY REACTIVE
14 WHEN TRAGEDY OCCURS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK YOU WHERE YOU LIVE?

17

18 **JUSTIN MEDELLIN:** I LIVE IN PALMDALE, MA'AM. I MEAN, IN SANTA
19 CLARITA.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SANTA CLARITA. OKAY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK
22 TO ANYBODY TODAY?

23

24 **JUSTIN MEDELLIN:** YES, IF I COULD.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN SOMEONE-- OKAY, THANK YOU. IF YOU'LL GO
2 DOWN TO THE FRONT ROW, I BELIEVE SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER'S STAFF WILL TALK TO YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GOOD
4 MORNING.

5

6 **ASHLEY ORONA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ASHLEY ORONA. I AM A
7 RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. I AM HERE ONCE
8 AGAIN TO EXPRESS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE PROCEDURES TAKEN
9 THAT LED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE A.M.C.A.L. HOUSING PROJECT AND
10 DISPLACEMENT OF THE FLORENCE LIBRARY. I, AS WELL AS OTHER
11 RESIDENTS, WERE HERE IN MARCH AND SUBMITTED A LETTER,
12 COMMENTS, AND EASILY OVER 8500 COLLECTIVE SIGNATURES, AND WE
13 ARE DISCONTENT WITH THE RESPONSE WE RECEIVED FROM YOU, MARK
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR RESPONSE WAS PREMATURE,
15 DUE TO THE FACT THAT YOU DID NOT EVEN CONSIDER WHAT WE HAD
16 JUST SUBMITTED. THEREFORE, I AM HERE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF MY
17 COMMUNITY TO STATE THESE DEMANDS AGAIN. WE DEMAND THE
18 A.M.C.A.L. HOUSING PROJECT SHOULD BE PAUSED UNTIL THE FLORENCE
19 LIBRARY HAS A PERMANENT HOME. WE ARE DEMANDING A TOWN HALL
20 WITH YOU, A.M.C.A.L. PERSONNEL, L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY, REGIONAL
21 PLANNING, COUNTY REAL ESTATE, AND WHOEVER ELSE WHO'S IN CHARGE
22 OF FINDING THE LIBRARY A NEW HOME. WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THIS PROJECT HAS YET TO SHOW HOW IT
24 WOULD ALLEVIATE HOUSING ISSUES IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA. OUR
25 COMMUNITY FEELS IGNORED AND TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. MARK RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS, YOUR TERM ISN'T OVER YET. LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I'M ALSO HERE WITH ASHLEY ORONA ABOUT THE FLORENCE
7 FIRESTONE LIBRARY. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS PRECISE TO MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT I HAVE RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM HIM BEFORE,
9 SO FOR HIM TO KIND OF NOT HEAR OUR OPINION FOR THIS LIBRARY,
10 AND IT WOULD BE BEST IF THEY CAN JUST HELP US FIND A
11 RELOCATION FOR THE LIBRARY, SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US
12 INSTEAD OF KIND OF TAKING AWAY, BECAUSE AT THIS POINT IT SEEMS
13 THAT THEY'RE CARING MORE ABOUT THE MONEY THAN OUR EDUCATION.
14 THAT'S IT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **ANITA WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANITA WILLIAMS. I'M
19 HERE AS A L.A.C.E.R.A. MEMBER, RETIRED, AND THE ISSUE OF THE
20 TRUSTEES' EGREGIOUS AMOUNT OF TRAVEL IN THE L.A. TIMES,
21 CLOCKING IN AT 1.3 MILLION SINCE 2005, THAT RAISED QUESTIONS
22 INSIDE AND OUT WITH THE AUDITORS, EVEN BEFORE THE L.A. TIMES
23 ARTICLE. I WANTED TO KNOW-- FIRST OF ALL, I'M HOPING THE BOARD
24 WILL FOLLOW UP ON CONGRESSWOMAN HOLLIS'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A
25 STATE AND LOCAL AUDIT OF L.A.C.E.R.A. I'D LIKE TO KNOW, IF

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1 THERE IS SOME BEHAVIOR THAT WAS NOT LEGAL FOUND OUT, WILL
2 THERE BE FUNDS CALLED BACK? I ALSO NOTICE WHEN LOOKING AT THE
3 BOARD, BASED ON THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, IT IS DEFINITELY NOT
4 DIVERSIFIED TO MATCH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I MEAN, THERE WAS--
5 IF I LOSE MY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WHILE I'M ON A BOARD MEETING,
6 MY JOB WILL NOT REPAY. AND FOR THEM TO PAY \$400 FOR A BOARD
7 MEMBER'S LOST GLASSES IS RIDICULOUS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **LUIS HERNANDEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUIS HERNANDEZ.
12 I'M A RESIDENT FROM THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, AND OUR PURPOSE
13 HERE IS TO EXPRESS A CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
14 THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, AS A
15 WAY TO SOLVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM. AND I WAS
16 WONDERING, IS THERE ANY AGENDA OR ANY TYPE OF WAY, IN A SENSE,
17 THAT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE, SUCH AS HAVING RENT CONTROL OR
18 ANY TYPE OF WAY THAT WOULD ALLOW PUBLIC HOUSING TO BE MORE
19 AFFORDABLE? BECAUSE WITH THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS BEING
20 ESTABLISHED, WHO WILL BE GETTING THE TENANCY? BECAUSE IF IT'S
21 CALLED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE DON'T KNOW YET IF THE PRICES ARE
22 GOING TO BE IN CORRELATION TO THE MEDIAN INCOME OF THE
23 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** SIR, WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT,
2 CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TALK TO YOU ABOUT ORDINANCES AND
3 THINGS, TENANTS' RIGHTS, IF YOU'D LIKE. SO WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE
4 CONTACTED AND COME DOWN AND SPEAK WITH YOU. THANK YOU FOR
5 COMING. THANK YOU, SIR. YES.

6

7 **HUGE SCHURTZ:** HI. MY NAME IS HUGH SCHURTZ. I RECEIVED A LETTER
8 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY'VE ASKED ME TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER
9 HOOP. 25 YEARS AGO, I WAS A VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME, GUN
10 VIOLENCE. I WAS SHOT IN MY HOME WITH A GLOCK 40 SEMI-
11 AUTOMATIC. I HAVE AN INOPERABLE TUMOR FROM IT. I HAVE
12 DISABILITY FROM IT. I HAVE GONE THROUGH HELL FROM THE COUNTY
13 COUNSEL, FROM EVERYONE. SHEILA KUEHL'S OFFICE, AND
14 SPECIFICALLY WHEN SHE WAS IN THE ASSEMBLY, AND STEVE LANE PUT
15 IT IN, REQUESTED THE COUNTY MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE RESTITUTION
16 WAS PAID THAT WAS ORDERED. AND YET, STEVE LANE, THEY GAVE DEAF
17 EARS TO HIM. JANICE HAHN ISN'T HERE, BUT HER BROTHER, WHEN HE
18 WAS MAYOR, DID THE SAME THING. KATHRYN BARGER'S PREDECESSOR,
19 MR. ANTONOVICH, TOLD COUNTY COUNSEL TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER
20 AND GET THIS TAKEN CARE OF. THEY DIDN'T DO IT. THIS HAS BEEN
21 25 YEARS OF HELL. I SHOULD NOT BE PUT THROUGH THIS, AND I
22 SHOULD NOT BE PUT THROUGH THE HOOPS. I ASKED FOR--

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** SIR, COUNTY COUNSEL WILL SPEAK TO YOU. THANK YOU.
25 OKAY. NEXT SPEAKERS?

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2 **MARY JACOBS:** MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS. MY COMPANY, MY NONPROFIT,
3 IS THE LOVE ONE ANOTHER ANTINUCLEAR CLUB, WHICH I HOPE WILL BE
4 GETTING A DONATION FROM CALIFORNIA RECEIVERS, THE PEOPLE THAT
5 BASICALLY ARE TAKING MY PROPERTY, CONFISCATED IT, SHUT ME
6 OUT, SHUT DOWN THE PROPERTY, AND MADE 20 NEW HOMELESS PEOPLE
7 WITH THE BLESSING AND THE ORDERS OF THE COURT THAT WAS
8 APPOINTED BY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT THEM
9 TO KNOW THAT THE PERSON THAT THEY ARE HIRING TO BASICALLY
10 STEAL PROPERTY OVERCHARGED ME \$30,000. BUT THANKS TO THE
11 JUDGE, WE WERE ABLE TO NOT BE PAYING THAT. BUT THERE IS AT
12 LEAST \$2.2 MILLION THAT HE TOOK, PROBABLY, BECAUSE HE
13 OVERCHARGES EVERYBODY. AND I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT AND GET
14 SOMEBODY ELSE. MR. SINGER IS A GOOD RECEIVER. IF YOU'RE GOING
15 TO STEAL PROPERTY, AT LEAST GET SOMEBODY WHO'S LEGITIMATE.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL CALL UP SOME MORE
19 SPEAKERS.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WOULD MIKE GREENSPAN, YANEL
22 SAENZ, RUBY ESPINOZA, JAMES ESSEX, AND ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE
23 COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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1

2 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
3 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. REVIEW COURT OF THE PSYCHIATRIST.
4 MENTAL HEALTH COURT IS NEW AND DUE FOR A REVIEW. MENTAL HEALTH
5 COURT IS REALLY THE COURT OF THE PSYCHIATRISTS. THIS IS TRUE
6 BECAUSE THE DEFENDANTS CANNOT CHALLENGE CONSERVATORSHIP
7 REINSTATEMENT HEARINGS UNLESS THEIR PSYCHIATRISTS ARE GIVEN A
8 CHANCE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEM. IN MENTAL HEALTH COURT, THE
9 PSYCHIATRIST IS ALWAYS PAID FOR HIS OR HER TESTIMONY. THE
10 PSYCHIATRIST TESTIFIES AGAINST HIS OR HER CLIENT, AND THE
11 CLIENTS PAY THE PSYCHIATRISTS. BEING THAT THEIR PROFESSION OF
12 PSYCHIATRY HAS ITS OWN COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: DOES THE
13 COURT RECOGNIZE ANY SOLUTIONS OTHER THAN MEDICINE? DOES MENTAL
14 HEALTH COURT DO ANYTHING TO STOP PSYCHIATRISTS FROM
15 STEREOTYPING PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING A SALE? WHAT
16 MECHANISMS ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT PEOPLE AGAINST UNETHICAL
17 PSYCHIATRISTS WHO CARE MORE ABOUT MONEY THAN THE PATIENTS'
18 REAL PROBLEMS? THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL REYES. THE HOMELESS
23 TRANSITION PROCESS BREAKS DOWN AN AVERAGE FULLY HEALTHY
24 PERSON, NOT USING ANY DRUGS, IN THREE TO 12 MONTHS. THIS
25 BREAKDOWN PROCESS DETERMINES HOW FAST THE BREAKDOWN PROCESS

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1 GOES IS LARGELY DUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S INADEQUATE FUNDS FOR
2 THE MOST BASIC NEEDS NOT BEING MET. ONCE PAST THE 12-MONTH
3 MARKER, WITHOUT GETTING ANY COMBINATION OF BASIC NEEDS MET,
4 THE PROBABILITY THAT SAID PERSON FINDING THEMSELVES IN TWO OF
5 THE OTHER-- ONLY THREE CATEGORIES HAS MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES
6 OVER. THE FIRST OF THE CATEGORIES IS THE KIND OF INDIVIDUAL
7 THAT IS STILL DETERMINED, ONE THAT KNOWS WHAT NEEDS TO BE
8 DONE, WHILE ALSO UNDERSTANDING THAT RELIEF WITH HOUSING WILL
9 NOT BE GIVEN FAST. THE OTHER TWO CATEGORIES SHOULD BE WELL
10 KNOWN AT THIS POINT. THE SECOND AND THIRD ARE A GIVEN, GIVEN
11 THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER OUTCOMES DIRECTLY LINKED TO
12 HOMELESSNESS, THOSE BEING DRUG ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL
13 ILLNESSES. MANY OF THE NEW AND OLD HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS HAVE
14 YET TO DISCERN THEIR OWN INTERNAL NEEDS, DUE TO SAID PROCESS.
15 SORRY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER? ANTONIA?

18

19 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OUTSTANDING LATINO
20 OFFICERS WHO SERVE THE PUBLIC WITH HONORS, AND THEY ARE DEPUTY
21 JOSEPH SOLANO AND JUAN JOSE DIAZ. THESE ARE TWO OUTSTANDING
22 LATINO MEN WHO DIED WITH HONORS. THEY WERE NOT [EXPLETIVE] OR
23 GANGBANGERS. THEY STOOD FOR FIGHTING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY
24 FOUGHT AGAINST ALL EVILS, ALL WRONGS IN SOCIETY, AND THEY
25 STOOD UP TO IT, CONFRONTED IT, AND TOOK IT DOWN. AND THEIR

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1 LIVES WERE EXTINGUISHED BECAUSE OF THESE [EXPLETIVE]
2 [EXPLETIVE] GANGBANGERS. YET, WE DO NOT GO AFTER THESE
3 [EXPLETIVE] GANGBANGERS. [CONTINUES SPEAKING OFF MIC.]

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

6

7 **ATTORNEY:** MA'AM, YOU ARE USING DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE, PLEASE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** COUNTY COUNSEL? NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT
10 SPEAKER.

11

12 **YANEL SAENZ:** MY NAME IS YANEL SAENZ. I'M A FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
13 RESIDENT, AND I'M HERE REGARDING THE FLORENCE LIBRARY. SO,
14 SINCE THE DISPLACEMENT OF THE FLORENCE LIBRARY, SEVERAL
15 DEPARTMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN CLAIMING TO SEARCH FOR A
16 NEW PERMANENT HOME FOR THE LIBRARY, AND WE HAVE SPOKEN AND
17 SUGGESTED TWO LOCATIONS, THE FIRST ONE BEING THE ACE HARDWARE
18 STORE, AND THE SECOND BEING THE GRIFOLS PLASMA CENTER, LOCATED
19 ON FLORENCE AVENUE. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY CLAIMS THAT THEY
20 CANNOT FIND THE OWNERS AND ARE UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
21 THESE TWO FACILITIES. WE REJECT THIS RESPONSE. WE HIGHLY
22 SUGGEST THAT THE COUNTY PUT MORE EFFORT INTO SEARCHING FOR THE
23 OWNERS. YOU ALL HAVE THE MOST POWER IN THE WHOLE COUNTY, SO IT
24 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO US THAT YOU ALL CAN'T FIND THE OWNERS OF
25 THESE TWO LOCATIONS, AND WE FEEL THAT THIS IS UNFAIR AND THAT

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1 WE'RE NOT BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. AND SO WE HIGHLY,
2 HIGHLY-- WE ALSO REQUEST ANOTHER MEETING WITH YOU ALL
3 REGARDING THE FLORENCE LIBRARY AND TAKING THESE TWO LOCATIONS
4 INTO CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME JUST SIMPLY ADDRESS
9 THE ISSUE OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE LIBRARY, WHICH HAS BEEN THE
10 FOCUS OF ATTENTION IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
11 AND WE'VE UPGRADED IT, IN COLLABORATION WITH COLLEAGUES OVER
12 THE YEARS. IT WAS A VERY SMALL LIBRARY. OUR COMMITMENT HAS
13 BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE TO EXPAND THE FOOTPRINT OF THE
14 LIBRARY. THIS IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF COMPETING CLAIMS.
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A MATTER OF CONSEQUENCE FOR THIS BOARD.
16 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE CERTAINLY CAN BENEFIT FROM MORE HOUSING
17 GOING TO ISSUES OF DENSITY. FIRST-RATE DEVELOPER, NONPROFIT
18 ENTITIES WILL BE IN PLACE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND I WOULD SAY
19 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, MADAM
20 CHAIR, HAS ALREADY BEEN ENGAGED. I HAVE STAFF ON THE FLOOR
21 NOW, TALKING WITH WHOMEVER IT IS THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO SPEAK
22 WITH AROUND THAT ITEM. BUT THE IMPORTANT MATTER IS TO SAY THAT
23 THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK THAT AN APPROPRIATE SEARCH, IN
24 TERMS OF APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR A NEW LIBRARY, WOULDN'T
25 HAPPEN. THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES IN THAT REGARD ARE OBVIOUSLY

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1 EXTENSIVE. WE DO IT ALL THE TIME, AND HAVE. WE'RE SET TO MOVE
2 FORWARD WITH A NEW FOOTPRINT THAT WAS NOT, FOR A RANGE OF
3 REASONS, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.
4 AND SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, AND KNOW THAT THERE
5 WILL BE A NEW LIBRARY, A BIGGER LIBRARY, A BETTER LIBRARY,
6 WITH THE MODERN AMENITIES THAT WE'VE DONE IN 17 OTHER
7 INSTANCES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT, AND
8 WE WILL SEE THAT SUCH IS THE CASE IN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
9 COMMUNITY, AS WELL, AS WE BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MADAM
10 CHAIR?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE YOU NEED TO CALL UP
13 ANOTHER SPEAKER.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD TERRI REED
16 AND DEBBIE BECKHAM PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
17 YOU?

18

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

20

21 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** MIKE GREENSPAN. A NEW UNION BOSS. NORMALLY, AN
22 AVERAGE CITIZEN, EVEN SOMEONE WITH A GOOD ELECTION VOTING
23 RECORD, WOULD NOT WEIGH IN ON YOUR TEACHER UNION BOSS.
24 HOWEVER, THAT SLOB UNION BOSS, A REAL FAT CAT, ALEX CAVUDO
25 PEARL, COSTS THE L.A.U.S.D. A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS. HE

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1 LED THE UNION GOONS OF THE TEACHERS' UNION LIKE SHEEP INTO AN
2 ILL-ADVISED STRIKE. BAA, BAA, BAA. MEANWHILE, OUR DISTRICT'S
3 CASH CROP, THE STUDENTS, WERE CHASED AWAY, DUE TO THE STRIKE.
4 I'M A GIFTED STUDENT. I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL IN THE L.A.U.S.D.
5 MAYBE THAT LIP-SERVICE SOCIALIST L.A. WEEKLY COULD GIVE THE
6 UNION GOONS OR THE TEACHERS' UNION THE BEST RAIN GEAR AWARD,
7 BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T GOT THE SENSE TO COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN.
8 BAA, BAA, BAA. IT'S GREAT TO BE A FLORIDA GATOR AND KICK BRUIN
9 BUTT. AND, JANICE, WORK ON THAT CHEER. WELL, MAYBE THE BRUINS
10 WILL SCORE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON THAT
13 ACTUALLY KNOWS I HAD A CAREER IN CHEERLEADING. [LAUGHTER.] BUT
14 IT PROBABLY DOESN'T SURPRISE ANYBODY, DOES IT? YES. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE. HI, JAMES.

16

17 **JAMES ESSEX:** HI. ALL RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE MUCH TODAY, EXCEPT
18 I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE POETRY, JUST FOR FUN. ICE-PACKED
19 SONGBIRD WHALE-SIZED STEAM FRAMES. SUBTLE PLAINS DREAM NAME
20 AQUITAINE WITHIN. AURORA BOREALIS SPINDLES SHIMMERING, IMBUING
21 IN 6 BILLION AWESOME CHILDREN'S PAWS APPLAUSE STREAMS.
22 INNOCENTS IMPRESSIONS OF FIRST TRUE LOVE FOUND IN FOODS PLANT
23 FOREST FLOWER. FAMILY'S PET BEST FRIEND'S TREE. SYNAPSED
24 FUSING WILD CREATURE CURRENCIES CONGRUENCY, CHARACTER DEGRACE,

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1 NOBLES DEEDS COMPELLING WORD, EXTOLLING WATERS, PLANET ERA,
2 FAITH, WEDDING LOWER WINDS CYBERSPACE. METAPHOR. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEAUTIFUL. OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING
5 TO GO TO LANCASTER. LANCASTER?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** LANCASTER.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COME IN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EARTH TO LANCASTER. COME IN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, THERE YOU ARE. HELLO. OKAY. GO AHEAD.
18 CAN YOU START HIS TIME?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT. FIRST
21 OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY THAT I WAS NOTICING ON THE NEWS SOME
22 PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS THAT HAVE BEEN MISDIRECTED TO A PLACE
23 CALLED THE MANSION. IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOOGLE
24 MAPS ABOUT THAT, LIKE THEY ARE OUT HERE, I THINK THAT SOMEBODY
25 SHOULD TALK TO GOOGLE ABOUT THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN

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1 POSTING OUTDATED MAPS TO MISDIRECT PEOPLE TO REAL ESTATE AREAS
2 HERE IN LANCASTER, AND I'M SURE OTHER PLACES, THAT DIRECT
3 PEOPLE TO GO TO AREAS, AND THEY THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BUY A
4 PIECE OF PROPERTY, AND IT'S ACTUALLY AN OLD MAP FROM 2012. BUT
5 THE STREET MAPS ARE 2016. YOUR OWN COUNTY ASSESSOR USES THOSE
6 OLD MAPS. AND I THINK THAT IF PEOPLE HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT
7 WHAT PROPERTY THERE IS AVAILABLE, MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON WHY
8 YOU'RE NOT GETTING FUNDING FOR HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND OTHER
9 PLACES, BECAUSE IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THERE ALREADY IS
10 SOMETHING AVAILABLE WHEN THERE'S NOT.

11

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

13

14 **JAVIER GARCIA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

15

16 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS OF L.A. MY NAME IS
17 JAVIER GARCIA. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THREE POINTS. NUMBER
18 ONE... THE NUMBER ONE IS THE MOTION THAT WAS ADDRESSED BY THE
19 SUPERVISORS, AND THIS WAS WRITTEN BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN
20 AND HILDA SOLIS. THIS IS THE ONE THAT WILL HELP THE YOUTH, TO
21 GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES. NUMBER TWO, I REQUEST A MEETING WITH
22 A SUPERVISOR, THAT I'M REQUESTING A-- WHAT IS IT? FOR HIS
23 COMPANY. HE IS ASKING FOR A BUDGET. GARCETTI HAS 124 MILLION
24 TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE FOR THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE
25 TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE

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1 UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT, TO ALL THE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR
2 ASSISTING ALL THE FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING THE I.C.E.
3 SITUATION. YOU ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** GRACIAS. SENOR, I WOULD JUST SAY, MY STAFF...
6 [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

7

8 **JAVIER GARCIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. PLEASE CALL UP ANOTHER NAME.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD MIRY WHITEHILL PLEASE COME FORWARD,
13 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARNOLD SACHS.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. QUITE THE
18 PRESENTATION TODAY. QUITE. I'M JUST WONDERING, WHEN YOU READ
19 THE AGENDA INTO THE-- DOESN'T THE MEETING START WHEN YOU READ
20 THE AGENDA? SHOULDN'T YOU READ THE VOICE WHEN YOU READ THE
21 AGENDA? ISN'T THAT THE START OF THE MEETING? DON'T YOU KNOW
22 YOUR OWN RULES? AND HOW DO YOU ENGAGE THE BOARD IN ONLY ONE
23 MINUTE, MA'AM? YOU TALK ABOUT ENGAGING THE BOARD. LEADERSHIP
24 DOES MATTER. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT MATTERS EVEN MORE? LACK OF
25 LEADERSHIP MATTERS EVEN MORE. DO YOU KNOW THAT? ALL THE

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1 SUPERVISORS WHO SAT IN THESE CHAIRS BEFORE YOU, ALL GAVE
2 WARNINGS ABOUT TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT TODAY. THEY ALL GAVE
3 WARNINGS ABOUT IT. DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL? CAN'T ASK. IS THERE
4 A VOTE ON CAN'T ASKING? YOU CAN'T ASK, YOU CAN'T VOTE. HOW DO
5 YOU GET TO QUESTION WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COUNTY? WELL, YOU
6 HAVE SOCIAL JUSTICE.

7

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

9

10 **MIRY WHITEHILL:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS MIRY WHITEHILL. I'M THE
11 FOUNDER OF MIRY'S LIST. WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
12 WORKING HERE IN LOS ANGELES WITH FAMILIES RESETTLING AS
13 REFUGEES. I WAS IN HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WITH HILDA
14 SOLIS, AND YOU GAVE US THIS CERTIFICATE, AND I WANTED TO
15 UPDATE YOU. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE STARTED AND LAUNCHED A
16 PROGRAM CALLED WELCOME NEIGHBOR, HELPING NEIGHBORHOODS IN LOS
17 ANGELES GET INVOLVED HELPING RESETTLING FAMILIES HERE. AND
18 SINCE WE LAUNCHED THAT PROGRAM IN JANUARY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, WE HAVE SINCE ACTIVATED OVER 71,000
20 PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES, GETTING DIRECTLY INVOLVED TO SUPPORT
21 THE FAMILIES WHO ARE NEWEST HERE. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK THIS
22 COMMUNITY, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE SUPPORT
23 THAT YOU'VE GIVEN TO THE FAMILIES, ALL ANGELINOS HERE, THE
24 FAMILIES WHO WERE BORN HERE, BUT ALSO THE FAMILIES WHO ARE
25 NEWEST HERE AND OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST GIVE HER A SHOUTOUT? SHE'S
5 BEEN INCREDIBLE. WORKED OUT OF HER HOME ON HER OWN, AND THEN
6 CREATED THIS INFLUENCE THAT CUT ACROSS, I THINK, ALL BARRIERS
7 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER ARE GIVING TO HELP
8 RESETTLE REFUGEES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. AND I MET SOME OF
9 THOSE FAMILIES. AND MY HAT GOES OFF TO YOU. CONTINUE TO DO
10 YOUR GREAT WORK, AND WE LOVE WHAT YOU'RE DOING. THANK YOU.

11

12 **MIRY WHITEHILL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. AND MAY I ADD MY BIT OF
15 CONGRATULATIONS, AS WELL. IT REALLY-- I THINK FOR SO MANY OF
16 US WHO SOMETIMES ARE FRUSTRATED BY SOME OF THE RHETORIC COMING
17 OUT OF THIS COUNTRY AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO BE
18 SETTLED HERE, YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES WHAT MOST OF US REALLY
19 BELIEVE AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT, AND THAT'S HAVING OPEN, HELPFUL
20 ARMS TO THOSE WHO ARE RELOCATING HERE AS REFUGEES. SO THANK
21 YOU.

22

23 **MIRY WHITEHILL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING TO ITEM 16, AND THAT
2 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
3 OPENING REMARKS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS
6 A VERY TIMELY ISSUE. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, 2 MILLION COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY. AND FOOD INSECURITY, AS
8 WE KNOW, IS AN EPIDEMIC. IT AFFECTS SENIORS. THOSE WHO WORK
9 EXPERIENCE IT, AS WELL, AND SO DO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR YOUNG
10 PEOPLE. OUR COUNTY RECOGNIZES THAT SOLVING FOOD INSECURITY IS
11 A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. TO THAT END, THE BOARD HAS PASSED
12 VARIOUS MOTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR FOOD SECURITY. AND LAST YEAR
13 ALONE, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AMONG
14 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE. THAT MOTION REQUIRED
15 D.C.F.S. AND D.P.S.S. TO SCREEN FOSTER YOUTH AT EVERY
16 PLACEMENT CHANGE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS
17 ALSO BEEN PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ADDRESS THE
18 PERVASIVE FOOD INSECURITY FELT BY SO MANY THOUSANDS AND
19 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS. AND I KNOW, MADAM CHAIR, YOU FEEL THE
20 SAME WAY, BECAUSE YOU'VE SEEN IT EXPERIENCED IN YOUR DISTRICT
21 AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE. ACCORDING TO A RECENT REAL COLLEGE
22 SURVEY, HALF OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS
23 EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY, AND THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT REQUIRES,
24 I BELIEVE, OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. BUT INSTEAD OF MAKING IT
25 EASIER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD, THE FEDERAL

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1 ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING IT HARDER, BITE BY BITE. LAST WEEK,
2 THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION PUBLISHED PROPOSED RULES THAT WOULD
3 CUT FOOD BENEFITS. IN FACT, THE U.S.D.A.'S OWN ESTIMATE, THESE
4 RULES WOULD AFFECT 3 MILLION PEOPLE NATIONWIDE. THAT MEANS IT
5 WOULD HAVE A PRONOUNCED EFFECT RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN HOME IN
6 L.A. COUNTY. THE RULES, IN PART, WOULD END THE CATEGORICAL
7 ELIGIBILITY STANDARD, WHICH IS INSTRUMENTAL IN ENSURING ACCESS
8 TO CALFRESH FOR FAMILIES. SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSED RULE
9 WOULD PROHIBIT STATES FROM ADJUSTING ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE
10 FAMILIES WITH INCOMES MODESTLY ABOVE 130 PERCENT OF THE
11 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE. THIS IS AN ASSAULT, IN MY OPINION, ON
12 FAMILIES, AND WILL PLUNGE FURTHER LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS INTO
13 POVERTY, INSTEAD OF LIFTING THEM UP WHEN THEY NEED OUR HELP.
14 THERE'S NO QUESTION THIS HARM WILL BE FELT MOSTLY BY OUR
15 CHILDREN. THAT'S WHY I AUTHORED THIS MOTION DIRECTING D.P.S.S.
16 TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE COMMENT OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RULES,
17 AND DIRECTING OUR C.E.O. TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO
18 U.S.D.A. AND COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DECLARE OUR
19 OPPOSITION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE HAVE SEVERAL
20 SPEAKERS, I BELIEVE, ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I JUST
23 WANTED TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR THIS MOTION. WE'VE WORKED
24 SO HARD HERE TO, AS YOU SAY, REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY, AND THE
25 CALFRESH PROGRAM IS A CRITICAL ASPECT TO OUR EFFORTS. AND AS

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1 YOU SAID, THE CURRENT FEDERAL GUIDELINES ALLOW US SOME
2 FLEXIBILITY TO OFFER CALFRESH TO WORKING FAMILIES WHO ARE JUST
3 A LITTLE BIT OVER THE FEDERAL POVERTY LIMITS. AND THAT'S AN
4 IMPORTANT TOOL, PARTICULARLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHERE
5 THE COST OF LIVING IS EXTREMELY HIGH. BUT THIS ADMINISTRATION
6 IS PROPOSING TO LITERALLY TAKE THIS AWAY, AND RESTRICT THE
7 ELIGIBILITY TO CALFRESH. AND IF THIS RULE STANDS, 40,000
8 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY-- 40,000 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY-- WILL
9 IMMEDIATELY LOSE THEIR CALFRESH BENEFITS. AND THOSE ARE MOSTLY
10 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO IT'S REALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ALL
11 THAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE IN THE COUNTY, THE MONEY
12 WE'RE SPENDING, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THOSE WHO HAVE
13 FOUND THEMSELVES HOMELESS. SO THIS IS REALLY GOING TO BE, AS
14 YOU SAID, JUST A HUGE ASSAULT ON WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TO
15 KEEP THAT SAFETY NET TIGHTLY WOVEN HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
16 SO WE MUST OPPOSE THIS WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE. SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME
20 PICK UP ON THAT NOTION OF THE SAFETY NET. EARLIER, WE HAD A
21 PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS VERY SUBJECT OF THE
22 SAFETY NET: ELEVATING THE SAFETY NET. THEN WE HAVE THIS EFFORT
23 TO DRAG IT DOWN, AND WE MUST RESIST. AND SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT POINT WITH THE POINT OF CARE. MORE THAN 4
25 MILLION CALIFORNIANS RECEIVED CALFRESH ASSISTANCE EACH MONTH

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1 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2016, WHEN IT WAS LAST DOCUMENTED.
2 NEARLY 60 PERCENT WERE CHILDREN, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OR
3 ADULTS AGED 60 OR OLDER. SO THIS CUTS ACROSS A WIDE VARIETY OF
4 DEMOGRAPHICS THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. SO LET'S
5 JUST BE STRAIGHTFORWARD ABOUT THIS. THOSE WHO STAND TO LOSE
6 WITH THESE PROPOSED NEW RULES ARE THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST
7 VULNERABLE AMONG US. AND THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF-- FORGIVE
8 ME, MADAM CHAIR, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COWARDICE THAT ATTACHES
9 TO THE EXPLOITATION OF THE VULNERABLE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PREACH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY RESIDENTS OF THIS
14 COUNTY ARE FOOD-INSECURE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE
15 NUMBER OF CALFRESH PARTICIPANTS, AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF
16 HURDLES THAT IMPEDE THEIR ACCESS TO THESE LIFE-SUSTAINING
17 BENEFITS. SO, AGAIN, I SHARE THE DISMAY THAT THIS
18 ADMINISTRATION IS ADVANCING. IT MOVES IN THE OPPOSITE
19 DIRECTION OF WHERE WE SHOULD BE HEADED, BY ACTIVELY SEEKING TO
20 HARM, TO DENIGRATE THE POOREST AND THE MOST VULNERABLE
21 RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE. JUST THINK ABOUT THAT.
22 THINK ABOUT THE CHARACTER, THE POLICY THRUST OF THOSE WHO
23 CHOOSE TO EXPLOIT THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY EXPLOITED. SO I
24 SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO SOUND THE ALARM, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT
25 ANGELINOS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH CAN BENEFIT AND

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1 CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE NATION'S LARGEST ANTI-HUNGER
2 PROGRAM. WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF ANTI-HUNGER. WE'RE NOT
3 SPEAKING ABOUT THE WAR ON POVERTY THAT WAS INITIATED BY LYNDON
4 JOHNSON OVER A HALF CENTURY AGO. WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT TODAY'S
5 REALITY. PERMIT ME TO INVOKE THE NAME OF BISHOP DESMOND TUTU,
6 MADAM CHAIR, WHO SAID THIS: "IF YOU ARE NEUTRAL IN SITUATIONS
7 OF INJUSTICE, YOU HAVE EFFECTIVELY CHOSEN TO SIDE WITH THE
8 OPPRESSOR." MADAM CHAIR?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
11 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO
12 SPEAK TO US ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD DEBRA DUARDO, CAROLINA RODRIGUEZ,
15 AND ALEJANDRA JIMENEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
16 ASSIST YOU?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DR. DUARDO, WELCOME.

19

20 **DEBRA DUARDO:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
21 I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD
22 TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE, ACADEMICALLY. WE KNOW THAT FAR TOO MANY
23 FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY ARE STRUGGLING WITH FOOD
24 AND HOUSING INSECURITY. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ADVOCATE FOR
25 THE WELLBEING OF OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. OPPOSING THE

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1 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
2 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT IS
3 OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADERS. IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1
4 MILLION OUT OF 1.5 MILLION STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED
5 PRICED MEALS. THIS IS THE MAJORITY OF OUR STUDENT POPULATION
6 IN L.A. COUNTY. MANY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY
7 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THEIR
8 FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING OTHER TYPES OF PUBLIC BENEFITS, LIKE
9 S.N.A.P., MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS FOOD STAMPS. SCHOOLS THAT
10 SERVE HIGH-POVERTY COMMUNITIES WHERE LOTS OF STUDENTS ARE
11 DIRECTLY CERTIFIED ALSO QUALIFY WHAT IS KNOWN AS COMMUNITY
12 ELIGIBILITY, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO PROVIDE FREE MEALS TO ALL
13 STUDENTS AT THAT SCHOOL. THE PROPOSED RULE FROM THIS
14 ADMINISTRATION WOULD CAUSE 500,000 STUDENTS TO LOSE
15 ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE LUNCH AT SCHOOL. WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR
16 STUDENTS DEPEND ON THE MEALS THEY GET IN SCHOOL. AND FOR SOME,
17 IT IS THE ONLY CONSISTENT MEAL THEY GET. THIS IS WHY MANY OF
18 OUR COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAVE FOUND WAYS TO
19 EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE FREE MEALS DURING
20 THE SUMMER, WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT. WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE
21 PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THAT KIDS ARE FED,
22 PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, D.P.S.S.,
23 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
24 CHILDREN ARE FED.

25

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

2

3 **DEBRA DUARDO:** THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **CAROLINA RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR
8 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL
9 RULES TO CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR CALFRESH BENEFITS. MY
10 NAME IS CAROLINA RODRIGUEZ, PROGRAM ANALYST FOR THE MEXICAN
11 AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE
12 AGENCY SERVING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
13 THROUGHOUT SIX OTHER COUNTIES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THIS SUMMER,
14 WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE EFFECTS THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS HAD ON OUR FAMILIES AND SENIORS,
16 CHILDREN. SENIORS WHO ARE CARING FOR THEIR GRANDCHILDREN OVER
17 THE SUMMER SCHOOL BREAK ARE COMING IN TO OUR FOOD BANK TWICE A
18 WEEK, AND THE NUMBER OF THOSE SERVICED THROUGH OUR FOOD BANK
19 HAVE DOUBLED FROM 100 TO ABOUT 200 A WEEK, BECAUSE THE
20 GRANDCHILDREN ARE OUT OF SCHOOL AND ARE NO LONGER RECEIVING A
21 FREE LUNCH. AN ESTIMATED 92 PERCENT OF M.A.O.F. FAMILIES ARE
22 WORKING FAMILIES, USING CHILDCARE SERVICES TO BE ABLE TO
23 ATTEND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING, OR BEGIN A JOB
24 AFTER BEING UNEMPLOYED. THIS NEW PROPOSAL WOULD AFFECT 92
25 PERCENT OF OUR FAMILIES. M.A.O.F. ENCOURAGES AND ENROLLS

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1 FAMILIES AND SENIORS INTO CALFRESH BECAUSE THE FAMILY IS
2 BENEFITED BY AN ADDITIONAL INCOME SUPPORT FOR FOOD.
3 ELIMINATING CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WOULD CAUSE LOW-WAGE
4 WORKING FAMILIES TO LOSE HELP PAYING FOR FOOD WHEN THEY EARN A
5 LITTLE MORE TAKE-HOME PAY. IT WOULD PREVENT FAMILIES FROM
6 MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS ECONOMIC SECURITY, BY CUTTING OFF HELP
7 FOR THOSE WITH MODEST FINANCIAL SAVINGS. IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE
8 DIFFICULT FOR FAMILIES TO QUALIFY FOR HELP PAYING FOR FOOD IF
9 THEY OWN A CAR TO GET TO AND FROM WORK, OR ARE LOOKING FOR A
10 JOB AFTER BEING LAID OFF, INCREASE THE RISK OF HUNGER FOR LOW-
11 INCOME STUDENTS BY CUTTING THEIR CONNECTION TO FREE SCHOOL
12 MEALS. ON BEHALF OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY
13 FOUNDATION, WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION, AND
14 CONTINUE TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU WANT TO
18 SPEAK? AT THE END. OKAY. AND PLEASE CALL UP MORE MEMBERS OF
19 THE PUBLIC.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ARNOLD SACHS
22 AND ANTONIA RAMIREZ PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
23 YOU?

24

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

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1

2 **ALEJANDRA JIMENEZ:** OH, HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
3 ALEJANDRA JIMENEZ, AND I AM HERE BECAUSE I'M A STUDENT, I'M A
4 MOTHER OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD, AND I CARETAKE FOR AN ELDERLY
5 PERSON, AND I RECEIVE CALFRESH ON A PART-TIME BASIS, AND IT'S
6 REALLY HELPING TO FEED MY CHILD. HE'S SIX YEARS OLD. HE'S
7 GROWING, JUST STARTING FIRST GRADE THIS NEXT COMING UP MONTH,
8 AND IT'S REALLY HELPING ME TO FEED HIM. I GO TO THE FARMERS'
9 MARKET AND GIVE HIM ALL WHAT HE REALLY NEEDS TO BE GROWING AND
10 BE INVOLVED AND BE PRESENT IN SCHOOL. I THINK IT'S A GREAT
11 OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU GUYS WILL GET TO SIGN THIS BILL TO OPPOSE
12 WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS SAYING TO TAKE AWAY FROM PEOPLE
13 THAT ARE ALREADY NEEDY. SO I REALLY THANK YOU, AND I STRONGLY
14 HOPE THAT YOU COULD ACTUALLY GET IT FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS IT.
15 I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE FEDERAL RULES
20 TO CUT FOOD BENEFITS. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. AND FURTHERMORE, MARK
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU TALK ABOUT INJUSTICE. INJUSTICE TO WHOM? WE
22 ARE A NATION OF LAWS, YET WE ARE SUSTAINING ALL THESE CRIMINAL
23 ILLEGAL [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS.

24

25 **ATTORNEY:** STAY ON TOPIC.

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1

2 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** YEAH, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. DON'T
3 WHITEWASH IT. AND SO WHAT I'M HERE TO SAY IS, WE LIVE ON THE
4 STREETS. WHEN YOU LIVE ON THE STREETS, CITY ATTORNEY, THEN YOU
5 COULD TELL ME HOW IT FEELS. YOU'RE TAKING THAT MONEY OUT OF
6 SOMEWHERE. YOU'RE TAKING IT FROM THE HOMELESS MIDDLE-CLASS
7 AMERICA AND OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS. WE
8 PAY FOR THAT, NOT YOU. WHEN YOU LIVE ON THE STREET, THEN YOU
9 CAN TELL ME HOW WE CAN USE THE MONEY WISELY. AND WISELY IS TO
10 FIRST AND FOREMOST USE IT FOR THE AMERICAN CITIZENS, NOT THE
11 [EXPLETIVE] [EXPLETIVE] AND NOT THE [EXPLETIVE] GANGBANGERS.
12 FOLLOW THE RULE OF LAW. YOU'RE AN ATTORNEY. NO WONDER WE'RE
13 [EXPLETIVE] IN THE [EXPLETIVE].

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
16 MEMBERS-- WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE. OKAY. MR. SACHS?

17

18 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** GOD BLESS AMERICA.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'RE NEXT.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, I AM. YES, THANK YOU. FOR THE RECORD,
23 ARNOLD SACHS. YEAH, I READ A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS. TRUMP, HE
24 WANTS TO PROPOSE CLOSING A LOOPHOLE IN THE FEDERAL LAW THAT
25 ALLOWS STATES TO STILL GIVE OUT FOOD STAMPS. SO WHY NOT

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1 STRENGTHEN THE STATE LAW AND ALLOW THEM TO STILL GIVE OUT FOOD
2 STAMPS? MAYBE YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING THE
3 FEDERAL LAW-- I READ WHERE WHAT'S-HER-NAME TALKED ABOUT
4 RAISING THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15. DON'T YOU THINK THEY
5 SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT BEFORE THE COUNTY AND THE CITY DID THAT?
6 DON'T THEY? BECAUSE NOW PEOPLE ARE STILL IN JEOPARDY OF LOSING
7 THEIR HOUSING VOUCHERS COME OCTOBER, WHEN THE NEW FEDERAL
8 FISCAL YEAR STARTS, BECAUSE THEIR FEDERAL VOUCHERS WILL BE
9 BASED ON THE OLD MINIMUM WAGE OF \$7.50.

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** MR. SACHS, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ARE YOU COUNSELING FOR THE BOARD, OR ARE YOU
14 COUNSELING FOR THE CORPORATION TODAY? EXCUSE ME, SIR. BUT
15 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOOD STAMPS AND MINIMUM WAGE, AND THEY TIE
16 TOGETHER. IF YOU NEED FOOD STAMPS, YOU'RE NOT MAKING ENOUGH
17 MONEY. ANYWAY, I ABSOLUTELY AGREE. A THRUST MAY BE NECESSARY,
18 BECAUSE AN ELECTED BOARD WITH OVER 100 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN
19 GOVERNMENT, THAT ONLY CONFUSES MOVEMENT WITH BOWEL MOVEMENTS,
20 SHOULD BE QUESTIONED. THERE SHOULD BE A THRUST MADE. THERE
21 SHOULD BE A THRUST MADE TO WONDER WHY YOU CAN'T VOTE ON MORE
22 THAN ONE ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA.

23

24 **ATTORNEY:** MR. SACHS?

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I AM OFF THE TOPIC. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
2 WISDOM.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HE JUST SAID IT. YOU GOT IT. LET'S GO CHEER,
7 JANNIE-JAN. CHEER FOR JANNIE-JAN. SO GET THE STATE TO TOUGHEN
8 UP THE LAWS AND GIVE OUT MORE FOOD STAMPS. OR MAYBE THE COUNTY
9 CAN. YES! MARIJUANA SALES TAX MONEY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY I DO
15 SUPPORT THIS VERY STRONGLY. I REMEMBER ONE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED
16 A WHILE AGO THAT THERE WOULD BE A SET OF PROGRAMS CALLED THE
17 WAR ON POVERTY, AND IT FEELS LIKE THE CURRENT PRESIDENT HAS
18 ANNOUNCED A PROGRAM CALLED WAR ON THE IMPOVERISHED, BECAUSE
19 THAT'S SORT OF WHAT IT IS. I MEAN, WE LOOK AT EACH OF THESE
20 THINGS PIECEMEAL. AND YET, THE AGGREGATE RESULT OF CHANGING
21 EACH AND EVERY RULE ABOUT HOW ONE CAN QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS IS
22 SIMPLY A WAY TO DIMINISH IT. AND IF IT DID SAVE THE GOVERNMENT
23 MONEY THAT COUNTED, THEN PERHAPS WE WOULD LOOK AT IT. BUT
24 AFTER WE LOOKED AT THE TAX BILL THAT ESSENTIALLY TOOK THIS
25 MONEY AND GAVE IT TO THOSE WHO WERE AT THE VERY HIGHEST LEVEL

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1 OF INCOME EARNERS, I DON'T THINK THAT THE REASON FOR DOING
2 THIS COULD EVER BE SUPPORTED, NO MATTER WHAT THE CONVERSATION
3 ABOUT IT IS. THE STATES WERE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE AN OPTION GIVEN
4 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS REFERRED TO AS A LOOPHOLE, BUT
5 IT'S NOT A LOOPHOLE. A LOOPHOLE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU SORT OF
6 SNEAK THROUGH BECAUSE SOMEONE DIDN'T NOTICE IT. BUT THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE STATES MANY OPTIONS TO CHOOSE
8 WAYS TO DEFINE POVERTY. BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT THE FEDERAL
9 DEFINITION OF POVERTY, IT IS SO LOW THAT PEOPLE MAKING TWICE
10 AS MUCH STILL CANNOT AFFORD TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, STILL
11 CANNOT AFFORD TO MAINTAIN ANY KIND OF TRANSPORTATION, ET
12 CETERA. SO IT'S GOOD FOR US, I THINK, TO TAKE A POSITION
13 CONSISTENTLY AGAINST ALL OF THESE CUTS. PEOPLE DO NOT REALLY,
14 I THINK, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SERIOUSNESS OF FOOD INSECURITY
15 AND WHAT IT MEANS TO OVERALL HEALTH. PARENTS WHO SACRIFICE SO
16 THAT THEIR CHILDREN CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE TO EAT, BUT THEY
17 THEMSELVES ARE NOT, BUT THEY'RE HOLDING DOWN TWO JOBS. IT'S A
18 SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUE IN THE STATE. INCIDENTALLY, THE STATE
19 DOES PUT IN MORE MONEY THAN THE FEDERAL MONEY FOR PROGRAMS
20 RELATED TO FOOD INSECURITY, AND ALWAYS HAS. AND WE VOTED FOR
21 SEVERAL OF THOSE WHEN WE WERE THERE. SO I THINK, HOPEFULLY, WE
22 CAN CONTINUE TO SAY, NOT ONLY THESE ARE NOT FAIR, BUT THEY
23 REALLY MAKE NO SENSE. IF WHAT YOU WANT IS FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE
24 JOBS, TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, TO DO WHAT THEY CAN, NOT TO
25 GIVE THIS KIND OF HELP SO THAT PEOPLE CAN JUST GET THROUGH, I

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1 THINK, IS REALLY UNCONSCIONABLE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
2 BRINGING THIS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ITEM 16 IS NOW BEFORE US.
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE'RE ON ITEM
8 S-1: LOS ANGELES REGION SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
9 IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO ARE
10 HERE TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU EACH ONE MINUTE. AND
11 BEFORE THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
12 REMARKS?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** I REALLY WOULD. I HAVE TO CONFESS THAT ALTHOUGH I
15 HAVE LOVED MANY, MANY OF THE MEASURES THAT THIS BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS HAVE PUT ON THE BALLOT, AND THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE
17 IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. HAVE APPROVED, I LOVE THIS ONE THE MOST.
18 NOW, MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S JUST THE LAST ONE THAT PASSED,
19 BUT IT IS SUCH-- IT WAS SORT OF AN ISSUE AND AN ITEM THAT
20 PEOPLE WERE NOT PAYING A LOT OF ATTENTION TO. WE FIGURED, OH,
21 WE DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH RAIN, SO WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT, IN
22 TERMS OF STORMWATER? WHAT STORMS? AND SO I THINK THERE WAS
23 VERY LITTLE RECOGNITION THAT BILLIONS OF GALLONS A YEAR WERE
24 FLOWING THROUGH THE COUNTY AND OUT INTO THE OCEAN, AND PEOPLE
25 WERE BEGINNING TO SEE THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS

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1 THAT WE COULD RECAPTURE IT. BECAUSE THERE IS REALLY NO SUCH A
2 THING AS NEW WATER. BUT THIS COUNTS AS NEW WATER, BECAUSE IF
3 YOU CAN REUSE, RECYCLE, RECHARGE. SO I WANT TO, FIRST OF ALL,
4 THANK MARK PESTRELLA AND HIS STAFF, BECAUSE FROM BEGINNING TO
5 END, IN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO PUT THIS TOGETHER, IN THINKING
6 ABOUT HOW TO DO OUTREACH AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE WERE
7 INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN FROM THE VERY FIRST MINUTE, AND NOW IN
8 TERMS OF PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION, WHO WILL SERVE, HOW THEY
9 WILL SERVE, WHAT WILL BE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, ET CETERA,
10 YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE DONE A MARVELOUS JOB. I WANT TO THANK
11 HILDA SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT EARLY, EARLY ON, AND FOR THE WORK
12 THAT YOU PUT IN ON MEASURE W, AS DID ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES.
13 BUT, REALLY, THIS WORK HAPPENED A LOT EARLY ON, AND I REALLY
14 APPRECIATE THE HELP. I WANT TO THANK LESLIE FRIEDMAN JOHNSON,
15 WHO THE COUNTY BROUGHT ON TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO SOLVE THE
16 PROBLEM OF REUSING AND RECYCLING AND RECHARGING WITH OUR
17 STORMWATER. I MOST ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK KATIE YOUNG
18 YAROSLAVSKY ON MY STAFF, WHO, FROM THE VERY FIRST MINUTE, WAS
19 DEEPLY ENGAGED IN DESIGN, IN CONVERSATION, IN STRATEGY, IN
20 EVERYTHING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT; AND VERDIANA VELEZ, WHO IS HER
21 PARTNER ON MY STAFF, FOR DOING SO MUCH OF THE WORK ON THIS
22 STORMWATER ISSUE DEVELOPMENT. NATURALLY, WE PASSED IT OFF WHEN
23 IT WAS ON THE BALLOT, AND THAT WASN'T OUR ENGAGEMENT, BUT IT
24 WAS SUCH A SERIOUS GOOD START. AND AFTER IT PASSED, THANKS TO
25 THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF L.A., THEN THE REAL WORK

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1 BEGAN. AND KATIE AND VERDIANA, AND MARK AND HIS STAFF, AND ALL
2 OF OUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN DEEPLY ENGAGED IN FIGURING OUT: NOW,
3 HOW DO WE CARRY OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE VOTERS THOUGHT WE MEANT
4 AFTER WE GOT IT OVER THE FINISH LINE? SO IT CONTINUES TO BE A
5 REALLY IMPRESSIVE COLLABORATION AMONG ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
6 ACROSS THE BOARD IN L.A. OFTEN, WE HAVE HEARD THAT
7 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS AND THOSE WHO CARED ABOUT, I
8 DON'T KNOW, HUGGING TREES, AS THEY USED TO CALL IT, WOULD NOT
9 BE ABLE TO COME TO A DETENTE, AND YET IT WAS MUCH MORE THAN A
10 DETENTE. IT WAS REALLY A UNIFIED COLLECTION OF UNDERSTANDING
11 OF HOW THESE THINGS ALL GO TOGETHER, SO THAT HUMAN LIFE AND
12 EVERY OTHER LIFE ON THE PLANET CAN COEXIST. OUR CITIES AND THE
13 COUNTY REALLY HAVE STEPPED UP ABOUT IT. OUR BUSINESSES, OUR
14 LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS WORK.
15 MEASURE W PASSED WITH ALMOST 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. YOU
16 ALWAYS WORRY WHEN YOU NEED TWO-THIRDS. AND THIS WAS A BIG WIN.
17 IT'S A LANDMARK MEASURE. BUT IT'S BECAUSE THE VOTERS
18 RECOGNIZED THAT INCREASING LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES IS IMPORTANT.
19 EVEN THOUGH YOU ASK MOST PEOPLE, "DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR WATER
20 COMES FROM?" AND THEY SAY, "ABSOLUTELY. OUT OF THE FAUCET."
21 [LAUGHTER.] TURN IT ON, WATER'S THERE. TURN IT OFF, AND IT'S
22 THERE FOR THE NEXT TIME I TURN IT ON. STILL, THEY HAVE BEGUN
23 TO GET A SENSE THAT MAYBE BY THE TIME IT GETS TO THE FAUCET,
24 IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO FIGURE
25 OUT HOW TO KEEP THAT FLOWING. CLEANING UP THE RUNOFF IS ALSO

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1 IMPORTANT. WE GET MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AT THE BEACH IN THE
2 FOURTH AND THE THIRD, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO SHARE IT WITH THE
3 FIRST AND THE SECOND AND THE FIFTH. WE EVEN MAKE BEACH BUSES
4 AVAILABLE. WE DO ALL KINDS OF THINGS. BUT THE OCEAN WAS
5 GETTING FOULED BY WHAT WAS IN THE STORMWATER RUNNING INTO THE
6 OCEAN. CREATING NEW GREEN SPACE IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. DOING
7 ALL OF THAT WITH THE SAME PROJECT, REALLY BUILDING MULTI-
8 BENEFIT, NATURE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT'S THE GAME CHANGER
9 THAT'S COMING OUT OF MEASURE W. SO WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE
10 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S OVER \$300 MILLION A YEAR THAT MEASURE W WILL
11 CREATE TO GIVE US A TRULY CLIMATE-RESILIENT REGION, AND DO IT
12 IN A WAY THAT ADVANCES EQUITY PRINCIPLES AND PROVIDES GOOD-
13 PAYING GREEN JOBS TO THE RESIDENTS. THAT'S THE COALITION.
14 THAT'S THE SWEET SPOT FOR MEASURE W. SO WE'RE TAKING A
15 THOUGHTFUL, INTEGRATED APPROACH TO FUNDING. VOTERS APPROVED
16 FOUR MEASURES IN FOUR YEARS. I MEAN, IT'S SORT OF AMAZING WHEN
17 YOU THINK ABOUT IT AND LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE DONE. AND WE'RE
18 LOOKING AT POTENTIAL EFFICIENCIES AND SYNERGIES BETWEEN AND
19 AMONG LOCAL RESOURCES. YOU PUT MONEY INTO PARKS. YOU PUT MONEY
20 INTO WATER. WHAT IF THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT
21 TOGETHER? SAME THING WITH HOMELESSNESS FUNDING. SAME THING
22 WITH TRANSIT FUNDING, IN TERMS OF THOSE FOUR MEASURES. SO I
23 WANTED TO LET MY COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT I WILL BE BRINGING A
24 MOTION, ACTUALLY, IN THE COMING WEEKS, TO ASK THE DEPARTMENTS,
25 OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE W,

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1 MEASURE H, MEASURE A, AND MEASURE M, TO FORM A WORKING GROUP
2 TO ENSURE THAT THAT MONEY IS SPENT AS INTELLIGENTLY AND
3 SYNERGISTICALLY AS POSSIBLE. SO WE'RE LEVERAGING EXISTING
4 JOBS. WE'RE LEVERAGING WATER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, CREATING
5 COMPATIBLE POLICIES AROUND ISSUES LIKE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT, TO
6 THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THERE WILL BE A
7 TAX CREDIT DISCOUNT PROGRAM, NOT ONLY FOR OUR LOW-INCOME
8 SENIORS, BUT ALSO FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS, MORE BROADLY.
9 EQUITY REALLY DEMANDS THIS. I'M ALSO HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY
10 GREATLY QUALIFIED LEADERS ACROSS ALL SECTORS ARE STEPPING UP
11 TO SERVE ON THESE MEASURE W COMMITTEES. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE
12 TO HAVE ALL OF YOU MAKING CRITICAL DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH
13 PROJECTS TO PRIORITIZE, TO MAKE SURE THE PROGRAM STAYS ON
14 TRACK AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS. SO, FINALLY, AS WE MOVE
15 AHEAD WITH THE REST OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, AS WE WORK
16 TO FINALIZE THE REMAINING DOCUMENTS AND PROGRAMS, I URGE THE
17 STAFF OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE AND
18 COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS, AND ENSURE THE PROMISE OF
19 MEASURE W, A RESILIENT, GREEN L.A. COUNTY IS ACHIEVED. THANK
20 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT
25 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

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1 IT'S OFTEN THAT WE GET TOGETHER ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AND
2 THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ITEMS THAT BRINGS US
3 TOGETHER. AND WATER, FOR US, IS THE NEW OIL. IT'S THE NEW
4 GOLD. AND WE SHOULD BE SETTING A GOLD STANDARD ON HOW WE
5 UTILIZE THAT PRECIOUS RESOURCE. SO I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL
6 THANK HER, HER STAFF, AND I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, AS WELL,
7 AND MY FIELD STAFF. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE
8 STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE HERE TODAY, AND THOSE THAT ATTENDED MANY
9 OF THE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD OUT IN THE
10 COMMUNITY, BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR THEIR VOICE, WE WOULDN'T
11 BE HERE TODAY. AND JUST LIKE WE MODELED THIS AFTER MEASURE A,
12 WE USED THOSE VERY SAME COMPONENTS: TRANSPARENCY, INVOLVEMENT,
13 STAKEHOLDER INPUT, AND ALSO, I WOULD SAY, MEDIATION, BECAUSE
14 WE HAD TO GO BACK AND FORTH. WE DO HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES
15 ON HOW WE VIEW THINGS. AND I HAVE TO JUST SAY THAT BECAUSE I
16 KNOW THAT IT MATTERS. IT MATTERS FOR MANY CONSTITUENTS THAT I
17 REPRESENT IN THE LOW-INCOME, DISADVANTAGED AREAS. AND I KNOW
18 THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD FEEL THE SAME WAY, STRONGLY.
19 AND WE'RE REALLY CHANGING THE DIAL AND DIALING IT UP ON HOW WE
20 FOCUS ON THOSE COMMUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS. WE'RE NOT JUST
21 TAKING FOR GRANTED THE TRADITIONAL GROUPS. WE'RE LOOKING AT
22 WHAT I WOULD CALL NONTRADITIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ADVOCACY.
23 I'VE SEEN MANY, MANY PEOPLE COME TO OUR MEETINGS HERE, BUT
24 ALSO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, AND REALLY BRING FORWARD A
25 DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT HOW WE RESOLVE OUR ISSUES. AND

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1 WATER IS ONE OF THEM. AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO TELL MANY
2 PEOPLE IN THIS AUDIENCE THAT OUR WATER, WHILE THEY MAY THINK
3 IT COMES OUT OF OUR TAP, ISN'T ALWAYS THE WATER THAT WE WANT.
4 IT'S NOT ALWAYS LOOKING THE COLOR THAT WE WANT. AND WE KNOW
5 THAT WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY, IN TERMS OF
6 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THAT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO WHAT WE'RE
7 DOING. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WATER MANAGEMENT, WE'RE TALKING
8 ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE. WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT CREATING NEW
9 JOBS, AND CREATING NEW JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT WAS PART OF
10 OUR PREMISE. AND ALSO TO INVOLVE OUR UNION MEN AND WOMEN,
11 PARTNERS IN THIS, IN THIS WHAT I CALL TRIAGE, BECAUSE IT
12 REALLY IS ABOUT BRINGING EVERYBODY TOGETHER, INCLUDING OUR
13 STAKEHOLDERS. BUT WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LOT TO DO, AND WE
14 KNOW THAT THE WATERSHED REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES THAT
15 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ARE GOING TO BE CRITICAL TO HOW WE MOVE
16 ALONG, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE DOT OUR I'S, CROSS OUR T'S, AND
17 THAT IT IS COLORFUL; THAT IS TO SAY THAT IT'S DIVERSE, AND IT
18 CAPTURES, REALLY, THE ESSENCE OF ALL THE COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT
19 HAVEN'T OFTEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SO I KNOW I WANT TO
20 THANK THE VOTERS, BECAUSE IT TOOK TWO-THIRDS TO GET THIS
21 PASSED. NO EASY TASK. 70 EXTERNAL MEETINGS HELD, PROBABLY MORE
22 THAN I COULD IMAGINE, FOUR OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS, AND MANY, MANY
23 MEETINGS THAT MANY OF US HAD. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
24 YOUR OFFICE AND OTHERS WERE OUT THERE BEATING THE DRUM, AND SO
25 WERE OUR DEPARTMENTS. SO I WANT TO THANK THEM, BECAUSE I KNOW

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1 IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK. IT CHANGED THE DYNAMICS OF HOW OUR
2 DEPARTMENTS VIEW REALISTIC CHANGE AND ADVOCACY, AND TAKING
3 THAT TO HEART IN TERMS OF RESPECTING OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE HAVE
4 DEFINITELY CHANGED THE WAY WE LOOK AT THINGS, AND I'M HAPPY TO
5 BE A PART OF THAT. BUT I'M ALSO HOPING THAT WHEN WE DRAW DOWN
6 ON RESOURCES TO HELP EXPAND OUR MOVEMENT FORWARD ON
7 CONSERVATION, THAT WE ALSO THINK ABOUT WHERE WE PLACE PARKS,
8 HOW WE USE THAT MONEY. HOW DOES IT INTERTWINE? HOW DOES IT
9 INTERRELATE, ALSO, TO OUR HOMELESS MEASURE, MEASURE H? BECAUSE
10 THOSE TWO STAND OUT. WHERE YOU FIND POVERTY, YOU FIND THESE
11 ISSUES: LACK OF PARKS, HOMELESSNESS. HOW DO WE MAKE IT A
12 BETTER ENVIRONMENT SO PEOPLE CAN LIVE HEALTHY, CHILDREN CAN
13 THRIVE, FAMILIES CAN THRIVE? AND THEN EVEN ACCESSING OUR
14 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. HOW DO WE MAKE IT ALL CONNECT?
15 ALL THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS,
16 AND I AM DELIGHTED THAT THAT HAPPENED, BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE IT
17 SYNC. WE HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY MUCH ALIGNED IN HOW WE MOVE
18 FORWARD. AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO JUST BEAT THE DRUM, ALSO,
19 THAT WE REALLY DO NEED TO MAKE IT COUNT WHERE OUR COMMUNITIES
20 HAVE THAT ENGAGEMENT. AND EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT ON A COMMITTEE,
21 BECAUSE OF THIS MEASURE, WE STILL WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE
22 STILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. MEASURE W, AS WAS STATED
23 ELOQUENTLY BY SHEILA KUEHL, IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO CAPTURE
24 RAINWATER, STORMWATER. IT'S GOING TO HELP PROTECT OUR PUBLIC
25 HEALTH. IT'S GOING TO ENHANCE OUR WATERWAYS BY REDUCING

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1 POLLUTION AND TRASH. ALL THE AREAS THAT I SPOKE ABOUT ARE
2 IMPACTED BY MUCH OF WHAT GOES DOWN THOSE WATERWAYS. AND WE'RE
3 GOING TO PRIORITIZE A NATURE-BASED SOLUTION IS WHAT I LIKE,
4 PROVIDE SENIOR LOW-INCOME TAX CREDITS, AND HOPEFULLY SUSTAIN
5 OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THE FACT OF THE
6 MATTER IS, MEMBERS, THAT WE HAVE TO DO MORE, AND LESS IS NOT
7 WHAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT. I WANT TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE HERE,
9 FIRST OF ALL, IS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. BUT I ALSO WANT
10 TO, IN THE SPIRIT OF CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER, I'D LIKE TO
11 ASK PUBLIC WORKS THAT THE FOLLOWING BE INCORPORATED AS
12 IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THE ORDINANCE
13 INCLUDES, AS YOU KNOW, A REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISTRICT TO WORK
14 WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND WATERSHED COORDINATORS TO UTILIZE
15 EXISTING TOOLS TO IDENTIFY HIGH-PRIORITY GEOGRAPHIES FOR WATER
16 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RELATIVE TO DISADVANTAGED
17 COMMUNITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS D.A.C.S. I WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER
18 DIRECT THAT THE STAFF SHALL, AS NECESSARY, CONDUCT G.I.S.
19 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING RELEVANT DATA TO DEVELOP THOSE TOOLS. AND
20 WE KNOW THAT THOSE TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE TO US NOW. DEVELOP
21 PARAMETERS OR METRICS FOR THE PROPOSED SUSTAINED WORKFORCE,
22 EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, AND
23 REPORT BACK TO US ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON THAT PROGRESS. THE
24 ORDINANCE ALSO CALLS FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, PROGRAMS TO BE
25 ADMINISTERED BY THE DISTRICT THAT WILL ENGAGE INDEPENDENT

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1 RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE EVALUATION
2 OF STUDIES AND PROGRAMS, AS IT SHOULD. THIS WILL FACILITATE, I
3 BELIEVE, MUCH FOR US, BUT IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE US WITH AN
4 ARRAY OF DATA, AND THAT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. AND MAKING
5 THAT DATA AVAILABLE AND TRANSPARENT, NOT ONLY TO OUR
6 STAKEHOLDERS BUT ALSO TO THE PUBLIC, I THINK, IS GOING TO BE
7 VERY CRUCIAL. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE DO THAT. ALSO, I'D LIKE
8 TO JUST EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH, THAT WE
9 LEARN FROM IT, WHAT WE'VE DONE, AND HOW WE CAN IMPROVE IT. AND
10 I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY OF US HERE WHO ARE VERY EARNEST IN
11 OUR EFFORTS TO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE VOICES ARE
12 CAPTURED, AND THAT THEY'RE REALISTIC, AND THAT WE CAN MEASURE
13 SOME OF THE FINDINGS THAT WE COME UP WITH, AND HOPEFULLY BE
14 ABLE TO FUND THESE PROJECTS. SO, AGAIN, CAPTURING OTHER
15 RESOURCES, MEASURE H, MEASURE A, MEASURE M, AND EVEN GOING
16 AFTER THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY THAT CAN ALSO PLAY A PART.
17 SO I PARTICULARLY WANT TO ASK THAT D.P.W., D.P.R., THE
18 R.O.S.H. P.D., R.O.S.P.D., D.P.H., AND THE CHIEF
19 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, AT A MINIMUM, SHOULD CONVENE A MULTI-
20 AGENCY COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO DEVELOP MEASURE ALIGNMENT. SO
21 THAT'S REALLY WHAT I'M SAYING. LET'S JUST PUT IT ALL TOGETHER,
22 SO WE'RE ALL KIND OF WALKING THE SAME COURSE, AND ABLE TO WORK
23 TOGETHER. I WOULD JUST END WITH THAT. I WANT TO THANK THE
24 STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE HERE, THAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM, NOT
25 JUST THE PEOPLE THAT HUG TREES, BECAUSE I THINK I WAS CALLED

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1 ONE OF THOSE YEARS AGO, AND STILL AM. STILL A MEMBER OF THE
2 SIERRA CLUB, TOO. BUT I'M ALSO HERE FOR THE MILLENNIALS AND
3 FOR THE PEOPLE THAT COULDN'T BE HERE, AND FOR OUR SENIORS THAT
4 OFTENTIMES CAN'T MAKE IT DOWN HERE, BUT JUST AS MUCH NEED TO
5 HAVE A RESPITE IN KNOWING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE CLEAN
6 WATER, OPEN SPACE, AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO AS BEST WE
7 CAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS EFFORT, AND
8 I CONGRATULATE AGAIN OUR OFFICES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
9 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, EVERYBODY THAT HAD A HAND IN THIS,
10 BECAUSE IT'S REALLY ABOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY THANK YOU, MADAM
11 CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME
17 LEND MY VOICE TO THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THE LEADERSHIP OF
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON THIS MATTER, AND CERTAINLY THE EXTENT TO
19 WHICH SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BEEN AT THE READY. WE PAY
20 APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO HER, AS WELL. I WANT TO TAKE A
21 MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MARK PESTRELLA AND THE ENTIRE PUBLIC
22 WORKS TEAM FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THIS
23 CONNECTION, AND I WISH TO ENCOURAGE YOU ALONG THAT PATH. THESE
24 EFFORTS TO FACILITATE AND DEVELOP THE COMMITTEES AND THE
25 PREPARATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE IN A COHESIVE AND

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1 TRANSPARENT MANNER WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. WE APPRECIATE
2 IT. TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, AND YET
3 THERE'S OBVIOUSLY A LOT MORE TO BE DONE. THE REALITY IS THAT
4 IN OTHER WAYS, WE ARE NOW JUST ARRIVING AT THE STARTING LINE.
5 SOME WOULD CALL THIS A SIGNIFICANT POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR
6 GREAT THINGS THAT ARE IN STORE. SO I'LL GO BACK AND
7 ACKNOWLEDGE THE DRIVE OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN SAYING THIS MUST
8 BE DONE. SHE BROUGHT HER ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS TO BEAR YET
9 AGAIN THROUGHOUT HER CAREER IN PUBLIC LIFE. SHE'S MADE THAT A
10 PRIORITY, AND IT MATTERS, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABILITY
11 EFFORTS, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF THE QUESTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
12 JUSTICE, WHICH WE CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND EMBRACE.
13 IT'S PROBABLY THE CASE THAT HER REPORT CARD IN THE LEGISLATURE
14 WAS 100 PERCENT IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. IS THAT CORRECT,
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL? THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] JUST SAY YES.
16 AND SO THIS WORK HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE VOTERS. MEASURE
17 W, SOME WOULD SAY, CAN NOW BEGIN IN EARNEST, ALL AS A MATTER
18 OF IMPLEMENTATION. BUT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH A DEGREE OF
19 THOUGHTFULNESS. IF NOT CAUTION, CERTAINLY THOUGHTFULNESS,
20 BECAUSE THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN EASILY HAPPEN. YOU
21 OFTEN HEAR ME SAY THAT THIS WORK IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF
22 HEART. AGAIN, I INVOKE THAT PHRASE. WE HAVE SEEN THE
23 IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN AND SAFE WATER, WATER THAT IS RECOGNIZABLE
24 IN A WAY THAT IT CANNOT FEAR PEOPLE WHEN THEY CHOOSE TO DRINK.
25 I INVOKE THE SATIVA EPISODE THAT WE JUST WORKED THROUGH, AND

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1 YEARS AND YEARS OF OPERATION. BUT THANKS TO, AGAIN, PUBLIC
2 WORKS. WE'RE ON THE CASE. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE PEOPLE OF
3 THAT COMMUNITY PROUD, AND MAKE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
4 PROUD. THERE'S NO PLACE IN THIS COUNTY THAT OUGHT TO BE
5 RELEGATING ITS RESIDENTS TO SECOND-CLASS STATUS, WITH RESPECT
6 TO DRINKABLE WATER, IN THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE HAVE COME
7 FORWARD. SUPERVISOR HAHN ON L.A.F.C.O., JOINED BY SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER. WE PUSHED AS A BOARD TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND, YOU
9 KNOW, THAT WAS TWO DECADES IN THE MAKING. IT'S JUST
10 INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT SUCH WAS THE CASE. BUT HERE WE ARE.
11 AND SO I JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT WE CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE
12 NEGLECT IN ANY FORM. THE CONSEQUENCES ARE DISASTROUS, AND THE
13 CORROSIVE IMPACT THAT IT HAS ON THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR
14 COMMUNITIES AND THE SENSIBILITIES THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE
15 TO ENJOY AS A FUNDAMENTAL MANNER OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHO WOULD
16 HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD FIND OURSELVES IN ANY OTHER KIND OF
17 SPACE? AND THOSE WHO ARE OF THE SCIENTIFIC PERSUASION, WHO DID
18 THE ANALYSIS OF THE WATER AND SAID, "IT LOOKS DIRTY, BUT IT'S
19 NOT, IT'S CLEAN," THE ONLY THING THAT WE CAN SAY TO THEM WOULD
20 BE WHAT THE RESIDENTS OF THAT COMMUNITY HAD TO SAY: "WELL,
21 THEN YOU DRINK IT. CAUSE YOUR CHILDREN TO DRINK IT. YOU BATHE
22 IN IT." AND SO THERE ARE LIMITS TO SCIENTIFIC INTERVENTIONS.
23 IT SEEMS TO ME, AT SOME POINT, COMMON SENSE OUGHT TO KICK IN,
24 AND RESPECT THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERYONE INVOLVED. SO
25 IT'S NOTEWORTHY THAT WE ARE TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO

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1 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE
2 CLEAN WATER MEASURE. THIS WORK WILL REQUIRE RIGOROUS ATTENTION
3 TO DATA AND TO SCIENCE-- GOOD SCIENCE, THOUGHTFUL SCIENCE,
4 COMMONSENSE SCIENCE. I INVOKE THE PHRASE THAT YOU OFTEN HEARD:
5 "DON'T GET MAD, GET DATA." AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO,
6 TO DO A GREAT JOB HERE TODAY. SHOULD INCORPORATE MEANINGFUL
7 STRATEGIES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY
8 PARTICIPATION. AND THOSE WHO SUFFERED AND ENDURED ALL THE
9 INDIGNITY OF THE SATIVA EPISODE, I WANT TO INVITE THEM TO BE
10 INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE W. THEY HAVE RIGHTS.
11 THEY ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES. AND SO, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE
12 OF EMPOWERMENT, WE BESEECH YOU TO BE ACTIVE IN THIS PROCESS. I
13 WANT TO THANK DOZENS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE AGREED TO GIVE
14 THEIR TIME AND TALENT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE VARIOUS
15 WATERSHED AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES THAT ARE INTENDED TO GUIDE
16 THIS WORK. IMPORTANT WORK. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
17 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, GENERALLY, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD
18 US ACCOUNTABLE IN GETTING THIS RIGHT. WE USE THE LANGUAGE OF
19 ACCOUNTABILITY QUITE OFTEN. I WISH TO SAY THAT ACCOUNTABILITY
20 IS RECIPROCAL, IN THE SENSE THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT TO BE HELD
21 ACCOUNTABLE, BUT WE EXPECT TO HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE, AS MEMBERS
22 OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, TO HELP US GET THIS RIGHT. IT'S
23 A JOINT UNDERTAKING. SO I'M PLEASED WITH THE DIRECTION THAT
24 WE'RE TAKING SO FAR, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MOVING
25 FORWARD, IN TERMS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. IT'S AN

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1 IMPORTANT EFFORT THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF
2 LIFE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. SHOUTOUT TO THE SECOND DISTRICT
3 ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM, HEADED BY THE ONE AND ONLY CARLY KATONA.
4 SHE WORKS HARD. THE TEAM WORKED HARD. SHE KEPT ME FOCUSED AND
5 TASKED IN THIS REGARD. THEREFORE, NEXT TIME YOU SEE HER,
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GIVE HER A BIG HUG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
7 MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND
10 THANKS FOR REMEMBERING OUR STRUGGLE AND FIGHT, AND YOURS, ON
11 THE ISSUE OF THE SATIVA WATER DISTRICT. AND, YOU KNOW, THERE
12 ARE THINGS IN OUR LIFE AS PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT WE'LL REMEMBER
13 THAT WE HAVE DONE, THAT REALLY IMPACTED THE QUALITY OF LIFE
14 FOR PEOPLE, AND THAT VOTE THAT I TOOK AT L.A.F.C.O. TO BEGIN
15 DISSOLVING THAT CORRUPT WATER DISTRICT THAT WAS NOT ONLY
16 DELIVERING BAD WATER, BUT CHARGING FOR THE BAD WATER. AND
17 THEN, AS YOU SAID, TO ALLOW OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MARK
19 PESTRELLA, TO BEGIN TO STEP IN AND RIGHT THAT WRONG. IT WAS A
20 REMINDER THAT WATER IS CERTAINLY AT THE VERY HEART OF PEOPLE'S
21 QUALITY OF LIFE. IF YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON CLEAN, SAFE, RELIABLE
22 WATER, WHAT CAN YOU DEPEND ON? SO THAT WAS A GOOD FIGHT. BUT I
23 ALSO WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP ON MEASURE W, AS WELL AS ALL MY
25 COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD, FOR MAKING THAT A REALITY; AND ALSO

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1 TO THANK THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGAIN FOR AGREEING,
2 AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AT A GREAT 70 PERCENT TO AGREE
3 TO A TAX THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY PROVIDE SAFE, CLEAN WATER FOR
4 EVERYONE. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMUNITY
5 MEMBERS, CITIES, NONPROFITS, STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE WORKED
6 WITH US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING ON MAKING THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
7 PROGRAM A REALITY. YOU HAVE HELPED US TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO
8 CLEAN, TO CAPTURE OUR WATER, THAT THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY
9 COULD REALLY GET BEHIND. AND WE KNOW ANYTIME WE GO TO OUR
10 VOTERS AND ASK FOR SOMETHING, WE KNOW ONE OF THE MOST
11 IMPORTANT THINGS TO OUR VOTERS WAS OUR COMMITMENT TO
12 TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND THAT'S WHY
13 TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE APPOINTING OVER 170 PEOPLE FROM ALL
14 WALKS OF LIFE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE ON THE REGIONAL
15 OVERSIGHT, SCORING, AND STEERING COMMITTEES. ON THESE
16 COMMITTEES WILL BE PROFESSORS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, BUSINESS
17 MEMBERS, LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND WE WILL
18 BE RELYING ON THEM TO SELECT REGIONAL PROJECTS FOR OUR
19 CONSIDERATION. THAT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE TASK. THESE PROJECTS
20 AREN'T JUST ABOUT CAPTURING WATER. THESE PROJECTS ARE
21 OPPORTUNITIES TO ALSO CAPTURE THE MINDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
22 AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND BRING OUR
23 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES TOGETHER WITH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS.
24 THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE PIPELINES TO GOOD-PAYING
25 JOBS FOR YEARS TO COME. AND I HOPE THAT THE PROJECTS SELECTED

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1 BY THESE COMMITTEES REALLY DO REFLECT THOSE VALUES. IT'S NEVER
2 BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY. AND WHILE
3 WE WORK TO BETTER OUR ENVIRONMENT, WE MUST ALSO PROTECT AND
4 EMPOWER THE COMMUNITIES THAT TRUSTED US WITH THIS TASK. AND
5 WITH THIS IN MIND, THE COUNTY'S GOING TO BE DOING ITS PART BY
6 DEVELOPING ITS OWN EDUCATIONAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
7 PROGRAMS. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS TODAY
8 ALSO REACH BACK TO THE CITIES THAT THEY REPRESENT, AND ASK
9 THEIR OWN CITIES TO FOLLOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, BECAUSE THE OTHER
10 40 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED GO BACK TO CITIES AS LOCAL
11 RETURN FUNDS. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY HEAR FROM YOU WHAT
12 TYPES OF PROJECTS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE CONSTRUCTED, LOCALLY, IN
13 YOUR CITIES, AND WHO YOU WANT TO BUILD THEM. AND IF THEY DON'T
14 KNOW WHERE TO START, MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM TO GIVE US A
15 CALL. OR A BETTER IDEA IS TO GIVE MARK PESTRELLA A CALL, AND
16 HE'LL HELP THEM FIGURE IT OUT. SO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
17 CAME DOWN HERE TO SUPPORT THIS. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO
18 JOCELYN ON MY STAFF, AND ALL HER HARD WORK ON THIS, AS WELL.
19 BUT THE WORK IS JUST BEGINNING. SO I THINK WE'RE ALL READY TO
20 GET TO WORK. AND NOW WE WANT TO HEAR FROM MARK PESTRELLA, WHO
21 IS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND DAN LAFFERTY, THE DEPUTY
22 DIRECTOR. SO, WELCOME.

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS
25 OF THE BOARD. MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY I'M HERE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE SAFE
2 CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION NEXT WEEK, AND TO
3 SEEK APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS PROGRAM
4 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES, AS A PART OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
5 PROGRAM. A LITTLE BIT OF A ROUNDUP ON WHERE WE'VE COME FROM.
6 THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED UNDER MEASURE W, SO
7 ON NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018, AS MENTIONED EARLIER, THE VOTERS
8 APPROVED MEASURE W, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
9 PROGRAM, AND BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, AS WAS MENTIONED. AND THIS
10 WAS A SIGNIFICANT DAY IN THE LIFE OF WATER FOR L.A. COUNTY,
11 AND THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT IT ALSO WAS JUST A START,
12 BECAUSE, AS A PART OF THAT VOTE, WE PROMISED THE VOTERS THAT
13 WE WOULD DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE, AND SO THAT'S
14 WHAT I'LL BE COVERING FOR YOU TODAY. THE MEASURE ITSELF,
15 THOUGH, AMENDED THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CODE, AND
16 ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX TO PROVIDE STORMWATER AND
17 URBAN RUNOFF CAPTURE, AND REDUCE STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF
18 POLLUTION. THE PROGRAM GOALS INCLUDE TO CREATE A GREATER
19 RESILIENCE FOR WATER SUPPLY IN L.A. COUNTY, AND TO PROTECT THE
20 PUBLIC HEALTH BY IMPROVING WATER QUALITY, INCREASING LOCAL
21 WATER SUPPLY, ENHANCING COMMUNITIES WITH MULTI-BENEFIT GREEN
22 PROJECTS. MEASURE W, AGAIN, WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A
23 COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS.
24 THIS IS BEFORE THE VOTE. IN FACT, BEFORE THE VOTE, WE HELD
25 OVER 1,000 DISCUSSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS. WE MADE MORE THAN

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1 150 PRESENTATIONS TO CITY COUNCILS, CITY STAFF, COMMUNITY
2 GROUPS, WATER AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, AND SCHOOLS. AND WE FORMED
3 A 27-MEMBER STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT BROUGHT
4 TOGETHER CITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, LABOR, BUSINESS, AND
5 WATER AGENCIES FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS TO SHAPE THE PROGRAM.
6 THIS WAS ALL IN PREPARATION, AGAIN, FOR MEASURE W. ALL
7 TOGETHER DURING THAT PERIOD, WE RECEIVED MORE THAN 100 FORMAL
8 COMMENT LETTERS, GATHERED 2500 OR MORE SURVEYS, AND GARNERED
9 MORE THAN 10 MILLION SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS; THIS ALL,
10 AGAIN, IN PREPARATION FOR MEASURE W, WHICH, AGAIN, PASSED BY
11 TWO-THIRDS VOTE. AGAIN, THE VOTE APPROVED THE DEVELOPMENT OF
12 THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORDINANCE, AND NOW I'M GOING TO
13 GO OVER THE ELEMENTS OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
14 ORDINANCE. FIRST, THE FUNDING ALLOCATION. THE TAX FOR EACH
15 PARCEL IS GOING TO BE EQUIVALENT TO 2.5 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT
16 OF IMPERMEABLE SURFACE AREA, AND WILL FIRST APPEAR ON A TAX
17 BILL THIS FALL. REVENUES GENERATED ARE EXPECTED TO BE
18 APPROXIMATELY \$300 MILLION, ANNUALLY. 50 PERCENT OF THE
19 FUNDING WILL GO TO REGIONAL, MULTI-BENEFIT, WATERSHED-BASED
20 PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN A SPECIFIC
21 WATERSHED FROM WHICH THE TAX IS COLLECTED. THE OTHER 40
22 PERCENT WILL GO TO CITIES AS A LOCAL RETURN, AS WAS MENTIONED,
23 WITH A MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND
24 PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT THE JURISDICTIONS FROM WHICH THE TAX IS
25 COLLECTED. THE REMAINING 10 PERCENT WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY

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1 THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND USED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
2 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, JOB TRAINING,
3 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, AND DISTRICT PROJECTS. THIS IS A ONE-
4 OF-A-KIND PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAX CREDITS
5 UP TO 100 PERCENT FOR QUALIFYING PARCELS, CREDIT TRADING, A
6 USER-FRIENDLY APPEALS PROCESS, AND A TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM.
7 PARCELS OUTSIDE THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THOSE THAT ARE
8 ALREADY EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXES WILL REMAIN EXEMPT, AS
9 WILL PARCELS OWNED BY QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME SENIORS.
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. TODAY'S PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE IS
11 REQUIRED IN THE VOTER-APPROVED LANGUAGE, AS I MENTIONED, FOR
12 MEASURE W, AND WAS CAREFULLY CRAFTED TO CARRY OUT YOUR VISION
13 FOR SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. TODAY I AM MAKING
14 THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS: I'M INTRODUCING THE ADOPTION
15 FOR THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE,
16 WHICH YOU'LL BE CONSIDERING NEXT WEEK. I'M ASKING THAT YOU
17 APPOINT 107 COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING KEY PROGRAM
18 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES: A REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
19 COMPRISED OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE FOCUS AREAS OF THE
20 PROGRAM; NINE WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEES COMPRISED OF
21 MEMBERS FROM MUNICIPALITIES, AGENCIES, AND THE COMMUNITY; AND
22 A SCORING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE
23 PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS. THE IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE AND
24 SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS ARE A COMPONENT, AS WELL. THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN

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1 DEVELOPED WITH STAKEHOLDER INPUT FOR SEVERAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.
2 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AFTER THE VOTE, THE NEXT DAY, WE BEGAN
3 INTERACTING WITH ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS I MENTIONED, TO DEVELOP
4 THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS. THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE A CREDIT
5 PROGRAM, A CREDIT TRAINING PROGRAM, A LOW-INCOME SENIOR
6 EXEMPTION PROGRAM, A TAX APPEALS PROCESS, AN INCOME-BASED TAX
7 REDUCTION PROGRAM, FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING
8 SCORING CRITERIA, AND SIMILARLY THE DISTRICT DEVELOPED
9 OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COMMITTEES. AS
10 MENTIONED, THE IMPLEMENTATION DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
11 DEVELOPMENT INVOLVED A TON OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. AS I
12 MENTIONED, AGAIN, AND THAT'S MY LINE THERE, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
13 AND OUTREACH INCLUDED OVER 70 MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS OF
14 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, OBVIOUSLY WITH THE HELP OF YOUR STAFFS.
15 PUBLIC WORKS HOSTED FOUR OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC REVIEW SESSIONS,
16 AND THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL
17 DOCUMENTS WERE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW FOR 3-1/2 WEEKS. WE
18 RECEIVED DOZENS OF DETAILED LETTERS CONTAINING HUNDREDS OF
19 SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, SO PEOPLE ARE INTO IT. AS A RESULT,
20 MANY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE DOCUMENTS
21 THAT ACCOMPANY THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
22 EXTENDING THE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FROM ONE
23 TO TWO YEARS, REDUCING THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR LOW-INCOME
24 SENIOR EXEMPTION FROM 65 YEARS OLD TO 62 YEARS OLD, A
25 COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL INCOME-BASED TAX REDUCTION

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1 PROGRAM, REQUIRING A VECTOR MINIMIZATION PLAN FOR THE DESIGN,
2 OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS. THIS HAS TO DO WITH
3 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT. IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT
4 PONDED WATER IN LOS ANGELES. ADDITIONAL PRIORITIZATION OF
5 NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. THESE ARE SOLUTIONS THAT MIMIC
6 BIOLOGY. BIOMIMICRY IS USED TO ACTUALLY CLEAN AND CONSERVE
7 WATER. WE CREATED A COMMITMENT TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE
8 PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS THAT MEET PROGRAM
9 GOALS. SO THIS IS THAT YOU CAN DO MORE AND GET MORE EXEMPTIONS
10 BY ACTUALLY INTRODUCING WATER TO THE GROUND YOURSELF, RATHER
11 THAN HAVING US DO IT FOR YOU. AND ENSURING OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT
12 PLANS ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO DISPLACEMENT AND
13 GENTRIFICATION. VERY IMPORTANT, AND WE'RE LEARNING THROUGHOUT
14 OUR STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH, AS YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
15 THE LESSONS LEARNED. AND ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW, IN THE L.A.
16 RIVER MASTER PLAN, WE ARE LEARNING HOW IMPORTANT THAT WE
17 MAINTAIN CULTURES ALONG THE RIVER AS WE BUILD THINGS, AND THAT
18 WE DON'T CAUSE GENTRIFICATION, EVEN THOUGH WITH WELL-INTENDED
19 PROJECTS. SO WE ALSO INCLUDED COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE
20 DISPLACEMENT POLICIES AND INCLUSION OF DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE
21 WITH DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WE CREATED A CLEAR PATH FOR
22 PEOPLE TO FIND ACCESS TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. NOT SO EASY IN
23 OUR DEPARTMENT ALL THE TIME, BUT WE BELIEVE WE CREATED A WAY
24 FOR PEOPLE TO FIND OUT HOW THEY CAN BEST COMPLY, AND HOW THEY
25 CAN GET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPING FROM OUR

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1 DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING THEIR PROJECTS. WE ALSO ADDED
2 ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON ENSURING EQUITABLE BENEFITS TO
3 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. VERY IMPORTANT. SO WE CONTINUE TO
4 HAVE ONGOING EFFORTS TO ALSO INCLUDE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE
5 PROGRAM, WHICH WERE MENTIONED TODAY. A VERY IMPORTANT PORTION
6 OF THIS IS TO CREATE A LOCAL WORKFORCE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.
7 AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF INCORPORATING MEASURE A, H, AND W AND M
8 INTO THAT, AND NOT HAVING IT ON THE BACK OF ONE MEASURE, BUT
9 HAVING ALL THE MEASURES WORK TOGETHER. SO I REALLY LOOK
10 FORWARD TO YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
11 ON THAT. AND, AGAIN, THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE ALL FIVE BOARD
12 OFFICES BEGIN PRELIMINARY WORK ON THE DETAILS OF A LOCAL
13 WORKFORCE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM, INCLUDING HOW IT COULD
14 SUPPLEMENT OR ALIGN WITH OTHER ONGOING OR DESIRED INITIATIVES,
15 WHICH YOU MENTIONED, AND THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE DEVELOPED
16 COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS. A COMMUNITY EDUCATION
17 AND SCHOOL CURRICULUM PROGRAM IS ALSO IN THE WORKS. THESE
18 PROGRAMS ARE ALSO THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH
19 STAKEHOLDERS, AND A DETAILED PLAN FOR FURTHER ENGAGEMENT AND
20 OUTREACH IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
21 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE BRINGING TO LOS ANGELES, NOT
22 ONLY THROUGH THIS MEASURE, BUT AGAIN FOR MEASURE W, MEASURE M,
23 MEASURE A, THEY'RE ALL PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR JOBS,
24 LOCALLY, AND WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE LOCAL PEOPLE. WE'RE
25 FINDING THAT WE DO NEED TO INVEST IN EDUCATION, AND BASICALLY

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1 GET KIDS INTERESTED IN THESE KIND OF JOBS, AS WE ALL KNOW. SO,
2 AGAIN, IT'S IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THOSE MEASURES THAT WE PUT
3 TOGETHER A GOOD LABOR FORCE THAT'S EDUCATED AND READY TO GET
4 TO WORK. OKAY. SO, LET'S GO NEXT. AS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF
5 THE MEASURE, AND, FRANKLY, WITH RESPECT TO WATER, WHEN YOU
6 HEAR ME SPEAK ABOUT WATER AROUND THE REGION, THE NUMBER-ONE
7 THING I SAY THAT'S WRONG WITH WATER IS THE GOVERNANCE. IT HAS
8 BEEN A PROBLEM FOREVER. IT'S THE REASON SATIVA HAS ISSUES,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT IS THE REASON THE STATE DOESN'T ALWAYS
10 MOVE WATER WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. IT IS DISPARATE AND SEPARATED
11 AND A PROBLEM. AND SO WHAT WE WERE ALLOWED TO DO, AND IT'S
12 VERY UNUSUAL WE ARE DOING IT UNDER THIS MEASURE, IS WE'RE
13 ASKING THE FOLKS FOR WHERE THE WATER FALLS TO TELL US HOW THE
14 BEST USE OF THAT WATER FOR THEIR REGION, BY CREATING NINE
15 WATERSHED GROUPS THAT WILL, AS WE SAID EARLIER, DEFINE AND
16 PROPOSE PROJECTS SPECIFIC TO THEIR WATERSHEDS THAT THEY
17 BELIEVE ARE THE BEST AND MOST APPROPRIATE PROJECTS FOR THEIR
18 WATERSHED. SO, AGAIN, SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM
19 WILL REQUIRE MULTIPLE COMMITTEES, WITH PARTICIPATION FROM A
20 BROAD SPECTRUM OF INTERESTED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE STAKEHOLDERS.
21 THE RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENT MUNICIPALITIES
22 FROM FLOOD CONTROL, SANITATION, WATER SUPPLY, OPEN SPACE, AND
23 PARK AGENCIES, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AS WELL AS WATER QUALITY,
24 BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STAKEHOLDERS. THE GRAPHIC
25 ABOVE DEMONSTRATES THE REGIONAL PROGRAM STRUCTURE. IT SHOWS

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1 THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NINE WATERSHED AREA
2 STEERING COMMITTEES AND THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND
3 THE SCORING COMMITTEE. SO, THREE MAJOR COMMITTEES: REGIONAL
4 OVERSIGHT, SCORING COMMITTEE, AND MUNICIPAL WATERSHED
5 COMMITTEES. AND YOU ALL HAVE A LIST OF THE PROPOSED CANDIDATES
6 TODAY IN FRONT OF YOU. IF APPROVED TODAY, THE COMMITTEES WOULD
7 EXPECT TO START THEIR WORK AS EARLY AS THE END OF THIS SUMMER,
8 SO THAT WE CAN GET GOING AND ACTUALLY DEVELOP OUR PRIORITY
9 PROJECTS, AND THEN BRING THEM TO YOU, FORWARD TO THE BOARD, SO
10 THAT WE CAN GET CONSTRUCTING QUICKLY. AND THAT'S WHY IT'S A
11 PRIORITY TODAY THAT WE GET THESE ASSIGNMENTS, AND THAT'S SO
12 THAT I CAN MEET THE PROMISE TO OUR LABOR FOLKS THAT WE GET
13 WORK ON THE STREET AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO I ASK THAT YOU
14 CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT TODAY. OKAY. GETTING TO THE END HERE.
15 SO, NEXT STEPS: AS THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD
17 TODAY CONSIDER OR ACCEPT FOR INTRODUCTION THE COUNTY SAFE
18 CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE, AND APPOINT THE
19 RECOMMENDED 107 COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE WATERSHED AREA
20 STEERING, REGIONAL OVERSIGHT, AND SCORING COMMITTEES. THIS
21 INCLUDES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MYSELF, OR
22 HIS DESIGNEE TO SELECT REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SHOULD A
23 MEMBER WITHDRAW OR BE REMOVED PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THEIR
24 TERM. AGAIN, THIS IS IMPORTANT IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE
25 LANGUAGE. IT IS NOT AN ENDING POINT, BUT RATHER POINTS THE WAY

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1 FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORTS STILL TO COME. WE WILL BE LAUNCHING
2 SEVERAL ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS TO ENSURE THE
3 PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THE PROGRAM, AND THAT THE FUNDS ARE HANDLED
4 APPROPRIATELY. THE PROXIMATE TIMELINE MOVING FORWARD INCLUDES
5 COMMITTEES TO MEET IN LATE SUMMER, A CALL FOR PROJECTS IN THE
6 FALL OF 2019, A FIRST REVENUE AVAILABLE IN SPRING OF 2020, AND
7 FUND ALLOCATION IN SPRING OF 2020. RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. I
8 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY TEAM THAT HAS WORKED ON THIS, AND
9 THE BOARD MEMBERS, YOUR STAFF, FOR THE INCREDIBLE WORK PUTTING
10 UP WITH LATE NIGHTS AND EARLY MORNINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS TO GET
11 US TO A PLACE THAT WE THINK THE COMMUNITY HAS ACCEPTED THIS
12 ORDINANCE AS SOLID. THE ORDINANCE, I CAN TELL YOU, IS A SOLID,
13 DATA-DRIVEN, TECHNICALLY CORRECT ORDINANCE, AND SO YOU CAN
14 COUNT ON US TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT, AND IMPLEMENT
15 APPROPRIATELY, ACROSS THE REGION. SO IT IS MY OPINION THAT
16 IT'S GOOD FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. AND AGAIN, LASTLY, I JUST
17 WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE
18 WORKING FOR ALL OF YOU. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE HOW EDUCATED ALL OF
19 YOU ARE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH IS SUCH A BLESSING TO ME TO
20 HAVE THAT. SO WE COME AND TALK, WE'RE SPEAKING THE SAME
21 LANGUAGE. BUT YOUR PROGRESSIVENESS IN THIS ARENA, YOUR
22 SPEAKING ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT WATER IS TO LIFE IN L.A. COUNTY,
23 AND THAT EVERYONE DESERVES QUALITY WATER AT THEIR HOMES AND
24 WHERE THEY LIVE AND PLAY, AND THAT LOS ANGELES IS SUCH A LARGE
25 PLACE, WHY NOT? WHY AREN'T WE WORLD-CLASS WHEN IT COMES TO

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE, WHEN IT COMES TO WATER? AND I WANTED TO,
2 AGAIN, THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR ALLOWING
3 ME TO SERVE IN THE ROLE THAT I PLAY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IN
4 TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION. SO WITH THAT, IF OUR
5 AUDIENCE OR ANYONE WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
6 PROGRAM, THEY CAN GO TO THE SAFE CLEAN WATER LA.ORG WEBSITE,
7 AND/OR CALL US AT 833-ASK-SCWP, WHICH IS 833-275-7297. AGAIN,
8 I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR ATTENTION AND
9 FOR THEIR TIME TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MARK. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU
12 AND DAN AND YOUR ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A HUGE TASK.
13 AGAIN, JUST HAVING THE VOTERS PASS THIS WAS JUST THE FIRST
14 STEP, AND NOW COMES THE REAL WORK. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
15 WHAT YOU'VE DONE SO FAR.

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT
20 THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US
21 ON THIS ITEM? AND IF SO, CALL THEM UP.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
24 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
25 NAME: LAUREN AHKIAM, MARYBETH VERGARA, ELVA YANEZ, MELISSA

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1 BAHMANPOUR, DAVE SOREM, MIGUEL RAMOS, YVETTE LOPEZ LEDESMA,
2 DEBORAH BLOOME, BELINDA FAUSTINOS, LUISA ACOSTA, SUSIE
3 SANTILENA, ALASTAIR HAMBLIN, ANNELISA MOE, ARNOLD SACHS, BRUCE
4 REZNIK, AND CORI BELL. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
5 ASSIST YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND WE'RE GOING TO GIVE EACH OF YOU ONE
8 MINUTE. SO BE CONCISE.

9

10 **LUISA ACOSTA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
11 SUPERVISORS. I'M LUISA ACOSTA, WITH THE LOS ANGELES
12 CONSERVATION CORPS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **LUISA ACOSTA:** GOOD MORNING.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. LET'S START HER TIME NOW.

19

20 **LUISA ACOSTA:** GREAT. THANK YOU. I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING
21 SOME OF YOU FROM MY PREVIOUS CAREER, BUT TODAY I'M HERE
22 SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS, AND REALLY TO
23 ASK THAT, AS THIS ORDINANCE GOES FORWARD, THAT WE REALLY THINK
24 ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY AS
25 IT RELATES TO OUR YOUTH. I THINK YOU KNOW THE CORPS HAS BEEN

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1 AROUND FOR 33 YEARS. OUR TAGLINE IS TRANSFORMING LIVES AND
2 ENHANCING COMMUNITIES, AND WE LIVE THAT ON A DAILY BASIS. AND
3 I MAY BE A BIT BIASED, HAVING BEEN WITH THEM FOR FIVE MONTHS,
4 BUT I CAN TELL YOU WE ARE THE BEST WHEN IT COMES TO YOUTH
5 DEVELOPMENT. AND SO WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD JUST SHARE WITH
6 YOU THAT WE STAND WITH YOU AS YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS, AND
7 WE WOULD ASK THAT OUR COLLABORATING PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS
8 LOOK TOWARDS THE CORPS FOR SUPPORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD SEEING YOU.

11

12 **LUISA ACOSTA:** NICE TO SEE YOU.

13

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

15

16 **LAUREN AHKIAM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAUREN AHKIAM, AND I'M
17 THE DIRECTOR OF L.A.A.N.E.'S WORK ON WATER, AND A MEMBER OF
18 OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT
19 YOU'VE SAID TODAY ON THE RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THESE CORE
20 VALUES OF THIS PROGRAM, AND THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR RECOMMENDING
21 THAT I BE APPOINTED TO THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I
22 LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING. WE REALLY ARE HERE TODAY TO REITERATE
23 OUR VALUES OF EQUITY FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND
24 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AROUND GOOD-QUALITY JOBS, COMMUNITY
25 VOICE, AND NATURE-BASED PROJECTS TO HELP MITIGATE CLIMATE

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1 IMPACTS IN OUR FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES, AND SPECIFICALLY FROM
2 OUR PERSPECTIVE AT L.A.A.N.E., REALLY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY
3 AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LABOR ALLIES AT THE
4 BUILDING TRADES AND S.E.I.U. AROUND MAKING SURE THAT THESE
5 PROJECTS ARE BUILT WITH GOOD, SAFE, UNION STANDARD JOBS, THAT
6 THEY'RE MAINTAINED WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF WORK, AND CREATING
7 THOSE GOOD JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, AND
8 REALLY WORKING TOGETHER, AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED, ON
9 DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINES INTO THESE
10 JOBS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO DO THAT. JUST WANT TO
11 THANK YOU IN THE LAST FEW SECONDS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AROUND A
12 LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT PROGRAM, STRONGER EQUITY METRICS, AND
13 COORDINATION ACROSS MEASURES. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MARYBETH VERGARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARYBETH VERGARA.
18 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
19 RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
20 SUPPORT IN THE PAST, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WAS RAISED
21 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CURRENTLY LIVE IN THE FOURTH, AND THE
22 CONSERVANCY WORK IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE FIRST AND FIFTH
23 DISTRICTS, INCLUDING ANTELOPE VALLEY, SOUTHEAST L.A., SOUTH
24 L.A., AND NORTHERN ORANGE COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE SAN GABRIEL
25 VALLEY. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE, AS A LOCAL STATE

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1 CONSERVANCY WHICH PROVIDES GRANTS THROUGH A COMPETITIVE GRANT
2 PROCESS, USING WATER BOND AND PARK BOND PROPOSITION 1,
3 PROPOSITION 68. WITH MEASURE W, WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENCOURAGING
4 GRANTEES TO USE THESE LOCAL FUNDS AND LEVERAGE THEIR BUDGETS
5 WITH STATE FUNDS TO ENHANCE THEIR PROJECT BUDGETS, ESPECIALLY
6 IF THEY'RE LOCATED IN DISADVANTAGED OR SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED
7 COMMUNITIES. OUR FUNDS PRIMARILY ADDRESS PASSIVE RECREATION
8 PROJECTS, INCLUDING TRAILS AND BIOSWALES, AND SO WE ENCOURAGE
9 THE COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PRIMARILY, TO
10 ENCOURAGE TURNING GRAY CONCRETE INTO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
11 MAKE OUR REGION MORE SUSTAINABLE AND LESS DEPENDENT ON
12 IMPORTED WATER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

13

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

15

16 **DAVE SOREM:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
17 GUESTS, AND STAFF. MY NAME IS DAVE SOREM. TODAY I'M
18 REPRESENTING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR JOBS. WE ARE
19 A COALITION OF CONTRACTOR OWNERS AND UNION EMPLOYEES, ROUGHLY
20 90,000 UNION EMPLOYEES, CONSISTING OF LABORERS, OPERATORS, AND
21 CARPENTERS. I WANT TO THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR PLACING ME
22 ON THE SCORING COMMITTEE. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. I WILL DO MY
23 BEST. AS A FORMER FLOOD CONTROL ENGINEER FOR OVER 10 YEARS, I
24 UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE STAFF
25 THAT PUT THIS TOGETHER. WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED MEASURE W EVEN

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1 BEFORE THE BID, BUT WE ALSO DID RECENTLY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER
2 FULL-PAGE EDITORIAL WITH MARK PESTRELLA, THAT WAS
3 ADMINISTARTED BY MARCY STANICH. AND ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS
4 WE HAVE IS THAT THERE'S SUCH AN INERTIA TO GET THE PROCESS
5 GOING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING THE COUNTY STREAMLINE THE
6 PROCESS TO GET THE PROJECTS OUT, SO WE CAN BUILD THEM FOR YOU.
7 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

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

10

11 **MELISSA BAHMANPOUR:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY
12 NAME IS MELISSA BAHMANPOUR, AND I'M BOTH A TEACHER AND
13 RESIDENT OF THE LOWER L.A. RIVER COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY
14 SOUTHEAST L.A. I'M ALSO THE FOUNDER OF R.I.A., WHICH STANDS
15 FOR RIVER IN ACTION, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT THAT WORKS WITH OUR
16 COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR
17 YOUTH. SPECIFICALLY, OUR WORKSHOP SERIES THE PAST YEAR HAS
18 FOCUSED ON HELPING CHILDREN K-5 UNDERSTAND OUR LOCAL
19 GROUNDWATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WHICH IS NOT JUST IMPORTANT
20 FOR YOUTH, BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, WHERE WE'RE
21 SO RELIANT ON GROUNDWATER, AND THERE'S SO LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF
22 HOW WE INTERACT WITH IT AND OUR RIGHTS TO IT. SO AS MEASURE W
23 PROGRAMMING MOVES FORWARD, I REALLY HOPE THAT EDUCATION OF
24 YOUTH IS A STRONG COMPONENT, AND THAT PROJECTS ARE GIVEN

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1 PRIORITY THAT SERVE TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **YVETTE LOPEZ LEDESMA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YVETTE LOPEZ
7 LEDESMA, WITH THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
8 SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF FOR TAKING OUR POLICY
9 RECOMMENDATIONS INTO CONSIDERATION. THE MANAGEMENT OF
10 STORMWATER SHOULD PROVIDE BENEFITS TO RECREATION, WORK, AND
11 RESIDENTIAL SPACES. EVERYONE SHOULD BE SAFE WHERE THEY PLAY,
12 WORK, AND LIVE. THEREFORE, WE SUPPORT THE CALL FROM THE BOARD
13 TO COLLABORATE CROSS-DEPARTMENTALLY WITH PARKS, D.P.H., AND
14 OTHER AGENCIES, SUCH AS METRO, TO REDUCE THE RISK OF
15 DISPLACEMENT CAUSED BY PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH MEASURES W, A,
16 AND M. IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MEASURES SHOULD NOT RESULT IN
17 HOUSING LOSS OR DISPLACEMENT. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE FLOOD
18 CONTROL DISTRICTS SUPPORT MULTI-BENEFIT, NATURE-BASED
19 SOLUTIONS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. IN THE ARLETA-PACOIMA
20 AREA, WHERE MANY OF US HERE TODAY LIVE AND WORK AND RECREATE,
21 WE ARE SURROUNDED BY GREAT INFRASTRUCTURE BUILT DECADES AGO,
22 WITHOUT MUCH FORESIGHT AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT. WE ARE
23 SURROUNDED BY UNDER-UTILIZED PATCHES OF LAND, SUCH AS WHITEMAN
24 AIRPORT AND HUNDREDS OF SURFACE PARKING LOTS THAT PROMOTE
25 RUNOFF CONTAMINATED WITH OIL AND OTHER POLLUTANTS THAT

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1 GENERATE HEAT ISLAND EFFECT. IT'S TIME TO PLAN FORWARD AND
2 BETTER PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS OF
3 CLIMATE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **DEBORAH BLOOME:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DEBORAH BLOOME. I'M THE
8 SENIOR DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND RESEARCH AT TREE PEOPLE, AND I'M
9 ALSO A CORE MEMBER OF OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. TREE PEOPLE
10 WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN
11 PART OF OUR D.N.A. FOR OVER 45 YEARS. FROM OUR EXPERIENCES,
12 MANY OF OUR PROJECTS DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY, I
13 CAN REPORT THAT WHEN NATURE-BASED PROJECTS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN
14 AN EFFECTIVE, ROBUST, AND SUBSTANTIAL MANNER, WHETHER AT A
15 SCHOOL, A PARK, A STREET, OR A HOME, THE COMMUNITY GETS MUCH
16 MORE OUT OF IT, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS ARE GREATER. SO
17 WE SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE AND WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE FACT
18 THAT THE ORDINANCE STATES THAT ONE OF THE PROGRAM GOALS IS TO
19 PRIORITIZE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, OTHER THAN THE
20 SCHOOL, NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY BUILT INTO
21 THE PROGRAM. SO WE HAVE THREE SOLUTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.
22 ONE, ENSURE THAT THE WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEES ARE
23 PROVIDED DETAILED GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO EXPECT FOR NATURE-BASED
24 SOLUTIONS, SINCE A PROJECT CAN PASS THROUGH THE SCORING
25 COMMITTEE WITHOUT ANY OF IT IN IT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING LEFT OVER
3 THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO--

4

5 **DEBORAH BLOOME:** TWO SUPER-QUICK ONES: TO ENSURE THAT THE FUND
6 TRANSFER AGREEMENTS CALL FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS, AND THAT
7 THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD ASSESS NATURE-BASED
8 SOLUTIONS WHEN THEY REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU WERE SO QUICK. WHAT I WAS
11 GOING TO SAY WAS TURN IN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS. BUT GOOD FOR
12 YOU. GOOD FOR YOU. [LAUGHTER.] I MUST CONGRATULATE ALL THE
13 SPEAKERS SO FAR. YOU'VE BEEN GREAT ON THE ONE-MINUTE TIMER, SO
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BUT THAT APPLIES TO ANYBODY. IF YOU DON'T
15 GET THROUGH YOUR REMARKS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TURN IN, IF YOU
16 HAVE THEM WRITTEN DOWN, AND WE'LL SEE THEM. OKAY. NEXT
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **ELVA YANEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELVA YANEZ, AND I'M
20 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH EQUITY AT PREVENTION INSTITUTE. WE THANK
21 THE BOARD AND STAFF FOR THEIR WORK TO DEVISE A STRATEGIC
22 PATHWAY FORWARD TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT,
23 AND TO MAXIMIZE A CLEAN, LOCALLY CONTROLLED WATER SUPPLY.
24 WE'RE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THE EFFORTS TO INCORPORATE
25 EQUITY INTO THE PROGRAM, AND TO BALANCE ITS COSTS AND BENEFITS

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1 FOR ALL RESIDENTS. WE'RE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THE
2 RECOMMENDATION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS GAVE THIS MORNING.
3 THEY'RE COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH OUR THINKING AND WHERE WE NEED
4 TO GO AS A COUNTY. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH THE
5 MULTIAGENCY TASK FORCE OR WORKGROUP TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ALIGN
6 PROGRAM ELEMENTS THAT CUT ACROSS THE RECENT INFRASTRUCTURE
7 MEASURES, SUCH AS DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES AND WAYS TO LEVERAGE
8 THE DOLLARS FROM THE VARIOUS REVENUE PROGRAMS WITH ONE
9 ANOTHER. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE WITH INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY CANNOT
10 BE SOLVED BY ONE AGENCY ALONE, AND WE'RE HERE TO STAND WITH
11 YOU. I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ON DRINKING WATER NEXT.

12

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

14

15 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD MORNING. BELINDA FAUSTINOS, WITH OUR
16 WATER L.A., AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE
17 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE THAT AREN'T GOING TO BE SPEAKING AND
18 ARE SUPPORTERS OF OUR WATER L.A. TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.
19 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN JUST PHENOMENAL FOR ME IN THIS
20 EXPERIENCE IS THAT OUR POLICIES HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY
21 MEMBERS THAT LIVE AND BREATHE THESE ISSUES ON A DAY-TO-DAY
22 BASIS, AND WE HAVE DEVELOPED OUR POLICIES BASED ON THAT INPUT.
23 AND I THINK THAT WAS VERY CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS AND OUR
24 FOCUS. OUR WATER L.A. HAS MANY HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS. OUR CORE
25 TEAM HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY ACTIVE, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE

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1 WORKING WITH ALL THE SUPERVISORS ON THIS EFFORT, AND WITH THE
2 STAFF. THAT HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL IN REALLY HELPING US TO
3 IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE POLICIES THAT WE'VE PUT FORWARD. SO OUR
4 BASIC PRINCIPLES ARE ABOUT EQUITY, NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS,
5 QUALITY JOBS, AND SUSTAINED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. AND WE ARE
6 SO THRILLED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WITH THE
7 THINGS THAT YOU HAVE PUT ON THE RECORD TODAY, SUPPORTING THESE
8 EFFORTS AND THE CABINET ISSUE ABOUT COORDINATION. THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH.

10

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

12

13 **MIGUEL RAMOS:** HELLO. MY NAME'S MIGUEL RAMOS. I'M WITH THE
14 NATURE CONSERVANCY. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OUR WATER L.A.
15 COALITION, AND A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES.
16 I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
17 PROGRAM. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR DISADVANTAGED
18 COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS PROGRAM
19 CAN DO BETTER BY INTEGRATING EQUITABLE POLICIES. FOR
20 INSTANCE, WORKING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE ANTI-
22 DISPLACEMENT POLICIES AS PART OF THIS ORDINANCE. I ALSO
23 RECOMMEND THAT THIS PROGRAM WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO
24 PRIORITIZE NATURE-BASED PROJECTS, TO TRULY PROVIDE PUBLIC
25 HEALTH AND OPEN SPACE BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE, BUT ALSO BENEFITS

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1 FOR THE NATIVE FAUNA AND FLORA. BY INCLUDING THESE TYPES OF
2 POLICIES, WE CAN BE INTENTIONAL THAT THIS PROGRAM DOESN'T
3 PERPETUATE ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUITIES. WE ARE INTRINSICALLY
4 CONNECTED TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, THEREFORE IT'S CRUCIAL THAT WE
5 USE THIS PROGRAM AS AN OPPORTUNITY WHERE PEOPLE AND ECOSYSTEMS
6 CAN THRIVE OFF OF CLEAN WATER. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **SUSIE SANTILENA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHER
11 ATTENDEES. MY NAME IS SUSIE SANTILENA. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF
12 OF THE OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI. THANK YOU
13 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THESE COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS
14 ITEM. I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS THE CITY'S SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
15 THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND FOR
16 YOUR EFFORTS FOR MAKING THIS PROGRAM A REALITY. THANK YOU TO
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S STAFF AND PUBLIC WORKS STAFF FOR THEIR
18 WILLINGNESS TO MEET, AND FOR THEIR RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR
19 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS AND
20 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO OUR LOCAL WATER PARTNERS AT OUR WATER L.A.,
21 WHO WERE CRITICAL IN NOT ONLY COMMUNICATING TO THE PUBLIC THE
22 BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM, WHICH ASSISTED IN ITS PASSAGE, BUT
23 ALSO FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO COLLECT INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC TO
24 ADVOCATE FOR SOME OF THE REVISIONS. THIS ORDINANCE IS
25 STRONGER, THANKS TO THEIR EFFORTS. WE APPRECIATE THE LATEST

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1 REVISIONS TO THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING COMMITMENTS TO ASSIST
2 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, PROVISIONS LOWERING THE AGE OF
3 QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME SENIORS, AND THE CLARIFICATION THAT
4 PERIODIC REFINEMENT TO THE PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE OVER TIME.
5 I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME, SO I'LL SUBMIT THE REST OF MY
6 COMMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND GIVE THE MAYOR OUR
9 BEST, AND WE THANK HIM FOR HIS LONGTIME LEADERSHIP IN ALL
10 AREAS OF SUSTAINABILITY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **BRUCE REZNIK:** CHAIRWOMAN HAHN AND SUPERVISORS, I'M BRUCE
13 REZNIK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER, AND A
14 MEMBER OF THE OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
15 THE ORDINANCE AND THE APPOINTMENTS, AS PRESENTED. I ALSO WANT
16 TO THANK YOU FOR NOMINATING ME TO THE SCORING COMMITTEE AND
17 THE CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY [INAUDIBLE], BECAUSE I THINK I'M
18 A LITTLE GLUTTON. I WANT TO TAKE A STEP BACK. IT HAS BEEN JUST
19 OVER A YEAR. I LOOKED AT MY TALKING POINTS FOR WHEN WE WERE
20 PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT. IT'S BEEN JUST OVER A YEAR TO GET
21 THIS WITH 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, TO GET THE ORDINANCES
22 DRAFTED, THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS, THE 107 APPOINTMENTS. AND I
23 REALLY DO WANT TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPERVISORS
24 AND STAFF. IT'S BEEN AMAZING. BUT IN MANY WAYS, THE HARD WORK
25 REALLY IS STILL AHEAD OF US. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE SUPPORT ALL THE

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1 GOALS OF THE OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. I'M HERE SPECIFICALLY
2 TO PUSH THE NOTION OF MULTI-BENEFIT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS.
3 AND ECHOING ON SOMETHING SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, ONE OF THE
4 IMPORTANT REASONS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CONNECT PUBLIC HEALTH
5 AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS THIS NOTION OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS
6 AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT GETS
7 IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE NEED TO CALL SOME MORE NAMES.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
12 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
13 NAME: DOROTHY WONG, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN,
14 FELIPE ESCOBAR, JACK EIDT, JUANA PADILLA, KEEGAN MCCHESENEY,
15 KIMBERLY ORBE, LAURA ACOSTA, LAURA MURAILA, LIDIA AGUILAR,
16 LUIS RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL LEWIS, AND NANCY SHRODES. PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

18

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

20

21 **ALASTAIR HAMBLIN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALASTAIR HAMBLIN. MY WIFE
22 SARAH AND OUR 10-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER AUDREY LIVE IN ECHO PARK.
23 I AM HERE TO TESTIFY BOTH AS A RESIDENT AND AS A POLICY
24 COUNSEL FOR STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD APPROVED
25 STORMWATER MONITORING GROUP, THE CHEMICAL BATCH PROCESSING

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1 MONITORING GROUP, INC., FORMED IN 1992, AND INCORPORATED BY
2 THE RADCLIFF AND WEST FIRM. THE CHEMICAL BATCH GROUP CONSISTS
3 OF N.P.D.E.S. PERMITEES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLIANT, BY AND
4 LARGE, WITH STATE AND REGIONAL WATER BOARD STORMWATER RULES
5 FOR THE PAST THREE DECADES. THE GROUP HAS APPROXIMATELY 30
6 MEMBERS, MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN L.A.
7 COUNTY, IN IMPAIRED WATERSHEDS. THE CHEMICAL BATCH GROUP
8 APPLAUDS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING
9 THROUGH ITS CREDIT MECHANISM WORK ALREADY COMPLETED TO
10 ELIMINATE EXPOSURE OF ANY MATERIALS TO STORMWATER, OR TO
11 INCENT INFILTRATION OR OTHER L.I.D. PRACTICES. THE CHEMICAL
12 BATCH GROUP IS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED WITH TRANSPARENCY, AND
13 REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD DEFER THIS MATTER FOR TWO MONTHS, IN
14 ORDER TO PROPERLY VET THIS MATTER AND ENSURE THAT IT IS
15 IMPLEMENTED APPROPRIATELY. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **ANNELISA MOE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANNELISA
20 MOE, WITH HEAL THE BAY. LAST YEAR, ALMOST 200 BILLION GALLONS
21 OF STORMWATER WAS LOST, FLUSHING CONTAMINANTS INTO OUR
22 WATERWAYS. THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM PROVIDES THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO USE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT CAN ADDRESS
24 STORMWATER POLLUTION, WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING THE MANY
25 CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE TODAY, AS A RESULT OF THE CLIMATE

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1 CRISIS. I SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE, BUT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT
2 NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS ARE PRIORITIZED, AS WAS PROMISED TO THE
3 VOTERS, SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THESE
4 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. THIS BEGINS WITH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.
5 PROJECT PROPONENTS MUST PROVIDE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS IN A
6 FEASIBILITY STUDY OF HOW NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS ARE USED, TO
7 THE EXTENT FEASIBLE. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH THE
8 INFORMATION THEY NEED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. NEXT, THERE
9 MUST BE A FIVE-POINT MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR NATURE-BASED
10 SOLUTIONS. THEN, IN CREATING THE STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLANS,
11 THE WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEES MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN
12 JUSTIFICATION OF HOW THE PLAN WILL ACHIEVE THE PROGRAMMATIC
13 GOALS, INCLUDING PRIORITIZATION OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. AND
14 THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST ALSO TAKE THIS APPROACH
15 INTO ACCOUNT WHEN ASSESSING THE STORMWATER IMPLEMENTATION
16 PLAN.

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

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21 **CORI BELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CORI BELL,
22 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE
23 COUNCIL, AND AS A MEMBER OF OUR WATER L.A. FIRST, THANK YOU
24 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS THE NUMBER-ONE SOURCE OF
25 SURFACE WATER POLLUTION IN OUR REGION, AND TO FINALLY TREAT

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1 RAINWATER AS THE PRECIOUS RESOURCE THAT IT IS. NOW L.A. IS
2 DEPENDING ON YOU TO PRIORITIZE EQUITY, MULTI-BENEFIT, NATURE-
3 BASED SOLUTIONS, QUALITY JOBS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THIS
4 INCLUDES THE PROMPT DEVELOPMENT OF THE INCOME-BASED TAX
5 REDUCTION PROGRAM. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND
6 IDEALLY BEFORE THE TAX RULE IS SUBMITTED OR BILLS ARE MAILED.
7 RIGHT NOW THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT CONTAIN A DEADLINE, AND THIS
8 MUST BE FIXED. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS ISSUE,
9 AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

10

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

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. FOR THE RECORD,
14 ARNOLD SACHS. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES VERSUS DISADVANTAGED
15 WATER DISTRICTS. NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE. SATIVA IS A WATER
16 DISTRICT, NOT A COMMUNITY. SO IF YOU ADDRESS THE COMMUNITIES
17 AND DON'T ADDRESS THE WATER DISTRICTS, YOU'RE REALLY NOT
18 ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING, BECAUSE THE WATER DISTRICTS ARE THE
19 PEOPLE THAT DELIVER THE WATER. DIDN'T YOU HAVE LAST WEEK ON
20 YOUR AGENDA AN ITEM REGARDING ART AND A PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS'
21 ASSOCIATION? IT WAS DISTRICT-WIDE. CAN'T YOU DO THE SAME THING
22 WITH YOUR WATERWORKS BILL THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR BOARD TODAY?
23 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS APPROVED, BUT HOW MANY REGISTERED
24 VOTERS ACTUALLY VOTED FOR THE ITEM? HAM IS NOW WHAM. DO WE
25 HAVE AN ORDINANCE NUMBER FOR WHAM, FOR W, JUST SO WE CAN

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1 DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN H, A, AND M, OR IS THAT ONE OF DADDY'S
2 LEGACIES, ALSO? IT'S VERY IMPORTANT YOU CHECK THAT OUT.

3

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

5

6 **DOROTHY WONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DOROTHY
7 WONG, AND I'M AN ALTADENA RESIDENT, TOWN COUNCILMEMBER, A
8 NATURE FOR ALL STEWARD, ADVOCATE OF SAVE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED,
9 AND I DO A LOT OF WORK WITH WALK AND ROLLERS. WE JUST WORKED
10 WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, GETTING KIDS TO TRY MOUNTAIN
11 BIKING. SO I AM DEFINITELY A SUPPORTER OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
12 MEASURE AND WHAT IT CAN DO, ESPECIALLY MULTI-BENEFIT. SO, FOR
13 ALTADENA, I CAN SEE SO MANY GREAT PROJECTS THAT CAN HAPPEN--
14 THE RIVER PROJECTS, AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS. DIFFERENT GROUPS ARE
15 WORKING TO PLANT AND CREATE THESE REALLY COMMUNITY-ENGAGED
16 PROJECTS TO REDUCE OUR RUNOFF, AND AS IT RELATES TO, ALSO,
17 GREEN STREETS AND BIKE PARKS WITH WATER CAPTURE, DEVIL'S GATE
18 PROJECT. LET'S LOOK AT A MULTI-BENEFIT CLASSROOM. THE
19 HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED IS THE HEADWATERS OF THE UPPER L.A. RIVER
20 AND THE ARROYO SECO. IT IS THE PERFECT PLACE.

21

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

23

24 **DOROTHY WONG:** AND LOTS OF GREAT STUFF.

25

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

2

3 **DOROTHY WONG:** THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **FELIPE ESCOBAR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FELIPE ESCOBAR, FROM
8 PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE HERE, AS
9 WELL AS MEMBERS FROM THE OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. I WANT TO
10 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HER STAFF FOR NOMINATING OUR
11 DIRECTOR BERNICA PADILLA TO THE UPPER L.A. RIVER STEERING
12 COMMITTEE. HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE VOICES IN THIS PROCESS
13 IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE EQUITY ISSUES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT. WE
14 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE RESOURCES
15 ARE ALLOCATED TO THE AREAS THAT NEED IT THE MOST, SUCH AS
16 PACOIMA. WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE STRONG ANTI-DISPLACEMENT
17 POLICIES ARE ADOPTED IN THE SAME WAY THAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE
18 DOING THIS, SUCH AS MEASURE A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

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

21

22 **JUANA PADILLA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

23

24 **TRANSLATOR:** HI. MY NAME IS JUANA PADILLA. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
25 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND ASK HER THAT THESE FUNDS GO TO

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1 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE REALLY NEED THESE FUNDS THERE IN
2 THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE A POORER COMMUNITY, AND WE ASK YOU TO BE
3 WELL REPRESENTED BY YOURSELF, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU VERY
4 MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

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

7

8 **LUKE GINGER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUKE GINGER, AND I AM A WATER
9 QUALITY SCIENTIST FOR HEAL THE BAY. AS A SCIENTIST AND PERSON
10 WHO LIVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE THIS ITEM IS IMPLEMENTED WITH NATURE-
12 BASED SOLUTIONS, AS PROMISED IN THE BILL'S LANGUAGE. NATURE-
13 BASED PROJECTS WILL KEEP OUR BEACHES AND OCEAN CLEAN, THEY
14 WILL GIVE PEOPLE GREEN SPACE TO ENJOY, AND GREEN SPACE THAT
15 THEY LACK RIGHT NOW. THEY WILL HELP COOL L.A. COUNTY IN A
16 WARMING CLIMATE. NATURE-BASED PROJECTS WILL ALSO REDUCE OUR
17 RELIANCE ON IMPORTED WATER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCE THE
18 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPORTING THAT WATER.
19 SO THE DECISION IS PRETTY CLEAR TO ME. WE CAN BE FORWARD-
20 THINKING OR WE CAN IGNORE OUR CLIMATE REALITY. SO THANK YOU.
21 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

22

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

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND I CERTAINLY
2 DON'T WANT TO IGNORE OUR CLIMATE REALITY. AND IN STUDIO CITY,
3 WE HAVE A PROP 68, WHICH IS ANOTHER ONE OF THESE BOND
4 MEASURES. THESE BOND MEASURES ARE GREAT, AND YOU'VE DONE A
5 GOOD JOB WITH MEASURE W OF GETTING PEOPLE WHO ARE LOYAL TO YOU
6 TO COME AROUND AND PARTICIPATE AS THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PIECE.
7 IN THE PROP 68 MATTER, THEY HAVE FAKED IT BY NOT NOTIFYING OUR
8 COMMUNITY OF WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING, WHICH IS TO PUT A LARGE,
9 HYPER-GREEN L.E.E.D. PLATINUM GYMNASIUM ON OUR OPEN SPACE. SO,
10 OBVIOUSLY, THEY DON'T WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT, BECAUSE
11 THE OPEN SPACE IS WHAT'S GREEN. AND TO PUT A \$17 MILLION
12 MISTAKE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR OPEN SPACE, AS SHEILA KUEHL IS
13 GOING TO LEARN, IS A BIG MISTAKE, BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORS, WHEN
14 THEY FIGURE IT OUT, ARE GOING TO GO, "ARE YOU CRAZY?" AND THE
15 WHOLE IDEA IS TO GET IT PROJECT-READY, LIKE THE KEYS ARE IN
16 THE IGNITION, SPENDING A MILLION OR SO DOLLARS ON CONSULTANTS
17 BEFORE PROP 68 PICKS FROM THE BEAUTY PAGEANT, BECAUSE THAT'S
18 ONE OF THE CRITERIA. YOU HAVE TO BE READY. THIS SMELLS TO HIGH
19 HEAVEN, AND MAYOR GARCETTI OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF FOR
20 MANAGING THIS PLAN.

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

23
24 **LAURA ACOSTA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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1 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LAURA ACOSTA. I LIVE IN THE CITY
2 OF VAN NUYS. I BELONG TO THE ORGANIZATION NATURE FOR ALL. I AM
3 HERE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND THE SUPERVISORS, AND
4 TO EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS IS
5 THE REASON WHY I'M REQUESTING MORE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS OF
6 THE COMMUNITY OF VAN NUYS. CLEAN WATER IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR
7 EVERYONE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS MORE IN CREATING GREEN
8 PARKS OR GREEN AREAS WITH MULTIPLE BENEFITS, WHERE WE CAN
9 RECYCLE WATER, WHERE WE CAN WALK, BIKE RIDING, GAMES FOR
10 CHILDREN, ET CETERA, BECAUSE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE
11 HEALTHY FAMILIES. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE FOR LISTENING.

12

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

14

15 **KIMBERLY ORBE:** HI. MY NAME IS KIMBERLY ORBE. I'M A LONGTIME
16 RESIDENT OF SOUTH L.A. I LIVE IN KOREATOWN NOW. I'M A MEMBER
17 OF NATURE FOR ALL, OUR WATER L.A., AND THE NATURE FOR ALL
18 STEWARDS. I AM IN SUPPORT OF A SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM THAT
19 INCLUDES A ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM, THAT INCLUDES
20 NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. WE NEED CLIMATE-RESILIENT LANDSCAPES,
21 PLANTS. I LIVE IN A CONCRETE JUNGLE WHERE IT'S ALL GRAY. WE
22 HAVE NO GREEN SPACE. THERE'S A LOT OF CHILDREN IN MY COMMUNITY
23 THAT THEY HAVE TO PLAY ON THE SIDEWALKS. WE DON'T HAVE SAFE
24 PARKS. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THAT WE'RE LOOKING
25 INTO THIS ORDINANCE, THAT WE'RE CREATING A WELL-ROUNDED

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1 PROGRAM WHERE WE'RE CAPTURING WATER, WHERE WE'RE ADDRESSING
2 AIR POLLUTION, WHERE WE CAN CREATE MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS
3 WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN FEEL LIKE THEY'RE A PART OF THEIR
4 NEIGHBORHOOD; WHERE NOT ONLY IS IT CREATING BEAUTIFICATION,
5 BUT STEWARDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO BE
6 COMING BACK TO THESE PARKS AND THESE MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS,
7 AND ULTIMATELY BECOME STEWARDS OF THE LAND. SO I THANK THE
8 SUPERVISORS FOR ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORT A WELL-ROUNDED
9 IMPLEMENTATION, WHERE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS AND COMMUNITY
10 ENGAGEMENT ARE PART OF THE BACKBONE OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IT'S VERY NICE TO SEE A FEW DIFFERENT
17 DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, SO I'M
18 TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.
19 BUT I'M CURIOUS HOW YOU SELECTED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE YOU
20 NEEDED. 107 SEEMS LIKE AN ODD NUMBER. BUT, ANYWAY, I WAS JUST
21 CURIOUS. ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR DOING IT, AND ESPECIALLY THE
22 RAINWATER NEEDS TO BE SAFE, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **KEEGAN MCCHESENEY:** GOOD MORNING.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. I THINK IT'S AFTERNOON.

4

5 **KEEGAN MCCHESENEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEEGAN MCCHESENEY.

6 I'M REPRESENTING ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE'RE A

7 NONPROFIT FOCUSED ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

8 DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

9 ON THIS ISSUE. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE AND THE

10 RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR WATER L.A. COALITION. I JUST WANT TO

11 EMPHASIZE OUR COORDINATION ACROSS MEASURES W, H, A, AND M,

12 SPECIFICALLY ON DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES, LOCAL AND

13 TARGETED HIRE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INNOVATIONS FOR

14 PARKS, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND

15 COORDINATION WITH C.B.O.S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **MICHAEL LEWIS:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE

20 BOARD, MY NAME IS MICHAEL LEWIS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE

21 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COALITION ON WATER QUALITY, AND I'M

22 CHAIRMAN OF THE BIZFED MEASURE W WORKING GROUP. I WANT TO

23 STRESS TWO IMPORTANT COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE IN OUR LETTER TO

24 THE BOARD. ONE IS THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CREDIT TRADING

25 PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE CRAFTED TO INCENTIVIZE LAND

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1 OWNERS TO OVERSIZE THEIR PROJECTS TO CAPTURE WATER THAT WOULD
2 NOT OTHERWISE BE TRAPPED. THE CREDITS NEED TO BE VALUED AT THE
3 COST OF CAPTURING, TREATING, AND REUSING THE WATER, NOT THE
4 VALUE OF THE TAX. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NARROW DEFINITION
5 IN SECTION 1610-B ON PAGE 12, WHICH ADDRESSES ONLY THE TAX
6 OBLIGATION AND NOT THE BROADER COMPLIANCE WATER QUALITY
7 OBJECTIVES; AND SECONDLY, THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING A
8 FINANCING PROGRAM TO JUMPSTART THESE PROJECTS. \$300 MILLION A
9 YEAR IS A LOT OF MONEY, BUT WHEN IT'S SPREAD OVER 100
10 DIFFERENT RECIPIENTS, NOBODY IS GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO
11 START WITH THE KIND OF ENTHUSIASM AND THE SCALE AT WHICH YOU
12 ARE ALL ANTICIPATING, AND WE THINK CREATING SOME KIND OF A
13 FINANCING POOL OR REVOLVING FUND TO EXPEDITE THESE PROJECTS IS
14 GOING TO BE NECESSARY.

15

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

17

18 **NANCY SHRODES:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY,
19 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NANCY SHRODES. I'M WITH HEAL THE BAY,
20 AND SPEAKING AS A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, IN SUPPORT OF THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE FOR THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. I
22 WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTINUED WORK, AS FAR AS
23 INCORPORATING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
24 EQUITY, AND GOOD JOBS. THIS IS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
25 COUNTY, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY VOICE

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1 NEEDS AND CHOICE ARE INCORPORATED THROUGHOUT ALL STAGES OF
2 THIS PROCESS, AND THAT MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS WITH NATURE-
3 BASED SOLUTIONS ARE PRIORITIZED TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS, 70 PERCENT OF WHICH VOTED FOR THIS MEASURE. SO, IN
5 ADDITION, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
6 INCORPORATED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL N.G.O.S, THAT CAN
7 CONDUCT THESE ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION EVENTS, THAT THEY ARE
8 LOCAL AND THEY SHOW SUPPORT OF THE REGION THEY REPRESENT, AND
9 THAT THERE SHOULD BE DEDICATED FUNDING FOR STORMWATER AND
10 EDUCATION OUTREACH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

11

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

13

14 **LUIS RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUIS
15 RODRIGUEZ. I AM WITH TREE PEOPLE AND OUR WATER L.A., RESIDENT
16 OF DISTRICT 3, AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF CINDY MONTANEZ AND
17 TREE PEOPLE FOR THE NOMINATION TO THE LOWER L.A. RIVER
18 [INAUDIBLE]. REGARDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS, THE WATERSHED
19 COORDINATORS' OUTREACH STRATEGY SHOULD BE DIFFERENT, TO
20 REFLECT THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT THEY'RE
21 WORKING WITH. AND IN REGARDS TO EQUITY, WE ASK THAT YOU
22 CLEARLY DEFINE A BENEFIT. WE KNOW THAT BENEFITS ARE DIFFERENT
23 TO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, AND THAT THESE DEFINITIONS OF
24 BENEFITS SHOULD BE OPEN TO CHANGE, BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT.
25 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE NEED
3 TO CALL UP A FEW MORE PEOPLE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
6 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
7 ANTONIA RAMIREZ, PATRICIA SALAZAR, OLIVIA BARBOUR, SARAH
8 WILTFONG, SHELLEY LUCE, SEVERIANA PABLO, OLIVIA DIAZ, RAMONA
9 REYES, WILLIAM FUNDERBURK, VERONICA PADILLA, CAREEN
10 MANDELBAUM, AND BILL FUNDERBURK. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

11

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

13

14 **LAURA MURAILDA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAURA
15 MURAILDA, AND I'M WITH S.C.O.P.E., A SOUTH L.A. COMMUNITY-BASED
16 ORGANIZATION, AND A MEMBER OF THE OUR WATER L.A. COALITION.
17 I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF S.C.O.P.E. TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION
18 FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. GLORIA WALTON'S NOMINATION TO THE
19 CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY [INAUDIBLE], AND TO ALSO EXPRESS
20 SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER
21 PROGRAM, WHICH RESULTS IN PATHWAYS TO GOOD, LIVING-WAGE JOBS,
22 MEANINGFUL BENEFITS FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, AND
23 PROTECTIONS FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. THESE ARE PRIORITIES
24 THAT WE IDENTIFIED THROUGH ENGAGING OVER 4,000 SUPERVISORIAL
25 DISTRICT 2 VOTERS AND OUR GRASSROOTS MEMBERS. WE APPRECIATE

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1 THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENTS TO EQUITY, AND URGE THE
2 COUNTY TO STRENGTHEN EQUITY OUTCOMES BY ADOPTING AN ANTI-
3 DISPLACEMENT ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO THAT INCLUDED IN MEASURE A.
4 SECONDLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT BENEFITS TO DISADVANTAGED
5 COMMUNITIES ARE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED WITH COMMUNITY INPUT. WE
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

7

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

9

10 **JACK EIDT:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JACK EIDT. I'M WITH SOCAL 350
11 CLIMATE ACTION, AND WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE, AND
12 THANK YOU FOR DOING IT. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY
13 FOCUSING ON THE EQUITY ISSUES AND THE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS.
14 I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THESE NATURE-BASED
15 SOLUTIONS BE FOCUSED ON NATIVE PLANTS AND INDIGENOUS
16 COMMUNITIES, AND CAPTURING THE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN THESE
17 COMMUNITIES, AND MAKING SURE THEY'RE A PART OF THAT PROCESS
18 FROM THE BEGINNING. ALSO, CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND LONG-TERM
19 SCIENTIFIC MODELING OF WHAT'S HAPPENING INFORMS THOSE
20 COMMUNITIES. IT'S IMPORTANT. PEOPLE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE
21 IN CHARGE OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT THEY NEED EDUCATION
22 AND THEY NEED INFORMATION. SO IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT
23 THAT IS A BIG PART OF IT. AND BACK TO THE NATIVE PLANTS.
24 NATIVE PLANTS HAVE BEEN-- WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THOSE A LOT.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

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

3

4 **SHELLEY LUCE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHELLY LUCE. I'M
5 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF HEAL THE BAY, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK
6 YOU FOR THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. I AM HONORED TO BE
7 NOMINATED TO THE R.O.C., AND I PLEDGE TO DO MY JOB ON THAT
8 COMMITTEE BY ENSURING THAT WE IMPLEMENT MULTIPLE BENEFIT
9 PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT NEED THEM THE MOST. AND IN
10 ORDER TO DO THAT, WE WILL NEED STRONGER REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. SO I WANT TO SEE A DIFFERENT SCORING
12 CRITERIA THAT ALLOWS THOSE SOLUTIONS TO BE PRIORITIZED. I
13 REALLY WANT TO LOOK BACK IN 10 YEARS AND 20 YEARS AND SEE THAT
14 W IS AN UNMITIGATED SUCCESS. AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE WILL
15 ALSO NEED EXCELLENT COORDINATION AT THE WATERSHED STEERING
16 COMMITTEES. WE HAVE MANY, MANY STAKEHOLDERS. THEY NEED TO BE
17 HEARD. THEY NEED TO BE CONNECTED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ALSO
18 ACROSS WATERSHED STEERING COMMITTEES. AS YOU KNOW, THE OTHER
19 FUNDING MEASURES THAT WE WANT TO LEVERAGE, AND THE
20 MUNICIPALITIES WHO NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, THEY DON'T CONFORM
21 TO WATERSHED BOUNDARIES, SO THE WATERSHED STEERING COMMITTEES
22 NEED TO HELP WORKING ACROSS BOUNDARIES. SO I ASK YOU TO DIRECT
23 YOUR STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL,
24 EXPERIENCED WATERSHED COORDINATORS IN THOSE POSITIONS.

25

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

2

3 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. TELL ERIC GARCETTI TO FLUSH

4 HIMSELF DOWN THE CLEAN AND SAFE TOILET WATER.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

7 IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE.

8

9 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** SURE, WE ALL WANT CLEAN, SAFE WATER, DON'T

10 WE? I UNDERSTAND THAT THE WATER IS DELIBERATELY TAINTED WITH

11 CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL AGENTS. WE CAN THANK GEORGE SOROS AND

12 THE ILLUMINATI AND THE MASONIC [EXPLETIVE], BECAUSE OF

13 POPULATION REDUCTION--

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE STICK ON THE TOPIC.

16

17 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** MOREOVER, THE CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL AGENT

18 IS FLUORIDE IN WATER. HOW CAN WE REMOVE THAT CANCER-CAUSING

19 AGENT AND SUBSTITUTE A MORE PURIFYING WATER CLEANSER THAT WILL

20 NOT CAUSE CANCER? AND SO I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE STILL BEHIND

21 THE TIMES. I THINK JAPAN IS FAR MORE ADVANCED IN WATER

22 PURIFICATION SYSTEMS THAN HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT

23 TRULY IS A SHAME. THE JAPANESE ARE BY FAR THE MOST ADVANCED

24 SOCIETY WHEN IT COMES TO WATER PURIFICATION, BECAUSE THEY

25 BELIEVE IN HARMONY AND BEAUTY. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DEONDRE
5 VALENCIA. I'M THE ADVOCACY DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 BUSINESS FEDERATION, MAINLY KNOWN AS BIZFED. AS YOU KNOW,
7 WE'RE A GRASSROOT ALLIANCE OF 180 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS THAT
8 REPRESENT OVER 400,000 EMPLOYERS WHICH EMPLOY ABOUT 3.5
9 MILLION EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO
10 SAY THANK YOU FOR GETTING US WHERE WE ARE. SPECIFICALLY, WE
11 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO LESLIE FRIEDMAN JOHNSON, KATIE
12 YOUNG YAROSLAVSKY, RUSS BRIDON, ANGELA GEORGE MOODY, TERESA
13 VILLEGAS, MARK PESTRELLA, AS WELL AS MATT FRARY AND HIS TEAM.
14 WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU, AND
15 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **BILL FUNDERBURK:** YES. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
20 ALLOWING TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT TOPIC.
21 MY NAME IS BILL FUNDERBURK. I'VE WORKED IN STORMWATER AS AN
22 ATTORNEY AND INDUSTRY ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FOR
23 SEVERAL DECADES. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ON MY OWN ACCOUNT AND ON
24 THE ACCOUNT OF COMMUNITY REPOWER IN WATTS. MY REQUEST IS
25 SIMPLE: WAIT. WAIT TWO MONTHS. TAKE A BREATH. 3-1/2 WEEKS TO

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1 DO A REALLY COMPLICATED BOARD PACKAGE IS NOT A LOT. AND WHAT'S
2 THE RUSH IF THIS IS IN PERPETUITY? I HAVE A LOT OF OTHER
3 COMMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING, AND THAT
4 HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO SOME OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS. I
5 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT SHEILA KUEHL, THAT JANICE HAHN,
6 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER DID ON THIS, BECAUSE I
8 KNOW IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK, BUT I THINK YOU CAN WAIT.

9

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

11

12 **PATRICIA SALAZAR:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

13

14 **TRANSLATOR:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA SALAZAR, A MEMBER OF NATURE
15 FOR ALL, FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. WITH THE WATER CAPTURE
16 FEATURE, WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE PROJECTS TO CAPTURE
17 WATER, AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO
18 COME TOGETHER AND PARTICIPATE, TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THE REAL
19 ISSUES OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND TO INVOLVE THE ORGANIZATIONS, AND
20 TO BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE MULTIPLE BENEFITS.

21

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

23

24 **OLIVIA BARBOUR:** HI. MY NAME IS OLIVIA BARBOUR, AND I'M A
25 MEMBER OF S.C.O.P.E., AND I'VE LIVED IN DISTRICT 2 FOR OVER 40

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1 YEARS. LAST YEAR, I VOTED FOR MEASURE W, AND I'M HERE TO SHOW
2 MY SUPPORT. HOWEVER, I KNOW THAT SOUTH L.A. CAN GREATLY
3 BENEFIT FROM THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WITH THE JOBS THAT
4 IT WILL PROVIDE FROM THE WATER PROTECTION, AND FOR THE GREEN
5 SPACE THAT IT COULD PROVIDE. HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT OUR
6 RESIDENTS ARE CONSIDERED AT EVERY LEVEL, FROM THE BEGINNING,
7 TO MAKE THE DECISIONS, HAVE SOME INPUT ON THE DECISIONS THAT
8 ARE MADE ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S A HARDSHIP
9 FOR A LOT OF RESIDENTS IN SOUTH L.A. TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AT
10 THE TIME THEY ARE HELD. SO I'D LIKE FOR SOMETHING ELSE TO BE
11 IMPLEMENTED FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR COMMENTS KNOWN. NOBODY
12 KNOWS WHAT WE NEED IN SOUTH L.A. BETTER THAN OUR RESIDENTS.

13

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

16

17 **CAREEN MANDELBAUM:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CAREEN
18 MANDELBAUM. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING SUPPORTED
19 MEASURE W, AND ALL THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE DONE.
20 I DIRECT THE WATER PROGRAM AT ENVIRONMENT NOW, A LOCAL
21 FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, LIKE OUR
22 WATER L.A. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2 WITH MY FAMILY. RECENTLY,
23 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A COALITION CALLED L.A. WATER EQUITY
24 SCHOOL INITIATIVE. IN LEGACY S.T.E.A.M. HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH
25 GATE, STUDENTS JUST FINISHED THEIR FIRST COURSE ON INDOOR AND

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1 OUTDOOR WATER, AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS IN THIS AREA. WE
2 HAVE APPROACHED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO HELP US BUILD
3 THAT CURRICULUM SO THAT THESE STUDENTS ARE TRAINED AND
4 CERTIFIED IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. WE ARE STILL
5 WAITING FOR THAT GUIDANCE. WE VERY MUCH LOOK FOR THAT SUPPORT,
6 AND WE URGE YOU NOT TO LET PUBLIC WORKS OR YOUR AGENCIES MISS
7 THE MOMENTUM THAT HAS CURRENTLY BEGUN WITH S.T.E.A.M. LEGACY
8 HIGH, AND WILL MOVE ON TO HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT SOUTH L.A.
9 AND SOUTHEAST L.A., WITH YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT.

10

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

12

13 **RAMONA REYES:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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15 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RAMONA REYES. I'M FROM
16 THE SECOND DISTRICT. I'M A LEADER IN THE ORGANIZATION NATURE
17 FOR ALL. I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM FOR SAFE AND CLEAN WATER. WE
18 WOULD LIKE FOR THERE TO BE MULTIPLE PROJECTS, AND THAT THERE'S
19 EMPHASIS IN THOSE DETAILS. ALSO, TO DO WORK WITH THE CHURCHES,
20 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE NATURE FOR ALL. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE
21 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MODERN UPDATES, RESIDENTIAL, AND ALSO FOR
22 COMMUNITIES OF LOW INCOME. THOSE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE
23 LOCAL, AND THAT THEY ALSO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.
24 WE WOULD LIKE CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO

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1 STOP CONTAMINATING AND TO CAPTURE MORE WATER FOR THE COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **VERONICA PADILLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VERONICA PADILLA,
7 AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. WE'RE THE
8 ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THE SAN
9 FERNANDO VALLEY. I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD FOR HEARING US
10 TODAY, AND THANK YOUR TEAM FOR WORKING SO HARD WITH ALL OF US
11 TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I SUPPORT SO MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID
12 BY YOU ALL AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS TODAY, SO I'LL BE BRIEF. BUT I
13 JUST WANTED TO ECHO AND SAY THAT I ALSO SUPPORT THE SAFE CLEAN
14 WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE, AND WANTED TO THANK
15 OUR SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL FOR RECOMMENDING ME TO THE UPPER
16 L.A. RIVER WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE. I AM READY AND
17 EAGER TO DIVE IN AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITY BY MAKING SURE THAT
18 WE PROVIDE EQUITY, AND ENSURE THAT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
19 TRULY BENEFIT WITH THE BEST PROJECTS POSSIBLE. SO THANK YOU,
20 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT.

21

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

23

24 **OLIVIA DIAZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

25

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1 **TRANSLATOR:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OLIVIA DIAZ. I
2 BELONG TO DISTRICT NO. 3, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
3 ALLOWING ME TO SAY MY OPINION. I SUPPORT THE PROJECT NATURE
4 FOR ALL. I AM HERE BECAUSE I WANT A BETTER FUTURE FOR MY
5 FAMILY, FOR MY CHILDREN, FOR MY FAMILY, AND I AM PASSIONATE
6 FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF A BETTER LIFE AND COMMUNITY. I WOULD
7 LIKE TO THANK MY SUPERVISOR, SHEILA KUEHL, FOR EVERYTHING THAT
8 SHE'S DONE FOR HER COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK HER
9 TO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT OUR REQUESTS ARE REALLY MET IN OUR
10 COMMUNITY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COORDINATOR ASSIGNED TO THIS
11 PROJECT DOES HIS OR HER JOB, AND TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE
12 COMMUNITY BY PUTTING TOGETHER EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY,
13 VISITING DIFFERENT PLACES, LIKE CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, MEETING
14 WITH THE COMMUNITY, ATTENDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
15 MEETINGS, AND TO COME UP WITH NEW PROJECTS FOR MULTIPLE
16 BENEFITS, THAT THEY CAN BE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND FOR THE
17 COMMUNITY TO WORK ON PROJECTS.

18

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

20

21 **SEVERIANA PABLO:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

22

23 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SEVERIANA PABLO, AND
24 I'M FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. I AM PART OF THE NATURE FOR ALL
25 ORGANIZATION, AND I REPRESENT ALL COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY

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1 PANORAMA, NORTH HILLS, AND VAN NUYS. THESE ARE THE COMMUNITIES
2 THAT I VISIT FREQUENTLY, AND I'M AWARE OF THE NECESSITIES
3 REGARDING WATER, PARKS, AND OPEN GREEN AREAS. I'VE HEARD OF
4 THE NECESSITIES, AND I ASK FOR THE COLLABORATION OF ALL OF YOU
5 TO ENABLE THE COMMUNITIES WITH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
6 BENEFITS TO BRING TO THE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT THEIR FAMILIES,
7 TO BRING GREEN AREAS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, PRIMARILY. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS.

11

12 **TRANSLATOR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DE NADA. GRACIAS. I BELIEVE THOSE ARE THE
16 LAST SPEAKERS. OKAY. SO, ANY COLLEAGUES WANT TO SAY--
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE,
20 AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT I RECOGNIZED THAT THEY REPRESENT, THAT
21 ASKED YOU TO COME AND REPRESENT THEM HERE, BECAUSE OF
22 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS, AND WHO ARE GOING
23 TO WORK ON THIS, AND WHO CARE ABOUT THIS HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY
24 CENTRAL TO ANY OF IT, AND, OF COURSE, TO EVERYTHING THAT'S
25 GOING TO HAPPEN. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. OF

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1 COURSE, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK MINE, WHO CAME PRIMARILY
2 FROM THE VALLEY, AND WHO CARE SO MUCH. AND WE WILL CONTINUE
3 OUR COMMITMENT. IT'S NOT JUST OUTREACH. IT'S REALLY WHATEVER
4 THE NEXT ITERATION OF INCLUSION IS. IT'S LIKE ALL OF US
5 WORKING TOGETHER TO COME TO THE BEST PROJECTS FOR EACH OF OUR
6 COMMUNITIES. THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO.
7 ALL FIVE OF US ARE COMMITTED TO IT. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO
8 MUCH FOR YOUR WORK, FOR CARING, AND FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.
9 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST QUICKLY. JUST TO ECHO, I REALLY
14 AM HAPPY THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
15 AND ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AND OUR COMMUNITIES FROM ALL ACROSS
16 L.A. COUNTY JOINED US IN THIS EFFORT. [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SI. SI, SE PUEDA. OKAY. YES. GO AHEAD AND
19 APPLAUD. I'M GOING TO ALLOW THAT. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. ITEMS S-1
20 AND 48 ARE NOW BEFORE US: THE LOS ANGELES REGION SAFE CLEAN
21 WATER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF
23 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, AND I DON'T SEE
24 ANY, NOR WOULD ANYBODY DARE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
25 [LAUGHTER.] CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] YES. OKAY. AT THIS

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1 TIME, WE'LL NOW MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY
2 THE BOARD. AND WE WILL ASK YOU-- I THINK SOME OF YOU ARE GOING
3 TO WANT TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS, BUT WE'RE STILL IN AN ACTIVE
4 MEETING. AND WE ASK THAT YOU BE AS QUIET AS YOU CAN, AS YOU
5 MOVE ABOUT THE AUDITORIUM. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
7 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS OUR BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD
8 BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
10 ITEM.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
13 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
14 NAME: DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
15 BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 1, 9, 11, 22, 26, 27, 31. ERIC PREVEN HAS
16 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 14,
17 15, 20, 22, 29, 34, 38, AND 45-A. ARNOLD SACHS ON ITEMS 3, 6,
18 9, 12, 13, 15, 22. LARRY MAKAVELLY ON ITEM 13. VINCENT GOSHI
19 ON ITEM 4. MARY JACOBS ON ITEM 2, AND ANTONIA RAMIREZ ON ALL
20 REMAINING ITEMS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO TRY TO
24 KEEP IT DOWN. WE'RE STILL IN THE MEETING, AND WE TRY TO GIVE
25 RESPECT TO EVERYONE WHO COMES TO SPEAK. MR. PREVEN. MR.

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1 PREVEN. NO. COME SPEAK. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. YOU
2 GUYS EITHER MAYBE GO OUTSIDE TO TAKE PHOTOS, OR REALLY KEEP IT
3 DOWN, BECAUSE WE GAVE EVERYBODY RESPECT WHEN THEY CAME UP TO
4 THE MICROPHONE. NOW WE'LL ASK THAT YOU DO THE SAME THING. SO
5 IF IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK INSIDE, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GO
6 OUTSIDE. OKAY.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
9 AND THE THIRD DISTRICT IS SHEILA KUEHL, WHEREVER SHE IS, AND
10 OBVIOUSLY, PREVIOUSLY, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WHO APPOINTED A LITTLE
11 KID OUT OF NOWHERE NAMED SCOTT SVONKIN TO THE INSURANCE BOARD
12 OF COMMISSIONERS. AND NOW THIS LITTLE TYKE IS THE LONGEST
13 SEATED MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S LOCK-HOLD
14 ON THAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY. NOW, BOWMAN IS STILL A MEMBER, AND
15 HE DOES CONTRIBUTE-- ERIC BOWMAN. OBVIOUSLY, TAKEN OFF IN A
16 SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSING MOMENT, BUT I THINK WE'RE ALL VERY HAPPY
17 TO SEE SCOTT BEING PICKED UP AGAIN WITH AN EXTENSION OF HIS
18 TERM BY THE GREAT SHEILA KUEHL, ORIGINALLY APPOINTED BY
19 YAROSLAVSKY. GOOD MAN. NOW, I AM ASSUMING NOW, MR. HAFETZ,
20 THAT WICKHAM IS AGREEING THAT IT IS PLENITUDE-- NO T, NOT
21 PLENTITUDE-- AS WE GOT IT THE FIRST TIME, AND WE'RE GOING TO
22 GO FORWARD WITH SOME KIND OF EARLY NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT OVER
23 THE GOLF COURSE, AND THEY'RE GOING TO DO 62 TENNIS COURTS, BUT
24 THEY'RE GOING TO HOLD BACK ON 10, WHICH IS ABOUT 25,000 SQUARE
25 FEET, TO DO SOMETHING LATER. I DON'T KNOW. IT'S A LITTLE BIT

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1 FISHY. AND THE ONLY THING I OBJECT TO, BECAUSE I LIKE THE IDEA
2 OF REPURPOSING THESE PARKS, IS THE IDEA THAT THE GALAXY,
3 COURTESY OF HERBALIFE, WHO I THOUGHT WE DRAGGED THEM OFF
4 SHEILA'S BEACHES BACK WHEN ZEV, TO BE FAIR, SET THAT SCAM UP.
5 NOW MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS SEEMS TO WANT TO DRAG THEM BACK IN, OR
6 AT LEAST LET'S PUT A HOLDBACK IF THE GALAXY WANTS TO BE
7 INVOLVED ON INCLUDING HERBALIFE, OKAY? BECAUSE I DON'T FIND
8 THAT PARTICULARLY COOL, PERSONALLY. JUST ME, PERSONALLY. THAT
9 SAID, I DO APPRECIATE ALL THE OUTREACH. THEY GOT NINE COMMENTS
10 ON THE E.I.R. NOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS DOING
11 A LITTLE RENTING OVER AT SAMCO L.L.C., AND I GOT TO TELL YOU,
12 IT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, BECAUSE IT'S A \$2.5 MILLION LUMP SUM
13 ON TOP OF 700,000 YEAR ONE. WOW. I MEAN, HOW DO YOU GET A \$2.5
14 MILLION LUMP SUM TO-- IT MUST BE-- THAT IS JUST A GOOD LINE OF
15 WORK IF YOU CAN GET IN THERE. NOW, THE L.A.C.E.R.A. AUDIT, I
16 WILL SAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WENT TO WASHINGTON, DID A
17 LITTLE PUBLIC AUDIT THERE. THEY TOOK A LOT OF PEOPLE, I HAVE
18 TO SAY, AND THEY COULDN'T PRODUCE THE ACTUAL ITINERARY. IT
19 TOOK A VERY LONG TIME TO GET THE INFORMATION, WHICH I DIDN'T
20 REALLY WANT, EXCEPT FOR I HAD TO ASK FOR IT BECAUSE THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS DIDN'T ANNOUNCE WHAT THEY WERE UP TO, LIKE
22 LEGISLATIVE BODIES WHO CARE ABOUT THE PUBLIC INPUT WOULD DO,
23 ORDINARILY. SO WE DID A C.P.R.A. INSTEAD. NOW, YOU GOT YOUR
24 GRAND PARK ITEM. GOOD WORK THERE, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
25 COMPANY. THE METRO BOARD IS GOING TO STEP UP AND PUSH THE

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1 BROAD BACK. GRAB THIS. KEEP IT AS A PEDESTRIAN. I GUESS THAT'S
2 KOSHER. IT DIDN'T LOOK KOSHER WHEN WE FIRST SAW IT, BUT
3 PERHAPS IT IS. AND SPEAKING OF KOSHER, ITEM 22 IS-- OBVIOUSLY,
4 THE LAWYERS UPSTAIRS HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO ESTABLISH
5 A BOARD POLICY ABOUT A HIGH DEGREE OF HONESTY. THAT'S WHAT WE
6 EXPECT. WHICH IS WHY TONY BELL-- WHERE IS HE?-- AND KATHRYN
7 BARGER NEED TO RETHINK THEIR CHOICE TO REASSERT THE FALSE
8 ATTRIBUTION FROM DECEMBER 2017 THAT THE SKIRBALL FIRE WAS
9 CAUSED BY A HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT. WE WENT THERE. THERE IS NO
10 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT. IT IS A LIE. ARE WE GOING TO PERPETRATE
11 THAT LIE? TO PUT THAT IN WRITING FROM THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT, SAYING, "OOH, THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SAID"--
13 WHAT DO YOU THINK, I'M STUPID? I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD JUST
14 TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, AMEND IT, AND LET'S MOVE FORWARD.

15

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

17

18 **VINCENT GOSHI:** I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 4. MY NAME IS VINCE
19 GOSHI. I ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING WHEN THE REPURPOSE
20 MOTION WAS PASSED. OUR LAST SPEAKER WAS A MR. JAMES JACKSON,
21 AN ELDERLY BLACK GENTLEMAN WHO SAID HE WAS FROM THE OLD
22 SCHOOL, AND FROM A TIME WHEN HE COULD NOT PLAY GOLF BECAUSE OF
23 WHO HE WAS. HE SAID VICTORIA WAS HIS COURSE, PLEADED IT NOT BE
24 TAKEN AWAY. AFTER MR. JACKSON'S COMMENT, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS SPOKE. I QUOTE, "THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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1 GOLFING AT THE GOLF COURSE, STILL. THE YOUNGSTERS THAT YOU SAY
2 ENJOYED THE BENEFITS OF THE GOLF COURSE AND THE LIKE WILL HAVE
3 MANY, MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THAT
4 ENVIRONMENT. YOU WILL HAVE EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE WHAT YOU
5 SEE WHEN IT'S DONE. YOU WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN NOR NEGLECTED.
6 THAT IS A COMMITMENT." THERE ARE OVER 2,000 REGULAR USERS OF
7 THE GOLF FACILITIES THAT INCLUDES VERY YOUNG KIDS. WE HAVE
8 COLLECTED CLOSE TO 3,000 SIGNATURES ON A PETITION TO SAVE GOLF
9 AT VICTORIA. THOUGH WE LOSE AT LEAST NINE HOLES THROUGH THE
10 KIMMELMAN PROJECT, WE ACTUALLY SUPPORT THEIR PLAN. BUT I MUST
11 SAY WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE PLANS BEING PUT FORTH BY PLENITUDE.
12 THEY ALLOCATED ONLY 10 ACRES FOR GOLF HOLES. A REGULATION 9-
13 HOLE GOLF COURSE WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 80 ACRES. HIGH-SCHOOL AND
14 COLLEGE TEAMS REQUIRE AT LEAST A REGULATION 9-HOLE GOLF COURSE
15 FOR THEIR AFTERSCHOOL COMPETITION. WE ASK THAT PLENITUDE'S
16 HALF OF THE LAND BE KEPT A REGULATION 9-HOLE GOLF COURSE. WE
17 HOPE YOU WILL NOT FORGET OR NEGLECT US, PER YOUR STATEMENT IN
18 NOVEMBER 2017. THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 1, YOU KNOW, THE
24 H.I.V. COMMISSION IS GETTING FROM BAD TO WORSE. NOT ONLY IS IT
25 STILL ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE EITHER H.I.V. OR PROVIDING CARE TO

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1 H.I.V., BUT NOW THE DOCUMENTS THEY FILL OUT IS A FARCE. I FEEL
2 THERE IS NO DOCUMENT-- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY
3 SENSE. THEY ARE ALMOST TOTALLY EMPTY. I MEAN, IT IS VERY SAD
4 TO SEE WHAT WE ARE GIVING. THEN, ON ITEM 22, I WAS GLAD TO SEE
5 ITEM 22, BECAUSE TO ME IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE COUNTY
6 WE HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND NOT LYING,
7 AND SO ON. I HOPE YOU DID THAT CHANGE IN YOUR COUNTY, IN ORDER
8 TO DEAL WITH THE NOT WONDERFUL DR. CHRISTINA GHALY. BECAUSE,
9 ACTUALLY, THAT ITEM TOTALLY REFLECTS OF HER MISREPRESENTING
10 THE FACTS, AND NOT HAVING A VERY STRONG BASE FOR ETHICS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT FOR YOU, GENEVIEVE. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PRESIDENT REAGAN.

15

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

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. ANYWAY, THAT'S EXTREMELY
19 CONCERNING, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE HAS REFUSED TO PAY THE DOCTOR
20 IN LANCASTER, AND SO ON. REFUSED TO PAY THE UBER. AS FOR NOW,
21 WE ARE PAYING FOR JAMES BRADY, WHO IS STILL INCOMPETENT FOR
22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND WE'RE PAYING UBER TO COME FROM
23 ORANGE COUNTY TO L.A.? AND ALL DAY LONG IN LOS ANGELES, WE ARE
24 PAYING 3,500 FOR AN OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND NOW
25 YOU WILL TAKE ACTION. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU CALL A NAME, I THINK
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU HAVE A REQUEST TO SAY A FEW
4 WORDS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. I'M PLEASED THAT THE SPEAKER DID
7 RECALL THE REMARKS I MADE TO THE AUDIENCE AT THE TIME IN 2017,
8 AND WISH TO RESTATE AND REINFORCE THOSE REMARKS. WE WILL MAKE
9 GOOD ON THAT. THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY PROJECT. A SHOUTOUT TO
10 DOUG KIMMELMAN AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM FOR HIS COMMITMENT HERE.
11 THIS IS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT INCLUDES THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND IT WILL EXTEND WELL
13 BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY IMAGINED. MADAM CHAIR, I WILL
14 SAY THAT THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE ENTIRE BOARD WANTS
15 TO SEE HAPPEN, AS MEMORIALIZED IN A MOTION THAT I BELIEVE THAT
16 YOU BROUGHT FORWARD TO ESSENTIALLY LOOK AT GOLF COURSES, AND
17 TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE MAXIMIZED, IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY-SERVING
18 USES FOR, NOW, THE 21ST CENTURY, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE--
19 WHICH DOES NOT EXCLUDE GOLF, BUT EXPANDS WELL BEYOND THAT. THE
20 COUNTY IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LANDHOLDER OF GOLF COURSES
21 ANYWHERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, AND GOLF
22 IS AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE COUNTY'S RECREATIONAL
23 EXPERIENCE. BUT THAT'S A DAY THAT HAS GONE BY, IN MANY
24 RESPECTS, AND WE'RE RENEWING IT FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. AND
25 THIS WILL BE A FLAGSHIP PROJECT ON THIS 178-ACRE PARCEL, AND

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1 I'M PLEASED THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO IT. AND I APPRECIATE THE
2 BOARD'S TRACKING THIS AND SUPPORT OF IT, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE CALL MORE MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC UP.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD WAYNE SPINDLER-- HE'S REQUESTED TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 1-F, 6, 13, 45-A, AND 49, AND
9 HERMAN HERMAN ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
10 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

11

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

13

14 **LARRY MAKAVELLY:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME'S
15 LARRY MAKAVELLY. I'M FROM ENCINO. FINAL RULE. I CLAIM TO BE A
16 FRIEND OF THE BLACK AMERICANS AND THE HOMELESS, BUT LEGEND HAS
17 IT THAT I AM A TRAITOR, AND THAT IS WHY THEY CALL ME
18 MAKAVELLY. THE PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE ARE AFTER
19 JOBS THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO CITIZENS WHO ARE ALREADY HERE,
20 CITIZENS LIKE THE BLACK AMERICANS WHOSE ANCESTORS WERE ONCE
21 SLAVES IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT LANDSCAPING,
22 HOUSE PAINTING, CARPENTRY, AND MORE. PEOPLE COME TO THIS
23 COUNTRY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS LAWS THAT THE
24 BLACK AMERICANS HAVE FOUGHT FOR, AND THEN THE IMMIGRANTS
25 SEGREGATE IN FAVOR OF THEIR OWN ETHNICITY, AND DISCRIMINATE

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1 AGAINST EVERYONE ELSE. IT'S RACISM AT ITS FINEST, AND IT'S NOT
2 RIGHT. TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE CAR WASHES IN THE SAN FERNANDO
3 VALLEY IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS,
8 FOR THE RECORD, AND FOR THE RECORD, ARNOLD SACHS. SO, I DID
9 HOLD A FEW ITEMS, BUT ITEM 9 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, PROCLAIMING
10 WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2019, AUGUST 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 7TH,
11 AS WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK. AND THEN IT GOES ON TO SAY
12 SOMETHING ABOUT EMPOWERING PARENTS. BUT WHAT REALLY CAUGHT MY
13 MIND, OR MY EYE, WAS THIS "DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25TH
14 THROUGH 31ST AS BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK." WHY DID WORLD
15 BREASTFEEDING WEEK BECOME BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK? WOULDN'T
16 THEY CELEBRATE THE SAME THING DURING THE SAME TIME? BUT WHAT
17 ALSO CAUGHT MY EYE HERE WAS THAT IT WOULD PROMOTE GOOD
18 NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY, AND POVERTY REDUCTION. WELL, SEE, IF
19 THEY'RE GOING TO CUT THE FOOD STAMPS, THEY COULD DO MORE
20 BREASTFEEDING, AND THAT COULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THE FOOD STAMP
21 LAWS. BUT THIS POVERTY REDUCTION PART. HOW DOES BREASTFEEDING
22 IMPACT POVERTY REDUCTION? MAYBE YOU COULD DO AN ORDINANCE ON
23 THAT. MAYBE YOU COULD DO SOME RESEARCH ON THAT. AND THEN I
24 LOOKED AT NO. 8, I THINK. NO, WAS IT... IT WAS SOMEWHERE IN
25 HERE. NO. 12, THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR

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1 RECOMMENDATION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, REGARDING H.I.V. IT DOESN'T
2 AFFECT ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT, AND, YOU KNOW, RE-
3 ENROLLMENT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. I
4 MEAN, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T-- IF YOU'RE ENROLLED AND YOU DON'T
5 GET RE-ENROLLED, THEN YOU ESSENTIALLY GET DROPPED FROM THE
6 HEALTH PLAN. RIGHT? I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS. WE HEARD A
7 PRESENTATION ABOUT L.A. CARE. YOU KNOW, TUESDAY IS PAYDAY FOR
8 L.A. CARE. THEY GOT 2 MILLION PEOPLE ENROLLED. THEY GET ALL
9 THEIR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR INSURANCE, BUT
10 THEY DON'T RE-ENROLL THE PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM
11 THE ROLLS. AND I SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER MINUTE, BECAUSE I HAD TWO
12 MINUTES LEFT, MA'AM. I HAD TWO MINUTES.

13

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

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HAD TWO MINUTES, MA'AM.

17

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

19

20 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** ITEM NO. 3. I WANT TO THANK THE HONORABLE
21 DIRECTOR OF H.U.D., BEN CARSON, FOR DENYING ANY H.U.D. HOUSING
22 MONEY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY, BECAUSE IT IS
23 FRAUDULENTLY MISAPPROPRIATED TO SUBSIDIZE THE [EXPLETIVE]
24 GANGBANGERS AND [EXPLETIVE].

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1 **ATTORNEY:** YOU'RE USING DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE.

2

3 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** YOU SHOULD TRY LIVING ON THE STREETS. YOU
4 MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT MORE HUMBLE. AND WHILE THE MIDDLE CLASS
5 IS STILL LIVING ON THE STREETS, WE HAVE OVER 60,000 HOMELESS
6 INDIVIDUALS. SO WE ASK YOU, PLEASE, VOTE REPUBLICAN. DONALD
7 TRUMP IS IN THE HOUSE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOR ANOTHER
8 FOUR YEARS.

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** THAT'S OFF TOPIC.

11

12 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WELL, TOO BAD. AND THE NEXT ONE IS... THE
13 NEXT ONE IS NO. 13. REMOVE THE JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS OF
14 JUSTICE FOR NOT ETHICALLY AND OBJECTIVELY INTERPRETING THE
15 CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS, BUT SELLING OUT THE
16 AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE TO ALL FOREIGNERS AND SOVEREIGN POWERS
17 TO POLITICALLY ENHANCE THEIR CAREERS, LIKE THIS CITY ATTORNEY
18 IS. HE'S TOO WORRIED ABOUT HIS HIDE. AND NO. 15, EXPEDITIOUSLY
19 REMOVE ALL [EXPLETIVE]. AS THE LATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
20 WILLIAM REHNQUIST SAID--

21

22 **ATTORNEY:** THAT IS DISRUPTIVE.

23

24 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** ILLEGAL ALIENS HAVE NO LEGAL STANDING. HENCE,
25 EXPEDITIOUSLY REMOVE ALL--

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE IS PREVENTING-- YES. YES, WE'RE GETTING
3 COMPLAINTS.

4

5 **ATTORNEY:** WE'RE GETTING COMPLAINTS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. YEAH. YEAH. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER,
8 PLEASE. HERMAN.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IN MENTAL HEALTH, HOW FAR DO WE GO IN THIS
11 PROGRAM? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR THAT, MR. LAWRENCE L.
12 HICKS? IT SEEMS THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE LAW. IT'S APPARENT YOU
13 OBJECT TO OUR FIRST AMENDMENT REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING
14 PROGRAMS OR CALLED [EXPLETIVE] AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT-
15 -

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT'S YOUR FIRST WARNING OF USING BAD
18 LANGUAGE.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M ON TOPIC. I'M SORRY THAT MOST OF YOU ARE
21 UNPLEASANTLY UPSET OF MY SHARP ATTACKS ON THE WAY OUR
22 GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH IS SO ABRUPTLY RUDE AND
23 DISCOURTEOUS TO THE FACT THAT I'M STATING MY OPINION, BITCH.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT'S A SECOND WARNING.

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1

2 **ATTORNEY:** THAT'S DISRUPTIVE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SECOND WARNING.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO, NO. NO, NO, NO. NO.

7

8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IT IS MY RIGHT TO EXERCISE THE CIVILITY OF MY
9 CIVIL RIGHTS ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** WHAT ITEM ARE YOU ON, SIR?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO-- YOU ARE DISRUPTING
14 THE MEETING.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ASSAULTING THE CHAIR IS DISRUPTIVE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE, HERMAN.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MY FIRST AMENDMENT IS DISRUPTIVE?

21

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

23

24 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THE CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA--

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD AND REMOVE HIM FROM THE DAIS,
2 AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ASSAULTING THE CHAIR IS.

5

6 **HERMAN HERMAN:** A BLACK PERSON LIKE ME--

7

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

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SOME [EXPLETIVE] [EXPLETIVE] LIKE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER...?

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** [EXPLETIVE] YOU, L.L.C.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER MEMBERS TO CALL UP? NO,
17 THAT'S IT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN HE BE DISMISSED FROM-- I INTERPRET
20 THOSE AS THREATENING REMARKS. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO COME
21 HERE AND THREATEN US.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** ARE THERE ANY MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS IN THE
24 AUDIENCE THAT CAN HELP THESE PEOPLE OUT?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT
2 SIGNED UP ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE
4 VOTING. COLLEAGUES, ATTENTION HERE. ATTENTION HERE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS
7 COMPLETELY DISRUPTIVE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE KNOW IT IS, AND WE'RE TRYING TO TAKE CARE
10 OF IT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ASK THEM TO BE REMOVED.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ALREADY DID. SO I'M GOING TO ASK MY
15 COLLEAGUES TO FOCUS. AND, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INDICATE
16 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE ARE VOTING.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 1-F,
19 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
20 HER VOTE BE RECORDED AS NO ON DIRECTIVE NO. 2, 12, 13, 14, 15,
21 17, 18 AS AMENDED, 19 AS AMENDED, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28,
22 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45-A,
23 AND 49.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW, COLLEAGUES, IT WOULD
4 BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE
5 POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF TO BE
6 PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
7 HAVE ONE OF THOSE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.
10 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION TODAY TO BE VOTED ON NEXT WEEK,
11 IN RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS IN OUR ROADWAYS IN UNINCORPORATED
12 EAST L.A. AND OTHER AREAS IMPACTING QUALITY OF LIFE. I'M NOT
13 TALKING ABOUT CONDITIONS OF THE PAVEMENT OR ON THE SIDEWALKS,
14 BUT I'VE SEEN SOME MAJOR QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES COME BEFORE
15 OUR RESIDENTS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, DUE TO WHAT IS HAPPENING
16 RIGHT IN OUR OWN RIGHT-OF-WAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, ILLEGAL DUMPING
17 HAS BEEN A REGULAR OCCURRENCE ON OUR SIDEWALKS AND MEDIANS.
18 UNAUTHORIZED SWAP MEETS HAVE LEFT TRASH AND LITTER BEHIND OUR
19 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND AS HOMELESSNESS GROWS IN ALL PARTS OF THE
20 COUNTY, WE'RE SEEING MORE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, UNFORTUNATELY,
21 LIVING IN VEHICLES AND R.V.S PARKED ALONG OUR STREETS AND IN
22 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, CREATING A POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND
23 SAFETY HAZARD FOR RESIDENTS. AS AN L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR, I'M
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ROADS, ESPECIALLY IN
25 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE

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1 FOLLOWING MOTION THAT DIRECTS PUBLIC WORKS TO ADDRESS EACH OF
2 THESE PROBLEMS WITH BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. I
3 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CONSULTATION WITH PUBLIC
5 HEALTH, REGIONAL PLANNING, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND
6 OTHER RELATIVE DEPARTMENTS TO, NUMBER ONE, IDENTIFY AND
7 ADDRESS ISSUE AREAS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., ROADS
8 RIGHT-OF-WAY RELATING TO ILLEGAL DUMPING, MAKESHIFT HOMELESS
9 ENCAMPMENTS, INCLUDING VEHICLES AND R.V.S, MAINTENANCE OF
10 MEDIANS, AND UNAUTHORIZED SWAP MEETS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES,
11 WITH IMMEDIATE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING NEIGHBORHOODS:
12 "A," WHITESIDE INDUSTRIAL ZONE. "B," WHITTIER BOULEVARD, CESAR
13 E. CHAVEZ AVENUE, AND CITY TERRACE DRIVE COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS.
14 "C," OLYMPIC BOULEVARD ALONG THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-
15 OF-WAY. AND "D," SAYBROOK RESIDENTIAL AREA. TWO, DEVELOP
16 STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIVENESS TO THE ABOVE
17 AREAS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF INCREASED STAFFING ON
18 WEEKENDS. THREE, WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT STAKEHOLDERS TO
19 DEVELOP COMMUNITY POLICING STRATEGIES THAT FOCUS ON CRIME
20 PREVENTION, NUISANCE ABATEMENT, AND PROACTIVE VIGILANCE, TO
21 ENSURE A CULTURE OF SAFETY AND SOCIAL ORDER. FOUR, STREAMLINE
22 AN INVESTMENT EFFECTIVE PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESSES FOR MULTI-
23 BENEFIT PROJECTS THAT CAN ADDRESS THE RECURRENCE OF QUALITY-
24 OF-LIFE ISSUES WITHIN ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITH A FOCUS ON
25 MINIMIZING IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES. FIVE, DEVELOP A

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1 COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION PLAN INCLUSIVE TO PUBLIC HEALTH,
2 SAFETY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS THAT USES QUANTITATIVE, QUALITATIVE,
3 AND PARTICIPATORY TECHNIQUES TO MEASURE OUTCOMES RELATED TO
4 ITEMS NOTED IN THE DIRECTIVES ABOVE. 6, DEVELOP A STRONG
5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION PLAN THAT ESTABLISHES A
6 MODEL FOR EMPOWERING AND BUILDING CAPACITY AMONG LOCAL AND
7 REGIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO
8 ENCOURAGE CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR ALL RELATED OUTREACH
9 EFFORTS. REPORT BACK MONTHLY, DETAILING CORRECTIVE ACTION
10 TAKEN, AND THE STATUS OF REMAINING ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED
11 WITHIN IDENTIFIED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. OUR VOTERS HAVE CLEARLY
12 DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING OUR ROADS BY PRESERVING
13 S.B. 1 FUNDING. THAT MEANS \$1.5 BILLION FUNDING EVERY YEAR FOR
14 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES AND CITIES. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT IT'S
15 NOT JUST OUR PAVEMENT THAT WE'RE ENHANCING, BUT ALSO
16 OPERATIONS OF OUR ROADWAYS, AS WELL. I ASK THAT PUBLIC WORKS,
17 OUR DIRECTOR, LEAD THE EFFORT TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO
18 FULFILL OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR BORDERS. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD
22 BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS, SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
2 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WENDELL HOWARD, BORN
3 ON OCTOBER THE 17TH, 1961, IN INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI, AND
4 PASSED ON JUNE 18TH, HERE IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS 57
5 YEARS OLD. HE RELOCATED TO CALIFORNIA WITH HIS MOTHER AT A
6 VERY YOUNG AGE. AFTER GRADUATING FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL,
7 MR. HOWARD BEGAN A CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
8 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH SPANNED SOME 30 YEARS OF
9 DEDICATED SERVICE. MR. HOWARD WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
10 PASSION FOR RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE, SPENDING TIME WITH HIS
11 FAMILY, AND COOKING AT FRIDAY COOKOUTS WITH THE I.S.D. FAMILY.
12 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LATANIA; FIVE CHILDREN, JOSHUA,
13 KENNETH, KIMA, TIFFANY, AND WENDELL JR.; SEVEN BROTHERS; FOUR
14 SISTERS; SIX GRANDCHILDREN; EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND
15 CERTAINLY AMONG THEM WOULD BE COUNTED INTERNAL SERVICES
16 DIVISION COLLEAGUES. THEY ALL WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. WENDELL
17 HOWARD, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR-- OH, I'M SORRY.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND AS YOU ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OUR
22 BELOVED NATHANIEL...

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WILL BE GLAD TO JOIN IN WITH YOU AT THAT
2 TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
7 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICK MOODY WILLIAMS.
8 HE WAS A COMPOSER WHO DIED JULY 25TH. HE WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED,
9 BOTH IN NEW YORK AND HOLLYWOOD MUSICAL CIRCLES, FOR HIS JAZZ
10 ALBUMS AND NEARLY 50 MOVIE SCORES, A DOZEN T.V. SCORES. HE
11 ARRANGED FOR TOP SINGERS, INCLUDING FRANK SINATRA, BARBRA
12 STREISAND, NATALIE COLE, NEIL DIAMOND, MICHAEL BUBLE, AND
13 BETTE MIDLER. HE WAS NOMINATED NUMEROUS TIMES FOR OSCARS AND A
14 PULITZER PRIZE. HE ALSO WON TWO GRAMMY AND FOUR EMMY AWARDS.
15 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CATHERINE, HIS CHILDREN ELIZABETH,
16 GREER, AND PATRICK, AND A BROTHER AND SISTER. AND I MOVE THAT
17 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
18 MANSERGH THORNE, A PROFESSOR AND ENGINEER. HE MADE PIONEERING
19 AND SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDAMENTAL
20 UNDERSTANDING OF WAVE PARTICLE INTERACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF
21 SPACE PLASMA PHYSICS. HE JOINED THE METEOROLOGY FACULTY AT
22 U.C.L.A. IN 1968. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
23 IN 2000. HE WAS A CONSULTANT TO THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY,
24 THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, AND THE SOUTHWEST RESEARCH
25 INSTITUTE, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE GALILEO ENERGETIC PARTICLE

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1 DETECTOR TEAM. HE WAS A CO-INVESTIGATOR AND CHAIR OF THE
2 RADIATION WORKING GROUP ON N.A.S.A.'S JUNO MISSION TO JUPITER.
3 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MONICA, HIS BROTHER MICHAEL, AND HIS
4 SONS PETER, MICHAEL, AND THOMAS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
5 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB OLODORT, AN ARTIST
6 WHOSE MEDIUM WAS ELECTRONICS. ALWAYS VERY CURIOUS AND
7 CREATIVE, HE BECAME AN INVENTOR, THOUGH HE HAD NO ENGINEERING
8 BACKGROUND. HIS MANY INVENTIONS INCLUDED THE SMART LABEL
9 PRINTER AND THE STOWAWAY FOLDUP KEYBOARD. HE WAS AWARDED THE
10 2001 ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR THE
11 STOWAWAY KEYBOARD. LATER, THE KEYBOARD WAS INCLUDED IN THE
12 MUSEUM OF MODERN ART'S PERMANENT DESIGN COLLECTION IN NEW
13 YORK. HE WAS THE COFOUNDING C.E.O. OF AN ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT
14 MANUFACTURING COMPANY CALLED THINK OUTSIDE, INC., AND LATER
15 DESIGNED PHONES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAMSUNG. HE'S SURVIVED BY
16 HIS WIFE MARYANN, HIS SON DAVID, AND HIS SISTER CAROL. AND I
17 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SCOTT
18 RUBENSTEIN, A MAN OF MANY CAREERS. HE BECAME A COMEDY WRITER
19 FOR TELEVISION, AS WELL AS AN ACCOUNTANT AND A FOUNDER OF AN
20 L.A. TAX SERVICE, WHICH COMBINED COMEDY AND REAL TAX TIPS, AND
21 WAS FEATURED ON "THE DAILY SHOW" WITH JON STEWART. HE WROTE A
22 FILM WHICH WON BEST SHORT FILM AT THE INTERNATIONAL MOONDANCE
23 FILM FESTIVAL, AND A PEABODY-NOMINATED SHORT ABOUT USING HUMOR
24 TO FIGHT CANCER. IN ADDITION, HE AUTHORED OVER 30 EPISODES FOR
25 T.V., INCLUDING "STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION," "MACGYVER,"

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1 AND "NIGHT COURT." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DEVORAH, AND HIS
2 CHILDREN AARON AND SARA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THAT WE WILL ALL JOIN
5 TO TOGETHER ON ADJOURNING TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF NATHANIEL
6 BOONE, NATE, WHO PASSED AWAY, WE BELIEVE, AT THE AGE OF 89. AS
7 WE ALL KNOW, HE SERVED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR 46 YEARS.
8 HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1971 AS A PARKING LOT ATTENDANT WITH
9 THE COUNTY'S MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT PARKING DIVISION, AND HE
10 PROVIDED PARKING SUPPORT FOR DIVISION OPERATIONS. AND WHEN MY
11 DAD WAS HERE AS SUPERVISOR, NATE COMPLAINED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
12 HAVING TO WORK UNDERGROUND IN THE GARAGE, AND DIDN'T THINK
13 BREATHING THAT AIR WAS GOOD FOR HIM. SO MY DAD BROUGHT HIM
14 ABOVE GROUND AND ASSIGNED HIM TO OVERSEE LOT 22, AND TOLD HIM
15 THAT HE WOULD HAVE THAT JOB AS LONG AS HE WANTED. AND AS YOU
16 KNOW, THAT'S WHERE HE RETIRED FROM. AND IN 2014, THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS DEDICATED LOT 22 TO NATE, AND IT WAS RENAMED
18 NATE'S LOT. AND HE WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS COURTEOUS SERVICE TO
19 EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT CAME INTO THAT LOT, AND EVERYBODY HAD
20 A STORY OF NATE. I KNOW HE ALWAYS LET ME COME IN BECAUSE HE
21 SAID MY NAME WAS ON THE BUILDING, SO I COULD COME IN. AND HE
22 ALSO CONFUSED ME MANY TIMES WITH JANE FONDA. SO HE HAD A NAME
23 OF A CELEBRITY THAT HE GAVE TO EVERYBODY. AND HE WAS SO QUICK
24 AND SO WITTY, AND VERY FEW PEOPLE REALLY HAVE THE INCREDIBLE
25 DEDICATION AND PASSION THAT HE HAD TO DO THEIR JOB THE WAY

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1 NATE DID. HE WILL ALWAYS BE SUCH A SPECIAL PART OF THE COUNTY
2 FAMILY. I GREW UP THINKING HE WAS A PART OF OUR FAMILY, SO
3 REALLY LOVED HIM. I'M REALLY HAPPY WE HONORED HIM JUST A FEW
4 MONTHS AGO, WHEN HE RETIRED. MY BROTHER CAME DOWN FOR THAT. SO
5 I'M REALLY GLAD. IT REMINDS US THAT WE SHOULD HONOR PEOPLE AND
6 TAKE THE TIME TO SAY GOOD THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE
7 ALIVE, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, LIFE REALLY IS SHORT, EVEN IF IT'S
8 89 YEARS, AND WE SHOULD ALL TAKE THE TIME TO THANK PEOPLE. HE
9 WAS VERY SADDENED AS HIS WIFE RUBY PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH. I
10 REMEMBER THAT. BUT HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS. AND I
11 KNOW, COLLEAGUES, YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT NATE.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK NATE GOT A LITTLE HARD OF SEEING AS
14 HE GOT A LITTLE OLDER, OR MAYBE HE WAS BLINDED BY THE FACT
15 THAT I WAS DRIVING AN OLD RED PORSCHE CONVERTIBLE BEFORE I HAD
16 A COUNTY CAR TO AUGMENT IT. BUT WHEN I WOULD PULL INTO THE
17 LOT, HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY, "SHARON STONE IS HERE." AND I
18 THOUGHT, IF THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE THAT LOOKED LESS ALIKE THAN
19 ME AND SHARON STONE. SO THAT'S WHY-- BUT HIS GENEROSITY OF
20 SPIRIT ABOUT IT, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS JUST ONE OF THE MOST
21 FAMOUS AND BEST GREETERS, REALLY, THAT THE COUNTY HAD, AND HOW
22 HE RESPECTED HIMSELF IN HIS WORK. YOU KNOW, THAT, I THINK, IS
23 A REALLY IMPORTANT FACET OF SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR THE
24 COUNTY. THEY KNOW WHAT THEY DO IS IMPORTANT, AND THEY
25 UNDERSTAND AND ACT THAT WAY, AND NATE WAS LIKE THAT. HE

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1 APPRECIATED THAT HIS WORK WAS IMPORTANT, NOT JUST TO GREET
2 PEOPLE, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNEW WHERE TO PARK, THAT
3 THEY KNEW THAT THEY COULD STAY THERE, HOW LONG PEOPLE WOULD BE
4 THERE, ET CETERA. AND HE WAS JUST SO WONDERFUL TO PEOPLE.
5 WE'LL MISS HIM.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO LEND MY
8 REMARKS TO THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED NATE. HE DIDN'T CALL ME
9 JANE FONDA NOR SHARON STONE, BUT HE DID CALL ME MARK THOMAS-
10 RIDLEY, AND HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THAT'S WHO I REALLY WAS. AND
11 THAT WAS HIS ROUTINE GREETING OF ME, EACH TIME I CAME TO LOT
12 22, BEFORE IT WAS RENAMED NATE'S LOT. AND THAT WAS BEFORE
13 BEING ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND AFTER BEING
14 ELECTED. AND SO I SHALL BE KNOWN BY HIM AS MARK THOMAS-RIDLEY.
15 I'M REMINDED, MADAM CHAIR, OF MARGARET PLEASANT DEROLL'S
16 WONDERFUL LYRICS WHEN I THINK OF NATE, AND SHE OFTEN SAID IT
17 THIS WAY: "GIVE ME MY FLOWERS WHILE I CAN SEE THEM AND SMELL
18 THE BEAUTY THAT THEY BRING." AND OUR ACKNOWLEDGING NATE
19 SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IS AN APT REMINDER OF HOW WE SHOULD TREAT
20 PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAYS HE HAD RESPECT FOR HIMSELF. BUT
21 YOU KNOW WHAT? HE RESPECTED EVERYONE WHO FOUND THEIR WAY INTO
22 LOT 22. SO IT'S HARD TO RESPECT OTHERS PROPERLY IF YOU DON'T
23 RESPECT YOURSELF ADEQUATELY, AND NATE LEFT THAT LESSON WITH
24 US. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'LL BE BRIEF, BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW HIM AS MANY
4 YEARS AS SOME OF YOU HAVE. BUT I, TOO, REMEMBER BEFORE I EVEN
5 WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE, COMING UP HERE, NOT REALLY EVEN KNOWING
6 WHERE LOT 24 WAS, AND THEN FINDING MY WAY THERE, AND HE SAID
7 RIGHT AWAY, "OH, YOU'RE THE QUEEN." AND I LOOKED AT HIM, AND I
8 GO, "NO, DON'T CALL ME THAT, PLEASE." AND HE WOULD JOKE WITH
9 ME OFTEN. BUT EVERYBODY THAT I HAD TO SEND OVER THERE FOR
10 INSTRUCTIONS TO GO PARK THERE, HE TREATED THEM SPECIAL. AND HE
11 WAS SO SWEET AND SO WITTY AND SO SHARP. VERY SHARP. IN FACT,
12 THE DAY THAT WE HONORED HIM, IF YOU RECALL, HE WAS ALL DECKED
13 OUT. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT? LONG COAT AND SUIT. HE WAS A MAN OF
14 THE DAY, I'M SURE, IN HIS TIME. SO, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, HE'S
15 A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING, AND SHARED SO MUCH OF HIMSELF, AND
16 THE PRIDE AND RESPECT OF A HARDWORKING MAN, SO GOD BLESS HIM.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AS WE'VE ALL SAID, IT WASN'T
19 JUST ELECTED OFFICIALS. HE HAD A CELEBRITY NAME FOR EVERYONE.
20 AND MANY PEOPLE THAT I ALSO DIRECTED TO LOT 22 WOULD COME UP
21 AND SAY, "THE PARKING ATTENDANT CALLED ME SOME CELEBRITY
22 NAME." SO YOU COULD DRIVE INTO THAT LOT IN A BAD MOOD, BUT YOU
23 DROVE BACK OUT FEELING GOOD. AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS
24 GRACIOUSLY PLACED A WREATH TODAY THAT WILL BE OUT IN FRONT OF
25 NATE'S LOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEEP, DEEP AFFECTION FOR NATE.

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1 WE WERE TRYING TO PUT IT UP ON THE SCREEN, SO WE'LL SEE IF IT
2 GETS UP THERE. OKAY. WELL, IN THE MEANTIME, I ALSO THINK THAT
3 SOME OF YOU WILL WANT TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING FOR THE MEMORY
4 OF ANNA SOTO, WHO LIVED IN LONG BEACH. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY AT
5 THE AGE OF 58. AND ANNA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER ASSEMBLY
6 MEMBER PHIL SOTO, FORMER SENATOR NELL SOTO. MANY OF US KNEW
7 ONE OF HER BROTHERS, TOM SOTO. BUT ANNA HAD A LONG AND
8 DISTINGUISHED CAREER SERVING THE LOW-INCOME AND UNDERSERVED
9 COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE. HER CAREER IN POLITICS STARTED AT A
10 YOUNG AGE, WALKING PRECINCTS IN SUPPORT OF HER FATHER'S
11 LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS, AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE
12 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS AN ACTIVIST WORKING WITH THE
13 STATE AND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEES. SHE WORKED FOR
14 OVER TWO DECADES AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR L.A. COUNTY HEALTH
15 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. DIVISION, AND PRIOR TO THAT WAS A LONGTIME
16 FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR FORMER L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR YVONNE
17 BURKE. ANNA WAS A PASSIONATE, BRUTALLY HONEST POLITICAL
18 STRATEGIST, AND AN INSPIRATION TO MANY PEOPLE WORKING TO
19 ENSURE EQUALITY, ACCESS TO IMPROVED HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, AND
20 VOTING RIGHTS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND REGGIE, HER THREE
21 BROTHERS, AND NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALL MEMBERS. YES.
22 AND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, SHE WAS SPECIAL.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE WAS.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT QUESTION. SOME SAY SHE NOT ONLY
4 TALKED THE TALK, BUT SHE WALKED THAT WALK. FIVE YEARS IN THE
5 LENNOX OFFICE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND A
6 LIAISON TO THAT COMMUNITY, SHE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE
7 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN THE EDUCATION AND
8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASPECTS OF THE WORK. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY
9 SHE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLANNING AND STRATEGY MEETING
10 AND EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THEIR VOICES
11 COULD, IN FACT, BE HEARD. SHE UNDERSTOOD EMPOWERMENT. SHE
12 UNDERSTOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION. AND SHE DID IT FROM THE
13 VANTAGE POINT OF BEING A LONG-TERM COUNTY EMPLOYEE, BUT THAT
14 NEVER CAUSED HER TO RECEDE INTO THE BUREAUCRACY, BUT KEPT
15 MOVING THAT FORWARD SO THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD MEET THE PEOPLE
16 AND LIVE TO ITS HIGHEST POTENTIAL. SHE WAS GENUINE IN HER
17 COMPASSION, AS WELL AS HER PASSION, WHICH MADE HER AN
18 EFFECTIVE LEADER. AND HER PASSING NO DOUBT AFFECTS MANY OF US,
19 AND HAS LEFT A VOID OF CONSEQUENCE, AND SO I JUST WANT TO SEND
20 A WORD OF CONDOLENCE AND RESPECT TO HER FAMILY AND ALL OF HER
21 LOVED ONES. WE WILL MISS HER, INDEED. A VERY, VERY SPECIAL
22 HUMAN BEING: ANNA SOTO.

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE THE
25 PHOTO OF THE WREATH IN FRONT OF NATE'S LOT, SO MAYBE THE

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1 CAMERA CAN GET A SHOT OF THAT SO FOLKS AT HOME CAN SEE THAT
2 SHOT AND GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO THE GREAT NATE. THAT'S NICE. IT'S
3 PERFECT. THANK YOU. I WOULD ALSO LIKE FOR US TO ADJOURN TODAY
4 IN MEMORY OF ERNESTO GELUZ, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF ONLY
5 28. AFTER GRADUATING FROM NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, HE
6 ATTENDED EL CAMINO. HE LIVED IN WILMINGTON, AND WAS WORKING AS
7 A MECHANIC IN CARSON. ALTHOUGH HE LIVED A SHORT TIME, HE
8 TOUCHED MANY LIVES. ERNESTO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHELBY,
9 THEIR UNBORN DAUGHTER SKYLER, AND HIS PARENTS ERNESTO AND
10 LORIE. HIS MOTHER LORIE IS A WELL-KNOWN ACTIVIST IN
11 WILMINGTON. SHE SERVES AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE WILMINGTON
12 CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE
13 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MANOUK
14 KASSABIAN, WHO WAS A RANCHO PALOS VERDES RESIDENT WHO PASSED
15 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. HE FIRST SETTLED IN TORRANCE, AND
16 ATTENDED COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL AT JOHN PERRY'S. AFTER WORKING
17 SALONS IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AND SAN PEDRO, HE AND HIS WIFE
18 DEE PURCHASED LA VOGUE COIFFURE, IN THE WEYMOUTH CORNER
19 SHOPPING DISTRICT, LOCATED IN SAN PEDRO. MANOUK WAS
20 INNOVATIVE, PASSIONATE ABOUT THE WORK HE DID. THROUGH THE
21 YEARS, HE WON SEVERAL STYLING COMPETITION AWARDS. HE WILL BE
22 GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, HIS CLIENTS, AND HIS COMMUNITY.
23 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 36 YEARS, DEE, HIS CHILDREN TONY
24 AND NATALIE, AND THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS, ELLA DEE, SKYE, AND
25 KEIRA. HIS DEATH REALLY SHOCKED MANY RESIDENTS OF OUR

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1 COMMUNITY. MANY, MANY PEOPLE HAD GONE TO HIM OVER THE YEARS,
2 AND TRUSTED HIM TO MAKE THEM BEAUTIFUL, SO HE WILL REALLY BE
3 MISSED. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
4 THE MEMORY OF MARIA ZAVALA CARDENAS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
5 AGE OF 70. SHE WAS BORN IN DURANGO, MEXICO, BUT LIVED IN
6 WILMINGTON FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER
7 HUSBAND, PRISILIANO. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON NAHIN, HER
8 DAUGHTER DIANE, AND HER DAUGHTER NANCY ANAYA, WHO WORKS FOR
9 L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN.
10 AND THE LAST ONE I HAVE IS THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
11 DOROTHY BROWNING, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. AFTER
12 ATTENDING COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, SHE TAUGHT AT A
13 ONE-ROOM SCHOOL IN A REMOTE LOCATION IN IDAHO, AND WHEN WORLD
14 WAR II BROKE OUT, DOROTHY, ALONG WITH 100,000 OTHER WOMEN,
15 JOINED THE W.A.V.E.S., WOMEN ACCEPTED FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY
16 SERVICE, WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE U.S. NAVY. DOROTHY SERVED
17 IN A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS AS A SECOND-CLASS YEOMAN UNTIL SHE
18 MARRIED JOHN BROWNING, JR., WHO WAS A MARINE. THEY SOON MOVED
19 TO ALABAMA WITH THEIR YOUNG SON, WHERE SHE LIVED FOR MORE THAN
20 75 YEARS. MS. BROWNING WAS ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY IN THE
21 PERRY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE WAS ONE OF THE INITIAL
22 MEMBERS. DOROTHY IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, PHILIP BROWNING, WHO
23 IS A FORMER DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
24 SERVICES, SON STEVEN BROWNING, AND DAUGHTER KATHERINE ERTELL.
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OFFICER JUAN DIAZ. OFFICER JUAN DIAZ WAS
4 A MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND A RESIDENT OF
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. HE WAS TRAGICALLY
6 MURDERED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 27, 2019.
7 OFFICER DIAZ GREW UP IN THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
8 KNOWN AS CYPRUS PARK, GROWING UP IN THE AREA DURING THE EARLY
9 2000S. OFFICER DIAZ EXPERIENCED THE PRESENCE OF GANG ACTIVITY
10 IN HIS COMMUNITY FROM AN EARLY AGE. DESPITE THE EXPOSURE TO
11 THE GANGS, HE ALWAYS MANAGED TO LOOK AHEAD TO A FUTURE IN LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT, AND TO SERVE THE CITY HE LOVED. THANKS TO THE
13 SUPPORT FROM HIS FAMILY AND HIS MINDSET, HE JOINED THE
14 L.A.P.D. TWO YEARS AGO AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
15 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU. OFFICER DIAZ WAS A DEVOTED
16 SERVANT TO THE CITY, AND WAS BELOVED BY HIS FAMILY, HIS FELLOW
17 OFFICERS, AND ALL THOSE THAT HE CAME ACROSS. OUR COUNTY FAMILY
18 JOINS OUR CITY FAMILY IN HONORING A FALLEN PUBLIC SERVANT WHO
19 WAS UNJUSTLY TAKEN FROM US. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. ALL MEMBERS?

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, ALL MEMBERS.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** LASTLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUSAN JO MARTINEZ. SUSAN JO MARTINEZ WAS
25 A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE FIRST

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1 DISTRICT. SHE PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 30TH, 2019, BORN IN 1956 TO
2 JOE AND MARGARET HERNANDEZ. MS. MARTINEZ WAS RAISED IN EAST
3 LOS ANGELES. SHE GRADUATED FROM OUR LADY OF LORETTO HIGH
4 SCHOOL IN 1974, AND IN '75 SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND ERNEST, WHO
5 SHE WAS WITH FOR 45 YEARS. MRS. MARTINEZ WAS A PROMINENT
6 ACTIVE COMMUNITY FIGURE IN THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD, WHERE SHE
7 TAUGHT PRESCHOOL FOR 33 YEARS, AND TOUCHED THE LIVES OF
8 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN. MS. MARTINEZ WAS BELOVED BY HER
9 SCHOOLCHILDREN, WHOM SHE CARED FOR AS HER OWN. IN ADDITION TO
10 HER WORK AS A TEACHER, SUSAN WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
11 ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH IN ROSEMEAD, WHERE SHE SANG IN THE CHURCH
12 CHOIR FOR OVER THREE DECADES. MS. MARTINEZ IS SURVIVED BY HER
13 HUSBAND, THREE CHILDREN, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, HER MOTHER, SIX
14 SIBLINGS, WHICH INCLUDES STEVEN HERNANDEZ, AN ADMINISTRATIVE
15 DEPUTY OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND
16 LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MENTION... THIS IS
17 SOMEWHAT PERSONAL, BUT MY MOTHER IS RECOVERING FROM SOME
18 INJURIES THAT SHE HAD A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. TO MY SURPRISE,
19 HER FIRST SIGHT OF ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR LOCAL
20 MEDICAL FACILITY IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK. BUT I UNDERSTOOD
21 THAT THE PARAMEDICS THAT WERE ON DUTY CALLED IN, AND THEY
22 ASKED WHAT KIND OF ADVICE, IN TERMS OF WHERE TO PLACE HER.
23 SHE'S ELDERLY. SHE'S 93. SHE HAS CONGESTIVE HEART DISEASE, AND
24 MANY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON WITH HER RIGHT NOW. THEY
25 MADE A DECISION TO TAKE HER, LO AND BEHOLD, TO ME, TO L.A.

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1 COUNTY, L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS, "OH, WOW,
2 WHAT'S HAPPENING?" BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I WANT TO SALUTE OUR
3 PHYSICIANS, OUR MEN AND WOMEN, THE NURSES, EVERYBODY THAT HAD
4 A HAND IN HER CARE. IT'S A MIRACLE. SHE FELL. IT WAS A PRETTY
5 TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR A 93-YEAR-OLD WOMAN. AND SHE'S ON HER
6 WAY HOME. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SOME VERY, VERY
7 HIGH-CALIBER, NATIONALLY RENOWNED SPECIALTY DOCTORS THAT YOU
8 WILL NEVER FIND, I DON'T THINK, IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS, IN THE
9 WAY AND MANNER IN WHICH WE HAVE, BECAUSE THIS IS A TRAUMA 1
10 LEVEL HOSPITAL, AND IT'S RENOWNED AND KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND GOD BLESS THOSE MEN AND WOMEN,
12 BECAUSE THEY DO TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU
13 ARE, WHOEVER STEPS THROUGH THAT DOOR. AND I SAW THAT
14 FIRSTHAND. SO I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN IN MY TIME HERE TO
15 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND EVERYONE THAT IS SO
16 DEDICATED TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, BECAUSE IT IS A HARD JOB.
17 AND THEY ARE SO WELL DESERVING OF OUR TRUST AND OUR SUPPORT.
18 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR SAYING THAT, AND PLEASE GIVE
21 YOUR MOTHER OUR BEST WISHES, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE HER
22 AT THE TOP OF OUR PRAYER LIST. BUT WE DO HAVE GREAT COUNTY
23 HOSPITALS. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THAT. OKAY. WE WILL TAKE
24 ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO

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1 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION, AND THAT CONCLUDES

2 TODAY'S PUBLIC MEETING. WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL.]

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