



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 ON PAGE 281]

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL START THE BOARD MEETING IN  
6 ONE MINUTE. ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE WELCOME YOU  
7 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2020.  
9 BEFORE WE START THIS BOARD MEETING, I WOULD LIKE US ALL TO  
10 TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER THOSE THAT PERISHED IN  
11 THE CALABASAS HELICOPTER CRASH: MANY FAMILIES, INCLUDING KOBE  
12 BRYANT. SO IF WE COULD TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE? THANK  
13 YOU. I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS. KOBE BRYANT WAS A  
14 WORLD-RENOWNED BASKETBALL SUPERSTAR THAT PLAYED FOR THE LOS  
15 ANGELES LAKERS, AND HAD A CAREER THAT SPANNED 20 SEASONS.  
16 CONSIDERED ONE OF THE GREATEST TO PLAY THE GAME, HE HELPED  
17 LEAD THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS TO FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE UNITED  
18 STATES BASKETBALL TEAM TO TWO GOLD MEDALS, AND WON THE ACADEMY  
19 AWARD FOR HIS FILM ON BASKETBALL. KNOWN AS THE "BLACK MAMBA,"  
20 KOBE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS FIERCE COMPETITIVENESS AND HIS INFAMOUS  
21 MAMBA MENTALITY. HE WAS FLUENT IN ITALIAN AND SPANISH, HAVING  
22 GROWN UP IN ITALY, WHERE HIS FATHER PLAYED BASKETBALL. HE  
23 SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO MILLIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND  
24 ACROSS THE WORLD, WITH ONE OF HIS COUNTLESS LEGACIES EVIDENT  
25 IN THE SCORES OF FANS IMITATING HIS JUMP SHOT, YELLING "KOBE"

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1 AS THEY TAKE A SHOT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE VANESSA, AND  
2 DAUGHTERS NATALIA, BIANKA, AND CAPRI. BUT LET US ALSO REMEMBER  
3 HIS DAUGHTER GIANNA, AS WELL AS THOSE OTHERS THAT PERISHED IN  
4 THIS HORRIBLE ACCIDENT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. ALL RIGHT. SO THE  
5 INNOVATION TODAY WILL BE LED BY HUI CHI, OF GUANG SHAN HSI LAI  
6 TEMPLE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF  
7 ALLEGIANCE, LED BY HECTOR ARMANDO SANCHEZ, FORMER CORPORAL IN  
8 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
9 FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

10

11 **VENERABLE HUI CHI:** A VERY GOOD MORNING TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF  
12 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS ALL OUR  
13 COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M HONORED TO REPRESENT HSI LAI TEMPLE AND  
14 ABBOT VENERABLE HUI DONG, TO PERFORM THIS INVOCATION. SO I  
15 WILL CONVEY THE WORDS OF WISDOM WRITTEN BY OUR FOUNDER,  
16 VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN, WITH HIS PRAYER FOR OUR PEOPLE OF  
17 ALL VOCATIONS AND ENDEAVORS. SO, MAY WE ALL JOIN OUR PALMS? O  
18 GREAT, COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, WE HAVE ALL DEVOUTLY GATHERED IN  
19 FRONT OF YOU. SOME OF US SERVE IN ORGANIZATIONS OF INDUSTRY,  
20 COMMERCE, OR ENTERPRISE. SOME WORK FOR INSTITUTIONS OF  
21 GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, MILITARY, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT. SOME ARE  
22 HOUSEWIVES, SOME ARE RETIRED, LIVING IN WELL-EARNED  
23 TRANQUILITY. WE OFTEN FEEL IMPERFECTION IN OURSELVES. WE OFTEN  
24 SENSE THE HARDSHIPS IN OUR LIVES. O BUDDHA, GREAT  
25 COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, WE PEOPLE OF ALL VOCATIONS AND ENDEAVORS

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1 ARE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY TO PRAY TO YOU, O GREAT BUDDHA.  
2 WE DO NOT ASK IN HOPE OF ENLIGHTENMENT NOW. WE PRAY THAT YOU  
3 WILL ENABLE US TO BECOME KIND PEOPLE. WE DO NOT ASK IN HOPE TO  
4 ELIMINATE ALL WORRIES. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL ENABLE US TO HAVE  
5 FEWER WORRIES. O GREAT, COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, FOR THE GUIDING  
6 LIGHT OF YOUR COMPASSION, MAY OUR LABORS FOR DILIGENT EFFORT  
7 APPLY THEMSELVES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, TO BESTOW GREAT  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS UPON OUR NATION. MAY OUR FARMERS STRIVE TO  
9 PRODUCE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AND INCREASED VARIETY TO ENSURE THAT  
10 PEOPLE NEVER LACK THE BASIC NECESSITIES. MAY OUR BUSINESS  
11 SECTOR FURTHER PROMOTE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, SEEK  
12 PROFITABLE RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS, TO PROVIDE NUMEROUS  
13 CONVENIENCES FOR THE COMMUNITY. MAY TEACHERS GUIDE AND PROTECT  
14 YOUR PUPILS, FOSTER TALENT THROUGH EDUCATION, TO ELEVATE  
15 SOCIETY TO BRIGHTER AND WIDER HORIZONS. MAY PARENTS RAISE  
16 THEIR CHILDREN WITH LOVE, ABIDE HONESTLY BY PRINCIPLES TO  
17 ESTABLISH FINE MODELS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. O GREAT,  
18 COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, WE PRAY THAT WE, PEOPLE OF EVERY SOCIAL  
19 STATUS, FOR THE NURTURE AND PROTECTION OF YOUR IMMEASURABLE  
20 KINDNESS, MAY WE ALL FOLLOW THE DHARMA FAITHFULLY, UPHOLD THE  
21 FIVE PRECEPTS, DEVOTE OURSELVES TO ELIMINATE ALL WRONGDOINGS,  
22 STRIVE TO DO GOOD, AND HAVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW AND  
23 CAUSE AND EFFECT, REPENT OUR KARMIC HINDRANCES, CULTIVATE  
24 POSITIVE AFFINITIES WITH OTHERS, AND BENEFIT SOCIETY. O GREAT,  
25 COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, THROUGH THE GREAT ASSISTANCE OF YOUR

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1 WISDOM, WE PRAY THAT WE, PEOPLE OF EVERY VOCATION AND  
2 ENDEAVOR, MAY CULTIVATE OURSELVES IN SPEECH AND THOUGHTS, SET  
3 OURSELVES RIGHT, AND HELP OTHERS REFORM. STRENGTHEN THE BONDS  
4 AMONG RELATIVES AND OTHERS, BRING HARMONY TO OUR FAMILY, AND  
5 ORDER TO OUR NATION. UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLE OF DEPENDENT  
6 ORIGINATION. REALIZE THE TRUTHS OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND  
7 COEXISTENCE. CARRY OUT THE TEACHINGS OF THE EIGHTFOLD NOBLE  
8 PATH, AND TO LIVE A FULFILLING AND NOBLE LIFE. O GREAT,  
9 COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, WE SINCERELY REVEAL OUR HEARTS TO YOU.  
10 WE PRAY THAT YOU AID ALL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, TO ELIMINATE  
11 GREED, ANGER, AND IGNORANCE, AND TO DILIGENTLY CULTIVATE  
12 PRECEPTS, MEDITATION, AND WISDOM. WE PRAY THAT WE ENCOURAGE  
13 ALL SENTIENT BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE TO LEARN RESPECT AND  
14 TOLERANCE, AND TO LIVE IN PERFECT HARMONY WITHOUT DISPUTE. O  
15 GREAT, COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, PLEASE HEAR OUR SINCERE AND PIOUS  
16 PRAYER. O GREAT, COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, PLEASE HEAR OUR SINCERE  
17 AND PIOUS PRAYER. THANK YOU.

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19 **HECTOR ARMANDO SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG.  
20 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, PLEASE. I PLEDGE  
21 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO  
22 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD,  
23 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING THE  
2    VENERABLE HUI CHI FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION.  
3    VENERABLE CHI WAS BORN IN MALAYSIA. HE MAJORED IN ARCHITECTURE  
4    AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SIDNEY, IN 2009. HE WAS  
5    ORDAINED AS A BUDDHIST MONK AT FO GUANG SHAN MONASTERY IN  
6    TAIWAN, IN 2011. HE SERVED AT FO GUANG SHAN MONASTERY  
7    HEADQUARTERS AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS  
8    EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. HE LATER SERVED AS THE ABBOT'S ASSISTANT AT  
9    THE THAI KU TEMPLE IN THAILAND. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AT THE  
10   HSI LAI TEMPLE, WHERE HE ARRIVED IN OCTOBER OF 2019. HE  
11   OVERSEES OUTREACH PROJECTS, WHERE HE ASSISTS IN ORGANIZING  
12   COMMUNITY CLASSES, NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS, INTERFAITH  
13   PRAYERS, AND OTHER PROJECTS. VENERABLE CHI, THANK YOU FOR  
14   LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING, AND FOR YOUR  
15   SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND THOSE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS. THANK  
16   YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18   **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM  
19   CHAIR. I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE HECTOR ARMANDO SANCHEZ, WHO  
20   SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS FROM 2008 TO 2012, AND  
21   ATTAINED THE RANK OF CORPORAL. DURING HIS TIME IN THE MARINE  
22   CORPS, HE WAS STATIONED AT ITS TWENTYNINE PALMS BASE IN  
23   CALIFORNIA, AND SERVED WITH THE THIRD LIGHT ARMOR  
24   RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS' COMPANY SUPPLY UNIT.  
25   MR. SANCHEZ SAW COMBAT DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM IN IRAQ,

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1 AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IN AFGHANISTAN. HE IS THE  
2 RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THE SEA SERVICE  
3 DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE  
4 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM  
5 SERVICE MEDAL. MR. SANCHEZ ATTENDED THE WEST VALLEY LEADERSHIP  
6 ACADEMY, FORMERLY IN CANOGA PARK, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF  
7 PHOENIX, WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY IN  
8 2015. HE IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL  
9 WORK, AND IS IN HIS FINAL SEMESTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MR. SANCHEZ IS CURRENTLY AN INTERMEDIATE  
11 TYPIST CLERK FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
12 AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE  
13 2013. HE ASPIRES TO BECOME A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE  
14 DEPARTMENT. MR. SANCHEZ HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
15 DISTRICT FOR NOW SEVEN YEARS. AND SO WE WISH TO SAY TO YOU,  
16 MR. SANCHEZ, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND YOUR  
17 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES, AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. HECTOR ARMANDO SANCHEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, JUST FOR EVERYONE IN THE  
22 AUDIENCE, WE WILL BE TAKING UP CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY  
23 FOLLOWING BOARD PRESENTATIONS. SO WE'RE GOING TO START WITH  
24 BOARD PRESENTATIONS, BEGINNING WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT,  
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. HERE ARE MY HEROES  
3   COMING UP ON THE STAGE NOW. I THINK WE'VE PROBABLY ALL HAD  
4   MOMENTS WHEN WE WISH WE COULD JUST KIND OF WAVE A MAGIC WAND  
5   AND SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. BUT ALAS, THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE.  
6   INSTEAD, IT IS A CRISIS THAT IS GOING TO REQUIRE A GREAT,  
7   GREAT MANY OF US TO GET INVOLVED, AND ACTUALLY TO REALLY PUT  
8   SOME SKIN IN THE GAME, AS THEY SAY. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AS YOU  
9   KNOW, VOLUNTEERED LAST WEEK TO JOIN THE HOMELESS COUNT.  
10   HOMEOWNERS AROUND THE COUNTY ARE BUILDING GRANNY FLATS IN  
11   THEIR BACKYARD TO HELP CREATE NEW APARTMENTS WITH THE HELP OF  
12   THE COUNTY, AND PEOPLE CAN MOVE IN WHO NEED THEM. PROPERTY  
13   OWNERS ARE JOINING THE COUNTY'S LEASE UP LOS ANGELES PROGRAM,  
14   AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE INCENTIVES THAT WE'RE OFFERING  
15   LANDLORDS WHO ARE RENTING TO FORMERLY HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN.  
16   SO TODAY, I THINK IT'S REALLY APPROPRIATE, AND I'M VERY HAPPY  
17   TO BE ABLE TO THANK A FEW, JUST A FEW, OF OUR STAR PROPERTY  
18   OWNERS, AS WELL AS THE FINE PEOPLE AT P.A.T.H., WHO MANAGE  
19   THIS PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WE ARE  
20   HONORING TODAY HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY OUT OF THEIR OWN  
21   ACCORD, VOLUNTEERING, SHOWING UP, WITH PEOPLE ASSISTING THE  
22   HOMELESS P.A.T.H., WITH L.A.H.S.A., WITH THE L.A. COUNTY  
23   DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
24   L.A., TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK ON OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS,  
25   BECAUSE WE CAN DO A LOT OF STUFF, BUT WE HAVE TO KNOW, IS IT

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1 WORKING? IS IT WHAT YOU NEED TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR  
2 HOMES? THEY GIVE US FEEDBACK ON OUR SUBSIDIES, ON OUR OWNER  
3 INCENTIVES, AND WE'RE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL TO EACH AND EVERY  
4 ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK THAT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUOUSLY  
5 IMPROVE OUR PROGRAMS, AND FOR ENCOURAGING OTHER PROPERTY  
6 OWNERS AND SERVING AS A GREAT EXAMPLE, LIKE SAYING, "THE  
7 WATER'S FINE, COME ON IN," TO IMPROVE OUR PROGRAMS AND HELP US  
8 REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE WHO  
9 STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WATCHING THIS  
10 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, I DON'T KNOW WHY, EXACTLY, BUT I  
11 WANT YOU TO KNOW THEIR NAMES, AS WELL: THE LEASE UP L.A.  
12 PROGRAM AND P.A.T.H., SPECIFICALLY JENNIFER LEE, JENNIFER  
13 HARK-DIETZ, CARLY BERKOWITZ, MARISSA BOWMAN, AND LOIS STARR;  
14 EMILIO SALAS FROM THE L.A.C.D.A., THOMAS WONG FROM L.A.H.S.A.,  
15 DAN VALDEZ FROM BRILLIANT CORNERS, DANIEL TANNENBAUM FROM THE  
16 CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, PACIFIC CREST REAL ESTATE.  
17 HE IS A P.H.A. COMMISSIONER AND A HOUSING PARTNER, AND I DON'T  
18 THINK HE SLEEPS. HE HAS GOT TOO MANY THINGS THAT HE'S DOING.  
19 JIM PERLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AMERICAN PROPERTIES;  
20 MALCOLM BENNETT, MINORITY APARTMENT OWNERS ASSOCIATION; STEVEN  
21 GRAY, VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT AT HELPFUL  
22 HOUSING; C. FIRST AND KAREN KASHANIAN FROM T.D.I. PROPERTIES.  
23 I'M GOING TO PROBABLY MANGLE THE NAMES OF MANY OF THE BROWNS,  
24 BUT THEY ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US, A FAMILY BUSINESS THAT  
25 SHOWED UP IN FORCE TODAY, AND WE ARE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL TO

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1 THEM, AS TO OTHERS: NAJIMA BROWN, BASHIR BROWN, YOLANDA BROWN,  
2 SERDALIR BROWN, FROM BROWN CONGLOMERATES AND HOLDINGS. AND  
3 AGAIN, APOLOGIES IF I MANGLED THE NAMES, BUT IT DOES NOT CUT  
4 BACK ON MY GRATITUDE TO YOU AND TO EVERYONE ELSE. AND FINALLY,  
5 DANIEL YUKELSON AND DANIELLE PERETZ FROM A.G.L.A. SO IF YOU  
6 WOULD GIVE THEM ALL A MAIN, BIG, HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
7 THE WORK THEY'RE DOING AND THE HELP THEY'RE GIVING. AND NOW,  
8 MAY I ASK JENNIFER, FROM P.A.T.H., TO SPEAK? JEN? THANK YOU.  
9 WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE MY STEP?

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11 **JENNIFER HARK-DIETZ:** I WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR STEP. THANK YOU.  
12 GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THE HONORABLE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JENNIFER HARK-DIETZ, AND I'M THE  
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF P.A.T.H. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE HERE  
15 TODAY, AND THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER RECOGNITION OF THE  
16 CRITICAL ROLE LANDLORDS-- OR, AS WE CALL THEM, HOUSING  
17 PROVIDERS-- PLAY IN THE SOLUTION TO END HOMELESSNESS. AS A  
18 SERVICE PROVIDER AND HOUSING DEVELOPER FOCUSED ON ENDING  
19 HOMELESSNESS, P.A.T.H. CREATED LEASE UP L.A., A LANDLORD  
20 ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AND WEB-BASED APPLICATION FOCUSED ON  
21 INCREASING ACCESS TO AVAILABLE UNITS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY.  
22 AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM, THE LEASE UP ADVISORY BOARD, AS YOU  
23 SEE HERE, WAS DEVELOPED, OFFERING VALUABLE FEEDBACK THAT  
24 POSITIVELY IMPACTS PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS. THIS GROUP OF  
25 HOUSING PROVIDERS VOLUNTEERS THEIR TIME, TAKING DIFFICULT

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1 HOUSING CHALLENGES IN WHAT WE KNOW IS A VERY TIGHT RENTAL  
2 MARKET, WITH THE GOAL OF REMOVING BARRIERS AND INCREASING  
3 ACCESS FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. TO HAVE A POSITIVE  
4 IMPACT ON OUR HOMELESS AND HOUSING CRISIS, WE NEED EVERYONE  
5 FOCUSED ON HELPING PEOPLE MAKE IT HOME. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR  
6 THEIR CONTRIBUTION, DEDICATION, AND ONGOING PARTNERSHIP, AND  
7 WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HONORING THEM TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE UP.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, THIS MORNING, I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR  
12 OF RECOGNIZING CANTOR ILAN DAVIDSON FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF  
13 SERVICE TO TEMPLE BETH EL AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 INTERFAITH COMMUNITY. LET'S GIVE HIM A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE  
15 ON THAT. [APPLAUSE.] OF COURSE, TEMPLE BETH EL IS IN SAN  
16 PEDRO, ONE OF THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUES IN THE AREA. AND I HAVE  
17 BECOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS WITH SO MANY WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THAT  
18 CONGREGATION, AND HAVE BEEN SO HONORED TO WORK ALONGSIDE  
19 CANTOR DAVIDSON ON SO MANY ISSUES. CANTOR DAVIDSON WAS BORN  
20 AND RAISED HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND CLAIMS BOTH THE SOUTH BAY  
21 AND RISHON LEZION, ISRAEL, AS HIS HOME. HE HAS SERVED AS  
22 PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH COAST INTERFAITH COUNCIL, AND HE SERVES  
23 AS MY APPOINTEE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN  
24 RELATIONS. WITH A STRONG PERFORMING ARTS BACKGROUND FROM THE  
25 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN IRVINE, CANTOR DAVIDSON HELPS

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1 COORDINATE THE ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIRS AT TEMPLE BETH EL. THE  
2 CHOIRS' REPERTOIRE INCORPORATES CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSIC TO  
3 ENRICH THEIR MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICES, HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS  
4 AND THE FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES, HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS, AND  
5 THE FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES. HE ALSO TEACHES STUDENTS THE ART  
6 OF TORAH, AND HAFTARAH CANTILLATION, PREPARING THEM TO LEAD  
7 THE COMMUNITY IN PRAYER. IN 2008, HE CREATED KINDRED SPIRITS,  
8 A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION THAT HAS PRODUCED CONCERTS RAISING  
9 AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AND ORGANIZATION. YOU  
10 HAVE DONE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS. THIS I POINT TO IS REALLY  
11 ONE OF THE MORE PROFOUND THINGS THAT YOU STARTED, NURTURED,  
12 AND HELPED TO KEEP GOING. I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO ATTEND ACROSS  
13 THE STREET AT THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL, AND HEARD YOU SING  
14 ONSTAGE AT THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL. BUT IT WAS THE  
15 ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED THROUGH KINDRED SERVICES  
16 WHICH WERE SO IMPORTANT. THERE'S A LOT. I DIDN'T WRITE THEM  
17 DOWN. I KNOW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAS ONE OF THEM. YES, HEIFER  
18 INTERNATIONAL. THAT'S THE ONE I WAS THINKING OF. AND ALSO THE  
19 WONDERFUL ONE, WHICH I ALWAYS FORGET THE NAME, OF THE HEART  
20 SURGEON-- SAVE A CHILD'S HEART, WHICH IS A HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL.  
21 AND WHEN I WENT AND VISITED IT, IT WAS DURING THE HEIGHT OF A  
22 LOT OF THE BOMBINGS THAT WERE COMING OVER THE BORDER IN  
23 ISRAEL. AND HERE WERE DOCTORS, AND THERE WAS A SAFE SHELTER  
24 ROOM IN THE OPERATING ROOM. SO WHEN THE ALARM WENT OFF FOR A  
25 BOMB COMING, THEY WOULD LITERALLY HAVE TO GO TO A SAFE HOUSE.

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1 AND THERE THEY WERE, THE DAY I WAS THERE, OPERATING ON A  
2 PALESTINIAN BABY WHO HAD A HEART PROBLEM. AND I THOUGHT THAT  
3 IS THE PICTURE OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE SHOULD ALL BE DOING: LOVE  
4 YOUR ENEMY, AND DO GOOD TO THOSE, SOMETIMES, WHO PERSECUTE  
5 YOU. AND THAT ORGANIZATION WAS AMAZING. I HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO  
6 HELP CONTRIBUTE TO SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU  
7 HIGHLIGHT IN KINDRED SPIRITS. I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR MANY YEARS.  
8 I'VE JOINED YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE IN SOME OF  
9 YOUR SHABBAT SERVICES. AND, WHILE I HEARD YOU ON THE DISNEY  
10 CONCERT STAGE-- DISNEY HALL CONCERT STAGE-- SINGING WITH YOUR  
11 BEAUTIFUL VOICE, NOTHING SOUNDED MORE BEAUTIFUL TO ME THAN  
12 WHEN YOU SANG AT MY SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WHEN I FIRST BECAME A  
13 COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN 2016. LAST YEAR, THIS SYNAGOGUE IN SAN  
14 PEDRO IS SO WELCOMING AND OPENING TO THE COMMUNITY, AND WORKS  
15 THROUGH ISSUES THAT WE ALL HAVE. AND I KNOW LAST OCTOBER WAS A  
16 VERY SOLEMN CEREMONY THAT CANTOR DAVIDSON INVITED ME AND OTHER  
17 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT WAS OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS,  
18 ONE OF OUR STATE SENATORS OR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, THE LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT POLICE OFFICERS, TO COME AND REMEMBER THE 11  
20 PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE DEADLY ASSAULT AT THE TREE  
21 OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE IN PITTSBURGH. THIS SYNAGOGUE, UNDER  
22 TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP, BOTH FROM THE RABBIS, BUT CERTAINLY  
23 FROM CANTOR DAVIDSON, HAVE REALLY REACHED ACROSS THE RELIGIOUS  
24 AISLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. ALL FAITHS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED. ALL  
25 FAITHS HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND TO

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1 MOURN IN THE BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY OF THE SYNAGOGUE. JOINING  
2 CANTOR DAVIDSON TODAY ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE UP HERE. I ONLY HAVE  
3 TWO NAMES ON MY PAPER, SO MAYBE YOU COULD INTRODUCE. I KNOW  
4 YOUR DAUGHTER, ZOE, IS HERE. IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU. AND THEN  
5 MY COMMISSIONER, GAIL SCHWARTZ, IS HERE, WHO IS MY  
6 COMMISSIONER ON TWO COMMISSIONS. YOU ARE MY PROBATION  
7 COMMISSIONER AND THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD  
8 COMMISSIONER. ILAN DAVIDSON REALLY REPRESENTS TO ME NOT JUST  
9 HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE AT THE TEMPLE FOR 25 YEARS, WHICH IS A  
10 REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT REALLY YOUR ABILITY TO BE A  
11 PART OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL. AND AGAIN, THIS SYNAGOGUE IS A  
12 BEACON OF LIGHT IN SAN PEDRO FOR ALL GOOD CAUSES, AND I'M SO  
13 LUCKY TO REPRESENT YOU ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT  
14 ALSO TO SHARE IN SO MANY MOMENTS THROUGHOUT OUR YEARS TOGETHER  
15 THAT ARE SPECIAL. SO CONGRATULATIONS, ILAN, AND I HAVE THIS  
16 AMAZING, BEAUTIFUL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMEMORATION.  
17 THERE'S A LOT OF WHEREASES. I'M NOT GOING TO READ THEM ALL.  
18 YOU CAN READ THEM IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME. BUT IT DOES  
19 SAY-- YOU KNOW, EXPRESSES THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'S REAL JOY  
20 AND CONGRATULATIONS IN THIS MILESTONE THAT YOU HAVE REACHED.  
21 SO CONGRATULATIONS, ILAN. WHY DON'T YOU SAY A FEW WORDS, AND  
22 THEN WE CAN TAKE A PHOTO. YOU CAN INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE THAT I  
23 DIDN'T INTRODUCE.  
24

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1 **CANTOR ILAN DAVIDSON:** SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.  
2 IT TRULY HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE HONOR, NOT ONLY TO SERVE TEMPLE  
3 BETH EL FOR 25 YEARS AS PART OF THE CLERGY TEAM THERE, BUT  
4 ALSO TO HAVE YOU AS NOT JUST MY SUPERVISOR, NOT JUST MY  
5 CONGRESSWOMAN, NOT JUST MY COUNCILWOMAN, BUT MY DEAR FRIEND.  
6 AND TRULY, IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO SIT AS ONE OF YOUR  
7 COMMISSIONERS, AND TO SERVE THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
8 IN THAT WAY, AS WELL. IT'S IMPORTANT TO TEMPLE BETH EL, AND  
9 IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT WE ARE ONE PEOPLE.  
10 AND IT DOESN'T MATTER YOUR FAITH, AND IT DOESN'T MATTER YOUR  
11 GENDER, AND IT DOESN'T MATTER YOUR SKIN COLOR OR YOUR  
12 ETHNICITY. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF THESE  
13 GREAT UNITED STATES AND THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND  
14 AT TEMPLE BETH EL, WE BELIEVE IN WELCOMING ALL, WELCOMING ALL  
15 INTO OUR DOORS, AND IT IS MY HONOR TO REALLY BE ABLE TO BE  
16 PART OF THAT WELCOMING COMMITTEE, IN A SENSE, AND TO MAKE SURE  
17 THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WITHIN OUR DOORS, WITHIN THE DOORS OF  
18 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WITHIN THE DOORS OF TEMPLE BETH EL,  
19 SPECIFICALLY, ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE LOVED, AND ALL ARE  
20 CARED FOR. AND IT'S REALLY BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE THIS  
21 COMMUNITY, TO SERVE THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
22 AND TO SERVE THIS COUNTY. AND I AM TRULY HUMBLLED AND HONORED  
23 TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION TODAY. I THANK YOU ALL FOR-- AND I  
24 THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY, JANICE, FOR THIS INCREDIBLE HONOR. OH.  
25 ALSO, WE'VE GOT HERE FROM TEMPLE BETH EL SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE

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1 KNOWN ME FOR A LONG TIME, AND SOME THAT HAVE KNOWN ME ONLY FOR  
2 A SHORT TIME, WHICH IS INCREDIBLE. WE'VE GOT STEVE SKOAL AND  
3 ELAINE BLATT AND ANDREA LAWRENCE AND ELLIOTT SCHWARTZ; AND  
4 OVER HERE, ONE OF OUR VERY NEWEST MEMBERS, PROBABLY, TOM  
5 ROSENBERG, WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO BE HERE TODAY FOR  
6 THIS HONOR, AS WELL. AND SO I THANK YOU GUYS FOR ALSO BEING  
7 HERE AND RECOGNIZING ME IN THIS WAY, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE ALL GETTING IN HERE. AS THEY  
12 SAY, [SPEAKS CHINESE.] YES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY BEST  
13 WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW  
14 YEAR WITH US, I'M EAGER TO INTRODUCE SOME SPECIAL GUESTS. WE  
15 ARE JOINED BY PRESIDENT KEVIN CHEN AND CHAIRMAN CHESTER CHONG  
16 OF THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE WILL  
17 BE HEARING FROM MR. CHEN IN A FEW MOMENTS. WE'RE ALSO JOINED  
18 BY MS. LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN 2020 COURT. THE ROYAL COURT  
19 INCLUDES WITH US TODAY QUEEN COREY, AND PRINCESS KATHERINE AND  
20 NICOLE. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR JOINING US. AN ANCIENT  
21 CHINESE PROVERB SAYS, "DO NOT BE AFRAID OF MOVING SLOWLY; BE  
22 AFRAID OF STANDING STILL." THIS YEAR, NO MATTER WHAT THE PACE,  
23 IT MATTERS MOST THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK AND MOVE FORWARD. MAY  
24 THE START OF THIS NEW YEAR SYMBOLIZE THE FIRST STEP WE TAKE TO  
25 BECOME A MORE PROSPEROUS AND GENEROUS COUNTY. AS FIFTH-

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1 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, I'M SO PROUD TO REPRESENT THE LARGEST  
2 CHINESE POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EVERY YEAR, I AM SO  
3 IMPRESSED WITH THE VIBRANT LUNAR NEW YEAR'S FESTIVITIES IN ALL  
4 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS WEEKEND IS GOING TO BE CRAZY  
5 THROUGHOUT BOTH THE FIFTH, BUT ALSO ALL DISTRICTS, ACTUALLY.  
6 EVERY ASPECT OF THE CELEBRATION HOLDS A SPECIAL MEANING,  
7 WHETHER IT BE THE GOOD FORTUNE OF THE RED ENVELOPES, OR THE  
8 POWER OF THE LION DANCE. MAY THE BEAUTIFUL SYMBOLS WE  
9 RECOGNIZE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR STAY DEAR TO US THROUGHOUT  
10 2020. THIS YEAR IS THE YEAR OF THE RAT, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF  
11 12 ZODIAC ANIMALS, AND IT ACTUALLY IS THE YEAR THAT I WAS  
12 BORN. RATS SYMBOLIZE WEALTH, CLEVERNESS, AND DETERMINATION.  
13 THIS IS THE POWERFUL AND PERFECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL THE  
14 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WOULD  
15 LIKE TO INTRODUCE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS TO SHARE WHAT THE  
16 HOLIDAY MEANS TO HER DISTRICT. AND AFTER THAT, WE ARE GOING TO  
17 HAVE A TRADITIONAL LION DANCE BY MASTER PAUL HO OF THE WON TAI  
18 SEN LION DANCE TEAM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. [APPLAUSE.]  
21 SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING AND JOINING  
22 US TODAY IN THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION. GONG HEI FAT CHOY,  
23 ALSO, AND HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR-- THE YEAR OF THE RAT, AS WAS  
24 STATED. I ALWAYS ENJOY THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE SO MANY  
25 CELEBRATIONS HAPPEN ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE HAVE OVER 1.5

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1 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO ARE ASIAN  
2 AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DESCENT, AND OVER 1/3 OF THOSE RESIDENTS  
3 LIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I  
4 HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BOTH REPRESENTING. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE  
5 SOME OF OUR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO I WOULD  
6 ALWAYS LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, WHO ARE JOINING US HERE TODAY  
7 BECAUSE THEY ALSO REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER  
8 COMMUNITIES: THE HONORABLE JERRY VELASCO, EL MONTE MAYOR PRO  
9 TEM; KATHY HERRERIA, CITY CLERK, EL MONTE; HANS LIANG,  
10 MONTEREY PARK MAYOR; STEVEN LA, MONTEREY PARK COUNCIL MEMBER;  
11 BOB JIN, ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES;  
12 GLORIA OLMOS, SOUTH EL MONTE MAYOR; MANUEL ACOSTA, SOUTH EL  
13 MONTE COUNCIL MEMBER; TONY WU, WEST COVINA MAYOR PRO TEM;  
14 DARIO CASTELLANOS, WEST COVINA COUNCIL MEMBER; LETTIE LOPEZ  
15 BIADO, WEST COVINA COUNCIL MEMBER; JESSICA SHOEMAKER, WEST  
16 COVINA COUNCILWOMAN. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CHINESE  
17 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS WELL: KEVIN CHEN, THE PRESIDENT, AND  
18 CHESTER CHONG, THE CHAIRMAN. THEY HAVE BEEN PULLING THE GOLDEN  
19 DRAGON PARADE TOGETHER FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND THIS PARADE  
20 HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 121 YEARS.  
21 THEY'RE NOT THAT OLD, BUT THAT'S HOW OLD THE PARADE IS. LET'S  
22 GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I HOPE THAT WE SEE  
23 EVERYBODY THERE COME OUT THIS SATURDAY TO ENJOY THE  
24 FESTIVITIES. IT IS A FASCINATING PARADE BECAUSE IT IS FOR  
25 EVERYONE. AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO REPRESENT THE FIRST

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1 DISTRICT, THE HOME OF CHINATOWN, AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE  
2 UP OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. I'M EXCITED AGAIN TO HAVE OUR LOCAL  
3 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE, AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES  
4 THAT REPRESENT SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS. SO WE WANT TO WISH  
5 YOU A VERY HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. AND  
6 WITH THAT, I THINK WE WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO, NOW, THE LION  
7 DANCERS, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE CHAMBER. [FESTIVE  
8 MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **KEVIN CHEN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. GREETINGS,  
11 FRIENDS. I AM KEVIN CHEN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE CHAMBER  
12 OF COMMERCE OF LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HONORED TO BE REPRESENTING  
13 SUCH A DISTINGUISHED ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN SERVING THE  
14 COMMUNITY SINCE 1898. AS ONE OF THE LARGEST BUSINESS  
15 ASSOCIATIONS IN GREATER LOS ANGELES, THE CHINESE CHAMBER  
16 PROMOTES THE INTERESTS OF COMPANIES, BY ENCOURAGING TRADE AND  
17 BUSINESS GROWTH. WE SERVE AS CONNECTION POINTS FOR THE CHINESE  
18 BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PROMOTE NETWORKING, AND RESOURCES FOR OUR  
19 INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERS THROUGH CHAMBER MIXERS. WE  
20 ALSO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE CHINESE-AMERICAN AND GREATER LOS  
21 ANGELES BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS ISSUES  
22 THAT IMPACT AND ARE RELEVANT FOR BOTH GROUPS. THE CHAMBER ALSO  
23 PROMOTES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, AND PROVIDES A  
24 PLATFORM FOR ESTABLISHED MENTORS AND SPONSORS FOR THE NEXT  
25 GENERATION. THE CHAMBER RECENTLY PRESENTED THE 55TH ANNUAL

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1 MISS LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN COMPETITION, AND CROWNED A GROUP OF  
2 FIVE EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG WOMEN WHO EMBODY PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY,  
3 INTEGRITY, AND VISION. THE REIGNING COURT OF DUTY WILL SERVE  
4 THE COMMUNITY. THE 2020 MISS LOS ANGELES COURT: THE QUEEN,  
5 CARLY CHEN; THE FIRST PRINCESS, ANGELA ZAO; SECOND PRINCESS,  
6 KATHERINE HANG; THIRD PRINCESS, EWA LAO; FOURTH PRINCESS,  
7 VICTORIA KWO; AND MISS FRIENDSHIP, NICOLE MARK. WE BELIEVE IN  
8 SUPPORTING CULTURAL LEGACY. AT THE CHAMBER, WE PROMOTE  
9 CULTURAL AWARENESS OF THE CHINESE HERITAGE AND HISTORY THROUGH  
10 ORGANIZATIONS OF LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC EVENTS AROUND THE KEY  
11 CHINESE HOLIDAYS, LIKE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND THE MOON  
12 FESTIVALS; SO, THOSE RICH TRADITIONS PASSED DOWN TO THE FUTURE  
13 GENERATIONS, AND SHARED WITH THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE  
14 CHAMBER, ONCE AGAIN, HOSTS THE ANNUAL GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE IN  
15 CHINATOWN ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1. THE PARADE IS NOW IN ITS  
16 121ST YEAR, AND WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COLORFUL  
17 CULTURAL TRADITIONS HELD IN LOS ANGELES. PLEASE JOIN US AND  
18 CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RAT. HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. [SPEAKS  
19 CHINESE.] GONG HEI FAT CHOY. [APPLAUSE.]

20  
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I WANT TO INTRODUCE EVERYONE TO  
22 FLUFFALICIOUS. FLUFFALICIOUS IS A GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPY. A  
23 THREE-MONTH-OLD, ABSOLUTELY-- AH. THIS IS-- OH, MY GOD. MARK?  
24 YOU CAN ADOPT FLUFFALICIOUS BY CALLING 562-728-4610. THIS IS  
25 THE SWEETEST GERMAN SHEPHERD, MARK. AGAIN, GO TO ONE OF OUR

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1 SHELTERS, OR GO ONLINE AND LOOK, AND LOOK TO ADOPT, AND GIVE  
2 ONE OF THESE A FOREVER HOME. BUT THIS IS FLUFFALICIOUS THAT I  
3 REALLY WANT. AH. I DO. I LIKE THE NAME, BUT I LIKE THE DOG.  
4 AND, AS I SAY, IF DOGS AREN'T YOUR THING, HERE IS CUTIE. AND  
5 CUTIE IS A SHORTHAIR GRAY, AVAILABLE, ALSO, AT OUR DOWNEY  
6 SHELTER: 562-728-4610. AND CUTIE IS A LITTLE ANXIOUS, SO THIS  
7 IS GOING TO BE A VERY QUICK PRESENTATION. [LAUGHTER.] WITH  
8 THAT, WE GO TO THE FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S MY HONOR TODAY  
11 TO RECOGNIZE EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO. WHILE THEIR HEADQUARTERS  
12 IS IN THE 3RD DISTRICT, EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO, I WOULD LIKE  
13 TO STATE PUBLICLY, HAS BEEN HELPING MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS  
14 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT THEY ARE ALSO HOME  
15 TO THE AZUSA CLINIC; ALSO, THE BALDWIN PARK CLINIC; AND ALSO,  
16 A CHILDCARE FACILITY IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I HAVE WITH ME HERE  
17 TODAY CORINNE SANCHEZ, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND DR.  
18 CARMEN TUTULIAN, WHO IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR. I WANT TO  
19 RECOGNIZE EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO FOR THEIR UNWAVERING  
20 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO OUR MOST  
21 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE EXPERIENCING  
22 HOMELESSNESS AT THE BASSETT PARK WINTER SHELTER. LET'S PLEASE  
23 GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] LAST OCTOBER, I  
24 WAS PROUD TO DESIGNATE THE BASSETT PARK GYM AS A 24-HOUR  
25 WINTER SHELTER TO OPERATE BETWEEN DECEMBER 1ST, 2019, TO MARCH

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1 31ST, 2020, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED REFUGE TO OUR  
2 HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
3 THERE ARE MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  
4 AND ACCORDING TO THE 2019 HOMELESS COUNT, MORE THAN 70 PERCENT  
5 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE UNSHELTERED, MEANING THAT THEY LIVE  
6 OUTDOORS. LAST WINTER, WE RELIED HEAVILY ON THE NEW HOPE FOR  
7 HOME SHELTER IN THE CITY OF POMONA, AND ROTATIONAL SHELTERS IN  
8 CHURCHES OPERATED BY THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR  
9 THE HOMELESS. THESE PROVIDED OVERNIGHT SHELTER TO A SMALL  
10 FRACTION OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
11 AND NOT ENOUGH BEDS AVAILABLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO COME IN FROM  
12 THE COLD WEATHER OR RAIN. THAT'S WHY I REQUESTED THAT WE  
13 CONVERT THE GYMNASIUM AT THE BASSETT PARK INTO A WINTER  
14 SHELTER FOR 100 ADULTS. COLD AND HARSH WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN  
15 MAKE VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS EVEN MORE VULNERABLE, AND PEOPLE'S  
16 HEALTH CAN QUICKLY DETERIORATE. WHEN WINTER SHELTERS ARE AT  
17 CAPACITY, WHEN THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, A BED IN AN  
18 AUGMENTED SHELTER COULD MEAN A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO PEOPLE WHO  
19 FIND THEMSELVES ON THE STREET. I HAVE PERSONALLY VISITED THE  
20 BASSETT PARK WINTER SHELTER SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE PAST  
21 FEW WEEKS, AND HAVE MET MANY MEN AND WOMEN, MANY OF THEM  
22 SENIOR CITIZENS, WHO ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR A WARM BED AND  
23 A MEAL. I'VE ALSO SEEN FIRSTHAND THE INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP OF  
24 STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FROM EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO, TO SUPPORT  
25 THOSE AT BASSETT PARK WINTER SHELTER WITH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH

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1 SERVICES AND RESOURCES. I WANT TO THANK EL PROYECTO DEL  
2 BARRIO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORINNE SANCHEZ, AND HER MEDICAL  
3 DIRECTOR, CARMEN TUTULIAN, THE CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR. I WANT TO  
4 THANK ALL OF THEIR STAFF FOR HELPING US, NOT JUST AT THE  
5 BASSETT WINTER SHELTER, BUT ALSO AT THE WHITTIER NARROW'S  
6 THURSDAY SHOWER EXPERIENCE THAT WE PROVIDE FOR HOMELESS  
7 INDIVIDUALS THERE. BUT THEY HAVE ALSO ATTENDED MANY OF OUR  
8 HEALTH FAIRS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT WE HAVE SPONSORED,  
9 GIVING OUT FREE EXAMINATIONS. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, THEY  
10 PROVIDED PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS FOR BLOOD GLUCOSE, BLOOD  
11 PRESSURE, PATIENT EDUCATION, H.I.V. RAPID TESTING, FLU SHOTS,  
12 AND T.B. TESTING, ALONG WITH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE  
13 AND GUIDANCE, AND HANDED OUT FREE ITEMS, INCLUDING SOAPS AND  
14 TOOTHBRUSHES. I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR HEALTH MOBILE  
15 CLINIC WILL BE COMING OUT TO THE BASSETT PARK WINTER SHELTER  
16 EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY, AS FOLLOWS, UNTIL THE END OF MARCH. I  
17 AM DEEPLY TOUCHED BY EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO'S COMMITMENT TO  
18 OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, AND I'M SO PROUD TO HAVE THEM  
19 STANDING WITH US HERE TODAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF  
20 APPLAUSE AGAIN. AND I WILL ASK CORINNE SANCHEZ TO SAY A FEW  
21 WORDS AND, WITH THAT, ALSO INTRODUCE DIRECTOR CARMEN TUTULIAN.

22

23 **CORINNE SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M HONORED TO BE  
24 RECOGNIZED ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO PAY  
25 TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP AND FORESIGHT THE SUPERVISOR HILDA

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1 LUCIA SOLIS HAS HAD IN ADDRESSING THIS DEVASTATING PROBLEM IN  
2 OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE PROUD TO MAKE AN IMPACT AND TO HELP THE  
3 HOMELESS, WHICH NOT ONLY HELPS THOSE MOST WITHOUT, BUT THOSE  
4 MOST IN NEED. AND IT DOES IMPACT ALL OF US, NOT JUST THE  
5 HOMELESS. SO I AM PROUD TO BE THERE AND TO SUPPORT THE  
6 LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPERVISOR. AS ONE OF OUR HEROINES SAYS,  
7 DOLORES SUERTA, SI SE PUEDE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SOMETIMES I'M THINKING WE DON'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.  
10 IT IS OUR JOB. IT IS OUR PROFESSION TO HELP PATIENTS, AND  
11 ESPECIALLY PATIENTS WHO ARE IN CRITICAL NEED. YOU KNOW, I WAS  
12 SO TOUCHED WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVING TO THE PATIENTS, ALL  
13 THESE ITEMS TO HELP, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SO THANKFUL. I WANT TO  
14 ASK EVERYBODY, IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANCE TO HELP, AND I'M SO  
15 IMPRESSED WITH HILDA SOLIS, THAT YOU FOUND THE TIME AND  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SO WELL TO ALL THESE PATIENTS. I'M TOUCHED  
17 WITH THE STORY WHEN WE GAVE TO THE PATIENTS TOOTHBRUSHES, AND  
18 SHE IS TELLING THAT, "I DON'T HAVE TEETH, I DON'T NEED THAT,"  
19 AND SO MANY OTHER STORIES WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE THANKFUL. AND  
20 THE MOST I COULD SAY, THAT GOD BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS ALL THE  
21 WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING FOR ALL THE POPULATION IN NEED. AND I  
22 AM HAPPY TO HELP, AND TO HELP MORE, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT  
23 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS THEY ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AND  
2    PREPARE FOR THE PRESENTATION, WOULD YOU PUT YOUR HANDS  
3    TOGETHER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HUMAN  
4    TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH, HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5    ANGELES? [APPLAUSE.] DON'T BE BASHFUL. STEP FORWARD. FOLLOW  
6    THE INSTRUCTIONS OF DAVE. DAVE KNOWS HOW TO SET THE SHOT.  
7    LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH AND PAY TRIBUTE  
8    TO ONE INDIVIDUAL AND TWO ENTITIES THAT HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
9    IN THE COUNTY'S FIGHT TO ERADICATE THE SCOURGE OF TRAFFICKING,  
10    PARTICULARLY THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN  
11    AND YOUTH, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS C.S.E.C. AND THIS BOARD OF  
12    SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF STAND-UP IN ITS RESOLVE  
13    TO ADDRESS AND CONFRONT HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY OF  
14    CHILDREN. THE FIRST PRESENTATION WE WISH TO MAKE IS IN HONOR  
15    OF ANNA SOTO, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR ON JULY THE 26TH. SHE  
16    WAS A DAUGHTER OF FORMER STATE SENATOR NELL SOTO AND FORMER  
17    STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER PHIL SOTO. ANNA GREW UP IN THE WORLD OF  
18    POLITICS AND, AS AN ADULT, ORGANIZED VOTER REGISTRATION,  
19    EDUCATION, AND MOBILIZATION EFFORTS THROUGH THE STATE AND  
20    COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEES. ANNA ALSO SERVED AS A  
21    FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR YVONNE  
22    BRAITHWAITE BURKE, AND WORKED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AS AN  
23    ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WHILE  
24    EMPLOYED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ANNA BECAME A  
25    STAUNCH C.S.E.C. ADVOCATE, PARTICULARLY FOR FOSTER YOUTH AND

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1 THOSE INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHE HELPED TO  
2 FORM THE PUBLIC HEALTH HUMAN TRAFFICKING C.S.E.C. COMMITTEE,  
3 WHICH HOSTED ITS INAUGURAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT YESTERDAY,  
4 WHERE HER COLLEAGUES PAID TRIBUTE TO ANNA'S LIFE AND HER  
5 DEDICATED WORK. AND SO IT IS TODAY WE WELCOME THOSE WHO WORKED  
6 WITH HER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING SOFIA  
7 ROMANAS, FROM THE DIVISION OF H.I.V. AND S.T.D. PROGRAMS,  
8 WHERE ANNA WORKED FOR SOME 17 YEARS; AND CRAIG VINCENT JONES,  
9 FROM CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES, WHERE ANNA WORKED DURING HER  
10 FINAL THREE YEARS WITH THE COUNTY. MANY COLLEAGUES ARE HERE IN  
11 THE AUDIENCE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU MIGHT JUST STAND  
12 IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANNA. IF YOU ARE FORMER COLLEAGUES OF  
13 ANNA SOTO, GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY ARE HERE. THANK  
14 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ANNA'S LOVED ONES ARE HERE, AND WE SAY FAMILY  
15 FIRST. AND SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE HER HUSBAND, REGGIE BONNER. COME  
16 ON UP, REGGIE. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE HER BROTHERS, TODD, MIKE,  
17 AND PATRICK; HER NIECE, DANIELLE; HER NEPHEW, JONAH; AND  
18 RACHEL RODRIGUEZ BARBOSA, ANNA'S GOOD FRIEND AND SISTER, AND  
19 FORMER COLLEAGUE FROM THE DAYS OF THE 8TH FLOOR. TODAY WE  
20 REMEMBER ANNA SOTO, AND WE RECOGNIZE HER LIFE OF SERVICE AND  
21 HER WORK TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND ADVOCATE  
22 ON BEHALF OF YOUNG PEOPLE. AND IF YOU AGREE WITH ALL THAT WE  
23 HAVE SAID, WHY DON'T YOU CLAP YOUR HANDS AND JUST CELEBRATE  
24 ANNA FOR WHAT SHE HAS DONE. AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A  
25 PRESENTATION TO HER HUSBAND. REGINALD? WE'RE RIGHT HERE,

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1 RECOGNIZING ANNA'S HUSBAND, REGGIE BONNER. STEP RIGHT UP. COME  
2 ON. WELL, THE SECOND PRESENTATION IS TO RECOGNIZE THE LAW  
3 ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL FOR THEIR WORK AROUND  
4 C.S.E.C., UPON DIRECTION FROM THIS BOARD, TO KEEP VICTIMS OF  
5 SEX TRAFFICKING FROM RETURNING BACK TO BEING TRAFFICKED. THE  
6 FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL WAS LAUNCHED IN AUGUST OF 2014 AS A  
7 PILOT PROGRAM IN PORTIONS OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
8 DISTRICT, AND PORTIONS OF THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.  
9 INSTEAD OF TREATING TRAFFICKED YOUTH LIKE CRIMINALS, THE FIRST  
10 RESPONDER PROTOCOL REQUIRES LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ACTIVATE A  
11 SPECIAL TEAM TO RESPOND WITHIN 90 MINUTES TO INCIDENTS OF  
12 SUSPECTED CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING. THIS SPECIALLY TRAINED TEAM,  
13 COMPRISED OF A D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKER, A PROBATION OFFICER,  
14 AND A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, IMMEDIATELY RECOVERS YOUTH BY  
15 BRINGING THEM TO A SAFE PLACE AND CONNECTING THEM WITH THE  
16 NECESSARY SERVICES AND SUPPORT. AND SO THEN, WITHIN 72 HOURS,  
17 THE YOUNG PERSON RECEIVES A FULL MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH  
18 ASSESSMENT AT ONE OF THE COUNTY'S PEDIATRIC MEDICAL HUBS. THE  
19 FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROTOCOL HAS EXPANDED TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY,  
20 AND HAS FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED THE WAY THE COUNTY RESPONDS TO  
21 INCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAFFICKED YOUTH. IT HAS BECOME THE GOLD  
22 STANDARD TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS OF HOW TO DECRIMINALIZE  
23 C.S.E.C. VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS, AND INSTEAD PROVIDE TRAUMA-  
24 INFORMED SERVICES AND SUPPORT. SO IT IS SINCE 2014 THAT THE  
25 FIRST-RESPONDER PROTOCOL HAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED 761

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1 RECOVERIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND I THINK THAT DESERVES A  
2 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE RIGHT THERE. 761 RECOVERIES. [APPLAUSE.]  
3 SO, JOINING ME TODAY ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR RESPECTIVE  
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
5 DEPARTMENT AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS: THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
6 YOUTH LAW AND ZOE INTERNATIONAL, AS WELL AS SAVING INNOCENCE.  
7 AND ACCEPTING THE SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THIS INNOVATIVE AND  
8 FORWARD-THINKING COLLABORATIVE, I WANT TO BRING FORTH AMBER  
9 DAVIES, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL PROGRAMS FOR SAVING  
10 INNOCENCE. LET'S GIVE THE BIGGEST ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THE  
11 FIRST-RESPONDER PROTOCOL. AMBER, COME FORWARD. AND FOR OUR  
12 THIRD PRESENTATION, THE C.S.E.C. INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM,  
13 ALSO KNOWN AS C.S.E.C. I.L.T., IN THE HOUSE. AND SO IT WAS  
14 FORMED IN 2015 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THINK WE OUGHT  
15 TO GIVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR DOING ALL THIS WORK.  
16 THEY'RE RIGHT THERE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, DON'T YOU  
17 THINK? [APPLAUSE.] IT WAS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT A  
18 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AMONG THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO  
19 IDENTIFY AND RESCUE VICTIMS, ARREST AND PROSECUTE TRAFFICKERS,  
20 AND REDUCE DEMAND. LED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
21 FAMILY SERVICES, PROBATION, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE  
22 C.S.E.C. I.L.T. REPORTS TO THE BOARD THREE TIMES A YEAR, AND  
23 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOZENS OF INITIATIVES, INCLUDING C.S.E.C.  
24 AWARENESS TRAINING FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND SO IT IS THAT  
25 THE C.S.E.C. I.L.T. OVERSEES THE COUNTYWIDE C.S.E.C. STEERING

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1 COMMITTEE, AND JOINS THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL HUMAN  
2 TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IN PROVIDING ONGOING LEADERSHIP, AND  
3 ENSURING HIGH-QUALITY SERVICE TO THOSE WHO ARE VICTIMS AND  
4 SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING. AND SO REPRESENTING THIS  
5 COLLABORATIVE IS THE ONE AND ONLY MICHELLE GUYMON, DIRECTOR OF  
6 THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING UNIT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION.  
7 YOU OUGHT TO GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND  
8 THERE'S ED FITHYAN, A FORMER CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF  
9 SPECIALIZED RESPONSE SERVICES AT D.C.F.S. GIVE ED A BIG ROUND  
10 OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] AND JORGE VALDEZ, FORMER  
11 CAPTAIN OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BUREAU AT THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. GIVE JORGE A BIG ROUND OF  
13 APPLAUSE. CAPTAIN? AND FINALLY, MICHAEL HENNEMAN, THE NEW  
14 CAPTAIN OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BUREAU. AND THEN I THINK WE  
15 OUGHT TO GIVE ALL OF THE C.S.E.C. INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM  
16 YOUR BIGGEST ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] BECAUSE THEY ARE  
17 DOING THE MOST. AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT MICHELLE, ED,  
18 JORGE, AND MICHAEL COME FORTH, AND WE WILL MAKE THIS  
19 PRESENTATION TO YOU RIGHT NOW.

20

21 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I DID SAY WE WERE GOING TO  
22 CELEBRATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH. WE'VE DONE THAT  
23 BY HONORING THOSE WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINE. IF YOU ARE PROUD  
24 OF THEIR WORK, WOULD YOU GIVE THEM, YET AGAIN, ANOTHER ROUND

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1 OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE? I THINK THE OTHER  
2 BOARD MEMBERS OUGHT TO JOIN US.

3

4 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MANY VERY IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL  
5 THINGS GO ON IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DAY IN AND DAY OUT.  
6 THIS IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO  
7 RECOGNIZE DR. LUIS CHIAPPE FOR HIS ELECTION AS A 2019 FELLOW  
8 OF THE PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
9 SCIENCE. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
10 NOW, THIS DISTINCT HONOR WAS AWARDED BASED UPON HIS  
11 CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF PALEONTOLOGY, THE FOCUS ON THE  
12 ORIGIN AND EARLY EVOLUTION OF BIRDS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
13 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ONE AND ONLY DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA,  
14 PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, WHO IS  
15 HERE. AND THEY BOTH ARE SCIENTISTS, THEY ARE BOTH CITIZEN  
16 SCIENTISTS, AND THEY HAVE TRIED TO CAUSE ME TO BE THAT, AND  
17 THEY ARE STILL WORKING TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE. BUT WE ARE PROUD  
18 AS WE CAN BE, BECAUSE THIS IS THE COUNTY'S NATURAL HISTORY  
19 MUSEUM, WHICH ESSENTIALLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE CREATIVE ECONOMY,  
20 AND TO THE INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL, AND TO EXPLORATION,  
21 RECREATION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S WHAT THE NATURAL  
22 HISTORY MUSEUM DOES, AND MORE. AND DR. CHIAPPE CURRENTLY  
23 SERVES AS THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND  
24 COLLECTIONS FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, A POSITION HE HAS  
25 HELD FOR NOW SOME 7 YEARS. HIS WORK IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF

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1 WHAT MAKES THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM A LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 GEM, NOT ONLY IN OUR REGION, BUT THROUGHOUT THE NATION. HIS  
3 RESEARCH HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF  
4 PALEONTOLOGY, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE ON  
5 EARTH. HE HAS PUBLISHED NEARLY 200 SCHOLARLY ARTICLES,  
6 INCLUDING SIX BOOKS ON NATURAL HISTORY, DINOSAURS, AND THE  
7 EVOLUTION OF BIRDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CITED MORE THAN 12,000  
8 TIMES. ONE OF HIS MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IS THE DISCOVERY  
9 OF THE LARGEST SAUROPOD DINOSAUR, NESTING IN ARGENTINA, IN  
10 1997. AND THIS GROUNDBREAKING DISCOVERY HELPED YIELD A WEALTH  
11 OF INFORMATION ON THE PREHATCHING DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTIVE  
12 BEHAVIOR OF THOSE PLANT-EATING DINOSAURS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.  
13 YOU MIGHT THINK THIS TO BE A BIT ESOTERIC. NONETHELESS, IT IS  
14 A PART OF WHAT MAKES THIS COUNTY SO FABULOUS, SO GRAND, SO  
15 IMAGINATIVE, BECAUSE OF THE RANGE OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE GOING  
16 ON, INCLUDING A HISTORY THAT POINTS TO PLANT-EATING DINOSAURS.  
17 HE CURRENTLY OVERSEES THE RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF MORE THAN 25  
18 PH.D. SCIENTISTS, AND THE MUSEUM'S VAST BIOLOGICAL,  
19 GEOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL COLLECTIONS. IN ADDITION TO HIS  
20 GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH, DR. CHIAPPE IS COMMITTED TO BRINGING  
21 THE WORK OF PALEONTOLOGY TO HIS STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT  
22 LARGE. HE HAS CURATED AND SUPERVISED NUMEROUS EXHIBITS AND  
23 PALEONTOLOGICAL FIELD EXPEDITIONS, FROM NORTH AMERICA TO  
24 CHINA. ONE OF HIS MOST NOTABLE CURATIONS IS THE MUSEUM'S  
25 AWARD-WINNING DINOSAUR HALL EXHIBITION, FEATURING MORE THAN

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1 300 FOSSILS AND 20 SKELETONS OF THE LARGEST DINOSAURS AND  
2 PREHISTORIC SEA CREATURES KNOWN TO HUMANKIND. AND AS THEY TAKE  
3 US BACK IN TIME, MILLIONS OF YEARS, EXHIBITS LIKE THE DINOSAUR  
4 HALL SPARK THE IMAGINATION OF YOUNG AND OLD, MAKING THE EVENTS  
5 OF THE PAST AND DISCOVERIES OF THE PRESENT SO VIVIDLY ALIVE.  
6 AND SO, TRUE TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM'S MISSION, THIS  
7 SCHOLAR, THIS SCIENTIST, HIS WORK INSPIRES WONDER, DISCOVERY,  
8 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL WORLDS. SO  
9 PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING HIM AS THE EXCEPTIONAL  
10 INDIVIDUAL AND CONTRIBUTOR THAT HE IS TO OUR COUNTY AND WELL  
11 BEYOND. AND I'D LIKE NOW TO INVITE DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA TO  
12 HAVE A FEW WORDS, AND SHE WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY OUR  
13 HONOREE. LORI?

14

15 **LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO SAY,  
16 JUST SO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE UNDERSTAND THIS, THAT BEING  
17 INDUCTED AS A FELLOW OF THE A.A.A.S. IS AN INCREDIBLE  
18 DISTINCTION GIVEN TO THE TOP OF THE TOP FOR WORK IN SCIENCE  
19 AND/OR PUBLIC ACHIEVEMENT. THE GEM THAT WE HAVE AT THE NATURAL  
20 HISTORY MUSEUM AND DR. LUIS CHIAPPE IS THAT HE DOES BOTH. HE  
21 DOES BOTH EXCEEDINGLY WELL. SO, WHILE HE HAS THIS INCREDIBLE  
22 RESEARCH RECORD, HE IS COMMITTED TO OUR VISION, OUR MISSION OF  
23 INSPIRING WONDER, DISCOVERY, AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND YOU NOTED  
24 A FEW OF THOSE. IN THE AUDIENCE, YOU HAVE SEEN DR. CHIAPPE  
25 WITH SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH. LUIS IS KNOWN WORLDWIDE FOR HIS

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1 WORK. HE'S A ROCK STAR IN ARGENTINA, WHERE HE IS FROM, BUT HE  
2 HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN OF  
3 THIS COUNTY FOR DECADES. AND, IN FACT, THAT IS WHAT MAKES THIS  
4 SO SPECIAL FOR US, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE STEWARD ONE OF THE  
5 LARGEST COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD. HE HAS, IN FACT, OVERSEEN  
6 THE RESEARCH AND COLLECTIONS OF OUR REMARKABLE INSTITUTIONS,  
7 AND IT IS HIS JOB TO ENSURE THAT THE CURATORS THAT WE HAVE,  
8 AND HE IS HIRING, ARE INDEED REALIZING THAT VISION OF BRINGING  
9 THIS WORK TO THE PUBLIC. AND I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT HE  
10 IS COMMITTED TO OUR PIPELINE. HE HAS BEEN A MENTOR TO MANY,  
11 MANY BUDDING SCIENTISTS, AND IN FACT HAS, FOR OVER 10 YEARS,  
12 LED A PROGRAM CALLED PROYECTO DINOSAURIO, WHICH IS ABOUT  
13 BRINGING UNDERREPRESENTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM  
14 COMMUNITY COLLEGES INTO THE SCIENCES. SO HE REALLY IS A GEM.  
15 IT IS MY GREAT DELIGHT TO WORK WITH HIM, AND, YOU KNOW,  
16 EVERYONE AT THE MUSEUMS KNOW THAT LUIS IS FULLY COMMITTED, NOT  
17 ONLY TO SCIENCE, BUT TO ANGELINOS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **LUIS M. CHIAPPE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU,  
20 SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU, OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THANK  
21 YOU, LORI, OF COURSE. I AM HONORED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE  
22 COUNTY AND BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
23 SCIENCE. I LOVE WORKING FOR OUR NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. I  
24 THINK OUR NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM IS A GEM, AND IT IS A  
25 WONDERFUL INSTITUTION. I HAVE ENJOYED SO MUCH WORKING FOR IT

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1 FOR 20 YEARS, AND I EXPECT TO WORK FOR MANY MORE. I AM VERY  
2 PROUD OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE, THE FACT THAT WE SERVE  
3 MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION VISITORS EVERY YEAR, THE FACT THAT, WITH  
4 ALL THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE, WE INSPIRE THE LIVES OF MANY  
5 STUDENTS AND MANY KIDS. AND WE WILL CONTINUE DOING THAT FOR  
6 MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU ALL.

7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK  
10 THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO JOIN US. IT IS NOT EVERY DAY  
11 THAT WE GET TO ACKNOWLEDGE A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN  
12 ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. I TRIED TO GET IN  
13 IT, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT TOO WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
16 PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE  
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON CLOSED  
18 SESSION ITEMS.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE  
21 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR  
22 NAME: [READING NAMES.]

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** HI, CHRIS.

25

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1   **CHRISTINA EDWARDS:** I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON CS-3. DIRECTOR OF  
2   HEALTH SERVICES, AS YOU KNOW, HAS SHOWN HERSELF TO BE  
3   BASICALLY INCOMPETENT. RECENTLY, WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE  
4   D.H.S. HAS FAILED TO BILL THE PRIVATE-PAY PATIENTS FOR MANY  
5   YEARS. LAST YEAR ALONE, THAT COST ONE COUNTY HOSPITAL \$8  
6   MILLION. THAT MAY SEEM LIKE POCKET CHANGE TO YOU, BUT NOT TO  
7   SOMEONE LIKE ME, AND I'M SURE NOT TO THE HOSPITALS, WHERE YOU  
8   HAVE ALL THE BUILDINGS NOT BEING BUILT. INSTEAD OF TAKING  
9   ACTION AND VOTING, A VOTE OF THREE, TO DISMISS HER, YOU HAVE  
10   SENT HER TO A PERSONAL COACH NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE. THAT HASN'T  
11   FIXED HER. SHE HAS PRESENTED TO YOU ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS  
12   FALSE INFORMATION, AND YET YOU CONTINUE TO LET HER SERVE. WHEN  
13   WILL YOU CORRECT YOUR MISTAKE WITH A VOTE OF THREE, AND SEND  
14   HER PACKING? THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. DR.  
17   CLAVREUL?

18

19   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON CS-2, I WILL ACTUALLY TOTALLY AGREE  
20   WITH CHRISTINA EDWARDS. SHE IS ONE OF MY DAUGHTERS. AND I HAVE  
21   COME TO THIS BOARD REPEATEDLY, AND ASK YOU ON EVERY TUESDAY TO  
22   DO WHAT YOU HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO DO, IS TO FIRE CHRISTINA  
23   GHALY. EVERY WEEK, WE FIND OUT SOMETHING ELSE WHICH IS WRONG.  
24   RECENTLY, YOU WERE SHOWN 77 NEW POSITIONS HAD BEEN FILLED FOR  
25   SPECIALTY CARE, AND THOSE, AS USUAL, IS A LIE. THOSE ARE

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1 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY RETIRED-- 33 AT U.S.C., AND THE REST  
2 AT ANOTHER HOSPITAL. ALSO, WE ARE NOT BILLING FOR ANY PAYING  
3 PATIENT, AND THAT MONEY COULD BE USED FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED  
4 THE CARE. IN HARBOR-U.C.L.A. ALONE IS A LOSS OF ABOUT \$8  
5 MILLION LAST YEAR, SO I THINK THAT REALLY NEED TO BE TALKED TO  
6 AND DEALT WITH. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE ON CS-2. ON CS-3, I JUST  
7 WANT TO GIVE MY BEST WISHES TO SACHI HAMAI, AND TELL HER TO  
8 NEGOTIATE A TOUGH DAY.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR.

11 PREVEN?

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND I--

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** STOP. ONE SECOND. WE'VE GOT TO

16 RESET YOUR TIME. DID YOU DO IT? OKAY, GO AHEAD. EXCUSE ME.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WILL TAKE TWO MINUTES. TWO MINUTES. TWO

19 MINUTES, I'M GOING TO GET. OKAY. YOU'VE GOT ONE. TWO. OKAY.

20 THANK YOU. SHE IS NOT ABLE TO DO IT. OKAY, THANK YOU. SO, THE

21 CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST DEAN LOGAN.

22 JOIN THE CLUB. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME IRREGULARITIES THAT

23 ARE EXISTENT IN THE CURRENT ELECTRONIC INTERFACE. MAYBE YOU

24 SAW THAT CANDIDATES WHO ARE APPEARING ON THE BALLOT IN

25 POSITION 5, THEY HAD TO PRESS "NEXT" INSTEAD OF "MORE." IT WAS

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1 EXTREMELY BAD, AND I'M ASSUMING THEY'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE  
2 BOTTOM OF IT, BUT IT SPEAKS TO A LARGER PROBLEM, WHICH IS THAT  
3 AT THE CITY OF L.A., IN THE QUALIFYING PETITION HOUSE OF  
4 CORRUPTION, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS HIGHLY IRREGULAR NUMBERS,  
5 WHERE CANDIDATES OF THE SAME SIZE AND SHAPE WERE SUBMITTING  
6 THE SAME NUMBERS, BUT SOME WERE BEING DRAMATICALLY REDUCED IN  
7 VALIDITY, AND OTHERS WERE SAILING THROUGH, AND THERE WERE  
8 LEFTOVERS. WE DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THEM. SO  
9 THIS IS NOT OUR SYSTEM. AND I SPOKE WITH ALEX PADILLA-- WE  
10 WERE FLYING UP TO SAN FRANCISCO TOGETHER-- BRIEFLY ABOUT THIS  
11 HORRIBLE SITUATION, AND HE SEEMED CONCERNED, BUT I DON'T KNOW  
12 WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS ANYTHING TO  
13 DO WITH-- DEAN LOGAN HAS SORT OF THROWN HIS HANDS A LITTLE UP  
14 IN THE AIR, BECAUSE IT IS THE CITY CLERK, HOLLY WOLCOTT, WHO  
15 IS IN CHARGE OF THE CORRUPTION OVER AT CITY HALL, AND SHE IS  
16 DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY. I MEAN, THIS IS--  
17 - THIS SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN. SO, AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS-- I KNOW SHEILA HAS TAKEN A GREAT INTEREST IN  
19 MINIMIZING ANY IRREGULARITIES IN ELECTIONS-- STEP FORWARD.  
20 THIS IS NOT FUNNY. AND I OUGHT TO BE PUT ON THE BALLOT,  
21 BECAUSE I GOT 635 GOOD ONES, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF. I  
22 MENA, REALLY, VERY BAD. NOW, DR. SOON-SHIANG IS A GREAT GUY.  
23 WHAT A SHOCKER, A HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE, WITH KOBE GOING DOWN.  
24 OH, MY GOD. BUT HERE WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE, LAST WEEK, MR.  
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS GLANCED AT SACHI HAMAI, AND SAID, "PUT THE PEDAL

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1 TO THE METAL, AND LET'S GET THIS THING." BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT  
2 THE PEOPLE WANT. THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT A BLANK CHECK TO THE  
3 CREDITOR PATRICK SOON-SHIANG, WHO IS AN OLD CHUM OF THESE  
4 GUYS. I THINK THAT THE PUBLIC WANTS TO DO SMART STUFF, AND ST.  
5 VINCENT'S MAY BE A PLACE TO DO SOME SMART STUFF. BUT WHAT  
6 ABOUT THE GENERAL HOSPITALS I MENTIONED? WHY ARE WE SWOOPING  
7 IN WITH COUNTY MONEY?

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MADAM  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE-- OH, WE DO? I'M SORRY.  
11 SORRY, MR. SACHS. I APOLOGIZE.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU  
14 VERY MUCH. I'M SURPRISED DR. THOMAS IS NOT HERE TO LISTEN.  
15 THAT'S TOO BAD. I'M LOOKING AT CS-2 AND ITS CONSIDERATION OF  
16 APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILD  
17 SUPPORT SERVICES. WHEN DID IT BECOME "SUPPORT SERVICES"? I'M  
18 SORRY? NO, NO, IT SAYS IT RIGHT HERE. I'M JUST LOOKING AT THE  
19 TITLE OF THE POSITION. IT IS "SUPPORT SERVICES," AND I ALWAYS  
20 THOUGHT IT WAS DIRECTOR OF CHILD SERVICES, OR D.C.F.S., OR ONE  
21 OR THE OTHER. THAT'S A DIFFERENT POSITION. AND WHY WOULD YOU  
22 APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES, WHEN IT WOULD BE THE  
23 DIRECTOR OF CHILD D.C.F.S. WHO WOULD APPOINT HIS OWN ACTING  
24 DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES? IT'S THE LANGUAGE. THAT BEING  
25 SAID, ARE THE SAME PROGRAMS GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, ARE

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1 THE SAME BENEFITS GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND THE SAME  
2 SITUATION GOING TO STAY STATIC? IT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE, NO  
3 MATTER, REALLY, WHO YOU APPOINT, BECAUSE I'M REALLY INTERESTED  
4 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AND IF YOU APPOINT A NEW DIRECTOR  
5 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WILL THEY HAVE THE SAME BENEFITS?  
6 WILL YOU USE THE SAME PROGRAM? I REMEMBER READING THAT THE  
7 COUNTY HAS SIGNED UP ALMOST ALL THE HOSPITALS TO BE USED FOR  
8 ITS OBAMACARE SERVICES. YOU KNOW, THE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM THAT  
9 WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE VOTE OF THE CONGRESS. AND I KNOW THE  
10 COUNTY IS PART OF IT. AND SO I'M WONDERING THAT-- IF YOU-- WE  
11 HAVE A NEW INSURANCE COMPANY, ESSENTIALLY, TAKING OVER FOR  
12 HEALTH NET. I READ IT IN A BOOK, AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT IN  
13 MY PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT I'M WONDERING, WILL THE COUNTY HEALTH  
14 DEPARTMENT STILL HAVE THE HOSPITALS AVAILABLE AND OFFER THE  
15 SAME PROGRAMS IF THEY HAVE A NEW HEALTH DIRECTOR? THAT WOULD  
16 BE IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RED CHIEF HUNT?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS IS THE LAST SPEAKER, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. HE JUST SAID HE WILL PASS.

23 SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THAT IS ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR

24 CLOSED SESSION. WOULD YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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1 THE GOAL IS TO BE BACK INTO OPEN SESSION BY ABOUT 11:35 FOR  
2 THE SET ITEM.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
6 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE  
7 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS; ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH  
8 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-3,  
9 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE  
10 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. [MEETING  
11 ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION.]

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, AS PROMISED, IT  
14 IS 11:35. WE ARE BACK IN OPEN SESSION. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN  
18 IN CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 28TH, 2020. ITEMS CS-1, CS-2, AND  
19 CS-3, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
22 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
25 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH A SET

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1   MATTER. ITEM S-1 IS A REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY  
2   CLERK ON THE USE OF THE NEW VOTING TECHNOLOGY AND THE VOTING  
3   SOLUTION FOR ALL PEOPLE. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA.  
4   THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT  
5   AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
6   THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 9. MEMBERS OF THE  
7   PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE  
8   ITEMS. ON ITEM 2-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS  
9   ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 11, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
10   PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE  
11   ITEMS. ON ITEM 3-D, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS  
12   ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 13, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
13   PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE  
14   ITEMS. ON PAGE SIX, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON  
15   ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
16   TO MAY 26, 2020. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS  
17   ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 24TH, 2020. THE REMAINING ITEMS,  
18   THROUGH 7, WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 10, CONSENT  
19   CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 8 THROUGH 18. ON ITEMS 8  
20   AND 9, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
21   ON ITEMS 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
22   THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
23   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON  
24   ITEMS 16, 17, AND 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE  
25   ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 16, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 19

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1 THROUGH 28. ON ITEMS 19, 20, 21, AND 22, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
2 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 23, 24, AND 25,  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
4 THESE ITEMS ARE RELATED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED  
5 ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON PAGE 21, THIS  
6 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE  
7 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 26-A,  
9 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD FOR A REPORT. THE REMAINING ITEMS,  
11 THROUGH 26-A, ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
15 THE ORDER.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
18 MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
21 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
23 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
24 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
25 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD

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1 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
2 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
3 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
4 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
5 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
6 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
7 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
8 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
9 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
10 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
11 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM  
12 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
13 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE  
14 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY  
15 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF  
16 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND  
17 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
18 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
19 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
20 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR  
21 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO  
22 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY  
23 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
24 COOPERATION.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. LET ME TELL YOU THE  
2    PLAN FOR TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH A SET MATTER, S-1, AND WE  
3    WILL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AFTERWARDS, FOLLOWED BY  
4    ITEMS 23, 24, AND 25, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. THEN  
5    ITEM 15, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 26-A. THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE  
6    PUBLIC ON THOSE ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND FINISHING  
7    WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL START WITH S-1. WE  
8    WILL NOW HEAR FROM DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY  
9    CLERK. WELCOME.

10

11   **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
12   AGAIN, DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK. REALLY  
13   APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND TO  
14   SHARE WHERE WE'RE AT ON THE CUSP OF THE MARCH 3RD, 2020,  
15   PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND JUST TO GIVE A REPORT-BACK ON THE  
16   JOURNEY WHICH HAS GOT US HERE, WITH OUR NEW VOTING SYSTEM,  
17   VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE. SO, JUST REAL BRIEFLY, TO GET  
18   STARTED, I WANT TO REVIEW A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY, IN THAT FOR  
19   THE PAST DECADE, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT MODERNIZING AND  
20   REINVENTING THE VOTING EXPERIENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PART  
21   OF THAT HAS BEEN, OR THE INCEPTION OF THAT PROJECT, WAS BASED  
22   ON THE AGE OF OUR EXISTING LEGACY VOTING SYSTEM, THE  
23   DEFICIENCIES IN THAT SYSTEM TO BE ABLE TO MEET MODERN  
24   USABILITY FEATURES, ESPECIALLY ON THINGS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY  
25   IMPORTANT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SUCH AS LANGUAGE ACCESS AND

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1 ACCESSIBILITY. BUT IN THE COURSE OF DOING THAT PROJECT, WE  
2 ALSO FACED MANDATES TO MOVE TO A NEW VOTING SYSTEM IN LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY. SENATE BILL 415, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE STATE  
4 LEGISLATURE, MANDATED THAT, BASED ON A FORMULA THAT OUR LOCAL  
5 CITIES AND DISTRICTS CONSOLIDATE THEIR ELECTIONS AND MOVE  
6 THOSE TO THE EVEN-YEAR CYCLE, THAT INCREASED THE CAPACITY OF  
7 OUR COUNTYWIDE BALLOT IN THE EVEN YEARS SIGNIFICANTLY, AND OUR  
8 PRIOR SYSTEM DID NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HAVE THAT MANY  
9 CONTESTS AND MEASURES ON THE BALLOT. ADDITIONALLY, LAST YEAR,  
10 SECRETARY OF STATE ALEX PADILLA DECERTIFIED ALL LEGACY VOTING  
11 SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA THAT DID NOT MEET THE CURRENT VOTING  
12 SYSTEMS STANDARDS. THAT WAS ALSO DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
13 STATE STEPPING UP AND PROVIDING SOME FUNDING FOR THE  
14 MODERNIZATION OF VOTING SYSTEMS IN THE STATE. SO, AS A  
15 CONSEQUENCE OF THAT, OUR CURRENT VOTING SYSTEM WAS DECERTIFIED  
16 AND, AS OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, CAN NO LONGER BE USED. SO THE  
17 PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THIS, WHEN WE STARTED IT BACK IN 2009, WAS  
18 TO ADOPT A HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN APPROACH, TO LOOK AT THIS  
19 THROUGH THE LENS OF THE VOTER AND HOW WE COULD IMPROVE THE  
20 VOTING EXPERIENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE MADE AN EARLY  
21 DECISION, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD, TO WORK WITH A  
22 WORLD-RENOWNED DESIGN FIRM, I.D.O., TO APPROACH THIS FROM A  
23 GRASSROOTS APPROACH: TO DO THE RESEARCH, TO DO THE GROUNDWORK,  
24 TO TALK TO VOTERS, TO TALK ABOUT POTENTIAL VOTERS, AND TO LOOK  
25 AT THE WAY IN WHICH PEOPLE INTERACTED WITH THE ELECTORAL

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1    PROCESS, AND TO DESIGN AROUND THAT, AND THEN TO BACK INTO THAT  
2    THE TECHNOLOGY, THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT, THAT WOULD SUPPORT  
3    THAT. WE HAD UNPRECEDENTED ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS. WE  
4    ESTABLISHED, EARLY ON, A COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY  
5    COMMITTEE AND A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOGNIZING THAT  
6    THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS KIND OF CHANGE IN A COUNTY LIKE LOS  
7    ANGELES COUNTY, THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE THE FOUNDATION OF THAT  
8    SUPPORT TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE DID NOT DO THIS  
9    BEHIND CLOSED DOORS; WE DID THIS OPENLY, WITH THE INPUT OF OUR  
10    STAKEHOLDERS AND WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS, AND BASED ON  
11    RESEARCH. SO THIS REALLY REPRESENTS A DECADE WORTH OF  
12    RESEARCH, DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND ENGAGEMENT, AND THE  
13    MANUFACTURING OF THIS SYSTEM. SO, LEADING UP TO 2020, WE ARE  
14    GOING TO USE THIS SYSTEM IN ITS FULL CAPACITY FOR THE FIRST  
15    TIME IN THE MARCH 3RD, 2020, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.  
16    JUST A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ON WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE,  
17    LEADING UP TO THAT. WE HAVE HELD, IN THE LAST YEAR, OVER 70  
18    VOTE CENTER PLACEMENT PROJECT MEETINGS, WHERE WE REACHED OUT  
19    TO THE COMMUNITY, WENT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, REALLY MODELED  
20    AFTER A PROCESS THAT THIS BOARD ENDORSED AFTER THE PARKS BOND  
21    MEASURE, TO GO INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ASK VOTERS AND MEMBERS  
22    OF THE COMMUNITIES, "WHERE WOULD YOU ASSOCIATE LOCATIONS WHERE  
23    YOU WOULD LIKE VOTING TO BE LOCATED?" WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL TEST  
24    LABS AND SIMULATIONS WHERE WE HAVE PRACTICED, SET UP, AND  
25    REFINED OUR PROCESS OVER TIME. WE HELD A MOCK ELECTION IN

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1 SEPTEMBER OF 2019 AT 50 VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS, WHERE WE  
2 INVITED THE COMMUNITY TO COME IN, TRY OUT THE EQUIPMENT, GIVE  
3 US THEIR FEEDBACK, AND THAT ALLOWED US THE OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO  
4 CHECK OUT OUR CAPACITY FOR SUPPORTING THIS NEW MODEL, BUT ALSO  
5 TO GET ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK FROM VOTERS TO MAKE FINAL  
6 REFINEMENTS PRIOR TO OUR IMPLEMENTATION. WE ADOPTED AN  
7 ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN AND HELD FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS  
8 BETWEEN OCTOBER 2019 AND JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, AGAIN GETTING  
9 PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW MODEL.  
10 WE HELD A PILOT ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER  
11 DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2019, WHERE WE, IN A LIVE ELECTION,  
12 OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VOTERS TO CHOOSE TO USE THE NEW  
13 EQUIPMENT, AND TO GIVE US THEIR FEEDBACK AGAIN, AND TO TEST  
14 OUR PROCEDURES. THAT WAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT I DON'T  
15 THINK HAS EVER EXISTED IN A VOTING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION  
16 PROJECT, WHERE, IN THAT ONE ELECTION, THE VOTERS WHO  
17 PARTICIPATED COULD CHOOSE TO VOTE ON THE PRIOR SYSTEM, OUR  
18 LEGACY SYSTEM, OR THEY COULD CHOOSE TO USE THE NEW SYSTEM, AND  
19 IT GAVE US THE ABILITY TO COMPARE THAT USER EXPERIENCE AND  
20 SOME REAL DATA TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE SYSTEM WAS FUNCTIONING  
21 AS INTENDED. WE INITIATED EARLIER THIS MONTH OUR FULL MEDIA  
22 CAMPAIGN. I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT MORE, BUT IT IS  
23 A FULL-FLEDGED MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO GET THE WORD OUT TO OUR  
24 VOTERS. AND THEN JUST LAST WEEK, WE RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL,  
25 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, AND CERTIFICATION OF THAT VOTING SYSTEM

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1 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, A WORK THAT HAS BEEN IN  
2 PROGRESS FOR QUITE A LONG TIME. SO THE BOTTOM LINE HERE IS  
3 THAT THE VOTING EXPERIENCE HAS IMPROVED FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND  
4 THIS IS WHAT WE'RE MOST PROUD OF, AND WHAT WE'VE WORKED SO  
5 HARD AT FOR THE LAST DECADE. IN THE COURSE OF LOOKING AT WHAT  
6 WE WANTED TO PRESENT TO THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE  
7 ALSO ACTIVELY-- AGAIN, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD--  
8 PURSUED CHANGES IN STATE LAW THAT HAVE ALLOWED ADOPTION OF  
9 IMPORTANT REFORMS IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE VOTER'S CHOICE  
10 ACT, WHICH IS THE PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS COUNTIES AT  
11 A LOCAL OPTION TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE TRADITIONAL POLLING  
12 PLACE-- SINGLE-DAY, SINGLE-LOCATION ELECTION MODEL-- TO THE  
13 VOTE CENTER MODEL THAT WE'RE INTRODUCING IN THIS ELECTION. THE  
14 PHILOSOPHY AND THE APPROACH BEHIND THIS IS REALLY MEETING  
15 PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE WAY IN WHICH OUR  
16 COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC PROCESS ALSO  
17 ALIGNS WITH THE WAY THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN OTHER ACTIVITIES,  
18 AND THAT THE SINGLE, RANDOM TUESDAY BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00  
19 P.M. WAS NOT A MODEL THAT FULLY SUPPORTED THE KIND OF  
20 PARTICIPATION AND THE REPRESENTATION OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE  
21 ELECTIONS PROCESS. SO THAT'S REALLY THE FOUNDATION OF THIS.  
22 SO, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? THE KEY FEATURE, PROBABLY THE  
23 MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE FOR OUR VOTERS LOOKING FORWARD, IS  
24 THIS IDEA OF A VOTE CENTER. SO, INSTEAD OF A SINGLE POLLING  
25 PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S OPEN ON A RANDOM TUESDAY

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1 BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M., WE WILL NOW OPEN COMMUNITY  
2 VOTE CENTERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT ARE FULLY  
3 ACCESSIBLE AND CONVENIENT, AND THAT ANY VOTER IN THE COUNTY  
4 CAN CHOOSE TO GO TO ANY OF THOSE LOCATIONS, AND THEY CAN DO  
5 THAT OVER THE COURSE OF AN 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD. SO WE WILL  
6 BEGIN OPENING THESE VOTE CENTERS TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION  
7 DAY. THAT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH TO ELECTION DAY, AND VOTERS  
8 CAN CHOOSE WHAT DAY, WHAT LOCATION, THAT THEY WANT TO CAST  
9 THEIR VOTE ON. SO THAT INCLUDES CONVENIENCE, ACCESSIBILITY,  
10 VOTER'S CHOICE. SOME OF THE TAGLINES THAT WE ARE USING IS IT'S  
11 "MORE CHOICES AND MORE VOICES." THE IDEA HERE IS THAT THE MORE  
12 OPTIONS WE GIVE VOTERS, THE HIGHER THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE  
13 WILL GET PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION; AND "MORE  
14 DAYS, MORE WAYS," RECOGNIZING THAT, FOR SOME VOTERS, THE  
15 ABILITY TO GO TO A LOCATION THAT IS CLOSE TO WHERE YOU DROP  
16 YOUR KIDS OFF AT SCHOOL, OR CLOSE TO YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT,  
17 OR CLOSE TO WHERE YOU GO TO THE GYM AFTER WORK, THAT IF WE ARE  
18 VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE ARE READY TO CAST THEIR  
19 VOTE IN THE ELECTION, THAT DURING THAT 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD,  
20 THE GOAL IS THAT THERE WILL BE A PLACE NEARBY WHERE THEY CAN  
21 PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY. HOW WILL WE LET PEOPLE KNOW  
22 ABOUT THAT? LAST WEEK, WE LAUNCHED ON OUR WEBSITE OUR VOTE  
23 CENTER LOOK-UP FEATURE. THIS IS AN ONLINE TOOL THAT ALLOWS  
24 VOTERS TO LOCATE WHERE VOTE CENTERS ARE IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY  
25 CAN DO THAT BY ENTERING THEIR ADDRESS OR A NUMBER OF SEARCH

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1 FEATURES, AND THE SYSTEM WILL COME UP AND TELL THEM WHERE THE  
2 NEAREST VOTE CENTERS ARE TO THEIR PARTICULAR LOCATION. SO IT  
3 DOES GIVE EVERY VOTER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FULL RANGE OF  
4 OPTIONS. THEY CAN SELECT SEARCH FEATURES, SUCH AS LOCATIONS  
5 THAT ARE OPEN FOR THE FULL 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD, VERSUS VOTE  
6 CENTERS THAT ARE OPEN FOR THE 4-DAY VOTE PERIOD. IN ADDITION  
7 TO THAT, WE ARE DOING THREE DIRECT MAILINGS TO VOTERS IN THE  
8 COMMUNITY TO INFORM THEM OF THIS CHANGE. THE FIRST ONE BEGAN  
9 GOING IN THE MAIL YESTERDAY. THAT'S OUR SAMPLE BALLOT. THAT'S  
10 THE TRADITIONAL SAMPLE BALLOT THAT VOTERS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO  
11 GETTING IN EVERY ELECTION. IN THAT SAMPLE BALLOT, IT INCLUDES  
12 INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW VOTING MODEL, SO IT EXPLAINS THE  
13 VOTE CENTER CONCEPT, IT GIVES DIAGRAMS AND INFORMATION ABOUT  
14 THE NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND IT ALSO INFORMS THEM OF THIS  
15 OPTION OF GOING TO ANY LOCATION IN THE COUNTY OVER THAT 11-DAY  
16 VOTING PERIOD, AND GIVES THEM THE WEBSITE TO FIND THOSE  
17 LOCATIONS. ON FEBRUARY 12TH, WE WILL MAIL TO EVERY POSTAL  
18 PATRON, SO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS 3.5  
19 MILLION POSTAL PATRONS. WE WILL MAIL A CATALOG THAT LISTS ALL  
20 OF THE VOTING LOCATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. INCLUDED IN  
21 THAT, AGAIN, WILL BE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW VOTING MODEL;  
22 ALSO, INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENSUS; ALSO, INFORMATION ABOUT  
23 VOTER REGISTRATION OPTIONS. BECAUSE UNDER THIS NEW MODEL, WE  
24 CAN NOW SUPPORT CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION, WHICH MEANS  
25 EVEN AFTER THE 15-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION CUTOFF, A VOTER WHO

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1 MISSED THAT DEADLINE CAN GO INTO A VOTE CENTER, REGISTER TO  
2 VOTE, AND CAST A BALLOT IN THIS ELECTION. SO IT IS A VAST  
3 EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN THAT RESPECT. AND FINALLY, ON A VERY  
4 PERSONALIZED BASIS, ON FEBRUARY 14TH, WE ARE SENDING OUR  
5 PERSONAL VALENTINE TO EVERY REGISTERED VOTER IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY: A FLYER THAT INCLUDES-- EVEN THOUGH VOTERS CAN GO TO  
7 ANY VOTE CENTER, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
8 INFORM THEM OF THE VOTE CENTERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO WHERE THEY  
9 LIVE. SO THAT WILL PROVIDE THEM INFORMATION, AGAIN, ABOUT THE  
10 VOTING EXPERIENCE-- A THIRD HIT, AT THAT-- AND THEN IT WILL  
11 LIST THE TWO 11-DAY VOTE CENTERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR  
12 RESIDENCE, AND IT WILL GIVE THEM THE FOUR-DAY VOTE CENTERS  
13 THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR RESIDENCE, AND AGAIN INFORM THEM  
14 THAT THEY CAN USE ANY OF THOSE LOCATIONS OR ANY OTHER LOCATION  
15 THAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY. SO THE FEATURES AT THE VOTE  
16 CENTER, ONCE YOU GET TO THE VOTE CENTER, HOW DOES THIS WORK?  
17 THE WAY THAT WE'RE ABLE TO OFFER THIS ANY LOCATION, ANYTIME  
18 VOTING MODEL IS THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS. SO,  
19 REPLACING THE PAPER ROSTERS THAT USED TO LIST ALL THE VOTERS  
20 IN A PARTICULAR PRECINCT, WE WILL HAVE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS  
21 AT THESE VOTE CENTERS THAT INCLUDE THE ENTIRE DATABASE OF  
22 VOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT ENABLES US TO ENSURE THAT  
23 IF YOU GO TO A VOTE CENTER THAT'S NOT NEAR YOUR RESIDENCE, WE  
24 CAN STILL GET YOU THE BALLOT STYLE THAT IS FOR YOUR PARTICULAR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, I LIVE IN WHITTIER, BUT IF I WENT TO A VOTE

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1 CENTER IN DOWNTOWN L.A., I WOULD STILL GET MY WHITTIER BALLOT.  
2 IT ALSO GIVES US THE ABILITY TO CORRECT SOME OF THE THINGS  
3 THAT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATING FOR VOTERS IN PAST  
4 ELECTIONS, THAT HAVE LED TO HIGH NUMBERS OF PROVISIONAL  
5 BALLOTS. IT ALLOWS US, IF YOU HAVE BEEN MAILED A VOTE-BY-MAIL  
6 BALLOT, AND YOU CHOOSE TO SHOW UP TO VOTE IN PERSON AT A VOTE  
7 CENTER, WHERE IN THE PAST IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT VOTE-BY-MAIL  
8 BALLOT TO SURRENDER, WE WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE YOU A PROVISIONAL  
9 BALLOT, UNDER THIS SYSTEM, WITH THE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK, WE  
10 CAN CLEAR THAT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, ISSUE YOUR REGULAR BALLOT,  
11 AND YOU CAN CONTINUE THE VOTING PROCESS. IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO,  
12 AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, TO REGISTER VOTERS ON SITE. SO IF  
13 THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE VOTER RECORD, IF THE ADDRESS IS  
14 WRONG, IN THIS PARTICULAR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, IF THE PARTY  
15 PREFERENCE OF THE VOTER IS WRONG, THE VOTER CAN CHANGE THAT ON  
16 SITE, AND WE CAN CORRECT THAT AND GIVE THEM THE CORRECT  
17 BALLOT. IT REALLY ENABLES US TO TAKE THIS APPROACH THAT THERE  
18 ARE NO LONGER WRONG PLACES TO GO TO VOTE IN L.A. COUNTY. EVERY  
19 VOTING LOCATION IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO GO TO VOTE. ANOTHER  
20 FEATURE WE WILL OFFER THAT IS A SERVICE TO VOTERS-- THIS IS  
21 VOLUNTARY, NOBODY IS REQUIRED TO DO THIS, BUT THIS IS BASED ON  
22 RESEARCH AND FEEDBACK THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM VOTERS, IS WE  
23 WILL, IN ADDITION TO THE PAPER SAMPLE BALLOT THAT WE MAIL TO  
24 EVERY VOTER, WE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE, VIA OUR WEBSITE, AN  
25 INTERACTIVE SAMPLE BALLOT WHERE VOTERS CAN, ON THEIR PERSONAL

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1 DEVICE OR THEIR HOME COMPUTER, PULL UP THEIR INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE  
2 BALLOT, AND THEY CAN PREMARK THOSE SELECTIONS. VERY MUCH THE  
3 WAY WE HAVE ENCOURAGED VOTERS OVER THE YEARS TO HAND-MARK  
4 THEIR PAPER SAMPLE BALLOT, THEY CAN DO THIS ELECTRONICALLY AND  
5 GENERATE WHAT WE CALL A POLL PASS, AND THEY CAN TAKE THAT WITH  
6 THEM TO THE VOTE CENTER, SCAN THAT INTO THE VOTING DEVICE, AND  
7 IT WILL PREPOPULATE THEIR CHOICES. THEN THEY CAN REVIEW THAT  
8 AND PRINT OUT THEIR BALLOT. SO IT OFFERS A TIME-SAVINGS OFFER  
9 TO VOTERS WHO WISH TO HAVE THAT CONVENIENCE; PARTICULARLY  
10 IMPORTANT WITH THIS NEW CONSOLIDATION OF ALL THE LOCAL  
11 DISTRICTS, BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU NOW THAT THE BALLOT IS A  
12 LONG BALLOT IN MARCH. SO THERE'S A LOT FOR VOTERS TO NAVIGATE,  
13 AND THIS GIVES THEM THE ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH THAT IN  
14 ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION. SO, FINALLY, AT THE VOTE CENTER,  
15 VOTERS WILL BE USING-- THEY WILL CAST THEIR BALLOTS USING THE  
16 NEW BALLOT MARKING DEVICE, AND THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE IS  
17 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. THIS WAS DEVELOPED TO BE A PUBLICLY OWNED, PUBLICLY  
19 OPERATED VOTING SYSTEM. IT USES TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE A VOTER  
20 TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE BALLOT, TO MAKE THEIR CHOICES, BUT IT  
21 PRODUCES A HUMAN-READABLE PAPER BALLOT. THAT IS THE OFFICIAL  
22 RECORD OF VOTES CAST. IT WILL BE SECURED AT THE VOTE CENTERS,  
23 BUT IT WILL COME BACK TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AND BE COUNTED ON AN  
24 INDEPENDENT, SECURE TALLY SYSTEM THAT WAS CERTIFIED BY THE  
25 SECRETARY OF STATE. BUT THE KEY TO THIS, YOU CAN'T REALLY

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1 APPRECIATE, JUST LOOKING AT THE IMAGE OF IT, BUT IT ALLOWS,  
2 AGAIN, THE VOTERS MORE OPTIONS TO CUSTOMIZE THEIR VOTING  
3 EXPERIENCE. ESPECIALLY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THIS ALLOWS A  
4 VOTER TO SEE AND SELECT THEIR BALLOT IN ANY OF THE 13  
5 LANGUAGES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW IN LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY. AND NOT ONLY DOES IT ALLOW THEM TO RECEIVE THE  
7 CHOICE TO SEE THE BALLOT IN THAT LANGUAGE, BUT IT GIVES THEM  
8 THE OPTION THAT THEY CAN SWITCH BACK AND FORTH. SO, ONE OF THE  
9 THINGS WE HEARD FROM VOTERS LOUD AND CLEAR IS THAT THEY ARE  
10 COMFORTABLE NAVIGATING THE CONTEST. THEY KNOW THE TITLE OF A  
11 STATE SENATOR, AND THEY KNOW THE NAMES OF THEIR ELECTED  
12 OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BALLOT  
13 MEASURES, THE POLICY MEASURES THAT ARE VERY COMPLEX ISSUES,  
14 THERE'S A PREFERENCE TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL  
15 LANGUAGE AND READ THAT. THIS ALLOWS THEM THE OPTION TO DO  
16 THAT. IT ALLOWS THEM TO, IF THEY WISH TO, TO LISTEN TO THE  
17 BALLOT AUDIBLY IN ONE LANGUAGE, AND TO SEE IT ON THE SCREEN IN  
18 ANOTHER LANGUAGE. THE VOTER CONTROLS THAT. IT ALSO HAS FULL  
19 ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES, SO A VOTER WITH LIMITED VISION OR A  
20 BLIND VOTER CAN UTILIZE THE AUDIO COMPONENT. THEY CAN LISTEN  
21 TO THE BALLOT ON HEADPHONES AND USE A TACTICAL KEYPAD THAT IS  
22 BASED ON ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS TO MARK THEIR BALLOT. IT  
23 STILL PRODUCES A PAPER BALLOT THAT ALLOWS THE VOTER WITH A  
24 DISABILITY TO VOTE INDEPENDENTLY, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF  
25 ANOTHER PERSON. THIS IS A PARTICULAR FEATURE THAT WE'RE VERY

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1 PROUD OF, BECAUSE NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE  
2 COUNTRY, THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TENSION BETWEEN HOW DO WE  
3 PROVIDE SECURITY AND ALSO ACCESSIBILITY, AND WE WORKED VERY  
4 CLOSELY WITH THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY IN THE DESIGN OF THIS SYSTEM, TO ENSURE THAT VOTERS  
6 WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO VOTE INDEPENDENTLY AND PRIVATELY  
7 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. SO, AGAIN, AT THE END OF  
8 THAT VOTING EXPERIENCE, THE VOTER IS PROMPTED TO REVIEW THEIR  
9 SELECTIONS. THEY WILL PRINT THE BALLOT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
10 AGAIN TO REVIEW THE PRINTED BALLOT, WHICH IS IN HUMAN-READABLE  
11 TEXT-- AND BY THE WAY, THAT BALLOT WILL PRINT OUT IN THE  
12 LANGUAGE THAT THE VOTER SELECTED, SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK  
13 AT THEIR PAPER BALLOT AND SEE THAT IN THE LANGUAGE THEY  
14 SELECTED. ONCE THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THOSE CHOICES, THEY  
15 WILL PUT THE BALLOT BACK THROUGH THE DEVICE, AND IT WILL GO  
16 INTO A SECURE BALLOT BOX, WHERE IT WILL REMAIN UNTIL IT COMES  
17 BACK TO OUR OFFICE FOR TALLY. SO LET ME SHARE A QUICK ANIMATED  
18 VIDEO THAT KIND OF GOES THROUGH THAT IN A MUCH MORE  
19 ENTERTAINING WAY THAN WHAT I JUST DESCRIBED.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THE ELECTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY HAS A NEW WAY FOR VOTERS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES  
23 HEARD. NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTE CENTERS ARE LOCATED  
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. CAST YOUR BALLOT NEAR YOUR HOME, WORK,  
25 OR FAVORITE PARK. VOTERS CAN GO ANYWHERE. TO FIND A VOTE

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1 CENTER THAT'S CONVENIENT, VISIT LAVOTE.NET, AND FIND ONE THAT  
2 WORKS BEST FOR YOU. INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR ONE DAY TO VOTE,  
3 YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO VOTE ACROSS 11 DAYS. ONCE YOU'VE ARRIVED,  
4 A VOTE CENTER ASSISTANT WILL GREET YOU AND CHECK YOU IN BEFORE  
5 TAKING YOU TO THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE. DID YOU KNOW THAT  
6 THERE IS A NEW, INTERACTIVE SAMPLE BALLOT THAT LETS YOU PRE-  
7 MARK YOUR SELECTIONS ONLINE, AND GENERATE A POLL PASS: A  
8 UNIQUE Q.R. CODE THAT WILL LET YOU QUICKLY TRANSFER, REVIEW,  
9 AND CAST YOUR SELECTIONS ON A PAPER BALLOT AT THE COUNTY VOTE  
10 CENTER. THE NEW BALLOT MARKING DEVICE INCLUDES AN AUDIO  
11 BALLOT, A TOUCHSCREEN, AND A TACTILE KEYPAD TO MAKE VOTING  
12 FASTER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE. YOU CAN ALSO SELECT YOUR LANGUAGE,  
13 CHANGE THE FONT SIZE, AND ADJUST THE CONTRAST FOR EASY  
14 VIEWING. THEN, AFTER YOU MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS OR SCAN YOUR  
15 POLL PASS, YOU CAN REVIEW YOUR BALLOT TO VERIFY YOUR CHOICES,  
16 AND CAST YOUR BALLOT BY FEEDING THE PAPER BALLOT BACK INTO THE  
17 BALLOT MARKING DEVICE. THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE YOUR BALLOT TO  
18 A VOTE CENTER ASSISTANT. YOU CAST IT ON THE SAME DEVICE.  
19 WELCOME TO THE FUTURE OF VOTING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: FAST,  
20 CONVENIENT, AND EASY. GO TO VSAP.LAVOTE.NET TO EXERCISE YOUR  
21 RIGHT TO VOTE, AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **DEAN LOGAN:** SO NOW, OF COURSE, THE TASK BEFORE US IS, THAT'S A  
24 LOT OF CHANGE, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THAT'S A LOT OF CHANGE  
25 FOR VOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND NOW THE TASK BEFORE US

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1 IS GETTING THAT MESSAGE ACROSS, BEING SURE THAT OUR VOTERS ARE  
2 AWARE OF THAT, THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR OPTIONS ARE, AND  
3 THAT THEY HAVE MORE CHOICES, MORE DAYS, AND THAT WE ULTIMATELY  
4 GET MORE VOICES. AND SO WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH COMMUNITY-BASED  
5 ORGANIZATIONS, WITH MEDIA, OUR PARTNERS AT THE CITIES, ELECTED  
6 OFFICIALS, SENIOR CENTERS, HOMELESS SERVICE AGENCIES. WE ARE  
7 OUT AT COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY EVERY DAY,  
8 DEMONSTRATING THIS. IN FACT, THERE ARE UNITS AVAILABLE IN THE  
9 LOBBY TODAY FOR PEOPLE TO TRY OUT THE EQUIPMENT AND HAVE A  
10 CHANCE TO SEE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. OUR KEY MESSAGING IS ONE  
11 THAT IS POSITIVE. IT IS POSITIVE ABOUT THE NEW VOTING  
12 EXPERIENCE FOR VOTERS, THAT WE'RE NOT LOSING POLLING PLACES.  
13 IN FACT, WE ARE GAINING VOTE CENTERS. AS AN INDIVIDUAL VOTER,  
14 IN THE OLD MODEL, YOU HAD ONE PLACE TO GO ON ONE DAY. NOW YOU,  
15 AS AN INDIVIDUAL VOTER, HAVE 11-DAYS, AND YOU CAN GO TO AS  
16 MANY AS 1,000 LOCATIONS TO CAST YOUR BALLOT. IT'S A FULLY  
17 ACCESSIBLE SYSTEM THAT MAKES VOTING EASIER. IT IS SECURE AND  
18 RELIABLE. IT IS NOT A NETWORKED SYSTEM. THOSE VOTING DEVICES  
19 ARE INDIVIDUAL SYSTEMS. THEY PRODUCE A PAPER BALLOT. THEY  
20 DON'T RETAIN ANY DATA ABOUT THE VOTER. THEY DON'T RETAIN ANY  
21 DATA FROM THE BALLOT. ONCE THAT BALLOT PRINTS AND GOES INTO  
22 THE BALLOT BOX, THAT IS THE SINGLE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE  
23 VOTES CAST. IT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY TESTED AND INDEPENDENTLY  
24 REVIEWED, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT, WITHIN THAT, BECAUSE THIS IS  
25 A UNIQUE MODEL, THAT WE ARE SUBJECTED TO CONDITIONS OF THAT

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1 APPROVAL, AND THAT IS BASED ON THE TESTING, AND THAT'S  
2 APPROPRIATE, AND WE'RE PREPARED AND ADDRESSING THOSE  
3 CONDITIONS IN OUR IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. SO WE ARE  
4 ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO TAKE THAT OPTION TO USE THOSE ADDITIONAL  
5 DAYS. VOTING WILL START, AND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS WILL  
6 ACTUALLY GO OUT IN THE MAIL NEXT WEEK, AND THE VOTE CENTERS  
7 WILL BEGIN OPENING ON FEBRUARY 22ND, AND WILL REMAIN OPEN  
8 UNTIL ELECTION DAY. BUT WE'RE NOT DOING THIS ALONE. WE'RE  
9 DOING THIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE'VE HAD OVER  
10 500 PRESENTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS WITH PARTNER  
11 ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH  
12 HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH THE EQUIPMENT. EVERY DAY SINCE  
13 OCTOBER, WE HAVE HAD 10 DEMONSTRATION CENTERS THAT ARE OPEN IN  
14 THE COMMUNITY, ADVERTISED, WHERE WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME  
15 IN AND TRY IT OUT. WE'VE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY-BASED  
16 ORGANIZATIONS AS OUR V.S.A.P. AMBASSADORS TO HELP SPREAD THE  
17 WORD, AND AGAIN PARTNERING WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS TO PROMOTE  
18 GET THE INFORMATION OUT. AND I WILL JUST MAKE A PARTICULAR  
19 NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY  
20 CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY CLERK HOLLY WOLCOTT, WHO IS HERE TODAY.  
21 HER STAFF ARE OUT IN THE LOBBY, ASSISTING US WITH THE  
22 DEMONSTRATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON TODAY. SO THAT IS JUST ONE  
23 EXAMPLE OF THAT PARTNERSHIP. WE LAUNCHED AT THE BEGINNING OF  
24 THIS MONTH AN UNPRECEDENTED MEDIA EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. SO,  
25 HOPEFULLY YOU'RE HEARING ON THE RADIO, SEEING ON THE

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1 TELEVISION, SEEING ON BILLBOARDS, ON BUSES, MESSAGING THAT IS  
2 INFORMING VOTERS OF WHAT TO EXPECT. THAT IS A VERY  
3 STRATEGICALLY SCHEDULED PROCESS, SO THE MESSAGE WILL CHANGE AS  
4 WE GET CLOSER TO THE ELECTION. SO, FOR INSTANCE, NEXT WEEK,  
5 WHEN VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE, WE WILL START TO  
6 FOCUS ON THAT. AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE 22ND, WHEN THE VOTE  
7 CENTERS OPEN, WE WILL FOCUS ON THAT, AND IT IS DESIGNED,  
8 AGAIN, TO HELP ENSURE THAT VOTERS KNOW WHAT IS BEFORE THEM.  
9 THAT IS WHAT WE ARE PAYING FOR AS A MEDIA CAMPAIGN, BUT WE ARE  
10 ALSO ENGAGED IN EARNED MEDIA, WHERE WE ARE DOING MEDIA  
11 ROUNDTABLES WITH COMMUNITY MEDIA IN PARTICULAR NEIGHBORHOODS  
12 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND ETHNIC MEDIA TO REACH OUT TO SPECIFIC  
13 COMMUNITIES, REGULAR INTERVIEWS, SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS WITH  
14 MEDIA PARTNERS, AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL ALLOW US  
15 TO BRING THIS OUT IN A WAY THAT IS VISIBLE AND AVAILABLE TO  
16 THE COMMUNITY. SO I WANT TO CONCLUDE BY JUST SHARING TWO  
17 EXAMPLES OF THE CURRENT MEDIA CAMPAIGN THAT'S OUT THERE. THESE  
18 ARE TELEVISION ADS THAT ARE RUNNING RIGHT NOW. THE FIRST ONE'S  
19 IN ENGLISH, AND THE SECOND IS THE SAME THING IN SPANISH. WE  
20 HAVE THESE AVAILABLE IN ALL OF THE LANGUAGES THAT ARE  
21 AVAILABLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS A VERY BRIEF MESSAGE,  
22 BUT I THINK IT IS DYNAMIC AND HELPS TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW  
23 WE'RE TRYING TO GET THIS WORD OUT.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS COMING  
2 SOON. IT IS TIME TO BE HEARD, AND FOR ALL OF US TO VOTE. IN  
3 2020, IT IS EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE. WITH VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR  
4 ALL PEOPLE, L.A. COUNTY INTRODUCES THE NEW BALLOT MARKING  
5 DEVICE: AN ADVANCED, FULLY ACCESSIBLE SYSTEM, MAKING IT EASIER  
6 AND FASTER. AND NOW YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY VOTE CENTER FOR 10  
7 DAYS LEADING UP TO AND ON ELECTION DAY. WELCOME TO THE FUTURE,  
8 WHERE WE ALL VOTE. CHECK OUT LAVOTE.NET FOR ALL THE DETAILS.  
9 [MESSAGE REPEATS IN SPANISH.]

10

11 **DEAN LOGAN:** SO IN CONCLUSION, SUPERVISORS, I JUST WANT TO  
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THIS PROJECT.  
13 THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR UNDERTAKING, AND THE WORK IS NOT DONE.  
14 THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK FOR US TO DO AS WE MOVE FORWARD.  
15 BUT I THINK THAT WE CAN BE PROUD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT WE  
16 HAVE ADOPTED A METHODOLOGY THAT IS MEETING VOTERS WHERE  
17 THEY'RE AT, THAT IS FOCUSED ON PROVIDING A VOTING EXPERIENCE  
18 THAT PUTS THE VOTER FIRST, AND THAT RECOGNIZES THE DIVERSITY  
19 OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTION THAT IS  
20 BEFORE US. SO, WITH ANY TYPE OF CHANGE OF THIS SIGNIFICANCE,  
21 THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO WISH THINGS WERE DIFFERENT.  
22 THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE MADE DIFFERENT  
23 DECISIONS, AND WE RESPECT THAT. ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT  
24 THIS IS THAT IT IS THE FIRST PUBLICLY OWNED VOTING SYSTEM IN  
25 THE COUNTRY. THIS IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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1 THAT MEANS THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REFINE, IMPROVE, AND  
2 DELIVER THIS IN A WAY THAT SERVES OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE  
3 PROUD OF THAT. IT HAS NOT BEEN DONE IN A VACUUM. IT HAS BEEN  
4 DONE IN PARTNERSHIP. THIS IS A VOTING SYSTEM THAT WAS BUILT  
5 FOR AND WITH THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I REALLY  
6 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT THIS BOARD HAS SHOWN, AND I'M  
7 HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE-- I  
10 PUT THIS ON BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF  
11 QUESTIONS IN THE COMMUNITIES, AND A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING,  
12 EVEN THOUGH I FEEL YOU'VE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB ROLLING IT  
13 OUT, AND I APPRECIATE YOU HAVING THE MACHINES OUT IN THE  
14 LOBBY. I KNOW THAT YOU'VE HAD THEM AT THE FAIR. YOU'VE  
15 ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO DO THE INTERACTION. AND I WANT YOU TO  
16 HIGHLIGHT-- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NO  
17 INTERNET OR NETWORK CONNECTION, BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO A MYTH  
18 OUT THERE THAT THIS SYSTEM CAN BE HACKED, WHEN IN FACT IT  
19 CANNOT. WOULD YOU HIGHLIGHT THAT AGAIN, JUST MAKE THAT A  
20 POINT?

21

22 **DEAN LOGAN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT IS ONE  
23 OF THE THINGS THAT WE FACED IN THIS PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT, IN  
24 THIS PARTICULAR ELECTION, IS THERE IS A LOT OF MISINFORMATION  
25 OUT THERE, BOTH ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND

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1 ABOUT ELECTIONS IN GENERAL. AND WE'RE PART OF AN EFFORT,  
2 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO TRY AND  
3 REMIND VOTERS TO LOOK FOR THE TRUSTED SOURCE OF INFORMATION,  
4 NOT ABOUT CAMPAIGNS OR CANDIDATES, BUT THE TRUSTED INFORMATION  
5 ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF HOW ELECTIONS ARE ADMINISTERED. YOU'RE  
6 ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SECURITY  
7 FEATURES THAT WE FOCUS ON, THAT IT IS A PAPER BALLOT. SO THAT  
8 PAPER BALLOT IS THE OFFICIAL RECORD THAT CAN BE RECOUNTED. IT  
9 IS SUBJECT TO A LEGALLY REQUIRED POST-ELECTION AUDIT, WHERE WE  
10 GO BACK AND MANUALLY COUNT AND COMPARE THOSE TOTALS. THE  
11 VOTING DEVICES, THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES, ARE STANDALONE  
12 DEVICES. THEY ARE NOT NETWORKED. AGAIN, THEY DON'T RETAIN ANY  
13 OF THE VOTE CAST DATA. THEY DON'T RETAIN ANY INFORMATION ABOUT  
14 THE VOTER. THEY ARE REALLY JUST A BALLOT MARKING DEVICE THAT  
15 ALLOWS A VOTER TO MARK IN A WAY THAT IS UNAMBIGUOUS, SO WE  
16 DON'T HAVE THAT HISTORY OF WONDERING ABOUT VOTER INTENT WHEN  
17 WE SEE THE BALLOT. THE E-POLL BOOKS AT THE VOTE CENTERS, THOSE  
18 ARE ON A CLOSED NETWORK. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE TO HAVE A NETWORK  
19 SO THAT WE ARE UPDATING IN REAL TIME. THAT PROVIDES THE  
20 SECURITY TO ENSURE THAT A VOTER ONLY GOES TO ONE VOTE CENTER,  
21 AND ONLY VOTES ONCE. THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR SECURITY, AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN ARE YOU GOING TO  
24 HAVE AN 800 NUMBER OR SOMETHING AVAILABLE FOR THE 11 DAYS

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1 LEADING UP TO, AND THEN THE DAY OF, FOR PEOPLE TO CALL, THAT  
2 MAY EXPERIENCE SOME ISSUES?

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. WE HAVE OUR EXISTING 1-800 NUMBER. YOU'RE  
5 TESTING MY MEMORY, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S 1-800-815-2666.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL PUT IT ON ALL OF OUR  
8 WEBSITES.

9

10 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, BUT THERE IS A TOLL-FREE NUMBER, AND WE WILL  
11 HAVE THAT STAFFED DURING ALL OF THE HOURS THAT THE VOTE  
12 CENTERS ARE OPEN DURING THAT 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS  
15 ON GETTING THIS SYSTEM CERTIFIED. THAT WAS SIGNIFICANT. I KNOW  
16 THAT THAT IS A HUGE HURDLE. AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN  
17 CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPEAKS VOLUMES TO WHAT IS  
18 GOING ON. BUT POST-ELECTION, YOU ARE GOING TO BE REVISITING  
19 THIS ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER OR WHAT WE  
20 LEARN. CORRECT?

21

22 **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY. AND AGAIN, THAT'S ONE OF THE  
23 ADVANTAGES OF THIS BEING A PUBLICLY OWNED SYSTEM, IS THAT WE  
24 CAN TAKE THE DATA. THIS IS A LOT OF CHANGE IN A COMPRESSED  
25 PERIOD OF TIME. THAT'S WHY WE DID THE MOCK ELECTION, THAT'S

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1 WHY WE DID THE PILOT ELECTION, IS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO TEST  
2 THIS. AND BASED ON THE MOCK ELECTION AND THE PILOT ELECTION,  
3 WE DID MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND REFINEMENTS. I FULLY EXPECT THAT  
4 WE WILL LEARN THROUGH THE MARCH ELECTION THAT THERE ARE  
5 ADDITIONAL REFINEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE, AND SOME OF THE  
6 CONDITIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S APPROVAL ACTUALLY  
7 MANDATE US TO DO THAT, AND WE WELCOME THAT. I THINK IT'S  
8 APPROPRIATE FOR SOMETHING THAT IS THIS GROUNDBREAKING AND THIS  
9 NEW THAT WE GO BACK AND LOOK AT THAT. AND IN DOING THAT, WE  
10 WILL FOLLOW THAT SAME INCLUSIVE MODEL THAT WE'VE USED  
11 THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS, WHERE WE'LL  
12 REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, OUR CITY PARTNERS,  
13 OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND GET THEIR FEEDBACK AS WE MOVE  
14 FORWARD.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. DEAN, I THINK  
19 YOU'VE REALLY DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB, BECAUSE I KNOW THIS HAS  
20 BEEN A REALLY HARD PROCESS. I KNOW OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING  
21 WITH YOU FOR THE LAST, I THINK, YEAR AND A HALF ON THIS, AND I  
22 WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE DEMONSTRATION EFFORTS YOU'VE MADE  
23 AVAILABLE IN SOME OF THE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. YOU SPENT, I  
24 THINK, A WEEKEND IN EAST LOS ANGELES AT SALAZAR PARK COMMUNITY  
25 CENTER, AND WHAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS THAT YOU HAD PEOPLE

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1 COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. I EVEN MET A YOUNG MAN THAT  
2 SAID THAT HE WAS FROM SAN FERNANDO, AND I SAID, "WOW. WHY DID  
3 YOU COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, WHEN TOMORROW YOU ARE GOING TO  
4 HAVE SOMETHING IN YOUR DISTRICT?" AND HE SAID, "BECAUSE I WAS  
5 SO ANXIOUS TO SEE HOW THIS WORKED." AND HE WENT ON IT RIGHT  
6 AWAY, AND I HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS AT THAT TIME, BECAUSE  
7 ESPECIALLY THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT,  
8 AS WELL AS ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER, MAKING SURE THAT LANGUAGE  
9 THAT WAS ALSO PRESENTED IN THE PRINT FORMAT ON THE SCREEN, BUT  
10 ALSO YOU COULD PUT ON YOUR HEADPHONE AND LISTEN TO THE  
11 TRANSLATION, THAT IT WAS THE APPROPRIATE CONTEXT. BECAUSE  
12 THAT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE NOT ALL LANGUAGES ARE THE  
13 SAME. THERE'S CASTILIAN SPANISH, AND THEN THERE'S SPANISH  
14 LOCAL, COLLOQUIAL SPANISH. AND WE HAD THAT CONVERSATION. I  
15 THINK YOU'VE ADDRESSED THAT, AND I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT  
16 YOU ALSO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND, JUST GOING TO THE LIBRARIES  
17 AND THE SCHOOLS, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE VOTING CENTERS, BUT ALSO  
18 IN CLINICS. AND YOU HAD A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT THAT I THINK  
19 IS NOW GOING TO BE A CENTER, AND THAT'S AT ALTA MED, A  
20 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED CLINIC IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, WHICH IS  
21 BIG. AND THAT, TO ME, TELLS ME YOU'RE REALLY GOING OUT TO MEET  
22 PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. AND I HOPE, AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE  
23 OTHER SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS THAT HAVEN'T  
24 GOTTEN ENGAGED OR GIVEN YOU FEEDBACK, TO HOPEFULLY DO THAT. I  
25 ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THE DISABLED

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1 COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO BE A PART OF THE STAKEHOLDER  
2 COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE YOU, AND TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES NECESSARY  
3 SO THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE HEARING-IMPAIRED OR SEEING-IMPAIRED,  
4 WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, THAT THEY HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS  
5 APPROPRIATE TO THEIR DISABILITY. I THINK THAT SAYS SOMETHING  
6 ABOUT OUR COUNTY. IT REALLY DOES MAKE A BIG CHANGE AND A BIG  
7 INVESTMENT. AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAVE 13 LANGUAGES. I  
8 ACTUALLY SCROLLED AND PARTICIPATED IN YOUR DEMONSTRATION  
9 PROJECT AND SAW THE LANGUAGES, AND WAS FASCINATED, AND HAD  
10 SOMEONE ELSE WHO SPOKE ANOTHER LANGUAGE THAT I DIDN'T SPEAK TO  
11 GO THROUGH IT, AND THEY SAID THAT IT WAS PRETTY ACCURATE. SO I  
12 LIKE THAT. BUT I DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS OUT  
13 THERE, WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THE PROCESSES, IN TERMS OF  
14 HITTING THE "MORE" BUTTON, AND WE HAD TALKED ABOUT THAT. AND I  
15 WONDERED IF MAYBE YOU COULD ILLUSTRATE TO US WHAT CHANGES YOU  
16 HAVE ALREADY MADE SO THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE  
17 TRYING TO GIVE PEOPLE THE ABILITY TO REALLY PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
18 ELECTION, AND FULLY OPTIMIZE-- YOU KNOW, JUST OPTIMIZE  
19 WHATEVER IS THERE, IN TERMS OF NAMES, WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE,  
20 SO PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE NOT JUST CUT OFF AT THE  
21 ONE PAGE OF CANDIDATES, THAT MAY ONLY HAVE FOUR NAMES. YOU HIT  
22 THE "MORE" BUTTON, YOU CAN GO ON AND SEE MORE NAMES PRESENTED.  
23 BUT SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT HITTING THE "MORE"  
24 BUTTON OR "NEXT" IS THE SAME THING. SO, COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE  
25 US AN ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT CHANGES YOU'VE MADE SINCE, SINCE

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1 THIS WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE  
2 PUBLIC AND SOME CITIES, I THINK, THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
3 THIS?

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT'S A  
6 REALLY IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF THE INCLUSIVE MANNER IN WHICH WE  
7 DID THE DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM. IT IS CORRECT THAT, ON ANY  
8 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM WHERE THE CANDIDATES AND CONTESTS ARE  
9 DISPLAYED ELECTRONICALLY, THE CALIFORNIA VOTING SYSTEM  
10 STANDARDS HAVE SOME SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ABOUT FONT SIZE AND  
11 THE ABILITY FOR THAT TO ADDRESS, AND THAT GOES BACK TO THE  
12 ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. THAT DOES MEAN  
13 THAT IN A CONTEST WITH MULTIPLE CANDIDATES, SOMETIMES NOT ALL  
14 THE CANDIDATES WILL FIT ON THE INITIAL VIEW OF THE SCREEN. IN  
15 SOME RESPECTS, THAT'S NOT NEW. ON THE OLD SYSTEM, WE HAD  
16 CONTESTS THAT EXTENDED-- I MEAN, IN 2018, WE HAD A U.S. SENATE  
17 CONTEST AND A GOVERNOR CONTEST IN A PRIMARY THAT HAD 28 AND 32  
18 CANDIDATES, RESPECTFULLY, AND THEY WENT TO MULTIPLE PAGES. ON  
19 THAT SYSTEM, WHAT WE KNOW FROM DATA IS A LOT OF PEOPLE  
20 OVERVOTED ON THOSE RACES, BECAUSE THEY WENT FROM ONE PAGE TO  
21 THE NEXT, AND THERE WAS NO WAY TO PREVENT THAT. ON THE NEW  
22 SYSTEM, WE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT YOU CAN'T OVERVOTE, AND WE  
23 ALSO WORKED WITH OUR HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN PARTNERS TO BUILD  
24 THAT NAVIGATION IN A WAY THAT'S INTUITIVE AND FAMILIAR TO  
25 VOTERS, SIMILAR TO OTHER DEVICES THAT THEY USE IN THEIR DAY-

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1 TO-DAY LIVES. AND THAT'S WHERE THE "MORE" BUTTON CAME FROM,  
2 AND IT'S COMMON IN ELECTRONIC DISPLAY OF VOTING SYSTEMS. OTHER  
3 SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA USE THAT NAVIGATION, AS WELL. BUT IT'S A  
4 GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE BENEFIT OF HOLDING THE MOCK ELECTION,  
5 BECAUSE THAT WAS A CONCERN THAT WAS RAISED IN THE MOCK  
6 ELECTION, AND YOU HAD SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT THAT, THAT PEOPLE  
7 RAISED NOT SO MUCH THAT THEY MISSED IT, BUT THAT THEY WERE  
8 CONCERNED THAT OTHER PEOPLE WOULD MISS IT. AND THEY BROUGHT  
9 THAT TO OUR ATTENTION, AND SAID, "CAN WE ENHANCE THAT? CAN WE  
10 ADD COLOR TO IT? IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE IT LARGER?" THERE WERE  
11 ALSO QUESTIONS ABOUT, "CAN WE LIST ALL OF THE CANDIDATES ON A  
12 SINGLE PAGE?" WE TOOK THAT FEEDBACK AND WE REVIEWED THAT  
13 WITHIN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT THAT WE HAVE TO OPERATE, IN  
14 TERMS OF THE CALIFORNIA VOTING SYSTEMS STANDARDS, WITH OUR  
15 DESIGN PARTNERS, WITH OUR MANUFACTURERS, AND WE DID MAKE  
16 MODIFICATIONS AFTER THE MOCK ELECTION. WE ADDED A YELLOW,  
17 PULSATING RING TO THE "MORE" BUTTON, SO IT DRAWS MORE  
18 ATTENTION TO IT. WE ADDED A GRADIENT EFFECT, SO THE LAST  
19 CANDIDATE THAT'S LISTED ON A PARTICULAR SCREEN IS GRAYED OUT,  
20 SO YOU CAN TELL THAT YOU ARE AT THE END OF THE LIST YET. IT IS  
21 A VISIBLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE END OF A CONTEST. AND THEN  
22 WE ROLLED THAT OUT IN THE PILOT ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, AND WE  
23 WERE ABLE TO SEE HOW VOTERS DID WITH THAT. AND BOTH FROM THE  
24 RESULTS WE SAW IN THE MOCK ELECTION AND IN THE PILOT ELECTION,  
25 WE BELIEVE THAT VOTERS WERE ABLE TO NAVIGATE THAT QUITE WELL,

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1     THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONALITY. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT  
2     THAT, IN A CONTEST WITH A LOT OF CANDIDATES, THAT THAT FEELS  
3     UNCOMFORTABLE. I THINK THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. WE LOOKED AT  
4     THAT VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNERS. AGAIN, THAT IS WHY WE  
5     ENGAGED IN THAT HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN THING FROM THE  
6     BEGINNING, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO BE SECOND-GUESSED FOR  
7     MAKING POLITICAL DECISIONS OR LAST-MINUTE CHANGES. THAT IS ONE  
8     OF THE THINGS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE ADDRESSED IN THEIR  
9     CONDITIONS. THEY ARE ASKING US TO, WITHIN 5 MONTHS OF THIS  
10    ELECTION, TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE DATA FROM THE ELECTION,  
11    AND TO AGAIN ENGAGE WITH OUR PARTNERS AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS,  
12    AND LOOK AT IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER THAT WE OUGHT TO  
13    CONSIDER DOING TO ENHANCE THAT, AND WE WILL, OF COURSE, DO  
14    THAT.

15

16    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ARE YOU ABLE TO ILLUSTRATE THAT? DO YOU HAVE  
17    A DEMONSTRATION TO SHOW US WHAT YOU DID TO ENHANCE THAT  
18    BUTTON?

19

20    **DEAN LOGAN:** I DON'T HAVE THAT HERE IN THIS ROOM. I DON'T. BUT  
21    WE CAN PUT THE PRESENTATION THAT WE'VE SHARED WITH YOUR BOARD,  
22    WE CAN PUT THAT ON OUR WEBSITE, AND IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON  
23    THE DEVICES IN THE LOBBY.

24

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, PEOPLE WHO COULD GO OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW  
2    AND TEST OUR MACHINE COULD GO DOWN A BALLOT AND THEN HIT THE  
3    "MORE" BUTTON, AND THEY WOULD SEE SOMETHING DISTINCT NOW.

4

5    **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

6

7    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** A YELLOW-- CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT IT IS?

8

9    **DEAN LOGAN:** YEAH. SO, THE "MORE" BUTTON IS VISIBLY CENTERED IN  
10    THE MIDDLE OF THE CONTEST, SO IT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER  
11    NAVIGATION BUTTONS. IT HAS A YELLOW, FLASHING RING AROUND IT,  
12    SO YOU CAN SEE IT. AND THEN, WHEN YOU PRESS THAT "MORE"  
13    BUTTON, THE BALLOT SCROLLS UP TO THE OTHER CANDIDATES. SO IT  
14    DOESN'T SWITCH TO A NEW SCREEN; IT ACTUALLY SCROLLS UP THROUGH  
15    THE REST OF THE BALLOT. AND THEN THE "MORE" BUTTON MOVES TO  
16    THE TOP OF THE CONTEST, SO YOU CAN GO BACK UP AND DOWN. THE  
17    OTHER THING THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO REALIZE,  
18    THAT HAS NEVER EXISTED IN OUR PREVIOUS VOTING SYSTEM, IS YOU  
19    ALSO HAVE A REVIEW SCREEN AT THE END OF THE VOTING THAT GIVES  
20    YOU THE CHANCE TO LOOK AND SEE AGAIN THAT THOSE WERE THE  
21    CHOICES YOU WANTED TO MAKE, AND IN PARTICULAR LETS YOU KNOW IF  
22    THERE ARE CHOICES YOU DIDN'T MAKE. SO IF YOU THINK YOU ARE  
23    DONE VOTING, AND MAYBE IT WAS A VOTE FOR THREE CONTESTS AND  
24    YOU ONLY SELECTED ONE CHOICE, AT THE END, IT ACTUALLY INFORMS

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1 YOU THAT YOU STILL HAVE TWO REMAINING CHOICES, AND YOU CAN GO  
2 BACK AND MAKE THOSE SELECTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO MY LAST QUESTION IS, I KNOW THAT WE IN  
5 THE COUNTY WANT TO URGE VOLUNTEERS. SO, HOW ARE WE DOING IN  
6 TERMS OF GETTING OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO SIGN UP AND HELP?  
7 BECAUSE THIS IS 11 DAYS. HOW DO YOU ENVISION THAT?

8

9 **DEAN LOGAN:** YEAH. SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED AN ARMY OF PEOPLE  
10 AVAILABLE TO HELP DELIVER THIS. ELECTIONS ARE A COMMUNITY-WIDE  
11 THING THAT BELONGS TO ALL OF US. AND THE WAY WE'RE APPROACHING  
12 THAT IS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD, WE ARE RECRUITING  
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO SERVE AS THE  
14 LEADS, THE LEAD POSITION AT THESE VOTE CENTERS. THAT  
15 RECRUITMENT IS GOING VERY WELL, BUT WE ALSO NEED COMMUNITY  
16 MEMBERS AND OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WILL SERVE AS LINE  
17 MONITORS AND VOTING AREA MONITORS AND PEOPLE TO ASSIST. WE  
18 WANT TO ERR ON THE SIDE, IN THIS PARTICULAR ELECTION CYCLE, OF  
19 HAVING MORE SUPPORT THAN LESS, BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF CHANGE  
20 THAT IS TAKING PLACE. SO WE ARE CONTINUING TO RECRUIT FROM THE  
21 COMMUNITY AND WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY TO MEET THOSE NEEDS. WE  
22 WILL HAVE UPWARDS OF 12,000 TO 14,000 PEOPLE WHO, OVER THE  
23 COURSE OF THAT 11 DAYS, WILL BE DEPLOYED AND SUPPORTING THIS  
24 NEW MODEL.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT'S GREAT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2    THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

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4    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MANY OF THE  
7    QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD HAVE ASKED HAVE BEEN ASKED AND  
8    ANSWERED. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I THINK  
9    ARE REALLY EXTRAORDINARY. THREE OF US WERE SERVING IN  
10    SACRAMENTO, I THINK, WHEN DEB BOWEN WAS SECRETARY OF STATE,  
11    AND SHE WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST SECRETARIES OF STATE TO BE  
12    THINKING ABOUT ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS. AND SHE WAS REALLY WORRIED,  
13    BECAUSE THE CODES FOR THE EXISTING ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS  
14    WERE ALL OWNED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES, AND EVERYBODY WAS REALLY  
15    WORRIED THAT WE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT BACK DOORS THEY HAD BUILT  
16    IN, ET CETERA. AND I WANT TO REALLY COMPLIMENT YOU. I DON'T  
17    THINK ENOUGH ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID, ALTHOUGH I DO NOTICE  
18    THAT OUR SECRETARY OF STATE TWEETED TWICE ABOUT HOW PROUD WE  
19    SHOULD BE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE THE ONLY PUBLICLY OWNED  
20    ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY. AND THE REASON THAT'S  
21    IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT BEHOLDEN TO ANY COMPANY. NO  
22    COMPANY CAN HACK INTO US, OR WHATEVER. THE SECOND THING, I  
23    THINK, THAT YOU ANSWERED THAT I WANT TO UNDERSCORE IS THAT  
24    THIS IS NOT AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM WHERE YOUR VOTE IS  
25    RECORDED SOMEWHERE ELSE BY THE INTERNET OR SOMETHING. AS YOU

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1 INDICATED, THIS IS A BALLOT MARKING DEVICE. THAT'S ALL IT  
2 DOES. AND EACH SCREEN THAT WE HAVE WHEN WE ARE VOTING IS  
3 MARKING OUR BALLOT IN THAT CARREL, AND THEN WE GET A PRINTED  
4 VERSION TO CHECK, AND WE FEED IT BACK IN, AND IT IS A PAPER  
5 BALLOT. SO PEOPLE HAVE-- THEY WORRY, WELL, IS IT GOING THROUGH  
6 THE INTERNET, AND SOMEBODY IS GOING TO MESS WITH IT? IT'S NOT.  
7 IT IS ALL COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT IN EACH CARREL, IN EACH  
8 VOTING MACHINE, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THE  
9 THIRD THING IS, THE PILOT ELECTION INDICATED, I THINK, AN EVEN  
10 MORE IMPORTANT THING THAN YOU SAID ABOUT THE "MORE" BUTTON AND  
11 PEOPLE'S NAMES BEING ON A SECOND PAGE, AND THAT IS THAT PEOPLE  
12 COULD VOTE IN THREE DIFFERENT WAYS. THEY COULD VOTE, AS WE  
13 STILL CAN, BY MAIL; THEY COULD VOTE WITH THE OLD INKING SYSTEM  
14 IN THAT PILOT ELECTION; AND THEY COULD VOTE WITH THE NEW  
15 SYSTEM. AND COMPARING THE OUTCOME FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE  
16 SO-CALLED SECOND PAGE, OR WHERE YOU HAD TO SCROLL DOWN, THE  
17 RESULTS WERE SIMILAR. NOBODY SEEMED TO BE DISADVANTAGED IN ANY  
18 WAY BY HAVING TO BE, YOU KNOW, SCROLL DOWN, ET CETERA. SO I  
19 THINK YOU HAVE DONE VERY, VERY WELL IN RESPONDING TO ANY OF  
20 THESE CONCERNS, AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF THIS SYSTEM, AND I  
21 LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE ELEVEN DAYS. BUT I WILL ONLY VOTE ONCE,  
22 I PROMISE.

23  
24 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
2    THOMAS? I'M SORRY. JANICE HAHN?

3

4    **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH. [CHUCKLES.] JANICE HAHN ON THE BALLOT?  
5    THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DEAN. I KNOW YOU HAVE  
6    BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON THIS. AND I REMEMBER THE MEETING WHERE  
7    WE ALL GAVE YOU A LOT OF ENERGY TOWARDS CREATING THIS SYSTEM,  
8    AND UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT THIS REALLY WAS. I THINK IT IS  
9    IMPORTANT THAT OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, ALEX PADILLA, DID  
10   CERTIFY IT. THERE WERE SOME CONDITIONS THAT HE GAVE YOU, AND I  
11   WAS GOING TO ASK: THOSE CONDITIONS, ARE WE CONCERNED THAT WE  
12   WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET THOSE CONDITIONS? AND THE CONDITIONS ARE  
13   SORT OF AFTER-- IT IS REPORTING AFTERWARDS. IS THAT MAINLY  
14   WHAT THE ISSUE WAS, FROM THE CONDITIONS?

15

16   **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK, FIRST, IT IS  
17   IMPORTANT TO BE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT EVERY VOTING  
18   SYSTEM THAT IS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA CONTAINS CONDITIONS.  
19   SO, VIRTUALLY EVERY CERTIFICATION IS A CONDITIONAL  
20   CERTIFICATION. ON AVERAGE, THE PROPRIETARY COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS  
21   THAT WERE RECENTLY CERTIFIED HAD 18 TO 20 CONDITIONS. OUR  
22   SYSTEM HAD 30 CONDITIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN MEET  
23   THOSE CONDITIONS. WE WILL MEET THOSE CONDITIONS. THERE WAS A  
24   DELIBERATIVE PROCESS IN THAT. WE WERE ENGAGED WITH THE  
25   SECRETARY OF STATE ON THAT. IN MANY CASES, WE RECOMMENDED THE

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1 MITIGATION FOR THOSE PARTICULAR CONDITIONS. AND AS I SAID  
2 EARLIER, I THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR WHAT'S SORT OF A  
3 REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT MODEL, AND NOT PARTICULARLY  
4 SURPRISING. SOME OF THOSE CONDITIONS ARE VERY SPECIFIC, AS YOU  
5 INDICATE. THEY'RE REPORT-BACKS. THEY ARE DOCUMENTING THINGS  
6 THAT WE'VE DONE. OTHERS ARE THINGS THAT I WOULD SAY, SIMILAR  
7 TO, YOU KNOW, CONDITIONS LIKE WE'RE CONDITIONED TO HAVE OUR  
8 HEADLIGHTS ON WHEN IT IS RAINING, BECAUSE THAT'S A SAFETY AND  
9 A SECURITY THING. AND IT IS APPROPRIATE IN A VOTING SYSTEM,  
10 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE CONCERNS AND THREATS TO THE VOTING  
11 SYSTEMS THAT ARE OUT THERE TODAY, THAT WE DO LOOK CLOSELY AT  
12 THOSE KIND OF THINGS, THOSE KIND OF PROCEDURAL AND  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL THINGS THAT HELP CONVEY THE INTEGRITY OF THE  
14 ELECTIONS PROCESS.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I KNOW THE PILOT ELECTIONS, THE MOCK  
17 ELECTION, OR ACTUALLY USING THIS IN THE ELECTIONS, AND THERE  
18 WERE SEVERAL CITIES IN MY DISTRICT, THEY ALL SEEMED TO HAVE  
19 THAT OUTCOME, WHERE NO MATTER WHICH BALLOT THEY CHOSE TO DO,  
20 THE OUTCOMES WERE SIMILAR. HOWEVER, I DID HEAR SOME CONCERNS.  
21 I'M SURE WE ALL HAVE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE "MORE" BUTTON,  
22 AND WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THAT THIS MORNING. I THINK THAT  
23 THE MORE WE TALK ABOUT IT, THE MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO  
24 REALIZE THAT "MORE" EXISTS. MY QUESTION IS, WHEN YOU EXPLAINED  
25 IT JUST NOW, ON THAT SCREEN WHERE YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PUSH

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1 "MORE," THAT SHOWS YOU EXTRA CANDIDATES-- NOT EXTRA, BUT THOSE  
2 THAT DON'T APPEAR RIGHT ON THAT SCREEN-- IS THE "NEXT" BUTTON  
3 ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THAT SCREEN, AS WELL?

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. THE "NEXT" BUTTON-- SO, ON ANY CONTEST, THERE  
6 IS A "SKIP" AND A "NEXT" BUTTON.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT.

9

10 **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT IS AVAILABLE. YES.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT WAS KIND OF THE  
13 CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, WERE, IF YOU DON'T  
14 KNOW THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MORE CANDIDATES, YOU MIGHT CAST  
15 YOUR VOTE FOR ONLY THE ONES YOU CAN SEE. AND YOU GO TO "NEXT,"  
16 AND THEN YOU DON'T SEE THE REST OF THE CANDIDATES. IS THERE AN  
17 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY "MORE CANDIDATES" WITH THIS BUTTON, AS  
18 OPPOSED TO JUST "MORE"?

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR, AS WE LOOK FORWARD, AS WE  
21 TALKED ABOUT, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONDITIONS FROM THE  
22 CERTIFICATION, ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE THINGS WE CAN LOOK AT.  
23 I DO WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU THAT THOSE THINGS WERE ALL LOOKED  
24 AT AND DISCUSSED. SO THEY WEREN'T DISMISSED. THOSE THINGS WERE

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1 DISCUSSED VERY CAREFULLY THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN OF THIS, AND  
2 TESTED.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, SOME PEOPLE KNOW, WHEN THEY GO TO  
5 THE BALLOT, EXACTLY WHO THEY'RE VOTING FOR, AND IF THAT NAME  
6 DOESN'T APPEAR ON THAT FIRST SCREEN, THEY WILL SAY, "WHERE IS  
7 THAT NAME?" OTHERS, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY-- MAYBE IT IS THE FIRST  
8 TIME THEY'VE ACTUALLY THOUGHT ABOUT A PARTICULAR RACE, AND  
9 THOUGHT ABOUT PARTICULAR CANDIDATES, AND I'M NOT SURE THEY'RE  
10 GOING TO KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE, WHICH IS WHY I THINK IF YOU  
11 SAID "MORE CANDIDATES," THAT WOULD MAKE IT CLEARER TO PEOPLE.

12

13 **DEAN LOGAN:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND DEFINITELY WE WILL INCLUDE  
14 THAT IN OUR CONTINUOUS REVIEW. I THINK YOU POINTED OUT  
15 SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE,  
16 IS THAT WE WILL BE DOING MORE WITH THE "MORE" BUTTON, IN TERMS  
17 OF-- SO EVERY VOTER WHO GOES INTO A VOTE CENTER WILL BE HANDED  
18 A CARD THAT INCLUDES SOME KEY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THAT  
19 DEVICE WORKS, AND ONE OF THOSE PIECES OF INFORMATION IS AN  
20 INSTRUCTION TO BE SURE YOU USE THE "MORE" BUTTON TO REVIEW ALL  
21 SELECTIONS BEFORE MAKING YOUR CHOICE. THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR  
22 CAMPAIGN GOING FORWARD. IT IS IN THE SAMPLE BALLOT. IT IS IN  
23 ALL OF OUR MATERIAL.

24

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1   **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND IS THAT SOMETHING THE WORKERS IN THE  
2   VOTING CENTERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SAY? WILL THEY BE ABLE TO  
3   SAY THAT WHEN SOMEBODY WALKS IN, OR WILL THEY HAVE TO WAIT  
4   TILL THEY'RE ASKED?

5

6   **DEAN LOGAN:** NO. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ORIENT VOTERS TO THOSE  
7   FEATURES AT THE TIME THAT THEY CHECK IN. AND ALSO, THE VOTING  
8   AREA MONITORS WHO ARE ASSISTING VOTERS WILL BE ABLE TO  
9   EMPHASIZE THAT, AS WELL.

10

11   **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. I MEAN, OVERALL, I ABSOLUTELY REALLY  
12   DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. I THINK IT IS A SYSTEM THAT IS SO  
13   ACCESSIBLE. AND AS YOU SAID, THE REASON THE CANDIDATES ARE NOT  
14   SHOWN ON ONE SCREEN IS FOR THOSE WHO WANTED IT LARGER, THE  
15   FONT, AND FOR THOSE DISABLED. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. ONE LAST  
16   THING ABOUT THE VOTING CENTERS: I WAS SPEAKING LAST NIGHT TO A  
17   GROUP OF PEOPLE IN SAN PEDRO, AND EXPLAINING THE VOTING  
18   CENTERS. I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THAT WE WERE TRYING TO GIVE  
19   EVERYBODY AT ALL THE VOTING CENTERS 11 DAYS TO VOTE, BUT THAT  
20   IS, IN FACT, NOT TRUE. SOME OF THEM ARE 11 DAYS, AND OTHERS  
21   WILL BE 4 DAYS. WHAT WAS THE THINKING BEHIND WHICH ONES OPENED  
22   11 DAYS, WHICH ONES OPENED FOUR DAYS?

23

24   **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE. SO THAT'S ACTUALLY THE FORMULA FOR  
25   DETERMINING HOW MANY VOTE CENTERS TO HAVE IS IN THE LAW, IN

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1 THE VOTER'S CHOICE ACT, AND IT DOES SAY THAT YOU START WITH A  
2 FORMULA THAT SAYS HOW MANY PER REGISTERED VOTER YOU NEED TO  
3 HAVE AT 10 DAYS OUT, AND THEN 4 DAYS OUT, WHICH IS THE WEEKEND  
4 BEFORE THE ELECTION. SO THAT FINAL FOUR DAYS-- SATURDAY,  
5 SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY-- THAT INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY. SO  
6 WE HAVE ROUGHLY BETWEEN 200 AND 250 LOCATIONS THAT WILL OPEN  
7 10 DAYS BEFORE, AND THAT WILL RAMP UP TO CLOSE TO A THOUSAND  
8 LOCATIONS IN THE FINAL WEEKEND. SO, TWO FULL WEEKENDS OF  
9 VOTING. AND I THINK THAT WAS THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT, WAS TO  
10 GET TWO WEEKENDS INTO THAT. AS FAR AS THE SELECTION, TO BE  
11 PERFECTLY CANDID, IT REALLY CAME DOWN TO FACILITIES THAT WERE  
12 ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE US FOR THAT 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD, AND  
13 TRYING TO GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTE THOSE SO THAT THERE ARE  
14 11-DAY OPTIONS EVERYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND A BIT SHOUTOUT TO ALL THOSE WHO DID  
17 AGREE TO PARTNER WITH US IN ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN IN THEIR  
18 FACILITY, BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND, YOU CANNOT MOVE OR  
19 REARRANGE THIS EQUIPMENT, SO YOU KIND OF HAVE TO TAKE OVER AN  
20 ENTIRE SPACE OF A FACILITY FOR THE 11 DAYS.

21

22 **DEAN LOGAN:** IT'S A BIG COMMITMENT.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, BIG SHOUTOUT, BECAUSE I KNOW WE'VE HAD  
25 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, FINDING JUST ONE-DAY POLLING PLACES.

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2 **DEAN LOGAN:** JUST THE ONE DAY. CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO WE REALLY WANT TO THANK THE THOUSAND  
5 VOTING CENTER FACILITIES THAT AGREED TO PARTNER WITH US ON  
6 THIS. I THINK THAT'S A HUGE PART OF WHY THIS WILL BE A BIG  
7 SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND CAN I JUST FOLLOW  
12 UP? YOU SAID THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT IT. I  
13 WOULD HOPE THAT WE'VE GOT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL OF OUR  
14 CENTERS THAT ARE CONSISTENT: NOT "WILL BE ABLE TO"; "WILL."  
15 NOT JUST "BE ABLE TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE MORE," BUT "WILL TELL  
16 THEM." BECAUSE I CAUGHT THAT. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE  
17 UNIFORMITY ACROSS THE BOARD, IN TERMS OF THE INFORMATION,  
18 BECAUSE IT IS A NEW SYSTEM.

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** YEAH. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS THAT WAS  
21 REFERENCED IN THE SYSTEM, SO THAT IS ABSOLUTELY-- WE ARE IN  
22 FULL AGREEMENT ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MR. LOGAN, I  
2    ALSO WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU AND YOUR WHOLE TEAM, WHAT IS A  
3    GROUNDBREAKING INTERVENTION AND INNOVATION. I DON'T THINK IT  
4    CAN BE UNDERScoreD ENOUGH, HOW IMPRESSIVE WHAT WE ARE  
5    UNDERTAKING IS. WE EXPECT NO LESS. L.A. COUNTY, IT IS, IN MANY  
6    INSTANCES, THE LOCUS OF WHAT IS NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT. I ALSO  
7    CONCERN MYSELF WITH THE EMPHASIS ON TECHNOLOGY, THE EMPHASIS  
8    ON INNOVATION. AND I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE FIGURE OUT HOW  
9    TO SET THIS IN ITS HISTORICAL CONTEXT. SO, AS MUCH AS WE TALK  
10   ABOUT VOTING, WE OUGHT TO BE REMINDED OF THE FACT IT IS A  
11   RIGHT, AND IT WAS A HARD-FOUGHT RIGHT. I THINK THAT PEOPLE DO  
12   HAVE SOME APPRECIATION FOR BILINGUAL BALLOTS. THEY HAVE TO  
13   KNOW THAT IT WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.  
14   SOMETHING HAPPENED IN SELMA, MAKING THEIR WAY ACROSS THAT  
15   BRIDGE, THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS  
16   THE CASE, THAT INFORMS WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW, AND THAT THERE  
17   ARE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE STILL ALIVE WHO WE WANT TO APPEAL TO  
18   TO VOTE, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE, FOR WHICH  
19   MANY FOUGHT, MANY BLED, AND SOME DIED. BUT THINK ABOUT THOSE  
20   WHO BLED. I CAN'T HELP BUT TO INVOKE THE NAME OF CONGRESSMAN  
21   JOHN LEWIS, WHO TWO OF OUR COLLEAGUES SERVED WITH IN THE  
22   NATION'S CAPITAL. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND, OR  
23   SUGGEST, THAT WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO SET SOME OF THIS IN ITS  
24   HISTORICAL CONTEXT, A CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, AND  
25   MAKE THE CONNECTION TO WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE THIS RIGHT. NOT

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1 SIMPLY SACRED ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CONSTITUTION, BUT IT IS ALSO  
2 SACRED DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO STRUGGLE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT  
3 STRUGGLE, IN MANY WAYS, CONTINUES. BUT WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT  
4 HOW TO REMIND PEOPLE OF THAT. NOW, I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE THIS  
5 TO BE DIPPED IN NOSTALGIA AND LOSE SIGHT OF THE CURRENT  
6 CONTEXT, BUT I THINK THERE'S A CONNECTION THAT IS VERY, VERY  
7 MEANINGFUL THAT COULD AND SHOULD BE MADE, THAT I DON'T SEE AS  
8 MUCH OF. AND IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME, AS A RESULT OF OUR  
9 PUTTING IT ON DISPLAY AT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, AND IT WENT  
10 OVER WELL THERE. SEEING IT TODAY, THE INSTANCES THAT YOU MAKE  
11 REFERENCE TO, IMPORTANT. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE 100TH  
12 ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN HAVING THE RIGHT TO VOTE, IT SEEMS TO ME  
13 THIS OUGHT TO BE SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH ALL OF THAT IN A VERY  
14 POSITIVE, FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER. SO MAYBE WE NEED TO APPEAL  
15 TO A FEW HISTORIANS AND CONNECT THEM WITH COMMUNICATION  
16 EXPERTS TO DO THIS IN A WAY THAT MAKES THIS BREATHE AND LIVE,  
17 AND DO MORE THAN WHAT IT IS SEEKING TO DO IN THE CURRENT  
18 SPACE. I THINK THERE'S VALUE ADDED IN DOING THAT, AND I WANT  
19 TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OR RECOMMEND THAT. A LOT GOING ON IN THE  
20 FILM INDUSTRY, AND A LOT OF TALENT HERE THAT WE CAN GET TO  
21 TELL THAT STORY ON A LOT OF DIFFERENT FRONTS. AND, MADAM  
22 CHAIR, IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT JUST  
23 OCCURRED TO ME AS I WAS SITTING HERE THINKING ABOUT THIS: WE  
24 GOT HERE FOR A PARTICULAR REASON-- SOME REASON, SOME  
25 INVESTMENT-- MAKING DEMOCRACY MORE AVAILABLE TO A WIDER NUMBER

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1 OF PEOPLE. AND THAT, TO ME, IS STILL VERY, VERY MEANINGFUL. I  
2 DO BELIEVE WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REMIND PEOPLE TO CONNECT  
3 THEM WITH THAT. I DO BELIEVE FURTHER THAT IT WILL BECOME A  
4 SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR GENERATIONS; NOT SIMPLY OTHER PATHS,  
5 BUT THE CURRENT GENERATION AND THOSE YET TO COME.

6

7 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR, I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS VERY MUCH,  
8 AND JUST WANT TO REFERENCE, I THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT  
9 CAN BE DONE IN THAT AREA. I THINK WE HAVE TRIED, THROUGHOUT  
10 THIS DECADE-LONG PROCESS, TO KEEP THAT IN OUR MIND, TO RECORD  
11 THE PROCESS AND TO DOCUMENT THAT. WE DO HAVE A DOCUMENTARY  
12 CALLED "DESIGN FOR DEMOCRACY," THAT TALKS ABOUT THE  
13 METHODOLOGY THAT WAS USED ON THIS. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE WORKING  
14 VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FREE THE VOTE INITIATIVE THAT WAS  
15 GENERATED BY THIS BOARD, AND WITH THE WOMEN AND GIRLS'  
16 INITIATIVE, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY. SO I AGREE AND TAKE THAT  
17 RECOMMENDATION SERIOUSLY, AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO PURSUE THAT.

18

19 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT SHOULD BE CONNECTED NOW.  
20 AND I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD INTERPRET THIS AS ANYTHING  
21 OTHER THAN A CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE. I RECALL WHEN WE HAD, ON  
22 THE SECOND FLOOR, THE PRESENTATION WITH THE VARIOUS BOOTHS,  
23 AND SO FORTH, TO REMIND PEOPLE OF THE HISTORICAL NARRATIVE.  
24 AND SO WE'VE DONE THAT. BUT RIGHT NOW, IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE  
25 AS HEAVY AS THE FILM "SELMA" WAS, BUT WE CAN TOUCH IT. THERE'S

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1 A WAY TO SPEAK TO THE SUFFRAGETTES THAT IS MEANINGFUL, I  
2 BELIEVE. SO I'M JUST SAYING THAT THIS COULD BENEFIT FROM A FEW  
3 DIFFERENT LOOKS; NOT AN ATTEMPT TO POLITICIZE IT, AS MUCH AS  
4 IT IS TO SET IT IN ITS PROPER HISTORICAL CONTEXT, AND ADVANCE  
5 THE NARRATIVE OF HOW FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT THE RIGHT TO VOTE  
6 IS, AND HOW WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE IT.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSCORE WHAT MARK JUST  
11 SAID, AND I THINK-- I WAS TALKING TO MY COMMUNICATIONS FOLKS.  
12 THE LARGER CONTEXT ABOUT VOTING IS NOT REALLY JUST ABOUT DEAN.  
13 DEAN IS REALLY, AS HE SHOULD BE, INVOLVED IN THE DETAILS AND  
14 THE EXPLANATIONS AND THE DAY OF, AND THE DAYS OF, AND THE  
15 BALLOT AND THE MACHINES. SO I THINK THAT IN OUR LARGER USE OF  
16 SOCIAL MEDIA, IN OUR LARGER USE OF OUR OWN VOICES, AND THE  
17 C.E.O.'S COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE, IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO  
18 REMIND PEOPLE WHAT THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT IS, IN TERMS OF  
19 PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED, WHETHER IT'S IN WARS, IN THE CIVIL  
20 RIGHTS MOVEMENT, IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, IN ALL OF THESE  
21 PLACES, FOR THE RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AND IT WAS A VERY  
22 IMPORTANT THING. SO WE WANT TO SAY, "DON'T WASTE IT." DON'T  
23 WASTE IT. DON'T STAY HOME. YOU GOT A LOT OF DAYS TO VOTE.  
24 DON'T WASTE IT.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND IT IS CONVENIENT. YOU DON'T  
2    HAVE TO GO WHERE YOU LIVE. YOU CAN DO IT CLOSE TO YOUR WORK.  
3    IT IS A VERY GOOD POINT.

4

5    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DOLORES SUERTA WAS AT AN EVENT AT THE  
6    ENDOWMENT LAST EVENING, AND A LIVING EXAMPLE OF HOW WE SPEAK  
7    THE LANGUAGE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND SO FORTH. AND AGAIN, I  
8    RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO POLITICIZE IT. IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO  
9    SAY, THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY IS MADE OF, AND WE OUGHT TO PUT IT  
10   OUT THERE TO MAKE IT LIVE. THE TECHNOLOGY, THE INNOVATION, AND  
11   THE LIKE IS EXCITING, IT'S INTERESTING, BUT THAT WHICH GOT US  
12   HERE, THE HISTORY, THE STUFF OF WHICH THE JOURNEY IS MADE, IS  
13   REALLY, REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO  
14   FIGURE OUT HOW TO MOVE THAT FORWARD.

15

16   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. AGAIN, THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS,  
19   DEAN, AND YOUR STAFF. AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM  
20   SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF  
21   CIVIL RIGHTS AND VOTING RIGHTS. AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS A  
22   CONSTANT THEME FOR MANY OF US, ESPECIALLY FOR DISENFRANCHISED  
23   COMMUNITIES. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT THEY HAVE TO  
24   SAY, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO TRY  
25   TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS AN OPEN, ACCESSIBLE PROCESS, AND IT

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1 REALLY IS UP TO US TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE GO OUT AND VOTE.

2 SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO  
7 HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
8 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF  
9 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP? BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF  
10 SPEAKERS, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE. IF YOU ARE  
11 HERE WITH SOMEONE AND YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR TIME TO THAT  
12 INDIVIDUAL, I WILL ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE  
13 ONE MINUTE PER SPEAKER. THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE  
16 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR  
17 NAME: [READING NAMES.]

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STAND BY.  
20 CAN EVERYONE IN THE FRONT PLEASE KEEP THE AREAS AROUND THE  
21 SPEAKER PODIUMS CLEAR? AS YOUR NAME'S CALLED, COME AND SIT ON  
22 THE FRONT ROW, AND YOU WILL GET DIRECTION FROM STAFF. I'M  
23 SORRY. KEEP READING NOW.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND  
2 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. FIRST SPEAKER?

5

6 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WE MUST UPHOLD THE RULE OF LAW. VOTER FRAUD  
7 IS ILLEGAL. THIS IS A DEMOCRAT TOOL USED IN THE RIGGED VOTER  
8 FRAUD OUTCOME. STOP THIS ILLEGAL CORRUPTION AND FRAUD.  
9 PROSECUTE AND DEPORT, AND VOTE THE DEMOCRAT RATS OUT. REELECT  
10 OUR HONORABLE PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND  
11 GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, WE ALL KNOW THAT FAKE NEWS IS REAL NEWS  
16 WHEN IT'S NANCY PELOSI TO IMPEACH OUR 45TH PRESIDENT. BUT  
17 VOTING ISN'T A RIGHT. VOTING IS A CONDITION THAT WILL CHANGE  
18 OUR LIVES. SO AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN THE  
19 POLITICAL STRATEGY OF NANCY PELOSI AND GAVIN NEWSOM, YOU WILL  
20 STILL LIVE IN THIS HOMELESS CRISIS THAT THEY CREATED. WE NEED  
21 CHANGE, WE NEED REFORM NOW. AMERICA IS TRULY, TRULY IN A  
22 [EXPLETIVE] CONDITION. HOWEVER, CHANGE IS COMING.

23

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU HOLD THE TIME? THAT IS  
2    DISRUPTIVE. PEOPLE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT YOUR LANGUAGE. THAT  
3    IS YOUR FIRST WARNING. GO AHEAD.

4

5    **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S CONTENT. THAT'S PROTECTED  
6    SPEECH UNDER 42 U.S.C. 1983. PLEASE DO NOT MONITOR OR DISRUPT  
7    MY PUBLIC COMMENT SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU DISAGREE WITH DONALD  
8    TRUMP AND PENCE, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE MY BOAT'S GOING.  
9    [EXPLETIVE] L.A.!

10

11   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST FOR POINT OF  
12   ORDER, WE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, DO A CODE OF  
13   CONDUCT. WITHIN THAT CODE OF CONDUCT, IT ASKS PEOPLE TO BEHAVE  
14   IN A CERTAIN WAY. AND IF SOMEONE IS UNCOMFORTABLE OR FEELS  
15   THAT IT IS BEING DISRUPTIVE, THEY CAN COME FORWARD. THAT  
16   LANGUAGE HAS BEEN DEEMED THAT, SO THAT IS YOUR FIRST WARNING.

17

18   **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAM CHAIR?

19

20   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, GO AHEAD. COUNTY COUNSEL?

21

22   **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISORS, JUST TO ADD TO THAT, DISRUPTIVE  
23   CONDUCT, IF OTHER PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING AND IT'S DISRUPTIVE,  
24   THE BOARD HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO--

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHY I BRING IT  
2    UP. IF SOMEONE COMPLAINS, THEN THAT'S THE FIRST WARNING. SO,  
3    NEXT SPEAKER? DR. CLAVREUL?

4

5    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
6    CLAVREUL. I WANT TO COMPLIMENT DEAN LOGAN ON THE WORK HE HAS  
7    DONE. I THINK HE HAS WORKED VERY HARD, AND HE ALWAYS FOLLOWS  
8    UP WHEN QUESTIONS ARE ASKED TO HIM. MY ONLY PIECE OF INTEREST  
9    IS THAT THEY DO NOT TRANSLATE IN FRENCH. AND YEAH, I KNOW.  
10    [INAUDIBLE] BUT ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

11

12    **SPEAKER:** RELAX, MA'AM.

13

14    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. [GAVEL.] YOU ARE BEING  
15    DISRUPTIVE. OKAY, JUST DO ME A FAVOR, CHIEF RED HUNT. CAN YOU  
16    WALK AROUND, PLEASE? WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP THE-- WE'RE GOING TO  
17    GET SIGNS MADE, BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS RULE CHANGE.  
18    WE ARE KEEPING THE FRONT CLEAR WHEN WE'RE DOING SPEAKERS. SO  
19    WALK AROUND, AND NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE SIGNS UP THERE. I  
20    APOLOGIZE. NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOODBYE.

23

24    **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** HI. PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I HAVE TO  
25    TELL YOU I DON'T WANT ILLEGAL ALIENS VOTING. AND I KNOW ONE OF

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1 THE REASONS WHY YOU HAVE 20,000 AFRICAN AMERICANS ON SKID ROW,  
2 AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON THE STREET, IS BECAUSE YOU DON'T  
3 WANT AFRICAN AMERICANS VOTING, AND THEY ARE NOT REALLY VOTING  
4 ANYMORE FOR DEMOCRATS. OKAY? AND MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE  
5 LAST GOVERNOR'S RACE, I'M REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT. AND AS  
6 I WENT IN THE POLLS, AND OTHERS WHO WERE REPUBLICANS AND  
7 INDEPENDENTS, WE HAD OUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS IN OUR  
8 HANDS, AND THEY TOLD US WE WERE NOT ON THE BALLOT. WE WERE NOT  
9 REGISTERED, RATHER. SO WE WERE GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.  
10 WELL, AFTER I FILLED OUT MY PROVISIONAL BALLOT, THEY GAVE IT  
11 TO THE REGISTRAR, OR THE LADY, AND SHE PUT IT ON THE TABLE. I  
12 SAID, "WAIT A MINUTE. I WANT TO SEE MY BALLOT GO IN THE BOX."  
13 SHE SAID, "WELL, WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW." I SAID, "NO, MY BALLOT  
14 IS GOING IN THE BOX." AND I TOOK OUT MY PHONE, AND I HAVE IT  
15 ONLINE. I VIDEOTAPED IT. SUPERVISOR GOT NERVOUS, RAN OVER  
16 THERE, AND THEY STARTED SEALING THEM AND EVERYTHING, AND THEN  
17 THEY PUT THEM IN. THEY WERE DOING THIS ALL OVER THE CITY. I  
18 CAUGHT IT, BUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS DIDN'T GET PUT IN THAT  
19 BOX. THAT'S HOW GAVIN NEWSOM GOT IN OFFICE. WE'RE GOING TO FIX  
20 THAT. YOU DEMOCRATS ARE CROOKS. DONALD TRUMP 2020.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

23

24 **DENISE VILLAMIL:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S DENISE  
25 VILLAMIL. I'M WITH ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. WE ARE ACTUALLY ONE

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1 OF THE AGENCIES THAT IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INITIATIVE. SO  
2 I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE. IT  
3 IS SUPER IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO  
4 HAVE ACCESS TO VOTING CENTERS FOR A LONGER PERIOD, AND ALSO TO  
5 BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE  
6 THAT RELATIONSHIP. FROM LANGUAGE BARRIERS THAT ARE BEING  
7 ADDRESSED, DISABILITIES, I THINK THOSE ARE ALL GREAT THINGS  
8 THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED. AND I THINK IT IS ALSO GOING TO BE  
9 SOMETHING THAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TEACH SOME OF THE  
10 DIFFERENT GENERATIONS TO NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY THE USE OF  
11 TECHNOLOGY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT  
12 WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR  
17 DEMOCRACY, SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET IT  
18 RIGHT. I LOVE THE FACT THAT WE'RE INVITING PEOPLE IN, AND YOU  
19 CAN PROVISIONALLY VOTE ON THE SAME DAY, EVEN, THE SAME-DAY  
20 REGISTRATION. 11 DAYS OF ACCESS, 4 DAYS OF MAXIMUM ACCESS--  
21 VERY EXCITING. BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PARTNERSHIP WITH  
22 THE CITY CLERK, WHAT YOU HAVE IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE. IT'S THE  
23 DEEPLY MOVING GUST FROM MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ABOUT THE VOTERS'  
24 RIGHTS ACT, AND HOW PEOPLE WERE DISENFRANCHISED FOR SO LONG,  
25 APPLIES, UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN TODAY IN LOS ANGELES. WHEN YOU

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1 SEE A COMMUNITY LIKE STUDIO CITY, THAT HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN  
2 AGAINST SHEILA KUEHL, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, PAUL KRIKORIAN, A  
3 CANDIDATE WHO GOT OVER 635 NOMINATING PETITIONS, ALL OF WHICH  
4 WERE OBTAINED PERSONALLY, IT'S LIKE A LITERACY TEST. THEY ARE  
5 CHECKED BY CITY CLERKS WHO ARE HIRED TEMPORARILY, 50 OF THEM,  
6 AND THE CANDIDATES ARE GIVEN MIXED INFORMATION ABOUT WHETHER  
7 OR NOT THE VOTER ROLES ARE ACCESSIBLE OR NOT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO LOOK IN THE COUNTY VOTER  
12 ROLLS.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? WELCOME.

15

16 **JACQUELYN DUPONT-WALKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JACQUELYN DUPONT-  
17 WALKER. I HAVE COME TO SAY THANK YOU. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT  
18 YOU HAVE THOUGHT OUTSIDE OF THE BOX TO GIVE US AN ABSOLUTELY  
19 OUTSTANDING VOTING PROCESS. THE L.A. COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR-  
20 RECORDER HAS SPREAD THE WORD, AND WE'RE PREPARED TO HELP THEM  
21 SPREAD IT FURTHER. I CAN THINK OF GRANDMA AND GRANDPA CALLING  
22 A FAMILY GATHERING, AND THEN TAKING EVERYONE TO VOTE. IT IS  
23 IMPORTANT TO US, ALSO, BECAUSE WARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
24 CORPORATION HAS BEEN A VOTING PRECINCT FOR 9 YEARS. WE LOOK  
25 FORWARD TO CONTINUING AS A VOTING CENTER, TO CARRY THE WORD TO

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1 OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAS A MEDIAN INCOME 20 PERCENT BELOW THE  
2 COUNTY'S MEDIAN, AND IS CONSIDERED A COMMUNITY OF LOW WEALTH.  
3 AS ONE OF THE TRUSTED VOICES, EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER WILL BE OUR  
4 TARGET, TELLING THE STORY THAT YOU CAN VOTE NEAR WHERE YOU  
5 LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND PRAY. THIS MODEL SHOULD AND CAN GO  
6 NATIONALLY. WE BELIEVE THE VOTER CENTER MOVEMENT, STARTED HERE  
7 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IS TAKING AWAY ALL EXCUSES. THANK YOU  
8 FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **PEGGIE REYNA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. PEGGIE REYNA, SERVING  
13 ON THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY FOR THE COUNTY. I'M HERE TO  
14 JUST ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES TO REGISTER TO VOTE, TO  
15 KNOW THAT THIS IS THE MOST ACCESSIBLE VOTING ABILITY IN THE  
16 ENTIRE NATION. AND THOSE OF US WITH DISABILITIES APPRECIATE IT  
17 SO MUCH THAT YOU CAN VOTE FROM ANYWHERE THAT YOU CAN GET TO.  
18 EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE. YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE,  
19 MATTERS.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **JACQUELINE COTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
24 IS JACQUELINE COTO. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE NEW VOTING  
25 SYSTEM, ON BEHALF OF N.A.L.E.O. EDUCATIONAL FUND. WE SERVE ON

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1 THE COUNTY'S V.S.A.P. ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND WE SAW EARLY ON  
2 THAT THE COUNTY OBTAINED INPUT ON THE NEW VOTING SYSTEM  
3 THROUGH MEETINGS WITH VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE NEW PLANNING  
4 PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THE NEW VOTING SYSTEM OFFERS MORE ACCESS  
5 TO LATINOS AND OTHER LANGUAGE MINORITY VOTERS, WHICH IS  
6 CRITICAL FOR FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTY'S DIVERSE  
7 ELECTORATE. LATINO CITIZENS OF VOTING AGE ARE 39 PERCENT OF  
8 THE COUNTY'S ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE, THUS THE COUNTY ELECTIONS  
9 CANNOT REPRESENT THE VOICES OF ALL OF ITS CITIZENS WITHOUT  
10 FULL LATINO PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

11  
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
13 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14  
15 **CHRISTOPHER MYERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER  
16 MYERS, REPRESENTING GREATER LOS ANGELES AGENCY ON DEAFNESS,  
17 AND OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE THAT DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING  
18 PEOPLE HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS THEIR  
19 HEARING COUNTERPARTS, INCLUDING VOTING. AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
20 THE COUNTY FOR TAKING ON THE INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP A MORE  
21 ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S A LONG  
22 PROCESS THAT REQUIRES THE INVOLVEMENT OF MANY STAKEHOLDERS,  
23 AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MORE ACCESSIBLE SYSTEM WILL EMPOWER  
24 THE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHO COME  
25 FROM A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL

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1   PROCESS. AND AT THE VOTING CENTER, WE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS  
2   INDEED MORE WORK TO BE DONE TO REFINE THE SYSTEM, SUCH AS  
3   ADDING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OPTION. BUT WE BELIEVE  
4   THAT WITH A PUBLICLY OWNED SYSTEM THAT CAN EXPAND LANGUAGE AND  
5   VOTING ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY, THAT CAN BE IMPROVED OVER  
6   TIME, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THAT A REALITY. THANK YOU.

7

8   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10   **STEVEN OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
11   BOARD. MY NAME IS STEVEN OCHOA. I AM THE NATIONAL REGISTERING  
12   COORDINATOR FOR M.A.L.D.E.F., THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL  
13   DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND. ON BEHALF OF M.A.L.D.E.F., I  
14   WISH TO OFFER OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUNTY, DEAN LOGAN,  
15   AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM AT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND COUNTY  
16   CLERK'S OFFICE ON THEIR WORK TO MODERNIZE L.A. COUNTY'S  
17   ELECTION SYSTEM, WITH ACHIEVING THEIR MOST RECENT  
18   CERTIFICATION MILESTONE ON THE 24TH. L.A. IS THE LARGEST  
19   COUNTY IN THE NATION, AT 10 MILLION STRONG, 49 PERCENT OF  
20   WHICH THE POPULATION IS LATINO, AND SO THE COUNTY IS IMPORTANT  
21   TO US. THE CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE V.S.A.P. PROGRAM  
22   IS AN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE COUNTY, WITH THE V.S.A.P.  
23   BEING THE FIRST PUBLICLY OWNED AND DESIGNED VOTING SYSTEM. WE  
24   KNOW, FOR L.A. COUNTY, THESE NEW MACHINES REPRESENT HARD WORK  
25   WHICH BEGIN 10 YEARS AGO. THE FACT THAT THESE NEW MACHINES

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1 WERE DEVELOPED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S  
2 BELIEF THAT IT COULD PASS SOMETHING REVOLUTIONARY AS THE  
3 CALIFORNIA VOTER'S CHOICE ACT, WITHOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF  
4 TECHNOLOGY LIKE V.S.A.P., WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER  
5 SUCH COMPREHENSIVE AIDS AS VOTE CENTERS' ABILITY TO VOTE OVER  
6 MULTIPLE DAYS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

9

10 **STEVEN OCHOA:** AND LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **KAREN DIAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME'S KAREN  
15 DIAZ. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION FOR HUMAN IMMIGRANT  
16 RIGHTS, ALSO KNOWN AS C.H.I.R.L.A., AN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS  
17 ORGANIZATION WITH A NATIONAL PRESENCE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN  
18 REGARDS TO THE REGISTRAR COUNTY RECORDER'S NEW VOTING  
19 TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PILOT ELECTION VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL  
20 PEOPLE, V.S.A.P. C.H.I.R.L.A. MEMBERS ARE IMMIGRANTS, CHILDREN  
21 OF IMMIGRANTS, NATURALIZED CITIZENS, FIRST-TIME VOTERS, AND  
22 FUTURE VOTERS. OUR MEMBERS ARE SET ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.  
23 THEY RESIDE IN DOWNTOWN L.A., EAST L.A., SOUTH L.A., PALMDALE,  
24 LANCASTER, LITTLE ROCK, LAKE L.A., CANOGA PARK, SAN FERNANDO  
25 VALLEY, AND SANTA CLARITA. SINCE 2018, C.H.I.R.L.A. HAS BEEN

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1 INVOLVED IN EDUCATING VOTERS ABOUT V.S.A.P. BY HOSTING TWO  
2 VOTE CENTER PLACING PROJECT MEETINGS IN WHICH OUR MEMBERS  
3 LEARNED ABOUT THE VOTER'S CHOICE ACT AND THE NEW VOTING MODEL  
4 CENTER, AND THEY PROVIDED MEANINGFUL PUBLIC INPUT ON THE VOTE  
5 CENTER LOCATIONS. THE MEETINGS WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN POSSIBLE  
6 WITHOUT THE FUNDING, THE RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT BY THE  
7 R.R.C.C. MOREOVER, SINCE SEPTEMBER 2019, AS PART OF THE  
8 IMMIGRANT POLITICAL POWER PROJECT FROM C.H.I.R.L.A., 80  
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND VOTERS RECEIVED TRANSPORTATION TO ATTEND  
10 THE MOCK ELECTION.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT  
13 SPEAKER.

14

15 **LAUREN TALBOTT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LAUREN  
16 TALBOTT, AND I'M THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGER AT PICO RIVERA  
17 LIBRARY AND RIVERA LIBRARY, PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY  
18 SYSTEM. THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY IS PROUD TO BE PARTNERING WITH  
19 THE COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR THE UPCOMING  
20 ELECTION. 34 LIBRARIES ARE SERVING AS VOTING CENTERS FOR THE  
21 UPCOMING MARCH PRIMARY. SOME LIBRARIES WILL BE FOUR-DAY VOTING  
22 LOCATIONS, AND OTHERS 11-DAY VOTING LOCATIONS. 43 LIBRARIES  
23 WILL BE VOTE-BY-MAIL DROPOFF LOCATIONS. FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO  
24 MARCH 3, VOTERS CAN DROP OFF THEIR MAIL-IN BALLOTS AT ANY OF  
25 THESE LOCATIONS DURING BUSINESS HOURS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE

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1 ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT. THIS NEW  
2 VOTING SYSTEM WILL EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITIES TO BECOME MORE  
3 CIVICALLY ENGAGED, AND OUR RESIDENTS MORE LIKELY TO COME OUT  
4 AND VOTE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **FATHER TOM CAREY:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FATHER TOM  
9 CAREY. I'M THE VICAR AT THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IN LINCOLN  
10 HEIGHTS, AND WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE A FOUR-DAY VOTING CENTER  
11 IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. YOU KNOW, THE GREAT THEME OF THE STORY OF  
12 OUR COUNTRY IS WHO GETS TO GOVERN. AND THE STORY OF OUR  
13 COUNTRY IS A WIDENING OF WHO GETS TO GOVERN, WHO GETS TO  
14 PARTICIPATE IN REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. AND THE MORE PEOPLE  
15 THAT PARTICIPATE, THE BETTER REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY WORKS.  
16 SO WE ARE REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF THE SAFEGUARDS THAT HAVE  
17 BEEN PUT INTO THIS NEW VOTING SYSTEM: THE FACT THAT IT IS A  
18 PAPER BALLOT, THE FACT THAT IT IS NON-INTERNET, AND THE FACT  
19 THAT IT IS OWNED BY US, OWNED BY THE PUBLIC. THE CHURCH OF THE  
20 EPIPHANY STANDS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN BEING PART OF THIS  
21 GREAT NEW EXPERIMENT IN OUR ROLE AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. THANK  
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

25

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. WHAT A VOMIT SESSION. RIGHT  
2   PLACE, WRONG CANDIDATES. YOU HAVE A RULE CHANGE COMING UP NEXT  
3   WEEK. DID ANYBODY GET TO VOTE ON IT? OH, YEAH, VOTING, JUST  
4   LIKE SPEAKING ON THE BALLOTS ON THE AGENDAS THAT WE HAVE  
5   BEFORE US. OH, WE CAN'T, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT VOTED ON A RULE  
6   CHANGE. SO MUCH FOR DEMOCRACY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DR. THOMAS?  
7   SO YOU HAD A MOCK ELECTION WHICH WOULD ONLY USE THE NEW  
8   SYSTEM, AND THEN YOU HAD A PILOT ELECTION WHICH WOULD HAVE  
9   USED THE OLD VERSUS THE NEW SYSTEM. WAS THERE DATA COLLECTED  
10   ON WHO USED WHICH SYSTEM FIRST, AND HOW MANY BALLOTS WERE CAST  
11   IN THIS MOCK ELECTION, OR THE PILOT ELECTION? IT WOULD BE  
12   INTERESTING TO KNOW. AND THE PUBLIC BOUGHT THIS SYSTEM? HOW  
13   MUCH DID IT COST? AND A PUBLICLY OWNED SYSTEM? THERE ARE NO  
14   SAFEGUARDS FOR ANYTHING IN THE PUBLIC. IT IS MORE EASILY  
15   HACKED. HOW DO YOU SAY THAT IT IS MORE SECURE WHEN IT IS  
16   PUBLICLY OWNED? YOU ARE IDIOTS, AND YOU ARE IDIOTS IF YOU  
17   LISTEN TO THESE IDIOTS.

18

19   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. RED CHIEF  
20   HUNT?

21

22   **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO READ THIS  
23   CASE NUMBER RIGHT HERE: CV127261DSFSHA, PRESIDED BY DALE  
24   FISHER. WE TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY. WE WANT TO BE ABOUT  
25   DEMOCRACY. EVERYTHING IN THIS WHOLE BODY IS ABOUT DEMOCRACY,

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1 AND ABOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND ABOUT THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.  
2 BUT ALSO, THE CONTENT OF WHAT WE COME HERE FOR IS NOT TO BE  
3 CONTAINED BY THE LANGUAGE. IT IS TO BE CONTAINED BY FREE  
4 ENTERPRISE AND THINGS LIKE THAT, OR FREE SPEECH. PLEASE,  
5 PLEASE, MADAM CHAIR, PLEASE HONOR THAT IN THE UTMOST FEDERAL  
6 WAY, AND THINGS LIKE THAT, JUST LIKE WE ARE HERE TO HONOR YOUR  
7 VOTE PETITION, WHICH IS ALL NICE, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND  
8 I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS IMPROVE IT, BUT PLEASE, PLEASE HONOR  
9 MY NAME. HUNT VERSUS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I AM A CIVIL  
10 RIGHTS FIGHTER. I HAVE FELT THE PRESSURE, AND I KNOW WHAT IT'S  
11 LIKE. HEY, TO THIS GUY RIGHT HERE, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MIGUEL SANTANA. I'M  
16 THE PRESIDENT OF FAIRPLEX. IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE. DURING THE  
17 TENURE, BOTH AT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, I MADE IT A POINT TO  
18 VOLUNTEER AS A POLL WORKER THROUGH MOST OF MY NEIGHBORHOODS.  
19 AND SO WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE THE LARGEST VOTING CENTER AT  
20 FAIRPLEX, ALL 11 DAYS. WE ARE GOING TO BE HOSTING OVER FIFTY  
21 MACHINES ON OUR CAMPUS, PROVIDING FREE PARKING. WE ARE ALSO  
22 GOING TO PROVIDE COFFEE AND DONUTS AND COOKIES FOR THE FOLKS  
23 WHO VOLUNTEER, AND THOSE WHO VOTE. SO PLEASE COME OUT TO OUR  
24 CAMPUS TO VOTE. AND WE ALL KNOW WHERE THE FAIRPLEX IS. IT IS  
25 THE HOME OF THE FAIR. THE LOCATION IS GOING TO BE THROUGH GATE

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1 1. IF YOU CAME TO THE FAIR THIS YEAR, IT WAS WHERE WE HAD THE  
2 OLD-SCHOOL ARCADE. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYBODY.  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MIGUEL.

6

7 **CATHI EREDIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CATHI EREDIA, AND I'M THE CITY  
8 CLERK FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF  
9 EL MONTE, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
10 PROVIDING A MODERN VOTING SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS ACCESSIBLE AND  
11 CONVENIENT VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE. MANY COMMUNITIES  
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SUCH AS EL MONTE, ARE THE HOME TO  
13 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE RESIDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SOCIOECONOMIC  
14 BACKGROUNDS. V.S.A.P. ENSURES THAT VOTERS WHO SPEAK DIFFERENT  
15 LANGUAGES AND HAVE DIFFERENT PHYSICAL NEEDS, AND WHO MAY NOT  
16 BE ABLE TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON A SINGLE DAY, ARE ABLE TO CAST  
17 THEIR VOTE AT ANY VOTING CENTER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 10  
18 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, ENSURING THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE  
19 TREATED EQUITABLE. IN THE NEXT WEEK, WE WILL BE HOLDING  
20 PRESENTATIONS FOR OUR SENIORS IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND AT  
21 THE END OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE HOSTING A FLEX  
22 VOTE CENTER, WHERE I WILL BE VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WHOLE DAY.  
23 SO WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU AND THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. THANK  
24 YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

2

3    **ILAN SHAPIRO:** THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE. MY  
4    NAME IS DR. ILAN SHAPIRO. I'M A MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH  
5    AND WELLNESS FOR ALTAMED. AS A PHYSICIAN, I CAN TAKE CARE OF  
6    MY PATIENTS WITH A PILL, BUT SOMETIMES BEING OUT THERE WITH  
7    SOMETHING THAT WE CALL SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IS THE  
8    MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO. WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERING  
9    WITH MR. LOGAN, AND THANK YOU FOR THE HELP FROM SUPERVISOR  
10   SOLIS. WE HAVE ACTUALLY SHOWN THE COMMUNITY HOW THIS MACHINE  
11   WORKS. BECAUSE IF WE ARE NOT COUNTED, AND WE DON'T VOTE, AND  
12   WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR RIGHTS ARE, WE CANNOT MAKE THE  
13   DIFFERENCE. AND A PILL CAN ACTUALLY NOT SAVE OUR VOTE. THEN  
14   THAT'S WHY WE ARE THERE WITH A COMMUNITY, THERE WITH,  
15   ACTUALLY, THIS AMAZING BOARD, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HELP OUR  
16   COMMUNITY PREACH THAT IMPORTANT PART OF HEALTH TO ACTUALLY BE  
17   REPRESENTED. THANK YOU.

18

19   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21   **MARIO VALENZUELA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIO VALENZUELA.  
22   I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE WEINGART EAST L.A.  
23   Y.M.C.A., AND I WANT TO START OFF BY THANKING THE COUNTY OF  
24   LOS ANGELES AND MR. LOGAN FOR THEIR WORK IN EMPOWERING OUR  
25   COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS BY GIVING THEM A VOICE, GATHERING THEIR

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1 FEEDBACK, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY CREATING A NEW, INNOVATIVE  
2 SYSTEM THAT IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE. THE WEINGART EAST L.A. IS A  
3 PROUD PARTNER OF L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND  
4 SELECTED AS A VOTING CENTER. THAT IS HUGE FOR THE BOYLE  
5 HEIGHTS AND EAST L.A. COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE WE HAVE OVER 10,000  
6 MEMBERS THAT WALK TO OUR FACILITY IN A MONTHLY BASIS. I FIRMLY  
7 BELIEVE THAT BY PROVIDING THIS NEW SYSTEM THAT IS INCLUSIVE,  
8 AND PLACING THEM IN TRUSTED LOCATIONS ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY,  
9 WILL LEAD TO HIGHER VOTER PARTICIPATION. SO THANK YOU ALL.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **EDUARDO CISNEROS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
14 THE BOARD. MY NAME'S EDUARDO CISNEROS. I'M ALSO WITH ALTAMED  
15 HEALTH SERVICES. I'M ACTUALLY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIC  
16 ENGAGEMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PARTNERSHIP. COUNTY  
17 REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S BEEN A FANTASTIC ALLY. WE UNDERSTAND AT  
18 ALTAMED THAT THERE ARE CONDITIONS IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT  
19 IMPACT OUR HEALTH. THOSE COMMUNITIES TEND TO BE THE ONES THAT  
20 ARE LEAST LIKELY TO VOTE. SO WE ARE EXPANDING THE ELECTORATE.  
21 WE'RE BEING MORE INCLUSIVE. WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION  
23 CENTER AT ONE OF OUR CLINICS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO  
24 PARTNER IN THAT SPIRIT. WE ARE GOING TO BE HOSTING EIGHT FLEX  
25 VOTE CENTERS IN OUR LOCATIONS AND THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY TO

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1 SERVICE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO  
2 DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION AND BE MORE INCLUSIVE, AND BRING  
3 MORE FOLKS INTO THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT MORE OF OUR  
4 COMMUNITY VOTES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE A PROUD  
5 PARTNER. I'M ECHOING DR. SHAPIRO'S COMMENTS, A PROVIDER OUT  
6 THERE PROMOTING THIS WORK, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? WELCOME.

9

10 **FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FATHER  
11 RICHARD ESTRADA. I'M A FOUNDER OF JOVENES INC., AND I RESIDE  
12 AND WORK AT THE EPIPHANY PARISH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. FIRST, I  
13 WANT TO CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, THE  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS QUITE A CHALLENGE, BUT IT IS  
15 GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE, AND THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY. THE HEART  
16 OF IT, OF ALL THIS WORK, IS THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE.  
17 AND IN SPANISH, WE'D SAY [SPEAKS SPANISH]. BY VOTING, YOU HAVE  
18 A VOICE. AND MOST PLACES THAT I HAVE BEEN IN MY MINISTRY HAS  
19 BEEN WITH PEOPLE WHO REALLY CARE, OR NEED CARE.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
22 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

23

24 **DR. RUSSELL CASTANEDA CALLEROS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DR.  
25 RUSSELL CASTANEDA CALLEROS, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND

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1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE, AND I'M HERE TO  
2 THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND DEAN LOGAN AND THE  
3 REGISTRAR-RECORDER FOR CREATING THE V.S.A.P. PROGRAM. THE ACT  
4 OF VOTING IS A CENTRAL COMPONENT TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT,  
5 ESSENTIAL TO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, AND VITAL TO THE LONG-  
6 TERM HEALTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY. IN FACT, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT  
7 STUDENTS WHO ARE CIVICALLY ENGAGED TEND TO PERFORM BETTER,  
8 ACADEMICALLY. SO RIO HONDO COLLEGE IS DELIGHTED TO SERVE AS A  
9 VOTING CENTER SITE, AND ALSO AS A VOTE-BY-MAIL DROPOFF SITE,  
10 AS WELL. AND SO IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY IT'S  
11 A BLESSING TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR SUPERVISORS, BOTH  
12 JANICE HAHN AND HILDA SOLIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF  
13 YOUR WORK, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH L.A.  
14 COUNTY IN ITS ONGOING ENDEAVOR TO MAKE VOTING ACCESSIBLE FOR  
15 ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16  
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18  
19 **ROSALIO MUNOZ:** ROSALIO MUNOZ, WITH THE EPIPHANY PEOPLE'S  
20 HISTORY PROJECT, AND I SUPPORT FATHER TOM AND FATHER RICHARD.  
21 WE ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS NEW EXPERIMENT, INSPIRED BY  
22 ALL OF THE COMMENTS, BUT ESPECIALLY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, ABOUT  
23 THE HISTORICITY. AND I WILL JUST PUT SOME NAMES, BECAUSE WE  
24 DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME. YVONNE BRAITHWAITE BURKE, WILLIE  
25 VELASQUEZ, ART TORRES, HANK LOPEZ, MARK FONG YU. SO MANY

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1 PEOPLE. AND I USED TO COME HERE IN THE MID-70S, AND WE HAD ONE  
2 LEAFLET THAT STAYED IN THE PRESS ROOM FOR A LONG TIME: "THESE  
3 MEN ARE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH." BECAUSE THERE WERE A LOT OF  
4 HEALTH CUTS, AND IT WAS 5 WHITE MEN, AND NOT ALL OF THEM--  
5 WELL, EACH OF THEM COULD HAVE DONE BETTER, IS MY OPINION. BUT  
6 IT IS A MUCH DIFFERENT BOARD, AND I'M HAPPY.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **ROSALIO MUNOZ:** AND WE HAD A BILL OF--

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS  
13 UP. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **LAURA SANTOS:** LAURA SANTOS, FROM MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE.  
16 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A VOTING CENTER. I WANT TO  
17 INVITE EVERYBODY TO COME AND VOTE AT MOUNT S.A.C. I LIVE IN  
18 BASSETT, AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. OUR  
19 COMMUNITY KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO VOTE. MY NEIGHBOR 12  
20 YEARS AGO, TO MAINTAIN LEGAL STATUS, SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO  
21 MEXICO, LEAVE HER 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER HERE. I WAS SO HAPPY TO  
22 TALK TO HER THE OTHER DAY, TO FIND OUT THAT SHE'S NOW A  
23 CITIZEN. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO REGISTERING HER. SHE IS  
24 EXCITED ABOUT VOTING. AND WE SEE THE STRUGGLES OF OUR  
25 COMMUNITY, SO WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO VOTE. I WANT TO

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1    THANK THE BLACK COMMUNITY FOR ALL THEIR STRUGGLES, EVEN GIVING  
2    THEIR LIFE FOR THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, SO THAT WE CAN BENEFIT  
3    FROM THESE RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? DR.  
6    DESIRE?

7

8    **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** OH. ALL RIGHT. SO, TWO MINUTES?

9

10   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, YOU GET ONE MINUTE.

11

12   **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** TWO MINUTES?

13

14   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ONE MINUTE.

15

16   **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** I JUST GOT A TIME YIELD. DID SOMEONE  
17    PASS YOU ALONG? CAN YOU STOP THE CLOCK FOR A SECOND?

18

19   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHO DONATED THEIR TIME?

20

21   **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** MARCEL FARMER. ARE WE NOT COMMUNICATING  
22    WITH THE CHAIR?

23

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** STOP. HOLD THE CLOCK. WHO-- SO  
2    STAND UP. RIGHT? OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. TWO MINUTES. GO  
3    AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

4

5    **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, I WENT OUT TO THE VOTER MACHINE  
6    OUTSIDE, AND WAS HELPED BY RUJAH. AS I WAS GOING TO PRESS TO  
7    START THE MACHINE, IT WAS STUCK ON SPANISH. IT WAS STUCK ON  
8    SPANISH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE USING IT. DOES MR.  
9    LOGAN KNOW? IS THERE A MELANIN SENSITIVITY BUTTON ON THIS  
10   MACHINE? BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THIS NEW METHOD DOES  
11   NOT ALLOW MY BLACK FINGER TO PRESS THE START BUTTON. SO RUJAH,  
12   WHO IS NOT SPANISH, HAD TO WAIT FOR DESIREE, WHO IS SPANISH,  
13   TO COME BACK FROM LUNCH OR BREAK, WHEREVER SHE WAS, TO RESET  
14   THE MACHINE. THIS IS FRIGHTENING. I'M DOCUMENTED, AND I'M VERY  
15   AFRAID RIGHT NOW. SO WHEN THESE MACHINES COME OUT AND ALL THIS  
16   NETWORKING AND COMMUNITY THINGS THAT YOU DID BEFORE TO GET  
17   THESE, I DON'T RECALL NOT ONE LETTER, NOT ONE PIECE OF MAIL  
18   STATING THAT YOU GUYS WERE EVEN DOING ANY CONFERENCE  
19   CONCERNING THESE MACHINES BEFORE YOU CAME OUT. SO I DON'T KNOW  
20   WHAT OUTREACH HE WAS DOING. MY CONCERN IS THIS: IF YOU ARE  
21   REALLY GOING TO INCLUDE EVERYONE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE,  
22   PLEASE INCLUDE AFRICAN AMERICANS. PLEASE DON'T THANK US FOR  
23   THE STRUGGLES. THAT WAS ASININE TO EVEN SAY THAT. WE DON'T  
24   NEED A CONGRATULATORY SUGGESTION FOR THE STRUGGLES THAT YOU  
25   GUYS CONTINUE TO DO. SO, AS WE CONTINUE TO BE PULLED OVER

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1 WHILE DRIVING BLACK IN CULVER CITY, AS WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME  
2 OPPORTUNITIES AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN TO OWN BUSINESSES AS  
3 LATINO WOMEN, AS WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME PLACE ON THE  
4 CONTRACTING TABLES, THE CONFIRMATION OF ME NOT EVEN ALLOWING  
5 TO UTILIZE THE SAMPLE VOTING MACHINE THAT L.A.R.R. DECIDED TO  
6 PUT OUT TODAY, AND I CAN'T EVEN UTILIZE IT, BECAUSE IT WAS  
7 STUCK ON SPANISH. THIS IS NOT EVEN A JOKE, FOLKS. SO, WHILE  
8 WE'RE HERE, LET'S TRY TO FIX IT UP BEFORE WE PUBLICIZE IT FOR  
9 A NEW VOTING DAY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARCEL  
14 RODARTI. I JUST MISSPELLED MY NAME. THAT'S PRETTY AWESOME. I'M  
15 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES  
16 ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE TODAY TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT MANY  
17 OF OUR 73 CITIES HAVE EXPRESSED TO US. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL  
18 FOR VOICING THOSE CONCERNS BEFORE THE HEARING TODAY. AS YOU  
19 KNOW, SOME OF OUR RACES IN OUR SMALLER CITIES ARE EXTREMELY  
20 CLOSE. SOME OF THEM ARE DETERMINED BY LESS THAN 20 VOTES. WE  
21 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS DONE THAT'S POSSIBLE TO  
22 MAKE SURE THAT THE VOTING IS FAIR, AND THAT ALL CANDIDATES ARE  
23 SEEN ON A BALLOT BEFORE VOTERS ARE ABLE TO MOVE ON TO THE  
24 NEXT. ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS WE RECEIVED IS POSSIBLY GRAYING  
25 OUT THE "NEXT" OR "SKIP" BUTTON UNTIL ALL CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN

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1 VIEWED. I REALIZE IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR THE MARCH  
2 ELECTIONS, WHICH OFFERS NO SOLACE TO SOMEBODY WHO MAY LOSE A  
3 CLOSE ELECTION IN A COUPLE WEEKS. BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
4 WORKING WITH THE BOARD AND WITH THE COUNTY REGISTRAR ON  
5 UPDATES AND FIXES TO THESE PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. SO, BEFORE I PREFACE MY REMARKS, MY  
10 CONTENT IS PROTECTED. CV12-7261, HUNT VERSUS THE CITY OF LOS  
11 ANGELES. [EXPLETIVE] ALL WHITE [EXPLETIVE]-- [MIC DISABLED.]

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. THAT IS  
14 YOUR FIRST WARNING. YOU ARE FREE TO SPEAK, BUT WHEN PEOPLE  
15 COMPLAIN, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

16

17 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** [SPEAKS INAUDIBLY.] WE CAN'T VOTE. WE CAN'T  
18 SPEAK.

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** HEY, SUPERVISOR, WE'VE GOTTEN A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS  
21 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I HAVE GIVEN HIM HIS FIRST  
24 WARNING. LET HIM FINISH ON THIS ITEM. I HAVE GIVEN HIM HIS  
25 FIRST WARNING.

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1

2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** [SPEAKS INAUDIBLY.]

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

5 THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING. ONE MORE, AND YOU WILL BE ASKED

6 TO LEAVE THE BOARDROOM.

7

8 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, HE'S OUT. YEAH, HE CAN. YEAH, HE

9 CAN.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER? [MULTIPLE PEOPLE

12 SPEAK.]

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, LOOK. CHIEF RED BULL? HUNT?

15 PLEASE. I'M ASKING YOU ALL TO RESPECT EVERYONE'S TIME WHEN

16 THEY ARE SPEAKING AT THE DAIS. AND IF-- MR. SPINDLER, IF YOU

17 HAVE ONE MORE, YOU'VE GOT TWO WARNINGS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO

18 LEAVE THE BOARDROOM. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **ROSENDO GARCIA:** MY NAME IS ROSENDO GARCIA, CENTER DIRECTOR FOR

21 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE CENTER, LOCATED IN SOUTH EL

22 MONTE. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S

23 NEW VOTING SYSTEM. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY, THE

24 SUPERVISORS, FOR TAKING ON THE INITIATIVE TO ENSURE MORE

25 PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO VOTE, AND THAT VOTING IS MORE ACCESSIBLE

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1 AND CONVENIENT. THE COMMUNITY I REPRESENT AND SERVE IS A  
2 WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITY WHERE THE MAJORITY ARE FIRST- AND  
3 SECOND-GENERATION AMERICANS. THE NEW VOTING SYSTEM AND THE  
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOTING CENTERS REMOVES BARRIERS AND  
5 MAKES VOTING ACCESSIBLE, CONVENIENT, AND WELCOMING. I AM VERY  
6 HAPPY TO HAVE THE CENTER PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY AND THE  
7 REGISTRAR-RECORDER ON THIS NEW, EXCITING EFFORT AS A VOTING  
8 CENTER. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK ALL TOGETHER AND  
9 ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE  
12 SPEAKERS? OKAY. S-1 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
13 SECOND-- OH, I'M SORRY. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? YOU WANT  
14 TO MOVE IT. OKAY, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO  
16 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. SO, NOW I HAVE BEEN ASKED  
17 TO BRING UP ITEM 23, 24, AND 25. AND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
18 THOMAS, YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPEN UP THE DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?

19

20 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WILL DO  
21 IT WITH AS MUCH SPEED AS POSSIBLE. AND I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
22 THE COURTESY OF SUPERVISOR HAHN. THAT WOULD BE JANICE K. HAHN.  
23 BRIAN WILLIAMS, SEAN KENNEDY, AND CYN YAMASHIRO ARE HERE,  
24 MADAM CHAIR, TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE, AND I WILL DEFER TO THEM.  
25 BUT TODAY, THE BOARD HAS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT

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1 ORDINANCES STRENGTHENING THE OVERSIGHT OF BOTH THE PROBATION  
2 DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LONG TIME COMING,  
3 SIGNIFICANT AREA OF WORK BY THE BOARD. A SHOUTOUT TO  
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THESE  
5 MOTIONS. THIS IS ABOUT CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT. IT'S ABOUT CIVIC  
6 ENGAGEMENT. IT IS ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. IT IS ABOUT  
7 TRANSPARENCY. AND THE ADOPTION OF THESE ORDINANCES WILL GRANT  
8 THESE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS THAT WE HAVE EMPOWERED TO HAVE  
9 THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO ADVANCE OUR REFORM. AND I THINK,  
10 COLLECTIVELY, WE KNOW THAT'S A GOOD THING. IT IS GOING TO  
11 SOLIDIFY SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, WITH RESPECT  
12 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT WILL DO THE SAME WITH RESPECT  
13 TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THESE  
14 ITEMS FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS. IT IS WITH HIGH ANTICIPATION AND  
15 MUCH PRAISE TO THE ENTIRETY OF THIS BOARD, AND TO THE STAFF  
16 AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, WITH THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
17 COMMISSION AND THE APPOINTEES ON THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
18 COMMISSION, AND THE PROBATION COMMISSION--

19  
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
21 THOMAS. CAN I ASK, WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING THE ROOM, TO PLEASE DO  
22 SO QUIETLY? THE BOARD IS STILL IN SESSION. I'M SORRY,  
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE, MADAM CHAIR. I  
2    APPRECIATE IT. BUT IT IS APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND  
3    THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE BROUGHT US TO THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN  
4    TIME. NO MEAN FEAT. VERY IMPORTANT. AND WITH THAT, MADAM  
5    CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE THREE PERSONS WHO ARE HERE  
6    AT OUR REQUEST TO GIVE THEIR TESTIMONY, AND THEN WE CAN MOVE  
7    FROM THERE.

8

9    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. WILLIAMS?

12

13   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS  
14   OF THE BOARD. TODAY REALLY REPRESENTS AN EVOLUTION OF THE  
15   COMMISSION AND WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE HOPE TO GO. IF I CAN  
16   START OUT--

17

18   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. CAN YOU HOLD  
19   ON? THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING, MR. HERMAN. AND, MR.  
20   SPINDLER, THAT IS YOUR THIRD. SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO LEAVE.

21

22   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! IT WASN'T EVEN ME!

23

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE  
2    BOARD MEETING. MR. SPINDLER? PABLO, WOULD YOU PLEASE ESCORT  
3    HIM OUT OF THE ROOM?

4

5    **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! AND YOU KNOW IT! I  
6    DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, AND YOU KNOW THAT, KATHRYN! YOU KNOW I  
7    DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. YOU KNOW I DIDN'T SAY THAT. >SUP. KATHRYN  
8    BARGER, CHAIR: I APOLOGIZE. [WAYNE SPINDLER SPEAKS INAUDIBLY.]  
9    THANK YOU. OKAY, I APOLOGIZE. AND THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING,  
10    MR. HERMAN. NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

11

12    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IF I CAN JUST START OUT WITH  
13    MY COMMENTS AND QUOTE GANDHI, WHO SAID THAT TRUTH NEVER  
14    DAMAGES A CAUSE THAT IS JUST. TRUTH NEVER DAMAGES A CAUSE THAT  
15    IS JUST. AND REALLY, THE POSITION OF OUR COMMISSION HAS BEEN  
16    THAT WE SIMPLY SEEK THE TRUTH. I COME TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
17    PROPOSED MOTION TO GIVE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION YET  
18    ANOTHER TOOL WITHIN WHICH TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE, FAIR, AND  
19    TRUSTWORTHY OVERSIGHT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
20    THE C.O.C. HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR JUST OVER THREE YEARS  
21    NOW, AND DURING THIS TIME WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL,  
22    SOMETIMES WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
23    SOMETIMES NOT. BUT WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO COOPERATE.  
24    DURING THIS THREE-YEAR PERIOD, THE COMMISSION HAS GROWN. IN  
25    OUR EARLY YEARS, WE HAD MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. WE

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1 WEREN'T ALWAYS ABLE TO KNOW WHICH QUESTIONS TO ASK. WE WEREN'T  
2 ALWAYS ABLE TO KNOW WHICH ANSWERS WERE THE CORRECT ANSWER. BUT  
3 WE'VE EVOLVED AND WE'VE BECOME A BETTER AND MORE MATURE  
4 COMMISSION. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT BECAUSE THE STAKES ARE SO  
5 HIGH, WE HAD TO GROW UP QUICKLY, AND WE HAD TO MATURE TO THIS  
6 POINT. AND I BELIEVE THE COMMISSION IS READY NOW TO UTILIZE  
7 THIS TOOL; MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHEN NECESSARY. WE KNOW THAT  
8 SUBPOENA POWER IS NOT THE PANACEA FOR ALL THAT AILS US-- ALL  
9 OF OUR CONCERNS, ALL OF OUR NEEDS, ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS, ALL OF  
10 OUR WANTS. HOWEVER, IT WILL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH A  
11 POWERFUL TOOL WITHIN WHICH TO DO OUR JOB. WE UNDERSTAND THE  
12 NEED TO BE JUDICIOUS IN THE USE OF ANY SUCH POWER. IT'S OUR  
13 HOPE AND DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER  
14 STAKEHOLDERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AND  
15 ORDERLY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. BUT THERE ARE GOING TO BE  
16 TIMES WHERE WE DISAGREE. THERE ARE GOING TO BE TIMES WHERE  
17 BOTH SIDES WILL PULL IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, AND IT IS MY  
18 HOPE THAT THOSE TIMES WILL BE RARE AND FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.  
19 THE ABILITY TO COMPEL DOCUMENTS OR WITNESSES WILL SOMETIMES BE  
20 NECESSARY, NOT AS REVENGE, NOT AS A WEAPON, BUT AS AN EFFORT  
21 TO ANSWER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS IMPORTANT ISSUES  
22 WHICH COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION. CICERO SAID THAT THE  
23 FOUNDATION OF JUSTICE IS GOOD FAITH, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT  
24 THIS TOOL WILL ONLY BE USED IN GOOD FAITH, AND THE HISTORY OF  
25 THE ACTIONS OF THE C.O.C. SHOULD SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT. WE

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1 BELIEVE THE SAME VIABILITY AND THE SAME SPIRIT WOULD BE WITH  
2 THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE O.I.G. SO, SUBPOENA  
3 POWER IS NOT A WEAPON, IN OUR OPINION. IT REALLY IS A TOOL FOR  
4 JUSTICE: FOR THE COMMISSION, FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND FOR ALL  
5 INVOLVED. SO WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE WANT TO  
6 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE  
7 C.O.C., AND WE KNOW THAT ONLY THROUGH JUDICIAL USE OF SUCH  
8 SUBPOENA POWER WILL WE BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD, COLLECTIVELY.  
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SEAN KENNEDY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. IT IS AN HONOR TO  
12 ADDRESS THIS BOARD. MY NAME IS SEAN KENNEDY. I'M A PROFESSOR  
13 AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, WHO SERVES ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
14 COMMISSION FOR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF. I HAVE BEEN THERE FROM THE  
15 BEGINNING, AND I WANTED TO COME BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT  
16 IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME, AS A COMMISSIONER. I THINK MOST  
17 COMMISSIONERS ARE LIKE MYSELF, THAT WE DO THIS WORK, WHICH  
18 INVOLVES A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY AND EMOTIONS, BECAUSE WE  
19 WANTED TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES, TO  
20 PROMOTE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
21 SHOOTINGS, AND TO SUPPORT L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF WHEN THEY HAVE  
22 PROGRAMS THAT ADVANCE ALL OF THOSE GOALS. I THINK THAT  
23 SUBPOENA POWER THREE YEARS IN IS NOT JUST A TOOL; IT IS ONE OF  
24 THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF A PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION.  
25 EVERY SINGLE TIME THAT I HEAR SUBPOENA POWER TALKED ABOUT, IT

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1 IS FRAMED AS, LIKE, A NEGATIVE ISSUE, A POWER STRUGGLE, A WAY  
2 TO WEAPONIZE A POSITION, OR TO BROWBEAT THE SHERIFF. BUT, YOU  
3 KNOW, AS A LAW PROFESSOR AND A TRIAL LAWYER, I DON'T SEE IT  
4 THAT WAY AT ALL. YOU KNOW, ALL KINDS OF INSTITUTIONS HAVE TO  
5 INVESTIGATE MATTERS, AND THEY DO IT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. AND  
6 YOU START TRYING TO SOLICIT COOPERATION AND BUILD  
7 RELATIONSHIPS TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED, BECAUSE THAT'S  
8 IMPORTANT. BUT VERY OFTEN, WHEN THAT DOESN'T WORK, YOU NEED TO  
9 COMPEL INFORMATION, AND THAT IS WHERE OUR COMMISSION IS REALLY  
10 LACKING. SUBPOENA POWER IS JUST A COMPONENT OF MEANINGFUL  
11 OVERSIGHT AND PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION THAT THIS COMMISSION  
12 HAS LACKED FOR OVER THREE YEARS. I THINK ALL OF THE MEMBERS  
13 REALLY TRY TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND WANT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS I  
14 SPOKE ABOUT. AND SO I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS BEING THIS DIVISIVE  
15 STANDOFF THAT I HEAR ABOUT SO MUCH. I JUST VIEW IT AS A WAY  
16 FOR US TO CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL, THOROUGH, FAIR INVESTIGATIONS.  
17 AND WHEN WE CAN'T GET THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED THROUGH OUR  
18 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SHERIFFS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS,  
19 OR THROUGH NEGOTIATION, THEN WE WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO  
20 SUBPOENA. AND I HOPE THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THAT, BECAUSE  
21 WITHOUT IT, THERE ARE SO MANY TIMES I FEAR THAT OUR ROLE  
22 DEGENERATES INTO OVERSIGHT THEATER. IT IS NOT MEANINGFUL  
23 OVERSIGHT. AND WE REALLY WANT TO DO A GOOD JOB, AND REALLY  
24 WANT TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

25

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1    **CYN YAMASHIRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND MADAM  
2    CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS CYN YAMASHIRO. I AM  
3    THE DIRECTING ATTORNEY FOR THE INDEPENDENT JUVENILE DEFENDER  
4    PROGRAM. I WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE P.R.I.T., AS WELL AS A  
5    CURRENT PROBATION COMMISSIONER, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT  
6    PORTION OF TODAY'S MOTION AND THE ORDINANCE THAT PERTAINS TO  
7    THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT BODY. FIRST, I WANTED TO COMMEND THE  
8    BOARD, IN PARTICULAR, AND THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
9    THOMAS AND OTHER SIGNATORIES TO ANY NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
10   MOTIONS THAT HAVE MOVED THE P.R.I.T. PROCESS FORWARD, AS WELL  
11   AS THE PROBATION REFORM, AS WELL. I THINK IT IS WORTH NOTING  
12   THAT IT IS THE FIRST PROBATION OVERSIGHT BODY IN THE COUNTRY.  
13   IT CAN SERVE AS A NATIONAL MODEL, AND PUTS L.A. COUNTY  
14   SQUARELY IN THE VANGUARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. THIS IS  
15   NOT A QUESTION OF JUVENILE ISSUES. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF  
16   ADULT ISSUES. IT IS REALLY A QUESTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
17   REFORM. AND I THINK IT IS LAUDABLE THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN  
18   SUCH AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS REFORM. THAT SAID, AS IMPORTANT  
19   AS THIS MOTION IS, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, I THINK, AS A  
20   MEMBER AND AS A PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE DESIGN OF THE P.O.C.  
21   THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, I  
22   BELIEVE, TO MAINTAIN SOME BASIC FIDELITY TO THE  
23   RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAD. AND SO AS YOU CONSIDER THE DESIGN  
24   OF THE P.O.C., I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER A COUPLE  
25   THINGS. FIRST, THE STAFFING MODEL, WHICH I SUSPECT IS GOING TO

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1 BECOME SOMETHING OF AN ISSUE GOING FORWARD, AS IT ULTIMATELY  
2 PERTAINS AND AFFECTS THE BUDGET. THE STAFFING MODEL THAT WE  
3 PROPOSED WAS BASED ON NATIONAL RESEARCH, AND IT WASN'T SIMPLY  
4 A STAFFING NUMBER THAT WE PULLED OUT OF OUR HATS. IT, IN FACT,  
5 WAS BASED ON THE RATIO BETWEEN OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL AND THE  
6 BODY THAT IT IS OVERSEEING, AND WE MODELED IT AFTER A NUMBER  
7 OF HIGH-FUNCTIONING JURISDICTIONS, SUCH AS THE CITY OF  
8 OAKLAND, SEATTLE, AND PORTLAND, AS WELL. THE SECOND THING I  
9 WANTED TO TALK ABOUT ARE THE TWO ELEMENTS THAT ALSO MIGHT  
10 RECEIVE A LITTLE ATTENTION, AND THE FIRST IS THE COMMUNITY  
11 ENGAGEMENT, AND THE SECOND IS THE QUESTION OF THE INDEPENDENT  
12 REVIEW PROCESS. I WOULD JUST POINT OUT THAT BOTH OF THEM SERVE  
13 AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION, WHICH IS TO SAY THAT THERE ARE ELEMENTS  
14 OF THE DAY-TO-DAY WORKINGS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT I  
15 THINK, RIGHTFULLY SO, WOULD NEVER RISE TO THE LEVEL OF  
16 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE O.I G. THIS  
17 CHRISTMASTIME, MY ORGANIZATION AND THE LAWYERS, WE ORGANIZED A  
18 BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE KIDS IN JUVENILE HALL. WE DID THIS  
19 BECAUSE WE HAVE LAWYERS ON THE GROUND WHO ARE WORKING WITH  
20 THIS POPULATION, AND WE KNEW THAT THEY WERE FREEZING AT NIGHT.  
21 SO WE RAISED-- WE HAD ABOUT 80 BLANKETS DONATED THAT WE  
22 PROVIDED. THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
23 AND ALSO AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROCESS HAS THE ABILITY TO  
24 DISCOVER, BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,  
25 NOT RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF CITIZENS, WHO THANKFULLY WERE

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1 WILLING TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THAT REALLY SHOULDN'T BE THEIR  
2 ROLE. THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE  
3 ATTENTION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY,  
4 AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACT ON IT. AND CERTAINLY, THAT  
5 WOULD NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF SOMETHING THAT THE O.I.G. WOULD  
6 NECESSARILY BE INVOLVED IN, OR SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN. SO,  
7 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND CONGRATULATIONS. THIS IS A  
8 GREAT STEP FORWARD.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE  
11 THE COMMENT THAT THE FACT THAT PROBATION DIDN'T HAVE BLANKETS  
12 FOR THE KIDS, SHAME ON US. SO, THAT'S APPALLING TO ME. MR.  
13 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE THE INVITED  
16 SPEAKERS THAT WE WISH TO HEAR FROM. IF YOU WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
17 THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF HAS REQUESTED THE TIME TO BE HEARD,  
18 I SUSPECT NOW WOULD BE THE TIME TO DO SO.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, I WOULD. WELCOME, SHERIFF  
21 VILLANUEVA. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

22

23 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** SURE, UNLESS YOU ALL CARE TO MAKE ONE  
24 FIRST.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE  
2    REQUESTED TO SPEAK, SO...

3

4    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME.

7

8    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL. I JUST  
9    WANT TO MAKE THREE IMPORTANT POINTS TO PONDER. FIRST OF ALL, I  
10    CAMPAIGNED ON TRANSPARENCY, AND...

11

12    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, MR. SACHS.

13

14    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WHEN YOU INHERIT AN ORGANIZATION AS LARGE  
15    AS OURS, WITH AS MUCH DATA THAT WE GENERATE, AND ALL THE  
16    ACTIVITIES THAT WE DO, AND A VERY ANTIQUATED I.T. SYSTEM THAT  
17    WE HAVE, IT IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS SNAP OUR FINGERS, PUSH A  
18    BUTTON, AND VOILA, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE CRANKING OUT. IT  
19    TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY. SO WE ARE PUTTING THE ENTIRE CONTENTS  
20    OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ONLINE, ON OUR WEBSITE. AND I SAY  
21    THE ENTIRE CONTENTS, I MEAN THE ENTIRE CONTENTS. EVERYTHING  
22    THAT IS NOT LEGALLY RESTRICTED, WE'RE GOING TO PUT ONLINE. SO  
23    THAT MEANS OUR DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, WE'RE GOING TO BE  
24    PUTTING THE DEPUTY'S FIRST REPORT. WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE  
25    CORONER'S REPORT. WE'RE GOING TO PUT A VIDEO THAT WE HAVE

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1 AVAILABLE. AND LATER ON, WHEN WE HAVE THE BODYCAMs DEPLOYED,  
2 WE'LL HAVE THAT INFORMATION ALSO AVAILABLE. WE WILL HAVE A  
3 SYNOPSIS OF EACH SHOOTING. AND EVERYTHING THAT COMPLIES WITH  
4 1421, WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT ONLINE ON EACH SHOOTING. AND WE'VE  
5 ALREADY STARTED THAT PROCESS FROM THE ONES FROM MY TIME, MY  
6 ADMINISTRATION, MOVING FORWARD. AND THAT TAKES A LOT OF  
7 BANDWIDTH. IT TAKES A LOT OF SERVER CAPACITY THAT WE DON'T  
8 HAVE, SO WE ARE GOING TO BE REQUESTING THE FUNDS TO INCREASE  
9 OUR SERVER CAPACITY IN THE INTERESTS OF THAT TRANSPARENCY. SO  
10 I'M HERE TO DELIVER ON TRANSPARENCY. AND THE THINGS THAT WE  
11 CANNOT PUT ONLINE, THE THINGS THAT WE CANNOT RELEASE, AND  
12 THOSE THAT ARE BOUND BY LAW, THERE'S QUITE A FEW STATE LAWS  
13 THAT DICTATE WHAT IS NOT RELEASED PUBLICLY. ONE OF THOSE IS  
14 PERSONNEL RECORDS. THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL. THEY WILL REMAIN  
15 PRIVATE. AND THAT IS WITH OR WITHOUT SUBPOENA. THEY ARE NOT  
16 SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE. THE SAME THING GOES WITH ONGOING  
17 INVESTIGATIONS, BOTH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO  
19 DISCLOSURE. THEY WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE INVESTIGATIONS  
20 ARE CONCLUDED. THEN WE WILL REPORT ON THE RESULTS. WE ALSO ARE  
21 NOT GOING TO BE RELEASING ANY INFORMATION ON VICTIMS AND  
22 WITNESSES OF PARTICULAR CRIMES-- FOR EXAMPLE, SEX-RELATED  
23 CRIMES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES-- BECAUSE THOSE ARE ALSO  
24 PROTECTED BY LAW. SO THOSE THREE BROAD CATEGORIES WILL REMAIN  
25 CONFIDENTIAL. AND THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE BY WHATEVER IS

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1 ON THE BALLOT, OR WHATEVER IS VOTED ON HERE TODAY. AND AS A  
2 CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'M  
3 BOUND BY LAW TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL THOSE  
4 RECORDS. AND SO SUBPOENA POWER DOES NOT GIVE ACCESS TO THOSE  
5 TYPE OF DOCUMENTS. AND I DON'T SEE ANY FORUM OR ANY JUDICIAL  
6 REVIEW WILL SOMEHOW CHANGE STATE LAW TO MAKE THAT ACCESSIBLE.  
7 IT'S JUST NOT. PLUS, IT JUST GOES AGAINST THE GRAIN OF WHAT  
8 WE'RE HERE FOR. WE NEED TO HAVE WITNESSES. WE NEED TO HAVE  
9 VICTIMS COOPERATE. THEY CAN'T FEAR THAT THEIR INFORMATION IS  
10 GOING TO BE DIVULGED PUBLICLY. THE SAME THING WITH APPLICANTS  
11 TO BE EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THEY DON'T WANT THEIR  
12 INFORMATION TO BE DIVULGED PUBLICLY, EITHER, AS A MATTER OF  
13 PUBLIC RECORD, AND THAT IS WHY THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS  
14 WISELY ENSHRINED ALL OF THESE RECORDS AS CONFIDENTIAL, AND I'M  
15 GOING TO HONOR THAT. THE THIRD POINT IS THE SUBPOENA POWER  
16 ITSELF, IF IT COMES TO-- IT IS GOING TO INCREASE THE  
17 LITIGATION COSTS ENORMOUSLY IF THERE'S A SUBJECT DISPUTE. IF  
18 I'M RELEASING EVERYTHING PUBLICLY THAT I CAN, AND BEING AS  
19 TRANSPARENT AS I CAN, THE QUESTION IS, WHAT IS LEFT THAT  
20 PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SEEK A SUBPOENA FOR? THERE IS NOTHING  
21 LEFT, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO GIVE IT ALL PUBLICLY. IN FACT, WE  
22 WILL EVEN PUT ONLINE EVERY SINGLE REQUEST FROM THE O.I.G. AND  
23 THE C.O.C. WE WILL MAKE ALL THOSE REQUESTS PUBLIC, TOO. WE  
24 ALREADY HAVE STARTED THAT PROCESS. IF YOU GO TO OUR WEBSITE,  
25 YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THOSE. WE'RE PUTTING ALL OF THAT ONLINE,

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1 BECAUSE OUR BUSINESS IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF SECRECY, AS SOME  
2 PEOPLE LIKE TO BELIEVE, ERRONEOUSLY. I WILL SAY THIS: IN THE  
3 YEAR 2017, THE O.I.G. GENERATED 7 REPORTS FOR THE ENTIRE  
4 CALENDAR YEAR. IN THE YEAR 2018, THE O.I.G. GENERATED 10  
5 REPORTS. IN THE YEAR 2019, WHICH IS UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION,  
6 THE O.I.G. GENERATED 21 REPORTS. THAT'S MORE THAN TWICE THE  
7 TOTAL OF THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS. AND I'M PRETTY SURE THEY  
8 DIDN'T MAKE UP INFORMATION. THEY RELIED ON INFORMATION THAT WE  
9 PROVIDED. SO WE'RE STARTING TO LOSE THE CONTEXT HERE. WHAT HAS  
10 THE C.O.C., WHAT HAS THE O.I.G. RECEIVED? TURNS OUT THEY HAVE  
11 BEEN RECEIVING REAMS AND REAMS OF DATA FROM THE DEPARTMENT. WE  
12 ARE GIVING THEM ACCESS TO ALL OF THE ASPECTS OF PATROL, OF  
13 CUSTODY. EVERYWHERE THAT WE HAVE AN OPERATION, WE ARE GIVING  
14 THEM ALMOST UNLIMITED ACCESS. THE ONLY ACCESS THAT WE ARE  
15 RESTRICTING IS THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED TO BE RESTRICTED BY LAW,  
16 AND NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS. SO I WILL SUBMIT TO YOU THAT  
17 THAT IS MY OBLIGATION, AND AS COUNTY COUNSEL, YOU ARE SUPPOSED  
18 TO BE MY COUNTY COUNSEL, SO YOU ARE GOING TO INFORM ME WHEN A  
19 CONFLICT ARISES, AND THEN I WILL HAVE TO SEEK SEPARATE COUNSEL  
20 WHEN WE HAVE A DISAGREEMENT OVER THE SUBPOENA ISSUE. AND I  
21 HAVEN'T HEARD THAT YET, BUT I'M SURE YOU WILL BE DOING THAT.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. I THINK, FOR  
24 THE LAST--

25

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1   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OH, I GOT ONE MORE THING TO ADD TO THAT.  
2   SOMETHING THAT I DON'T WANT TO-- IS THAT WE RECEIVED NOTICE  
3   FROM THE UNIONS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE OVER THESE  
4   CHANGES, AND CERTAINLY OVER THE IMPACT OF THE CHANGES. THE  
5   COUNTY'S BARGAINING ORDINANCE REQUIRES NEGOTIATIONS OVER  
6   WORKING CONDITIONS. AND EVEN IF SOMETHING IS NOT NEGOTIABLE,  
7   IT REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO DISCUSS THE CHANGES WITH THE UNIONS.  
8   IT'S PART OF THE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS. THIS IS A  
9   COMPLICATED PIECE OF LEGISLATION, AND ONE OF THE UNIONS,  
10   A.L.A.D.S., HAS POINTED OUT SOME POTENTIALLY SERIOUS LANGUAGE  
11   PROBLEMS WITH THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN. IT'S AT THE BARGAINING  
12   TABLE WHERE THESE SORTS OF THINGS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT, AND I  
13   AGREE WITH HIM.

14

15   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AT LEAST WEEK'S  
16   BOARD MEETING, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I BELIEVE, BROUGHT  
17   UP THE ISSUE OF THE M.O.A., AND I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO YOU  
18   SINCE THEN, AND YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE  
19   AN M.O.A. YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE AN  
20   M.O.A., CORRECT?

21

22   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OH, WE NEED TO SIT DOWN AND DO A NEW  
23   M.O.A., BY ALL MEANS.

24

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. AND SO I THINK IT IS  
2    IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AN M.O.A. IS IN PLACE, AND A SUBPOENA  
3    IS ONLY USED IF, WITH THAT M.O.A., THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT, AND  
4    THEY FEEL THEY NEED TO DO A SUBPOENA. I MEAN, THE M.O.A.  
5    TAKES-- IT IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON. CORRECT?

6

7    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, WE SHOULD HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF  
8    AGREEMENT, AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND ANY TYPE OF  
9    CODE THAT IS GENERATED HERE, LOCALLY, HAS TO CONFORM TO STATE  
10   LAW.

11

12   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU,  
13   AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD DISAGREE THAT IT HAS TO COMPLY  
14   WITH STATE LAW. BUT TO THE POINT, THOUGH, I JUST WANT TO ASK  
15   AGAIN THAT THE M.O.A. DISCUSSIONS BEGIN, AS IT RELATES TO A  
16   MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, SO THAT THE SUBPOENA IS THE LAST  
17   RESORT. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AS IT RELATES TO HOW THIS  
18   WHOLE THING WORKS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20   **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WISH TO SAY  
21   THE FOLLOWING: AN M.O.A. IS IN PLACE, AND IT IS THE CASE THAT  
22   THE COMMISSION-- THAT IS, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION--  
23   MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE HAD ABUNDANCE OF  
24   DIFFICULTY CAUSING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF  
25   HIMSELF TO COMPLY WITH THE M.O.A.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE IS NO M.O.A., SUPERVISOR  
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

4

5 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE CONTRARY. AND IT IS THE CASE  
6 THAT THAT WHICH IS BEFORE US IS A FUNCTION OF OUR HISTORY AND  
7 INVOLVEMENT IN TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE  
8 APPROPRIATE COMPLIANCE. THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS REVIEWED THIS  
9 BACKWARDS AND FORWARD. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN DEEPLY  
10 INVOLVED IN THIS, AS WELL. EACH BOARD OFFICE HAS HAD AMPLE  
11 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS, FROM THE SECOND READING, SIMPLY AS  
12 THE LAW PRESCRIBES. I CAN SAY TO YOU THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THIS A  
13 THOROUGH REVIEW, AND IT IS THE CASE THAT YOU DON'T START WITH  
14 A SUBPOENA POWER. BUT IN LIGHT OF THE OPERATION OR  
15 NONCOMPLIANCE, YOU CAN GET THERE IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE  
16 ULTIMATELY BEING SERVED. AND SO, MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY JUST  
17 WANT TO OFFER THOSE INSIGHTS, AND COUNTY COUNSEL IS HERE, THE  
18 C.E.O. IS HERE. IN TERMS OF THE BARGAINING ISSUE, ALL THOSE  
19 ISSUES HAVE BEEN VETTED.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I ACTUALLY  
22 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT, COUNTY COUNSEL, WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN  
23 WHY I MADE THE STATEMENT, "THERE IS NO M.O.A."?

24

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1 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISORS, THERE WAS AN M.O.A., OF COURSE. WE KNOW  
2 THAT. AND IF THE ORDINANCES GET ADOPTED TODAY BY YOUR BOARD,  
3 THE M.O.A. WILL EFFECTIVELY BE REPEALED, BECAUSE MOST OF THOSE  
4 PROVISIONS, IF NOT ALL, ARE GOING TO BE IN THE ORDINANCE  
5 ITSELF.

6

7 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, AS WE SPEAK, AT THIS MOMENT,  
8 THERE IS AN M.O.A. IN PLACE. THIS WILL EFFECTIVELY CAUSE THAT  
9 NOT TO BE THE CASE, WHICH DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT THERE IS NO  
10 M.O.A. IT SPEAKS TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONE, AND THERE  
11 HASN'T BEEN COMPLIANCE.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND I THINK WE ARE SAYING  
14 THE SAME THING, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS THE SECOND  
15 READING OF THIS, AND AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING, THE ISSUE OF  
16 NEGOTIATING AN M.O.A. CAME UP. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS  
17 THE ONE THAT BROUGHT IT UP, AS IT RELATES TO, CAN YOU STILL  
18 NEGOTIATE AN M.O.A.? IF THIS GOES THROUGH TODAY, THERE IS NO  
19 M.O.A., AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING IF THEY CAN, AGAIN-- OR THE  
20 THIRD READING. I'M SORRY. THE THIRD READING. WHY CAN'T THEY GO  
21 BACK TO THE TABLE AND NEGOTIATE A NEW M.O.A.? THAT'S WHAT I AM  
22 ASKING. BUT, I MEAN--

23

24 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST SHED SOME LIGHT,  
25 PERHAPS, ON THIS. THE M.O.A. SO, THE M.O.A. PROVISIONS WILL BE

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1 IN THE ORDINANCES, AS WE SAID, TODAY. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
2 TO REACH SOME FORM OF AN AGREEMENT THAT DEALS WITH THE PROCESS  
3 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS TO HOW THIS WHOLE THING WILL  
4 PLAY OUT. THAT IS WHAT IS CONSISTENT, I THINK, WITH WHAT THE  
5 BOARD WAS SAYING LAST WEEK, AND WE WOULD WELCOME THAT  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON A PROCESS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CORRECT. AND THEN I WOULD ASK, THE  
9 SHERIFF BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 1421. AND I  
10 KNOW HE'S REQUESTED FUNDING OF THE TIME THAT IT TAKES, AND  
11 THEIR SOFTWARE, AND HOW AVAILABLE. AND I KNOW CIVIL SERVICE IS  
12 ALSO FACING THE SAME REQUEST. WHERE ARE WE ON THE STATUS,  
13 SACHI, OF HONORING THE REQUEST TO HELP HIM PURCHASE THAT  
14 SOFTWARE?

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** YEAH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS.  
17 I BELIEVE LAST YEAR WE HAD GIVEN THEM SOME ONE-TIME MONEY, AS  
18 WELL AS SOME POSITIONS. BUT AS WE ARE PROGRESSING INTO THE  
19 FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET, WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THE SHERIFF IS  
20 RESUBMITTING. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THE C.I.O.'S OFFICE WAS  
21 REACHING OUT TO HIS DEPARTMENT TO WORK, AND SEE IF THERE COULD  
22 BE SOME I.T.F., WHICH IS MONEY FOR LEGACY SYSTEMS THAT COULD  
23 BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND/OR I ALSO HEARD THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
24 DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO PUTTING IN FOR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

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1 FUNDS. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT HAD HAPPENED. SO I THINK IT IS  
2 A COMBINATION OF BOTH, IN TERMS OF TRYING TO FIND THE FUNDING.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S WELL  
7 KNOWN THAT THE LOS ANGELES CITY POLICE COMMISSION HAS HAD  
8 SUBPOENA POWER AS ONE OF ITS TOOLS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I  
9 NEVER HEARD CHIEF BECK COMPLAIN. I HAVEN'T HEARD CHIEF MOORE  
10 COMPLAIN. THE DIFFERENCE IN HAVING SUBPOENA POWER IN AN  
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS IT ACTUALLY MAKES THE COURT THE  
12 INTERPRETER OF THE LAW, RATHER THAN THE HEAD OF THE LAW  
13 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HIMSELF, OR HERSELF. AND I THINK THAT WAS  
14 KIND OF THE WHOLE POINT. IT IS NOT A LACK OF TRUST, BECAUSE,  
15 YOU KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN L.A. CITY. THEY HAVEN'T SAID,  
16 "OH, I DON'T TRUST THESE CHIEFS. THIS IS WHY I NEED TO DO IT."  
17 NO. IT REALLY IS A QUESTION OF LAW, AND THE SHERIFF HIMSELF  
18 HAS VERY ACCURATELY LAID OUT THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LAWS  
19 THAT PROTECT CERTAIN INFORMATION. BUT THE ARBITER OF WHAT  
20 THOSE LAWS MEAN, IN MY OWN OPINION, SHOULD NOT ONLY BE THE  
21 HEAD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT WE  
22 HAVE AT THE MOMENT. AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE FAVORED SUBPOENA  
23 POWER. IT ISN'T THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO DECIDES IN THE  
24 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IT IS NOT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
25 WHO DECIDES. IT TAKES A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT

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1 COMMISSION WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD, AND WHO HAVE TAKEN  
2 THE RESPONSIBILITIES, IN MY OPINION, VERY SERIOUSLY, TO  
3 DELIBERATE AS TO WHETHER THIS IS A, IN A SENSE, LAST RESORT.  
4 WE'VE PAID A LOT OF ATTENTION TO SUBPOENA POWER. THERE'S A LOT  
5 OF OTHER THINGS GOING ON IN THE ORDINANCE THAT I ALSO FAVOR.  
6 AND I THINK IT REALLY STRENGTHENS THE SYSTEM. I THINK THAT,  
7 FROM MY POINT OF VIEW-- AND I JUST WANT TO SAY PUBLICLY, THE  
8 SHERIFF AND I ARE HAVING LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 13TH, AND I'M  
9 REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, AND I'M SURE THERE WILL BE  
10 "T.M.Z." REPORTS ABOUT IT. I HAVE NO IDEA. [LAUGHTER.] BUT  
11 IT'S INCUMBENT ON US, I THINK, TO RECOGNIZE-- I'VE SAID IT  
12 BEFORE, AND IT SOUNDS KIND OF SILLY TO SAY, BUT THE MAJESTY OF  
13 THE LAW. I THINK THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES, IT'S  
14 NOT UNIQUE IN THE WORLD, BUT IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT  
15 UNDERPINNING OF EVERYTHING WE DO. AND THE COURTS ARE A VERY  
16 IMPORTANT PART OF THAT. THEY'RE THE LAST WORD. THAT'S ALL THIS  
17 IS ABOUT. THE SHERIFF HAS APPROPRIATELY INDICATED HE CAN  
18 RESIST A SUBPOENA. A MOTION TO QUASH IS IN ORDER. WE WOULD  
19 HOPE THAT SUBPOENA POWER WON'T BE USED THAT MUCH, AND THE  
20 MOTION TO QUASH WON'T BE USED THAT MUCH, BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY  
21 ARE GETTING COOPERATION. BUT WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR INSPECTOR  
22 GENERAL, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WHERE HE HAS  
23 FELT THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE INFORMATION HE NEEDS TO DO  
24 THE JOB THAT WE HAVE ASKED HIM TO DO. SO I THINK THIS IS NOT A  
25 THREAT TO THIS SYSTEM. IT IS WIDELY USED IN MANY, MANY OTHER

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1 SYSTEMS. BUT SIMPLY, AS I SAID LAST WEEK, ANOTHER TOOL IN THE  
2 TOOLBOX, AND ONE WHERE LEAVING A DECISION TO A COURT CAN OFTEN  
3 DAMP DOWN THE ARGUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL SAY, "THIS IS THE  
4 WAY IT IS UNDER THE LAW." AND IT IS NOT US SAYING IT, AND IT  
5 IS NOT THE SHERIFF SAYING IT. IT IS REALLY THE COURT  
6 INTERPRETING THE LAW, WHICH I THINK IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE  
7 WAY.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, I WANTED A CLARIFICATION FROM COUNTY  
12 COUNSEL ON THIS MATTER, AND THEN I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO  
13 SAY.

14

15 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISORS, JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER POINTS IN  
16 RESPONSE TO THE SHERIFF'S TESTIMONY. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY  
17 A COUPLE THINGS. ONE IS, ON THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE  
18 PERSONNEL RECORDS WHICH WAS RAISED, AND OF COURSE WE TAKE  
19 THAT-- THE BOARD AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TAKE THAT ALL VERY  
20 SERIOUSLY, AS WELL. BUT WE'VE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, AND WE  
21 CONTINUE TO ADVISE YOUR BOARD AND THE SHERIFF, THAT THE O.I.G.  
22 GETTING THOSE DOCUMENTS-- THE O.I.G. IS AN AGENT OF THE BOARD,  
23 AND THE O.I.G. HAVING THOSE DOCUMENTS IS NOT A DISCLOSURE  
24 UNDER THE LAWS, IN TERMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY. SO I JUST WANTED  
25 TO BE CLEAR WITH THAT, SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THAT'S

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1 WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE. THE LAST THING IS THE LABOR UNION  
2 ISSUE, AND THE SHERIFF AND C.E.O.'S EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM IS  
3 GOING TO BE SENDING BACK A LETTER TO A.L.A.D.S. ON THAT LETTER  
4 THAT THEY SENT ABOUT NEGOTIATING. BUT JUST FOR YOUR BOARD TO  
5 KNOW, THE LETTER IS GOING TO ABSOLUTELY SAY THAT THE ADOPTION  
6 OF THE ORDINANCE IS NOT A NEGOTIABLE MATTER UNDER THE COUNTY  
7 CODE THAT DEALS WITH LABOR UNION ISSUES. BUT WE WELCOME THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK FURTHER WITH A.L.A.D.S. ABOUT THEIR  
9 CONCERNS. AND SO THAT WILL BE THE LETTER, AND IT'S GOING TO  
10 COME OUT FROM THE C.E.O.'S EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM.

11

12 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A POINT THAT THE  
13 DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY ASSERTION RIGHT  
14 NOW, BUT THAT ASSERTION WAS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS AND NOT THE SHERIFF. WHEN THERE'S A LAWSUIT  
16 REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OR BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY, THE  
17 CUSTODIAN RECORD WHO GETS SUED IS ME; NOT THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, NOT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT ME,  
19 PERSONALLY. AND THAT IS YOUR OPINION, WHICH, BY ALL MEANS, YOU  
20 ARE A LEGAL EXPERT. HOWEVER, THAT'S OPINION AS A  
21 REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT  
22 THAT'S NOT AN INDEPENDENT OPINION OF A LEGAL COUNSEL THAT  
23 REPRESENTS THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO  
24 MAKE THAT DISTINCTION. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

25

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1    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LAST I CHECKED, THE SHERIFF'S  
2    DEPARTMENT IS PART OF THE COUNTY.

3

4    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOLD ON.

5

6    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND, AND THEN  
9    I STILL WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

10

11   **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS  
12   SAYING, PROBABLY, WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY ANYWAYS. AND AS  
13   WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH THIS YEAR, AND IT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED IN  
14   THE LITIGATION THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IN COURT, ON THE  
15   MANDOYAN MATTER, ET CETERA, BUT THE COUNTY COUNSEL-- TWO  
16   THINGS TO POINT OUT THAT ARE WORTH NOTING, AND THAT IS ONE, AS  
17   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS JUST MENTIONED, THE SHERIFF'S  
18   DEPARTMENT IS A COUNTY DEPARTMENT. IT IS PART OF THE COUNTY  
19   FAMILY, BUT FOR TWO VERY NARROW EXCEPTIONS INVOLVING THE JAILS  
20   AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. OTHERWISE, UNDER THE GOVERNMENT  
21   CODE, AS OUR COURT HAS REINFORCED, THEY ARE LIKE ANY OTHER  
22   COUNTY DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LIKE ANY OTHER  
23   COUNTY DEPARTMENT. THAT'S JUST THE RULINGS OF THE COURT. SO  
24   THE SECOND POINT ON THAT IS, WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT COUNTY  
25   COUNSEL IS COUNTY COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AND THE

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1 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BUT THE COUNTY IS THE ENTITY, THE COUNTY  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS THE ENTITY, AND WE REPRESENT THE  
3 BOARD. AND IF THERE IS EVER-- OUR DUTIES OF LOYALTY ARE TO THE  
4 ENTITY, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LIKE ANY OTHER COUNTY  
5 DEPARTMENT, AS IT RELATES TO THAT.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO ASK OUR CIVILIAN  
8 OVERSIGHT C.E.O., BRIAN, TO PLEASE EXPLAIN FOR ME AND THE  
9 PUBLIC EXACTLY WHAT 1421 DOES AND DOES NOT DO.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THE COMMISSION IS TREATED AS, ESSENTIALLY, ANY OTHER  
12 PUBLIC BODY. WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS INFORMATION THAT THE  
13 GENERAL PUBLIC IS ABLE TO ACCESS. AND BASED UPON 1421, THERE  
14 HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS, BY THE WAY, NOT JUST UNDER THIS  
15 ADMINISTRATION, BUT PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, WHERE THE  
16 DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT IF WE WANTED CERTAIN  
17 INFORMATION, WE'D HAVE TO ASK, BASICALLY BASED UPON THE PUBLIC  
18 RECORDS REQUEST; THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THAT RELATIONSHIP TO  
19 EXCHANGE INFORMATION. SO THE TRANSPARENCY LAW WAS AN EFFORT TO  
20 SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT ONTO CERTAIN INFORMATION. THE SHERIFF HAS  
21 APTLY POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RECORDS THAT NO ONE  
22 IS ABLE TO ACCESS BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL ISSUES OR  
23 CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES OR OTHER INVESTIGATIVE ISSUES. BUT 1421  
24 WAS AN EFFORT TO SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT AND TO GIVE THE PUBLIC  
25 ACCESS TO OTHER TYPES OF INFORMATION.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHAT ARE THOSE OTHER TYPES? DESCRIBE THAT.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THERE ARE EXAMPLES NOW WHERE WE HAVE REQUESTS  
5 OF INFORMATION, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT HARASSMENT OF CERTAIN  
6 FAMILIES IN CERTAIN AREAS. WHAT'S THE POLICY FOR THAT?  
7 PREVIOUSLY, WE'VE ASKED FOR POLICIES ON USE OF FORCE, FOR  
8 EXAMPLE, AND WE WERE UNABLE TO GET THOSE PARTICULAR POLICIES.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO IT IS REALLY POLICIES, AND NOT AN  
11 INDIVIDUAL... I MEAN, I WANT TO JUST CLARIFY THAT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND YOU ARE NOT GETTING THAT INFORMATION  
16 NOW. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THAT INFORMATION NOW.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, THAT IS CORRECT. I WOULD ALSO  
19 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY  
20 CIRCUMSPECT IN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. WE KNOW WHAT WE CAN'T  
21 GET, AND SO WE'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT LIMITED IN ASKING, BECAUSE WE  
22 WILL ONLY ASK FOR STUFF THAT WE KNOW THAT WE CAN GET, WHICH IS  
23 NOT ALWAYS THE BEST WAY TO GO. THIS SUBPOENA POWER BROADENS  
24 OUR HORIZONS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ONE OCCASION SINCE I'VE BEEN  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHICH HAS BEEN SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS

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1 COMMISSION, WHERE WE'VE ASKED FOR A PERSONNEL RECORD, FOR  
2 EXAMPLE. AND I SUSPECT THAT WE WILL NOT ASK FOR THAT IN THE  
3 FUTURE. OUR COMMISSION IS MADE UP OF A FORMER FEDERAL JUDGE, A  
4 FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, TWO LAW PROFESSORS, RELIGIOUS  
5 DIRECTORS, A FORMER DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AN EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR OF AN IMPORTANT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. IF THERE IS  
7 EVER A GROUP THAT WAS GOING TO BE CIRCUMSPECT AND KNOW WHICH  
8 INFORMATION TO ASK FOR, IT WOULD BE THIS COMMISSION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO MY UNDERSTANDING, MADAM CHAIR, IS THAT  
11 WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT UNDERSTANDING HOW POLICIES ARE  
12 BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND TRYING TO  
13 UNDERSTAND WHAT IMPACT IT HAS HAD. SOMETIMES WE KNOW WHAT THAT  
14 IMPACT-- YOU KNOW, THERE'S A CAUSE AND EFFECT, RIGHT? SO WE  
15 KNOW THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED, BUT HOW DID WE GET THERE? WHAT  
16 DECISIONS WERE MADE? I MEAN, I THINK THAT IS CRITICAL TO WHAT  
17 WE ARE LOOKING FOR, IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
18 TRANSPARENCY. AND I DO THINK THAT, MUCH LIKE WHAT WE'RE  
19 LOOKING FOR IN PROBATION, THIS IS ANOTHER TOOL FOR US. AND  
20 WE'VE HAD SOME VERY TREMENDOUS, VERY HARD ISSUES REGARDING THE  
21 TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS; NOT JUST THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR  
22 CARE, BUT ALSO, I WOULD SAY, EMPLOYEES AS WELL. BUT IT IS  
23 TAKING A BETTER LOOK AT WHAT THESE PROCESSES HAVE ESTABLISHED,  
24 AND HOW THEY CAN GO IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND CAUSE US, I  
25 THINK, MORE LAWSUITS, TO SAY ONE, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO TRY

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1 TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AND LIGHT, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE  
2 THOSE CORRECTIONS AS A BODY. THAT'S WHAT MY RESPONSIBILITY IS,  
3 AND I BELIEVE IN MY CAPACITY TO HOPEFULLY CORRECT THOSE  
4 DECISIONS OR PROCESSES THAT HAVE REALLY HARMED THE COUNTY AND  
5 HARMED INDIVIDUALS. AND SO I HOPE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD THAT  
6 WE WILL CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH, YOU  
7 KNOW, WITH THE SHERIFF. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE M.O.A. MAY NOT  
8 BE VALID RIGHT NOW. IT IS THERE, BUT I HEARD IN CONVERSATIONS  
9 BEFORE THAT IT WASN'T BEING RESPECTED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 HEAR ABOUT THAT FROM YOU, MR. BRIAN WILLIAMS, AS WELL.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THE M.O.A., IF I MIGHT, THE M.O.A. WAS REALLY AN  
13 M.O.A. BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE  
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PROCEDURALLY, THE WAY THAT WE  
15 COORDINATED THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY EARLY ON,  
16 WAS TO MAKE AN INITIAL REQUEST THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE  
17 O.I.G. FOR INFORMATION. THEY WOULD THEN FILTER THAT  
18 INFORMATION AND BRING IT BACK TO US. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT  
19 THAT FLOW IS NOT OCCURRING AS WELL AS IT SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED,  
20 BUT I THINK THIS WILL GIVE US A LEG UP ON, AGAIN, THAT  
21 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. I CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH, IT IS NOT  
22 OUR INTENT-- AND MR. KENNEDY, WHO'S HERE, CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF  
23 OF THE COMMISSION, BUT IT IS NOT OUR INTENT TO USE THIS AS A  
24 HAMMER ON THE SIDE OF THE SHERIFF'S HEAD. WE SIMPLY WANT TO  
25 HAVE A GOOD LEVEL OF COOPERATION TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE

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1 QUESTIONS ANSWERED THAT WE HAVE TO ASK, AND TO HAVE NOT JUST  
2 DOCUMENTS, BUT THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
3 WITNESSES COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO TESTIFY. THAT, TOO, IS  
4 IMPORTANT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SHERIFF VILLANUEVA WANTED TO  
13 RESPOND, AS WELL.

14

15 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES. I THINK MR. WILLIAMS RAISED AN  
16 IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND HE ASKED ABOUT THE ACCESS TO OUR  
17 DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES. I CAN PULL UP MY WEBSITE ON MY CELL  
18 PHONE RIGHT NOW, AND PULL THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE MANUAL  
19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. I CAN GO TO VOLUME 3, CHAPTER 10: USE  
20 OF FORCE. AND EVERY SINGLE POLICY IS THERE. IT HAS BEEN THERE  
21 FOREVER. MY GRANDCHILD CAN PICK IT UP AND READ IT. SO IF YOU  
22 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS IT, WELL, I'M REALLY WONDERING  
23 WHAT YOU GUYS ARE LOOKING AT, BECAUSE IT IS ALL AVAILABLE  
24 ONLINE. AND MY POINT IS, WE ARE GOING TO BE TRANSPARENT.  
25 EVERYTHING THAT I CAN LEGALLY PUT ONLINE, WE'RE GOING TO PUT

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1 IT ONLINE, BECAUSE WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO DECIDE FOR  
2 THEMSELVES THE AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND HOW WE INTERACT,  
3 WHAT WE'RE DOING, HOW WELL WE DO OUR JOB, OR WHERE WE'RE  
4 FALLING SHORT. WE DON'T WANT SOMEONE ELSE TO TRY TO INTERPRET  
5 IT, THEN SELL THE PUBLIC THAT IDEA. WE WANT THE PUBLIC  
6 THEMSELVES TO GET THE INFORMATION FIRSTHAND.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WILLIAMS, DO YOU CONCUR?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST SAY THE ISSUE ISN'T ALWAYS LOOKING AT  
11 THE POLICY. THE ISSUE FOR US OFTEN IS, WELL, HOW DID THIS  
12 POLICY COME INTO PLAY? AND BEFORE YOU ADOPT A NEW POLICY-- FOR  
13 EXAMPLE, AT OUR MEETING OF A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO-- WE HAD A  
14 DISCUSSION ABOUT BODY-WORN CAMERAS. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THAT  
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY VETTED BEFORE AN ACTUAL POLICY IS  
16 ADOPTED. SO THE ABILITY TO LOOK AT POLICIES BEFORE THEY ARE  
17 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS IMPORTANT. IN THE PAST, WE'VE  
18 ASKED FOR CERTAIN DRAFTS OF POLICIES, THINGS OF THAT SORT,  
19 THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS. WE THINK IT WOULD BE A MUCH  
20 SMOOTHER AND A MUCH MORE ROBUST, AND A MUCH MORE POSITIVE  
21 POLICY THAT THE DEPARTMENT HOPEFULLY DEVELOPS, IF WE'RE ABLE  
22 TO BE A PART OF THAT PROCESS EARLY ON. THAT'S SPECIFICALLY  
23 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

24

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, SHERIFF, CAN I ASK YOU WHAT YOUR SENSE  
2   IS ABOUT HIS COMMENT REGARDING THE BODY CAMERAS, AS AN  
3   EXAMPLE?

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5   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM THE DRAFT POLICY OF  
6   THE BODYCAM. WE ALSO HAVE PROVIDED THEM THE DRAFT POLICY ON  
7   THE DEPUTY SUBGROUPS AND CLIQUES. SO WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS  
8   THAT. AND WE WANT INPUT FROM ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WHEN WE  
9   DEVELOP POLICY. SOME THINGS-- FOR EXAMPLE, A.B. 392-- THAT IS  
10  DICTATED FROM THE STATE COMING DOWN, SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE  
11  OUR CHANGES TO OUR CURRENT POLICIES. AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE  
12  PUBLISHED. THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A DRAFT APPROVAL, BECAUSE  
13  IT CAME FROM THE STATE LEVEL.

14

15  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DID SOMEONE WANT TO-- MR. KENNEDY?

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17  **SEAN KENNEDY:** REAL OVERSIGHT IS GOING TO INVOLVE RESPECTFUL  
18  DISAGREEMENTS, AND THAT'S WHY I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
19  COMMENTS OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE SUBPOENA POWER ALLOWS US  
20  TO DEPERSONALIZE THESE CONFLICTS, AND HAVE A NEUTRAL AND  
21  DETACHED MAGISTRATE. CONSIDER THE GOOD FAITH ARGUMENTS OF BOTH  
22  SIDES WHEN YOU HAVE A STANDOFF OVER INFORMATION, AND YOU HAVE  
23  DEPUTY CLIQUES OR DEPUTY GANGS AS AN EXAMPLE. YOU KNOW, I  
24  PURSUED INFORMATION ABOUT SHERIFF MANAGEMENT EFFORTS TO  
25  ADDRESS THOSE FOR YEARS NOW, WITHOUT GETTING ANY INFORMATION.

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1 AND IF YOU WERE ABLE TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA, THE SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT, IF THEY THOUGHT IT VIOLATED CONFIDENTIALITY, COULD  
3 TENDER ITS LEGAL ARGUMENTS. THE C.O.C. COULD MAKE ITS LEGAL  
4 ARGUMENTS. AND THEN, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, A COURT WOULD  
5 DECIDE IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. AND THAT WOULD REALLY ADVANCE  
6 OVERSIGHT IN THIS AREA, BECAUSE WE WOULD GET AN ANSWER FROM A  
7 JUDGE, AND THEN WE WOULD ALL BE ABLE TO MOVE ON.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY,  
12 I THINK PART OF WHAT I HEAR IS THERE'S A LACK OF TRUST ABOUT  
13 WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THAT INFORMATION. AND I BROUGHT  
14 IT UP AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING, IN TERMS OF HOW ARE WE GOING  
15 TO ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL? BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF  
16 THE THINGS THAT I'VE HEARD FROM INDIVIDUALS THAT FEEL THAT  
17 THERE IS GOING TO BE PRIVATE INFORMATION THAT POTENTIALLY  
18 COULD LEAK OUT. SO I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN ASSURE WITHOUT A  
19 DOUBT, BRIAN, THAT THE INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED REMAINS  
20 CONFIDENTIAL, AND AS IT RELATES TO THE CONFLICTS. AGAIN, I  
21 FEEL THAT IF-- I WAS UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE  
22 SHERIFF REQUESTS OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT HIM, THAT THEY  
23 HAVE TO GO THROUGH COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT HE CAN REQUEST OUTSIDE  
24 COUNSEL.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S STILL THE PROCESS.  
2 THERE'S A PROVISION IN LAW THAT ALLOWS THE SHERIFF, IF HE  
3 THINKS THERE'S A CONFLICT. IT IS REALLY TO ASK THE BOARD. WE  
4 WOULD BRING TO THE BOARD THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST THAT HE WAS  
5 REQUESTING A DECLARED CONFLICT, AND THAT HE WOULD WANT OTHER  
6 COUNSEL. AND IF THE BOARD SAYS YES, THEN THE BOARD SAYS YES,  
7 AND IF THE BOARD SAYS NO, THEN THE SHERIFF HAS A RECOURSE IN  
8 COURT TO GET A JUDGE TO DECIDE.

9

10 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ACTUALLY, I READ THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
11 OPINION ON THAT VERY SUBJECT. THEY SAY THE OBLIGATION RESTS  
12 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO DECLARE THE CONFLICT, NOT THE OTHER WAY  
13 AROUND.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT WHAT I'M HEARING, THOUGH,  
16 SHERIFF, IS THAT JUST BY SIMPLY SAYING YOU FEEL THERE'S A  
17 CONFLICT, THEY'RE SAYING THAT YOU CAN ENTER INTO AN OUTSIDE  
18 CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE ATTORNEY. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU JUST  
19 SAID? THAT'S WHAT I ASKED YOU.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** NO, NO, NO. I SAID-- WELL, WHAT I SAID IS WHAT WE  
22 ACTUALLY DID FOR A COUPLE OF INSTANCES, SINCE I THINK THE  
23 SHERIFF HAS ASKED FOR CONFLICT COUNSEL, AND IT WAS PRESENTED  
24 TO THE BOARD. IT'S PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

2

3    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CASE BY CASE.

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5    **SPEAKER:** CASE BY CASE. EXACTLY, SUPERVISOR. IT IS VERY--

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7    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'VE STILL GOT THE FLOOR. GO

8    AHEAD.

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10    **SPEAKER:** IT IS CASE BY CASE, IT IS FACT-SPECIFIC, AND IT IS UP  
11    TO THE BOARD. AND THEN IF THE BOARD SAYS YES, THEN THE SHERIFF  
12    WILL HAVE COUNSEL, AND IF THE BOARD SAYS NO, THEN THE SHERIFF  
13    CAN BRING THAT TO A COURT.

14

15    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO POINT  
16    OUT, THIS IS LIKE DEJA VU. THIS IS NOTHING NEW. THE PRIOR  
17    SHERIFF DIDN'T-- I MEAN, THE M.O.A. WENT ON AND ON AND ON. AND  
18    AS I RECALL, THE PRIOR SHERIFF WANTED TO HIRE HIS OWN ATTORNEY  
19    TO HAVE IT IN HOUSE, AS YOU RECALL.

20

21    **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

22

23    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, I MEAN, THIS IS NOT-- YEAH,  
24    ABSOLUTELY. I'M POSITIVE. REMEMBER, HE WANTED TO HIRE HIS OWN  
25    COUNSEL.

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2 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. AND WE SAID NO.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND WE SAID NO. ABSOLUTELY. BUT, I  
5 MEAN, SO THE POINT BEING, SHERIFF, IS THAT THIS IS NOT A NEW  
6 ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO THE COMPLEXITY. I MEAN, WHEN YOU ARE  
7 DEALING WITH THESE TYPE OF ISSUES, AND YOUR JOB IS TO  
8 REPRESENT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT TO THE  
9 POINT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL MADE, YOU KNOW, I HOPE THAT WE CAN  
10 DEVELOP A TRUST WHERE AN M.O.A. IS AGREED UPON, THAT IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT CAN BE USED AS A TOOL, SO THAT THE SUBPOENA IS  
12 A LAST RESORT, AND IT IS NOT PERSONAL, BUT LET'S LET THE  
13 COURTS DECIDE. BUT ALSO, I HOPE THAT YOU, AS THE C.O.C., AND  
14 OUR O.I.G. WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT CONFIDENTIALITY IS FIRST  
15 AND FOREMOST, AND THERE IS A LACK OF TRUST THAT IS IN PLAY. I  
16 THINK THAT TRUST REALLY IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE EARNED.  
17 SO I'M HOPING THAT YOU ALL CAN WORK TOGETHER ON THE M.O.A., SO  
18 THAT THERE IS A BLUEPRINT, SO THAT THE SUBPOENA, AGAIN, IS A  
19 LAST RESORT AND IS NOT A NECESSITY, BECAUSE THE POLICE  
20 COMMISSION HAS NOT USED SUBPOENA POWER, IS MY UNDERSTANDING,  
21 BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP THEY'VE DEVELOPED AND THE TRUST  
22 THEY HAVE WITHIN. SO... YES?

23

24 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** MA'AM, I DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT TO  
25 INCREASE ANY COST TO THE TAXPAYER. I THINK OUR MONIES ARE BEST

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1 SPENT PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY, WORKING FOR THE HOMELESS, DOING  
2 THINGS LIKE THAT. SO JUST ADDING MORE WORK FOR LAWYERS IS NOT  
3 IMPROVING ANYBODY'S SITUATION, BUT-- EXCEPT FOR THE LAWYERS.  
4 YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE WERE SEVERAL C.O.C. MEETINGS WHERE THE  
5 O.I.G. MADE REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE DESIRE TO HAVE SUBPOENA  
6 POWER. AND I'M PARAPHRASING HERE, BUT BASICALLY THEY WANT TO  
7 GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE DEPUTIES' SECRET SOCIETIES, AND THEY  
8 WERE GOING TO COMPEL SPEECH AND FORCE DEPUTIES TO REVEAL THEIR  
9 TATTOOS. THIS MAY SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU. AND THAT TYPE OF  
10 BEHAVIOR DEFINITELY WAS GOING TO RAISE A LOT OF CONCERNS. IT  
11 WAS GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF MISTRUST TO BE GENERATED, BECAUSE  
12 I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO BE STRIP-SEARCHING DEPUTIES, OR  
13 FORCING PEOPLE TO SAY WHAT THEY BELONG TO OR NOT. THAT IS JUST  
14 INAPPROPRIATE.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. OKAY, THAT  
17 IS YOUR FIRST WARNING. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** NOW, IN TERMS OF THE POLICIES THAT WE'RE  
20 DEVELOPING, BY ALL MEANS, WE SHARE THE DRAFT WITH THEM. IT HAS  
21 ALREADY BEEN READ BY P.P.O.A. WE SHARED IT WITH THEM ON A MEET  
22 AND CONFER. WE ARE DOING A MEET AND CONFER WITH A.L.A.D.S.,  
23 AND THEN THE POLICY IS GOING TO BE ADOPTED AS A POLICY IN  
24 EFFECT. AND THAT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER IN THE HISTORY  
25 OF THE DEPARTMENT. WE'RE WAITING ON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ON

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1 THE DECISION ON THE CASE OUT OF EAST L.A., AND THEN ONCE WE  
2 HAVE THAT COMPLETED DECISION, WE CAN TAKE OUR ADMINISTRATIVE  
3 ACTION, COMPLETE THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION, AND SO  
4 FORTH. SO WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE LEGALLY CAN. THERE'S  
5 NOTHING BEYOND THAT, THAT WE CAN DO.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MY SCREEN WENT DOWN, SO I CAN'T  
8 TELL WHO WANTS TO SPEAK AND WHO DOESN'T. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
9 THOMAS:

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11 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY  
12 THAT WHICH IS BEFORE US CAUSES THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO BE  
13 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THE  
14 INSPECTOR GENERAL CANNOT LAUNCH THE EFFORT TO SUBPOENA  
15 RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, AND THE LIKE, ABSENT EXPLICIT APPROVAL OF  
16 THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND IT TAKES A MAJORITY OF THAT  
17 COMMISSION TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. SO ANY CLAIMS THAT THE O.I.G.  
18 WILL BE FOOTLOOSE AND/OR FANCY FREE, RECKLESS, AND THE LIKE,  
19 IS SIMPLY UNSUBSTANTIATED. WE HAVE BEEN THOUGHTFUL, WE HAVE  
20 BEEN DILIGENT, WE HAVE BEEN CIRCUMSPECT. I WISH TO SUGGEST  
21 THAT THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO WITH THE  
22 INTEREST OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND COLLECTIVE  
23 COMPLIANCE. MADAM CHAIR?

24

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST ASK COUNTY COUNSEL A  
2    QUESTION THAT JUST CAME TO ME WHILE YOU WERE TALKING,  
3    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SO, IF THIS IS READ FOR A THIRD  
4    TIME, AND THERE IS NO M.O.A. IN PLACE-- BECAUSE YOU SAID THAT  
5    IF THIS IS VOTED ON, THE M.O.A. IS NO LONGER IN PLACE,  
6    CORRECT?

7

8    **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

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10   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE TIME  
11   THAT THE M.O.A. IS NEGOTIATED AND THE THIRD READING? SO, IF  
12   THE THIRD READING IS NEXT WEEK, AND THEY DON'T AGREE TO AN  
13   M.O.A. FOR SIX MONTHS-- OKAY, TWO WEEKS. OKAY, WELL, ALL THE  
14   BETTER. SO, THE M.O.A. TODAY-- THERE IS NO M.O.A. EFFECTIVE  
15   TODAY. WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE TIME THAT THEY NEGOTIATE ONE  
16   AND NOW?

17

18   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISORS, THE SECOND READING IS TODAY, WHICH WOULD  
19   BE THE LAST READING ON THIS THING, AND THEN IT WILL BE 30 DAYS  
20   FOR THE ORDINANCES, THE THREE ORDINANCES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.  
21   SO THERE'S SOME TIME. BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, THE PROVISIONS OF  
22   THE M.O.A.-- AGAIN, THE PROVISIONS IN THE M.O.A. ARE  
23   ESSENTIALLY PUT INTO THE ORDINANCES. WHAT WE NEED TO WORK OUT  
24   WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS A PROCESS, LIKE HOW IT IS  
25   GOING TO PLAY OUT, SORT OF THE INFORMATION FLOW, AND ALL THAT.

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1 AND THAT, I THINK, WE SHOULD TALK TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
2 AND O.I.G., AND AS A COUNTY FAMILY FIGURE THAT OUT, AND THAT  
3 CAN BE WORKED ON IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I MEAN, GIVEN THAT IT TOOK MONTHS  
6 FOR THEM TO COME UP WITH AN M.O.A. BEFORE, I MEAN, WHAT IS  
7 GOING TO HAPPEN IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THERE IS NO  
8 LONGER AN M.O.A.? YOU ARE SAYING THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO  
9 REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IN TERMS OF HOW THE INFORMATION IS  
10 PROVIDED?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** ESSENTIALLY, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF AN  
15 M.O.A.? PROFESSOR KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU. I'M HONORED. THERE  
18 REALLY IS NO PURPOSE TO AN M.O.A., EXCEPT FOR TWO PARTIES TO  
19 SAY, "THIS IS HOW I'M GOING TO ACT." THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT A  
20 CONTRACT IS. I MEAN, A CONTRACT IS A PRIVATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
21 TWO PEOPLE OR TWO ENTITIES, OR MORE THAN TWO, WHERE THEY SAY,  
22 "THIS IS HOW I'M GOING TO ACT." AND WHEN THEY DON'T ACT THAT  
23 WAY, THEN THERE'S AN ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT AND YOU GO TO  
24 COURT. IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME WITH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
25 OR UNDERSTANDING. IT IS BASED ON TRUST. IT IS BASED ON

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1 EVERYBODY DOING WHAT THEY SAY THEY'RE GOING TO DO. AND IF THEY  
2 DON'T DO IT, THEN YOU MOVE TO THE NEXT STEP, WHICH IS EXACTLY  
3 WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID. I REALLY THINK, IN A WAY, WE GO ROUND  
4 AND ROUND ABOUT THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO. THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF THE M.O.A. THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ORDINANCE  
6 ARE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THAT BE STILL MEAN WE WOULD LIKE  
7 THE SHERIFF TO AGREE WHEN WE ASK FOR INFORMATION IN THE C.O.C.  
8 THE SHERIFF DOESN'T AGREE, THEN THE C.O.C. CONSIDERS WHETHER  
9 IT WANTS TO MOVE TO THE NEXT STEP OR NOT. BUT IT'S REALLY ALL  
10 BASED ON HOW WE ACT WITH EACH OTHER, JUST LIKE ANY CONTRACT.  
11 PEOPLE THINK CONTRACTS ARE SOMETHING SACRED, BUT THEY ARE NOT.  
12 THEY ARE JUST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO OF US THAT WE ARE GOING  
13 TO ACT A CERTAIN WAY, AND IF WE DON'T, WE GO TO COURT. PERIOD.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO  
16 YOU WANT TO SAY-- OKAY. WITH THAT, ANYONE ELSE WANT TO  
17 CONCLUDE? I'M SORRY. PROFESSOR? NO? OKAY. WITH THAT, MADAM  
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK  
19 ON THIS. AND GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, WE'RE GOING TO  
20 LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
2 COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [READING NAMES.]  
3 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND TALK ABOUT  
6 OVERSIGHT THEATER. I MEAN, THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING-- AND  
7 FIRST OF ALL, THE SHERIFF STATED THAT HE PROVIDES EVERYTHING  
8 ONLINE, BUT HE DOESN'T PROVIDE THE CUSTODY DIVISION MANUAL.  
9 AND YOU ALL KNOW THAT, BECAUSE IT'S LARRY HAFETZ AND THE  
10 COUNTY COUNSEL WHO'VE TOLD ME I CAN'T LOOK AT IT. SO WE'RE IN  
11 A LITTLE BIT OF A WEIRD AREA. AND YOU WANT TO LOOK AT  
12 POLICIES, BUT YOU CUT A CHECK IN JULY 2019 FOR \$53 MILLION,  
13 FOR POLICIES THAT THIS BOARD IS SUPPOSED TO OVERSEE, FOR NOT  
14 LOOKING UP THE BOTTOMS OF WOMEN AS THEY GO INTO CUSTODY, SIR.  
15 AND YOU ARE ALSO THE ONE OVER AT CITY HALL, TASERS BEING A  
16 TOOL FOR DEATH, WHERE A GUY WAS TASED TO DEATH \$5.7 MILLION  
17 LATER. AND THIS GROUP DOES NOTHING TO DISCLOSE MEANINGFULLY  
18 WHAT THE POLICIES ARE ABOUT THAT, EXCEPT FOR THAT THEY LEAVE  
19 IN THE MANUAL THAT ARCING A TASER TO GAIN COMPLIANCE, WHICH IS  
20 SOMETHING LIKE CRACKING A WHIP, CONTINUES. SO THIS IS A LOAD  
21 OF-- WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT. BUT IT IS ALSO ON THE BALLOT. SO  
22 LET'S TABLE THESE POLITICAL INITIATIVES AND LET THE VOTERS  
23 DECIDE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** I'M A CO-CHAIR, L.A. INTERFAITH COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE  
3 PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY, WE, THE CIVILIANS OF L.A. COUNTY,  
4 STRONGLY BELIEVE THERE ARE ENOUGH CHECKS AND BALANCES OVER THE  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH CIVILIAN  
6 OVERSIGHT AND ENOUGH TRANSPARENCY OVER THE DEPARTMENT. CRIME  
7 IS AT THE LOWEST LEVEL, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MORALE IS POSITIVE,  
8 AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENT IS CLOSE TO BEING FULLY STAFFED. WE  
9 NEED TO END OUR POLITICAL DIVIDES, AGENDAS. LET HEALING BEGIN,  
10 AND LET THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUE DOING ITS GOOD WORK  
11 WITHOUT ADDING ANY MORE HURDLES, POLITICAL CHECKS AND  
12 BALANCES. IT IS THE HOMELESS OF L.A. COUNTY WHO NEED OUR EVERY  
13 MINUTE OF ATTENTION, NOT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE STRONGLY  
14 URGE NO SUBPOENA POWER ON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I'M INTERESTED IN  
19 THE STATISTICS FOR THE RELEASE PLANNING PROGRAM FOR THE  
20 PRISONERS COMING OUT OF THE JAIL, PARTICULARLY THE LYNWOOD  
21 PRISON, OR JAIL. THE REASON WHY WE HAVE SO MANY AFRICAN  
22 AMERICANS ON SKID ROW IS BECAUSE WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED FROM  
23 THESE JAILS, THEY ARE SENT TO SKID ROW, THE AFRICAN AMERICANS.  
24 THE WHITES AND THE HISPANICS, LATINOS, AND THE REST OF THEM  
25 ARE SENT OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO VERY NICE

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1 COMMUNITIES TO GET HELP, AND THEY'RE GIVEN HOUSING AND JOB  
2 SUPPORT. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN, AND I'M HAVING A  
3 HARD TIME GETTING THIS INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF. NOW, THE  
4 SHERIFF IS NOT CORRECT. I DID A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, AND I  
5 GOT THE NAMES OF ALL THE ATTORNEYS WITH THE CITY-- OVER 600. I  
6 GOT THEIR DATES THAT THEY WERE HIRED. I GOT ALL OF THEIR  
7 SALARIES. SO THE SUPREME COURT VOTED ON THIS. SO, SEE, I KNOW  
8 THE LAW. I STUDY THE LAW, ALSO. SO WHAT HE'S SAYING IS NOT  
9 RIGHT. SOME THINGS-- WE CAN GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION ON  
10 YOUR SALARIES AND WHEN YOU WERE HIRED AND WHATNOT, BECAUSE  
11 SOME OF YOU ARE MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY. I GOT ALL OF THE CITY  
12 ATTORNEYS' INFORMATION, OKAY? SO I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **CHRIS CHAHNIAN:** I AM CHRIS CHAHNIAN. I AM INCREDIBLY CONCERNED  
17 ABOUT THE MOTION TO GIVE SUBPOENA POWER TO THE C.O.C., AND TO  
18 GIVE INSPECTOR GENERAL THE CONFIDENTIAL RECORD TO WHOM IS  
19 UNDER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. ISN'T THIS ACTION UNDERMINING  
20 THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, THAT DEFINES THE SEPARATION OF  
21 POWERS BETWEEN A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE INDEPENDENTLY  
22 ELECTED SHERIFF? PEOPLE ARE NOT STUPID. THIS MOTION IS A  
23 DIRECT ATTACK ON THE SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE. I  
24 URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO RECONSIDER THAT DECISION, AND LET  
25 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA RUN HIS DEPARTMENT. AND AS THE SHERIFF SAID

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1 EARLIER, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. THERE IS  
2 NO REASON TO GIVE SUBPOENA POWER TO C.O.C. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **VICTOR NARRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR NARRO. I'M  
7 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD, LOS ANGELES  
8 CHAPTER. WE FIRST WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND  
9 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THESE IMPORTANT  
10 MOTIONS. ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCESSIBILITY GO  
11 HAND IN HAND, AND WE EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
12 DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPARTMENT HAVE  
13 FAILED US IN THESE THREE IMPORTANT AREAS. AND WE SEE SUBPOENA  
14 AS AN IMPORTANT VEHICLE TO ENSURE THE TRANSPARENCY,  
15 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY, TO REALLY HAVE ACCESS--  
16 MEANINGFUL ACCESS-- TO THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT WILL  
17 ENSURE MEANINGFUL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN LOS  
18 ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **PASTOR MIGUEL CONCUAN:** YES. MY NAME IS PASTOR MIGUEL CONCUAN.  
23 I'M HERE TO REPRESENT 20,000 CHURCHES, LATINO CHURCHES, IN  
24 L.A. COUNTY. AND I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE VOTED FOR  
25 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, AND I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THAT HE HAS BEEN

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1 ENGAGED. HE'S BEEN A BRIDGE WITH OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE  
2 VERY HAPPY WITH THE WAY HE IS WORKING. SO WE WANT TO ADDRESS  
3 THAT IT HAS BEEN GOOD IF YOU GUYS RELEASE THE RESOURCES, SO  
4 THAT WAY YOU GUYS CAN LET HIM WORK AND DO HIS JOB. THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **LISA ZELLER:** HI. MY NAME IS LISA ZELLER, AND I HAVE BEEN A  
10 SENIOR JAIL CHAPLAIN FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST  
11 10 YEARS, AND I HAVE SEEN INCREDIBLE CHANGES IN THE JAIL. I  
12 HAVE WORKED WITH BOTH O.I.G. AND THE A.C.L.U., AND I HAVE  
13 NEVER HAD A PROBLEM GETTING MY ISSUES RESOLVED IN THE JAILS.  
14 A.I.G. HAS ALL MY SUPPORT, AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I WISH I HAD THE SAME  
16 FAITH IN OUR COURTS THAT OUR COMMISSIONER DOES. I FIND THE  
17 COURTS COMPLETELY OVERBURDENED. I HAVE MEDIATED OVER 900 CASES  
18 IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS IN THE CIVIL DIVISION, AND I FIND  
19 JUDGES OFTEN INCREDIBLY BIASED. THEY ARE JUST HUMAN PEOPLE,  
20 AND THEY'RE INCREDIBLY BACKLOGGED. MY VOTE IS LESS  
21 BUREAUCRACY. LET'S LET THE SHERIFF DO HIS JOB, PLEASE. THANK  
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1    **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I WANT TO PUT A CASE TO  
2    YOU. IT'S CALLED CV08064AGSS. IN THIS CASE-- AND IT IS A BIG  
3    CONCERN. IN THIS CASE, THE FEDERAL COURT CAME BACK AND FOUND  
4    SIX INDICTMENTS AGAINST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND IT HELD  
5    CHIEF BECK AND MATT JOHNSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE INDICTMENTS.  
6    THE JUDGE BASICALLY CAME BACK AND AGREED WITH WHAT I SAID. I  
7    DON'T KNOW. YOU GUYS ARE IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH YOU  
8    GUYS' SHERIFF, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. MOST OF THE TIME, WHAT I  
9    FIND TO BE REALLY DIFFICULT IS THAT EITHER THE CITY ATTORNEY  
10   OR THE COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY SOMETIMES HAS A TENDENCY TO BE  
11   WRONG. IF I WERE YOU GUYS, I WOULD JUST INVESTIGATE IT A  
12   LITTLE BIT MORE, AND CHECK IT OUT WITH SOME RETIRED FEDERAL  
13   JUDGES SO THAT YOU GUYS WOULD BE ON POINT, AND THAT YOU GUYS  
14   DON'T MAKE NO MISTAKE, BECAUSE THIS IS THE TAX PEOPLE'S MONEY.

15

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

17

18   **RENE AVILA:** HI. MY NAME'S RENE AVILA, AND I'M WITH THE ANTI-  
19   RECIDIVISM COALITION, AS WELL AS L.A.Y.U.P., WHICH STANDS FOR  
20   L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I'D LIKE TO SAY, FROM MY  
21   PERSPECTIVE, MY OPINION, AND ON BEHALF OF WHAT I'VE SEEN,  
22   DESPITE ALL THE DISAGREEMENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HAD, WE ALL  
23   NEED TO LOOK AND FOCUS ON THE SOLE PURPOSE OF WHAT THIS WOULD  
24   ADVANCE, WHICH IS CREATING SOMETHING THAT WILL ADVANCE US  
25   TOWARDS BETTER, MORE SOCIAL EQUALITY WITHIN NOT ONLY THE

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1 COMMUNITY, THE YOUTH, THE ADULTS, BUT AS WELL AS EVERYBODY IN  
2 THIS ROOM. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S WHAT WE ARE  
3 STRIVING FOR, IS THAT ADVANCEMENT. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE,  
4 ADVANCEMENT DEMANDS CHANGE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **LORRAIN JACKSON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M LORRAIN JACKSON, AND I'M  
9 GOING TO SAY THAT THE SUBPOENA ISSUE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A  
10 SOLUTION IN SEARCH OF A PROBLEM, ONE THAT IS MORE THAN 10  
11 YEARS TOO LATE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I'M GOING TO KEEP IT SHORT  
16 AND SIMPLE. THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING THOSE MOTIONS UP ON THE  
17 FLOOR. I'M HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT  
18 COMMISSION. LET'S MAKE SURE THERE'S A STRONG STAFF IN, AND  
19 THAT WE PRIORITIZE SYSTEM-IMPACTED PEOPLE TO SERVE AT THE  
20 THREE COMMUNITY LIAISON POSITIONS. AS FAR AS THE C.O.C.,  
21 SPEAKING PERSONALLY, NOT AS AN ORGANIZATION, AS AN INDIVIDUAL,  
22 IT'S JUST YOU'RE SITTING IN THE CROWD AND YOU ARE SEEING THESE  
23 PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, IT IS MAKING ME ANGRY, BECAUSE IT IS JUST--  
24 IT SUCKS THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE, WHY ARE YOU  
25 AFRAID OF SUBPOENA POWER? IF YOU ARE A VERY GOOD DEPARTMENT

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1 THAT IS HELPING PEOPLE, THAT IS REALLY PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE  
2 COMMUNITY, WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED OF SUBPOENA POWER? WHAT IS  
3 THERE TO HIDE? I MEAN, THE POLICE HAVE THAT, SO WHY ARE YOU SO  
4 AFRAID OF HAVING THAT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT? IF YOU WERE DOING  
5 THE THINGS THE RIGHT WAY, YOU SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF HAVING  
6 SUBPOENA POWER IN THE C.O.C. SO IT'S JUST ANNOYING AND  
7 DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT, BECAUSE WHEN I WALK IN MY COMMUNITY  
8 AND I SEE LAW ENFORCEMENT, I'M SUPPOSED TO FEEL SAFE. AND  
9 UNFORTUNATELY, I NEVER FEEL SAFE WHEN I'M AROUND LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT. I FEEL UNSAFE. I CHANGE MY ATTITUDE WHEN I'M  
11 AROUND THEM, BECAUSE I FEEL UNSAFE. SO, WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **REV. WALTER CONTRERAS:** YES. MY NAME IS REVEREND WALTER  
16 CONTRERAS. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF NA.L.E.C., NATIONAL  
17 LATINO EVANGELICAL COALITION. APPROXIMATELY 30,000 CHURCHES  
18 WHO ARE MEMBERS OF IT. WE VOTED FOR ALEX VILLANUEVA TO RUN FOR  
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, NOT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NOT AN  
20 UNELECTED AND UNACCOUNTABLE INSPECTOR GENERAL OR POLITICAL  
21 APPOINTEES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE CIVILIAN  
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS NOT A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND  
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT IS A JOKE. THE SHERIFF IS THAT  
24 BRIDGE, AND WE SUPPORT HIM. AND THE SUBPOENA ISSUE IS NOTHING  
25 MORE THAN A SOLUTION IN SEARCH OF A PROBLEM, ONE THAT IS MORE

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1 THAN 10 YEARS TOO LATE. WHEN WE HAD A CROOKED SHERIFF AND A  
2 CROOKED UNDERSHERIFF, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE NOWHERE TO  
3 BE FOUND TO OFFER RELIEF AND SUPPORT FOR TRANSPARENCY AND  
4 REFORM. MAX HUNTSMAN, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL--

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? THANK YOU, SIR.  
7 YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **REV. BUNCH:** MY NAME IS REVEREND BUNCH. I'M WITH DIGNITY AND  
10 POWER NOW. I JUST WANT TO LET THE RECORD BE CLEAR THAT IT WAS  
11 THE COMMUNITY THAT FOUGHT FOR NOT ONLY THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
12 COMMISSION, BUT FOUGHT FOR THIS VERY MOMENT, WHICH IS SUBPOENA  
13 POWER. THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THE POWER, AND NOT ONE MAN NAMED  
14 ALEX VILLANUEVA. CURRENTLY, THERE'S A FAMILY, RYAN TWYMAN, WHO  
15 WAS SHOT 34 TIMES BY THE SHERIFF, AND THAT FAMILY HAS  
16 CONTINUED TO BE HARASSED BY THE SHERIFFS TILL THIS DAY. THAT  
17 WAS JULY 2019. IT IS NOW JANUARY 2020. THE SHERIFFS ARE OUT  
18 THERE IN LANCASTER AND IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PULLING OVER  
19 FOLKS, PUTTING THEIR GUNS BEHIND THEIR HEADS, AND THE C.O.C.'S  
20 HANDS ARE TIED WITH LOOKING INTO THE POLICIES THAT ARE  
21 ALLOWING THE SHERIFFS TO DO THIS. AND THOSE INFAMOUS JUMP-OUT  
22 BOYS, OR THESE JUMP-OUT GANGS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH L.A.  
23 COUNTY, JUMPING OUT OF THEIR CARS, GRABBING PEOPLE, THROWING  
24 THEM INSIDE OF THEIR CARS, HAS YET TO END. SO, SUBPOENA POWER  
25 YESTERDAY. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICE ARE  
5 CURRENTLY UNDER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, AND SHOULD NOT HAVE  
6 ACCESS TO ANY CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS UNTIL THIS MATTER IS  
7 PROPERLY RESOLVED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **ANDRES KWON:** ANDRES KWON, LAWYER WITH THE A.C.L.U. NO MATTER  
12 WHAT WE LOOK LIKE, WHERE WE COME FROM, WHERE WE LIVE, WE ALL  
13 WANT OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO BE SAFE.  
14 UNFORTUNATELY, VILLANUEVA'S PUT OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND  
15 NEIGHBORS AT RISK. HE HAS SPEARHEADED SWEEPING UNDOING OF  
16 REFORMS WE'VE ALL FOUGHT HARD TO IMPLEMENT. THE LIST IS TOO  
17 LONG. SUFFICE TO SAY, HIS BUSINESS IS SECRECY. HE'S NOT ONLY  
18 VIOLATED AN M.O.A., BUT ALSO STATE LAW, AS IN 1421, FOR WHICH  
19 WE SUED HIM. AND THAT IS NOT ABOUT LACKING RESOURCES. AND HIS  
20 DEFENSE AND ATTORNEYS' FEES WILL COME OUT OF OUR COUNTY  
21 COFFERS. AND THAT'S NOBODY'S FAULT BUT VILLANUEVA'S, WHO HAS  
22 BEEN DUBBED THE TRUMP OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. BY THE WAY, FOR ALL  
23 HIS GRANDSTANDING JUST NOW, WE BELIEVE HIS USE-OF-FORCE POLICY  
24 AND THE WEBSITE IS NOT UPDATED TO COMPLY WITH A.B. 392.  
25 FAMILIES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE SHERIFF HAVE JOINED TOGETHER

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1 WITH COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, CLERGY, AND OTHERS TO CHECK THE  
2 SHERIFF. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUBPOENA POWER AS AN IMPORTANT  
3 STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND COMMUNITY  
4 OVERSIGHT OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE URGE YOU TO VOTE  
5 UNANIMOUSLY ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AND KUEHL'S MOTION,  
6 AND WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER INDEPENDENT COUNSEL.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, IF THE DISTRICT  
11 ATTORNEY AND THE CITY ATTORNEY, WHEN THEY GET DONE WORKING ON  
12 THEIR NEW BANKING POLICIES, MAYBE WE COULD GET THEIR INPUT ON  
13 SUBPOENA POWER. YOU KNOW, OUTSIDE AT THE COURT OF FLAGS, WHICH  
14 IS ACROSS THE STREET, YOUR DAD, JANICE, HAD ETCHED IN STONE,  
15 "LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL," NOT "COUNTY COUNSEL." IT IS A  
16 MATTER OF SPELLING. YOU KNOW, WHEN WE STARTED COMING HERE, I  
17 CAME HERE BECAUSE I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ORGANIZED CRIME IN  
18 GOVERNMENT, AND NOW THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO NAZIS ON THE BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS. WHAT A REVELATION OF GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE  
20 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: TWO NAZIS, AT LEAST, SITTING ON  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NOT TOO SHABBY, DR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
22 YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A SITUATION. THANK  
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2     **SARAH CLIFTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SARAH CLIFTON, A.C.L.U. OF  
3     SOCAL. IT'S FUNNY TO ME THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD BRING UP  
4     CAMPAIGN PROMISES TODAY, BECAUSE RIGHT WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, HE  
5     IMMEDIATELY WENT BACK ON SO MANY OF THE CAMPAIGN PROMISES THAT  
6     HE MADE, AND THAT PEOPLE VOTED HIM INTO OFFICE FOR. IT HAS  
7     BEEN OVER A YEAR NOW SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE, AND IT IS FUNNY  
8     THAT WE ARE HERE NOW, STILL TALKING ABOUT AN M.O.A. I THINK  
9     IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AT THE NOVEMBER C.O.C. MEETING,  
10    THE O.I.G. TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY HAD AN M.O.A., AND  
11    THAT THINGS WERE WORKING WITH MCDONNELL, AND THAT THEY TRIED  
12    TO NEGOTIATE A NEW M.O.A. WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, AND GET HIM  
13    TO SIGN A NEW M.O.A., AND HE DID NOT COOPERATE, AND ACTUALLY  
14    DID SOME VERY DISTURBING THINGS. SO I THINK WE NEED TO STOP  
15    TALKING ABOUT AN M.O.A. IT IS TIME TO TALK ABOUT SUBPOENA  
16    POWER. THE TIME FOR M.O.A.S IS UP. IT IS TIME FOR  
17    TRANSPARENCY. AND IF HE HAS NOTHING TO HIDE, THEN WHY IS HE SO  
18    AGAINST IT? IF THERE ARE RECORDS THAT SHOULD BE PROTECTED,  
19    THEN THEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE COURTS AND BY THE PROCESS.  
20    BUT WE DON'T HAVE TRUST IN VILLANUEVA. IF THE MAJORITY OF THE  
21    COMMUNITY HAD TRUST WITH HIM, WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO HAVE A  
22    SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO  
23    GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO DO THE JOB THAT THEY WERE TASKED TO  
24    DO.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

2

3    **JENNIFER SPECK:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS JENNIFER SPECK. MAX

4    HUNTSMAN, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, HAS DEMONSTRATED AN UNHEALTHY

5    AND UNPRODUCTIVE ANIMOSITY AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,

6    AND CANNOT BE TRUSTED WITH MORE AUTHORITY THAN HE ALREADY HAS.

7    THANK YOU.

8

9    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11    **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HI. MY NAME'S ANTHONY ROBLES, WITH THE YOUTH

12    JUSTICE COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. AND

13    THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THIS CENTURY HAS BEEN THE SECOND-

14    MOST MURDEROUS POLICE AGENCY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, RIGHT

15    BEHIND L.A.P.D., SINCE THE YEAR 2000. BASED OFF OF OUR DATA,

16    THERE'S BEEN OVER 300 MURDERS ON THE STREETS BY THE SHERIFF'S

17    DEPARTMENT ALONE. IT HAS A \$3.5 BILLION BUDGET. OVER 40

18    PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S DISCRETIONARY BUDGET THEY GET, AND

19    HE'S TALKING ABOUT OVERSPENDING AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THEY

20    HAVE GANGS INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE IMPLICATED IN

21    EXTRAJUDICIAL MURDERS OF PEOPLE OF COLOR ON THE STREETS, AND

22    THE MOST IN JAIL THAT'S OF ANY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE

23    COUNTRY. AND YET HE SITS UP HERE, HYPOCRITICAL, TALKING ABOUT

24    IF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE SUBPOENAED FOR TESTIMONY ABOUT BEING

25    IN GANGS AND HAVE TO SHOW THEIR TATTOOS, THAT THAT WOULD

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1 CREATE MISTRUST. BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY DO TO US ON THE STREETS  
2 EVERY DAY. I CAN GET PULLED OVER RIGHT NOW FOR WEARING A  
3 JERSEY, BECAUSE IT COULD BE CONSIDERED GANG ATTIRE.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
6 THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER? I'M SORRY. YOUR  
7 TIME IS EXPIRED. THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING. THAT IS YOUR  
8 SECOND WARNING. WOULD YOU PLEASE-- OKAY, THAT IS YOUR THIRD  
9 WARNING. I'M ASKING YOU TO LEAVE.

10

11 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WE, THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, ARE SEEING A  
12 CARRYOVER FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE SHERIFF  
13 LEE BACA, TO THE PRESENT SHERIFF, VILLANUEVA. NOW, I BELIEVE,  
14 AND MANY OF US BELIEVE, THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE  
15 A.C.L.U. SHOULD BE DOING PRISON TIME, NOT SHERIFF LEE BACA.  
16 PUBLIC SAFETY HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. WE HAVE BEEN IN DANGER.  
17 THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OUTSIDE OF JAIL AND OUTSIDE OF PRISON  
18 HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED BY THESE CRIMINAL BLACKS AND CRIMINAL  
19 GANGBANGERS. WE ARE IN FEAR OF OUR LIVES EVERY SINGLE DAY. ASK  
20 THE WORLD WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS  
21 A CESSPOOL. AND HERE YOU ARE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, DEFENDING  
22 THE A.C.L.U., DEFENDING THE CRIMINALS, REWARDING THE  
23 CRIMINALS, WHILE WE ARE ENDANGERED, ATTACKED, BEATEN, AND  
24 ROBBED EVERY SINGLE DAY OF OUR LIVES. AND YET HERE YOU ARE,  
25 ATTACKING A BRILLIANT MAN, SHERIFF LEE BACA AND VILLANUEVA.

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1 BUT I GUARANTEE YOU, IF THEY WERE BLACK, YOU WOULDN'T PICK UP  
2 BONES AGAINST THEM.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
5 THANK YOU. YOUR TIME-- NEXT SPEAKER.

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7 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** APPARENTLY, YOU DON'T KNOW THE NAME  
8 OF BERNARD PARKS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT. MR. SACHS, THAT IS YOUR  
11 SECOND WARNING. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER. YOU'RE HERE EVERY  
12 WEEK. SO, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **MARCEL FARMER:** YEAH. MY NAME IS MARCEL FARMER, AND I COME  
15 HERE, BASICALLY, FOR JUSTICE. AND I COME IN PEACE, BUT IN THE  
16 INTEREST OF JUSTICE. I HAVE ONE QUESTION. THIS IS DIRECTED  
17 TOWARD JANICE. YOU OWN YOUR HOME. YOU BOUGHT ALL THE STUFF IN  
18 THERE-- THE T.V., THE RADIOS, THE COUCHES, WHATEVER IT IS. THE  
19 STUFF BELONGS TO YOU. WOULD IT BE SAFE TO SAY THAT IF I CAME  
20 TO YOUR HOUSE AND KICKED DOWN THE DOOR, AND TOLD YOU I  
21 DISCOVERED IT, WOULD THAT BE FAIR? THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE THESE THREE DOCUMENTS FOR  
2 THE RECORD. MADAM CHAIR, THESE THREE DOCUMENTS FOR THE RECORD.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

5

6 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, YOU SEE UNDER CV12-7261, COUNSEL, ITEMS  
7 RELATED TO D.S.F.S.H.X., HUNT VERSUS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
8 [EXPLETIVE] WHITE [EXPLETIVE]--

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS YOUR THIRD WARNING. YOU  
11 ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. HERMAN HERMAN,  
12 I--

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** [SHOUTS OFF MIC.]

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PEOPLE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT YOU.  
17 I'M ASKING YOU-- YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. THANK YOU. WE'VE  
18 ASKED YOU TO LEAVE. AND I'M SORRY.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THAT'S TARGETING, MADAM CHAIR. YOU'RE  
21 TARGETING. I GOT FIVE SECONDS. THAT'S TARGETING.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, I  
24 APOLOGIZE. NEXT SPEAKER?

25

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1    **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** IT'S ALL RIGHT. WHAT'S MORE DAMAGING IS  
2    GOING BACK TO WEST ATHENS, AND THAT WE HAVE AN IMPERIAL  
3    SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT DON'T EVEN CARE IF THEIR OWN  
4    OFFICERS ARE BEATING DOWN RANDOM BLACK PEOPLE FOR FUN. SO  
5    SUBPOENA POWER, NO SUBPOENA POWER, IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE'RE  
6    STILL GOING TO BE ABUSED. SO IT'S POWER TO THE PEOPLE. WE GOT  
7    TO CHANGE LAWS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CORRUPT.

8

9    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** HOLD THE TIME. HOLD HER TIME,  
10    PLEASE. HOLD ON. WE WILL HOLD YOUR TIME. [HERMAN HERMAN  
11    SHOUTS.]

12

13    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15    **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** WHERE'S DR. SHERIN WHEN YOU NEED HIM?  
16    SO, I'M JUST SADDENED BY THIS GOVERNANCE. THIS IS A CIRCUS. WE  
17    CAN SAY WHAT WE'D LIKE FOR A MINUTE, 5 MINUTES. IT IS NOT  
18    GOING TO CHANGE THE ACTIONS IN OUR RESPECTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS.  
19    SO SUBPOENA POWER IS DEFINITELY NEEDED. YOU GUYS ALREADY KNOW  
20    WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. BUT INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS OF SHERIFFS  
21    BEFORE THEY EVEN BEGIN THEIR TRAINING FOR MENTAL HEALTH, THAT  
22    IS PRIMARY. THAT IS PRIMARY.

23

24    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE  
25    SPEAKERS? THERE'S NO MORE SPEAKERS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 OH, DR. CLAVREUL, YOU SIGNED UP? THEY'RE SAYING-- OKAY. WELL,  
2 COME FORWARD. OKAY, DR. CLAVREUL. I'M SORRY.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
5 CLAVREUL. WHAT CONCERNS ME THE MOST TODAY IS REALLY THE LACK  
6 OF TRUST BETWEEN THE SHERIFF, THE BOARD, THE PUBLIC. I THINK  
7 IT'S TIME THAT MAYBE WE HAVE A MORE OPEN MIND WHEN WE WORK  
8 WITH EACH OTHER, SO THINGS ARE MUCH MORE SMOOTH, AND SO ON. I  
9 AM VERY CONCERNED OF WHAT I'M SEEING RIGHT NOW. THE NEW  
10 SHERIFF, I THINK, HAS STARTED ON THE WRONG FOOT WITH BOTH THE  
11 PUBLIC AND THE BOARD, AND I WILL ASK THAT TO BE STOPPED, AND  
12 MORE ADMITTABLE BEHAVIOR. I ALSO DO NOT APPRECIATE THE MEMBERS  
13 OF THE PUBLIC WHO BEHAVE LIKE ANIMALS AND DISRUPT EACH  
14 MEETING. THAT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. PERSONALLY, I THINK  
15 THERE SHOULD BE A WAY WHEN THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR A WHILE IN  
16 THIS AUDIENCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO PATIENT.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR.  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK  
22 EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE  
23 VIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE  
24 OVER THE PAST YEAR. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THE  
25 SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4 ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ALL THREE.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, ALL THREE. I'M SORRY, WE ARE  
9 VOTING ON ITEMS NUMBER... WHY DON'T YOU SAY IT INTO THE MIC?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE ARE VOTING ON ITEMS 23, 24, AND 25.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S MOVED BY SUPER RIDLEY-  
14 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

15

16 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY WE HAVE 5 PUBLIC  
19 HEARING ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN  
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
21 ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
24 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR  
25 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE

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1 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
2 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?  
3 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO  
6 GO A LITTLE OUT OF ORDER. WE'RE GOING TO START WITH NUMBER  
7 TWO. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO... GO AHEAD. READ IT,  
8 AND THEN WE'LL LET SUPERVISOR HAHN.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 2. THIS IS A  
11 HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE  
12 TITLE 7, BUSINESS LICENSE; TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION,  
13 BUSINESS, AND WAGE REGULATION; TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY;  
14 AND TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING RELATED TO THE MASSAGE  
15 ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE, WHICH IMPROVES ADMINISTRATION AND  
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING AND NEW BUSINESS LICENSE  
17 REQUIREMENTS. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 10. MEMBERS OF THE  
18 PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE  
19 ITEMS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE ABOUT 19 MEMBERS OF  
21 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS  
22 ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

25

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1    **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. IT'S HARDLY GOING OUT OF ORDER,  
2    SINCE WE ACTUALLY PUSHED THIS BACK A LITTLE BIT. SO, FIRST OF  
3    ALL, LET ME APOLOGIZE TO THOSE WHO CAME DOWN EXPECTING IT TO  
4    COME UP A LITTLE BIT EARLIER, BUT SOMETIMES WE DO THAT UP  
5    HERE, AND WE TRY TO WORK WITH EACH OF OUR COLLEAGUES, AND  
6    SOMETIMES WE MOVE THINGS AROUND. BUT I DO WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO  
7    THOSE WHO CAME EARLIER TODAY TO SPEAK ON THIS. COLLEAGUES,  
8    THIS ORDINANCE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS A RESULT OF  
9    THE GROWING PROBLEM WITH UNLICENSED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN  
10   THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. I BECAME AWARE OF  
11   THIS ISSUE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND SO I HAVE ASKED THE COUNTY  
12   TO LOOK AT WAYS TO BRING ALL THE BUSINESSES INTO GOOD  
13   STANDING, BY UPDATING THE BUSINESS LICENSE TO REQUIRE PUBLIC  
14   HEALTH INSPECTIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ME, AND I'M SURE TO  
15   ALL OF YOU, THAT WE PROTECT BOTH THE EMPLOYEES AND THE  
16   CUSTOMERS WHO GO INTO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS. AND BY SENDING IN  
17   PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS, THEY WILL ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH AND  
18   SAFETY OF OUR PUBLIC AND THE BUSINESSES ARE THERE. THE  
19   INSPECTORS ARE ALSO TRAINED TO OBSERVE AND RECOGNIZE ANY SIGNS  
20   OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SADLY, WE'VE LEARNED THAT THE ILLICIT  
21   MASSAGE INDUSTRY HAS BECOME A SAFE HAVEN FOR HUMAN  
22   TRAFFICKING, BOTH SEX AND LABOR, AND I FEEL LIKE IT IS OUR  
23   DUTY TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON THIS, AND SEE IF WE MIGHT ERADICATE  
24   IT, AT LEAST IN THESE BUSINESSES. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL COUNTY  
25   TASK FORCE THAT WORKS COOPERATIVELY ALREADY TO ASSIST VICTIMS

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1 OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BUT IN ORDER TO HELP THEM, WE NEED TO  
2 IDENTIFY THEM. SO, THE PROCESS FOR CREATING THIS ORDINANCE HAS  
3 TAKEN A LONG TIME, BUT IT HAS BEEN INTENTIONAL, ACTUALLY.  
4 THERE'S BEEN MUCH TO CONSIDER, AND WE NEEDED TO SIT DOWN WITH  
5 SEVERAL STAKEHOLDERS AND GATHER THEIR INPUT TO MAKE THE MOST  
6 COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE. WE SAT DOWN WITH ANTI-HUMAN-  
7 TRAFFICKING ADVOCATES: BUSINESS OWNERS, LAWYERS, SEVERAL  
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND WITH MY COLLEAGUES. THIS ORDINANCE  
9 BEFORE US IS THE TAPESTRY OF THESE MANY MEETINGS, AND I'M  
10 PROUD, AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS GOOD. BUT I  
11 DIDN'T WANT TO JUST TALK ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE WITHOUT TALKING  
12 ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. ON TODAY'S AGENDA, WE'RE VOTING TO  
13 PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION  
14 MONTH, AND THE REALITY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY IS GRIM. IN FACT, THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
16 HOTLINE REPORTED LAST YEAR, IT RECEIVED OVER A THOUSAND CALLS  
17 ABOUT SUSPECTED LABOR AND SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE ILLICIT  
18 MASSAGE, HEALTH, AND BEAUTY INDUSTRY. THAT IS WHY, IN ADDITION  
19 TO THE ORDINANCE ADDING PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION, MY MOTION  
20 INSTRUCTS PUBLIC HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION WITH RELATED COUNTY  
21 AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE  
22 BEST WAYS TO ASSIST MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT WORKERS, AND LINK  
23 THEM TO SERVICES LIKE COUNSELING, LEGAL AID, HOUSING. AND I'M  
24 EAGER TO HEAR BACK ON WHAT WE CAN DO BEYOND THAT FOR THIS  
25 VULNERABLE POPULATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS

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1 FOR WORKING THE LAST TWO YEARS ON THIS ISSUE WITH ME, AND I'M  
2 SURE YOU KNOW THAT THIS ORDINANCE REFLECTS SOME OF THE  
3 ISSUES THAT YOU BROUGHT UP, AND THE CONCERNS YOU HAD. AND I  
4 REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT WORKED SO  
5 HARD ON THIS ORDINANCE. I THINK IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT  
6 DIRECTION. I THINK, FOR ME, IT BECAME SOMETHING I THOUGHT  
7 ABOUT MORE. AND I KNOW PEOPLE MANY TIMES GO INTO THOSE STRIP  
8 MALLS, AND YOU SEE THE FOOT OR HAND MASSAGE PLACES FOR \$5. AND  
9 AT SOME POINT, YOU GO, "WAIT A MINUTE. HOW CAN THEY CHARGE \$5  
10 FOR THAT? SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT. THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE PAYING  
11 THESE EMPLOYEES A LIVING WAGE AND ALL THE BENEFITS THAT SHOULD  
12 BE APPRECIATED BY THEM." SO IT REALLY STRUCK ME THAT SOMETHING  
13 WAS GOING ON. NOT ALL MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, CERTAINLY, ARE  
14 PROBLEMATIC, BUT I THINK THIS ORDINANCE WILL BRING INTO  
15 COMPLIANCE THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN, SO FAR. AND I REALLY  
16 APPRECIATE US. IT'S JUST I THINK WE'VE ASKED OUR 110,000  
17 EMPLOYEES TO ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WHAT THEY SEE AS MIGHT  
18 BE EVIDENCE OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND THIS  
19 JUST IS ONE MORE WAY, WITH OUR HEALTH INSPECTORS, TO GO IN AND  
20 CHECK OUT A PLACE, AND SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT  
21 JUST DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT. SO, THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY THAT  
22 WORKED ON THIS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU  
23 TO THOSE WHO CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY, FOR STAYING THROUGHOUT THIS  
24 MEETING TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

2

3    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
4    HAHN. IT HAS BEEN A HARD ROAD, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE COME  
5    TO A GOOD POINT IN AGREEMENT HERE, AND I THINK IT'S A SYSTEM  
6    THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN PLACE THAT WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR  
7    DEPARTMENTS, THAT WILL BE TIERED; THAT WE'RE GOING TO WORK OUR  
8    WAY INTO ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION. AND FOR ME, THIS IS A  
9    REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE, BECAUSE I DO COVER A VERY LARGE  
10   POPULATION IN MY DISTRICT, WHERE YOU FIND A PREDOMINANCE OF  
11   THESE BUSINESSES, THE MASSAGE PARLORS, AS WELL AS THE NAIL  
12   INDUSTRY AND OTHERS, WHERE YOU UNFORTUNATELY FIND MANY WOMEN,  
13   IMMIGRANT WOMEN-- IN MANY CASES, ASIAN PACIFIC ISLAND WOMEN--  
14   THAT ARE NOT WELL AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS, ARE NOT PAID MINIMUM  
15   WAGE, MAY BE HELD AS INDENTURED SERVANTS, ACTUALLY, AND MAY  
16   EVEN HAVE UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS THAT TAKE THEIR PASSPORTS.  
17   THIS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST. WE HAVE THAT HISTORY, AND IT  
18   HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED HERE IN PAST YEARS. SO WE KNOW WE STILL  
19   HAVE A WAYS TO GO. I HOPE, MOVING AHEAD, WE CAN HOPEFULLY  
20   BRING MORE CERTAINTY TO THOSE BUSINESSES THAT DO WANT TO DO  
21   BUSINESS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY  
22   WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHATEVER WE DO IS IN THE  
23   UNINCORPORATED AREA, BUT IT WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS, SO OTHER  
24   CITIES THEN CAN TAKE, I BELIEVE, ACTION. THAT TYPICALLY IS  
25   WHAT HAPPENS, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL, BECAUSE THE

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1 COUNTY DOES LEAD. WE TAKE ON MANY ISSUES HERE THAT, LO AND  
2 BEHOLD, IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS OR MONTHS, OTHER CITIES ARE  
3 ASKING US, "BOY, HOW DID YOU GET THAT DONE? CAN WE TALK TO  
4 YOUR STAFF? HOW DO WE EXPAND THIS PROGRAM?" AND FOR ME, IT IS  
5 NECESSARY, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY YOUNG WOMEN, PARTICULARLY  
6 VULNERABLE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF WORKING CONDITIONS. AND I KNOW  
7 IN SOME WAYS IT MAY LOOK LIKE IT'S A BURDEN ON SOME OF OUR  
8 AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO GO OUT  
9 THERE AND MAKE THESE INSPECTIONS, BUT IT IS NECESSARY. AND IF  
10 AT SOME POINT LATER ON WE HAVE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS, I'M SURE  
11 WE WILL. BUT I THINK RIGHT NOW IT IS ABOUT COMPLIANCE, AND I  
12 ALSO THINK THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS REALLY LOOKING AT  
13 GETTING THE EDUCATION OUT TO THE COMMUNITY. BECAUSE I KNOW  
14 WE'VE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ASK THAT,  
15 SPECIFICALLY. THERE WAS, I WOULDN'T SAY A HIGH NUMBER OF  
16 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THOSE, SO I THINK WE REALLY HAVE  
17 TO STRETCH THIS AND GO ALL THE WAY OUT INTO THOSE COMMUNITIES  
18 WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIFE EXPERIENCE, BUT ALSO CAN SPEAK TO  
19 THOSE COMMUNITIES IN THEIR LANGUAGE WITH SOME COMFORT AND  
20 TRUST. BECAUSE PEOPLE AREN'T AUTOMATICALLY GOING TO COME OUT  
21 OF THE WOODWORK. THERE IS A TRUST ISSUE HERE, TOO, AND WE HAVE  
22 TO BUILD THAT. SO I AM HOPING THAT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS  
23 HERE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT. I KNOW WE HAVE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 PUBLIC HEALTH, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND  
25 OTHERS. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU PLEASE WALK US THROUGH

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1 WHAT THE ORDINANCE DOES, AND WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE, AND  
2 WHAT IT DOESN'T DO.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND CAN I JUST ADD, THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING  
5 ABOUT THE OTHER CITIES. BECAUSE AGAIN, ANYTHING WE DO HERE  
6 JUST APPLIES TO UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. BUT I BELIEVE AFTER,  
7 WHEN THIS ORDINANCE, IF IT DOES PASS, WE ARE READY WITH A  
8 LETTER THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEND TO OUR CITIES, TO ENCOURAGE  
9 THEM TO FOLLOW THIS MODEL, AND THAT WE WILL OFFER THE HELP  
10 THAT THEY NEED. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, NICOLE?

13

14 **NICOLE DAVIS TINKHAM:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU  
15 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. MY NAME IS NICOLE DAVIS  
16 TINKHAM. I'M ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL WITH THE OFFICE OF  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL. BEFORE WE PROCEEDED WITH THE PRESENTATION, I  
18 WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK SOME IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE  
19 TEAM: SUSAN COLLINS AND EMILY ISA, COLLEAGUES ON THIS PROJECT  
20 WHO'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS TO BRING THIS  
21 TO FRUITION, ALONG WITH YOUR AMAZING STAFF-- THANK YOU-- AND  
22 OF COURSE OUR DEPARTMENT COLLEAGUES. SO, THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
23 PRESENTATION, OF COURSE, IS TO PROVIDE SOME HIGH-LEVEL  
24 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE PUBLIC, AS WE MOVE  
25 FORWARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. SO WE START HERE TODAY,

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1    BASED ON THE MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT BY THIS BOARD TO ENSURE  
2    THAT WE PREVENT AND ADDRESS HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE  
3    UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS. SPECIFICALLY, THERE WAS AN  
4    ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, WAGE AND LABOR, AND  
5    GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY VIOLATIONS ARE OFTEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF  
6    HUMAN TRAFFICKING. BUT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THINGS, WE HAD  
7    AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, WHEN OPERATED  
8    PROFESSIONALLY, ARE A VALUABLE, HEALTHY, AND THERAPEUTIC  
9    OPTION FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO WE WANTED TO STRIKE THAT VERY  
10    CRITICAL BALANCE BETWEEN ENSURING THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT  
11    VICTIMIZED, THAT WE ARE ENSURING THAT HUMAN AND SEX  
12    TRAFFICKING ENDS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES, WHILE ALSO  
13    ENHANCING AND PROVIDING COMMUNITIES WITH A LOT OF BUSINESS  
14    SUPPORT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MASSAGE SERVICES. SO, AS  
15    SUPERVISOR HAHN CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM  
16    THIS MAP, CURRENTLY WE HAVE 38 LICENSED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS  
17    IN ALL OF UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, AND THAT CLEARLY DOES NOT  
18    REALLY MATCH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES THAT ARE OFFERING  
19    MASSAGE SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHICH INDICATES  
20    A REAL NEED BY THE COUNTY TO CONDUCT VERY MASSIVE OUTREACH TO  
21    BRING BUSINESSES INTO COMPLIANCE. AND I WANT TO MAKE A VERY  
22    SPECIAL NOTE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY AT THE TABLE  
23    HERE TODAY TO REALLY BRING BUSINESSES INTO COMPLIANCE, INSTEAD  
24    OF PENALIZE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE NOT YET COME INTO THE COUNTY  
25    SYSTEM. I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE AT THIS MOMENT THAT THIS MESSAGE

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1 ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE REALLY APPLIES TO THE FOLKS WHO ARE  
2 PROVIDING MESSAGES AS THEIR MAIN SOURCE OF BUSINESS. THIS  
3 MESSAGE ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO PHYSICIANS OR  
4 ACUPUNCTURISTS OR OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE PROVIDING MESSAGE  
5 SERVICES AS A SUBPART TO THEIR BUSINESS. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT  
6 WHAT CURRENT LAW PROVIDES, AND COMPARE THAT TO WHERE WE'RE  
7 MOVING WITH THE PROPOSED LAW. SO, CURRENTLY, AS SUPERVISORS  
8 NOTED, WE ONLY HAVE A TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR COMPONENT OF  
9 BUSINESS LICENSING, AND WE ARE ADDING TO THAT A REQUIREMENT TO  
10 ALSO OBTAIN A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT. ON THE TECHNICIAN SIDE,  
11 CURRENTLY, WE DO HAVE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME-- OR TO BE  
12 ABLE TO BE A TECHNICIAN, AND PERFORMING MESSAGES IN THE COUNTY  
13 OF LOS ANGELES. ON ONE HAND, YOU HAVE THE C.A.M.T.C., WHICH IS  
14 THE STATE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, AND THEN YOU COULD ALSO  
15 OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE. WE HAVE NOW CREATED A TWO-TIER  
16 SYSTEM, WHICH I WILL GET INTO THE DETAILS ABOUT IN A FEW  
17 MOMENTS, AND THOSE TWO TIERS STILL DO CAPTURE THE C.A.M.T.C.  
18 CERTIFICATION PROCESS, AS WELL AS A BUSINESS LICENSING  
19 COMPONENT THROUGH T.T.C. AND AS TODAY, WE DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH REQUIREMENT, SO AS A RESULT OF ADDING THIS TO THE  
21 ORDINANCE, WE NOW HAVE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IF THIS  
22 ORDINANCE WAS TO BE PASSED. AND THOSE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE  
23 SOME REALLY CRITICAL THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECTING  
24 PEOPLE. ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY  
25 NOTICES MUST BE IN EVERY LOCATION. THE EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS IS

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1 PROHIBITED. SITE EVALUATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE  
2 IS REQUIRED. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE AT THE FRONT OF THE  
3 HOUSE. THEY CANNOT BE MADE IN A ROOM. AND THERE IS NO  
4 ALLOWANCE FOR ADVERTISING ILLICIT SERVICES. AND I THINK IT IS  
5 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS  
6 VERY SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL WHO GO OUT TO THESE SITES, AND IN  
7 ADDITION TO LOOKING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND  
8 ENSURING THAT BUSINESSES ARE MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS, THEY  
9 ALSO HAVE SPECIAL TRAINING TO SPOT SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING,  
10 AS WELL AS WAGE VIOLATIONS THAT THEY CAN REFER ON TO THE  
11 D.C.B.A. SO, THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE  
12 ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU, FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, THEY  
13 REQUIRE THE BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN BOTH A BUSINESS LICENSE, AS  
14 WELL AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, AND TO KEEP BOTH IN CURRENT  
15 STANDING. IF ONE GOES OUT OF GOOD ORDER, THEN BOTH GO OUT OF  
16 GOOD ORDER. THE BUSINESSES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY ANNUALLY, AND  
17 IF THEY HAVE COMPLIANCE ISSUES, THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO  
18 GO BEFORE THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION ON AN ANNUALIZED  
19 BASIS. THEN, ALSO, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NEW  
20 ESTABLISHMENTS NOT OPERATING AS OF THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVE  
21 DATE MUST BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE OF ALL THE REQUIREMENTS, IF  
22 THEY WERE TO COME AND START BUSINESSES HERE IN THE COUNTY, 30  
23 DAYS FROM OUR SECOND READ. FOR MASSAGE TECHNICIANS TO DO  
24 BUSINESS HERE, YOU MUST OBTAIN EITHER A T.T.C. BUSINESS  
25 LICENSE, OR MUST BE C.A.M.T.C.-CERTIFIED. AND IF YOU ARE NOT

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1 YET C.A.M.T.C.-CERTIFIED TODAY, OR HAVE NOT OBTAINED A T.T.C.  
2 BUSINESS LICENSE TODAY, YOU WILL HAVE TWO YEARS TO OBTAIN THE  
3 TWO YEARS' WORTH OF REQUIRED SKILLS, IN ORDER TO COME INTO  
4 COMPLIANCE. ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE TIERING THAT WE  
5 DISCUSSED A FEW MOMENTS AGO. WE HAVE A TWO-TIER SYSTEM. THE  
6 FIRST TIER IS WHAT WE WOULD CALL THE OPEN AREA SITUATION. SO A  
7 PLACE LIKE A HAPPY FEET MASSAGE LOCATION, WHERE YOU ARE IN A  
8 LARGE ROOM WITH MULTIPLE OTHER PEOPLE RECEIVING MASSAGE  
9 SERVICES, IN THOSE TYPE OF SITUATIONS, THE TECHNICIANS ARE  
10 ONLY REQUIRED TO HAVE A T.T.C. LICENSE, AND THEY ARE ONLY  
11 REQUIRED TO HAVE TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, AND THEY ARE NOT  
12 GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK  
13 CONDUCTED ON THEM. AND THE SECOND TIER, THOSE ARE THE MASSAGE  
14 TECHNICIANS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES IN PRIVATE-ROOM  
15 ENVIRONMENTS. FOR THOSE TYPES OF SERVICES, YOU ARE GOING TO BE  
16 REQUIRED TO HAVE A C.A.M.T.C. CERTIFICATION. AND THERE WILL  
17 NOT BE A BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR FOLKS WHO ALREADY  
18 HAVE C.A.M.T.C. CERTIFICATION. WE HAVE A SERIES OF ENFORCEMENT  
19 AND PENALTY OPTIONS THAT APPLY ONLY TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT  
20 OWNERS, AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE DO NOT  
21 HAVE ANY ENFORCEMENT OR PENALTIES AS TO MASSAGE TECHNICIANS  
22 THEMSELVES. SO IF THERE IS A VIOLATION BY A MASSAGE  
23 TECHNICIAN, IT IS THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT OWNER WHO WILL BE  
24 PENALIZED, AND WILL HAVE THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES TAKEN UPON  
25 THEM. SOME OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO

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1 NOTE IS THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF CAN CITE FOR CRIMINAL  
2 PENALTIES, AND CIVIL REMEDIES CAN BE SOUGHT FOR PUBLIC  
3 NUISANCE. THE FEES FOR THIS NEW PROPOSED MASSAGE ORDINANCE  
4 HAVE ALSO BEEN UPDATED, AND THERE'S OF COURSE A NEW FEE, AS IT  
5 RELATES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT. ON THE BUSINESS  
6 ESTABLISHMENT SIDE, THE NEW FEE FOR THE FIRST YEAR WOULD BE  
7 \$1,895, AND RENEWAL FEES THEREAFTER ARE \$1,119. FOR  
8 TECHNICIANS, THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THE FEE, AND  
9 THAT IS \$232, AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL IS \$233. FOR THE  
10 PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, WE HAVE A NEW ANNUAL PERMIT FEE OF \$409,  
11 AND THE FIRST SITE EVALUATION IS \$164. AND IF THERE'S  
12 NECESSITY FOR FURTHER SITE EVALUATIONS, EACH ONE OF THOSE  
13 EVALUATIONS WILL BE ANOTHER \$164. SO, JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW OF  
14 OUR IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE. SO, TODAY WOULD BE OUR FIRST  
15 READ, AND THE SECOND READ WOULD HAPPEN NEXT WEEK, ON FEBRUARY  
16 4TH. AND 30 DAYS AFTER THAT, THE ORDINANCE WOULD GO INTO  
17 EFFECT. THAT WOULD BE THE TIME WHEN ANYBODY WHO'S OPENING A  
18 NEW ESTABLISHMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE. FOR  
19 THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY LICENSED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
20 THEY WOULD HAVE 120 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE TO OBTAIN  
21 THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT. SO THAT WOULD BE JULY 2ND, 2020.  
22 AND FOR MASSAGE TECHNICIANS WHO HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED  
23 LICENSURE IN THE COUNTY, THEY WOULD HAVE UNTIL MARCH 4TH,  
24 2022, TO OBTAIN ALL THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE TO

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1 OBTAIN THEIR LICENSING. SO I'M GOING TO TURN IT NOW OVER TO  
2 VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M BARBARA  
5 FERRER, AND I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SPEAK IN  
6 SUPPORT OF THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE THAT WOULD  
7 ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY  
8 REQUIREMENTS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR  
9 ALSO INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO FOCUS ON SUPPORTING WORKERS WHO  
10 ARE IN THE MASSAGE INDUSTRY, BY CREATING A PILOT ENGAGEMENT  
11 PROGRAM FOR THEM. AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER  
12 OF MASSAGE PARLORS THAT HAVE BEEN USED AS A COVER, ACROSS THE  
13 COUNTRY AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
14 OPERATIONS. AND OTHERS HAVE OPERATED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE  
15 HEALTH AND SAFETY SAFEGUARDS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO MASSAGE  
16 ESTABLISHMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
17 THAT REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT. WITH THE PROPOSED  
18 REQUIREMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENTS TO OBTAIN THIS PUBLIC HEALTH  
19 PERMIT, HEALTH INSPECTORS CAN INSPECT EVERY ESTABLISHMENT AT  
20 LEAST ONCE A YEAR, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE  
21 HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES, AND FOR SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.  
22 SUCH INSPECTIONS WOULD NOT ONLY PROTECT CLIENTS, BUT ALSO THE  
23 EMPLOYEES, BY DETERRING ILLICIT ACTIVITIES. WHILE PREVIOUSLY  
24 UNREGULATED MASSAGE BUSINESSES MAY NEED SOME SUPPORT TO  
25 IMPLEMENT THE NEW REGULATION REQUIREMENTS, IN LIGHT OF THE

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1 INCIDENCE OF HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING THAT HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO  
2 OCCUR WITHIN SOME MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, I DO BELIEVE THAT  
3 THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE HAS STRUCK A BALANCE BETWEEN  
4 REGULATIONS THAT KEEP EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS SAFE, AND THE  
5 NEED TO SUPPORT LEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT ARE THE  
6 VERY BACKBONE OF ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY  
7 RESIDENTS. IF YOUR BOARD APPROVES THE ORDINANCE, D.P.H. WILL  
8 WORK WITH THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR TO BEGIN THE PERMITTING  
9 PROCESS, AND WE'LL WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL OF THE MASSAGE  
10 BUSINESSES, SO THAT WE PROVIDE THEM WITH ASSISTANCE SO THAT  
11 THEY CAN MEET THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. WHILE IMPROVED  
12 REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PERMITTING OF THE INDUSTRY WILL  
13 ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO REDUCE HUMAN TRAFFICKING, IT'S ALSO  
14 IMPORTANT TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE WORKERS IN THESE INDUSTRIES,  
15 MANY OF WHOM ARE IMMIGRANTS, MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, AND MAY BE  
16 ISOLATED FROM OTHERS. THE PROPOSED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS  
17 AND HAHN ALLOWS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A PUBLIC HEALTH  
18 LENS TO THE ISSUES OF WORKER EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN  
19 TRAFFICKING, AS WE DESIGN A PILOT PROJECT TO ENGAGE MASSAGE  
20 ESTABLISHMENT WORKERS, AND LINK THEM TO NECESSARY RESOURCES,  
21 INCLUDING HEALTH INFORMATION AND SERVICES, BUSINESS SERVICES,  
22 AND LEGAL AID. WE'LL BE WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR SISTER  
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE MANY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION  
24 PARTNERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN LEADING AROUND THIS ISSUE. OUR  
25 PARTNERS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT TRAUMA-INFORMED,

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1 CULTURALLY ACCEPTABLE, AND RESPECTFUL APPROACHES AND  
2 INTERVENTIONS ALL EMPOWER THE WORKERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **KEITH KNOX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ALL GOING TO SPEAK? OKAY.  
7 BECAUSE WE'VE GOT 30 SPEAKERS, OR 20 SPEAKERS, SIGNED UP, AS  
8 WELL.

9

10 **KEITH KNOX:** YEAH. IN BRIEF, KEITH KNOX, TREASURER-TAX  
11 COLLECTOR, JUST ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES. WE  
12 WORKED VERY CLOSELY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
13 PLANNING, THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, AND WE FEEL THAT THESE NEW  
14 BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, ALONG WITH THE NEW PERMIT, ARE  
15 GOING TO GO A LONG WAY TO PREVENTING THE POTENTIAL FOR HUMAN  
16 TRAFFICKING. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH TO INFORM  
17 THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE, AND THEN  
18 ALSO OFFERING THE SERVICES OF D.C.B.A., FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE  
19 WE'RE OUT THERE. SO, UNLESS THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS?

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, MADAM EXECUTIVE  
22 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL UP THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP  
23 TO--

24

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE GO TO SPEAKERS, MY  
2   STAFF TELLS ME THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH SOME OF THE  
3   EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE COURSE OFFERINGS,  
4   SO PEOPLE CAN GET IN. CAN YOU DESCRIBE VERY QUICKLY WHAT THAT  
5   LOOKS LIKE, SO WE HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE TO THE PUBLIC?

6

7   **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. SO, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN  
8   WORKING WITH A LOT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
9   UNIVERSITIES TO OFFER VARIOUS COURSES IN MASSAGE, AS WELL AS  
10   OTHER COURSES RELATING TO THE HUMAN BODY AND ALL THE THINGS  
11   THAT ONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
12   PERFORMING MESSAGES ON OTHERS. AND THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING ALL  
13   OF THOSE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IS TO ENSURE THAT  
14   THERE IS A PATH FORWARD TO THE EDUCATION, GAINING THE  
15   EDUCATION NECESSARY TO BECOME A MASSAGE TECHNICIAN, ABOVE AND  
16   BEYOND JUST THE EXPERIENCE.

17

18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST  
19   CLARIFY THAT WE'RE ALSO INCLUDING THE ADULT SCHOOLS.

20

21   **SPEAKER:** YES.

22

23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BECAUSE YOU CAN GET A LICENSE AND  
24   CERTIFICATE THERE AT A MUCH LOWER COST THAN A FOUR-YEAR  
25   UNIVERSITY OR A TWO-YEAR. BUT I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THERE WILL

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1 BE DIFFERENT, I BELIEVE, LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION  
2 AVAILABLE AT LOW COST FOR PEOPLE, SO THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR  
3 PEOPLE TO NOTE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: [READING NAMES.]  
11 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DUE TO THE  
12 NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ITEMS, CHAIR, WE ARE REQUESTING  
13 THAT ONE MINUTE BE GIVEN TO EACH SPEAKER.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS CORRECT. THANK YOU. FIRST  
16 SPEAKER?

17

18 **MILEY WATERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MILEY WATERMAN HERE, C.E.O. OF  
19 BRAVE GLOBAL, IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO PROVIDE OUTREACH TO  
20 WORKERS IN THE MASSAGE INDUSTRY. OFTENTIMES, TRAFFICKERS KEEP  
21 MASSAGE INDUSTRY SEX WORKERS COERCED AND CONTROLLED INTO THIS  
22 INDUSTRY BY HOLDING MANY THINGS OVER THEIR HEADS, INCLUDING  
23 THEIR DEBTS, FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR FAMILIES,  
24 INABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, LACK OF EDUCATION, THEIR  
25 IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS AND PASSPORTS, OR EVEN THEIR LACK OF

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1 DOCUMENTED STATUS AND THE FEAR OF BEING DEPORTED. THIS IS  
2 MODERN-DAY SLAVERY IN PLAIN SIGHT. THIS IS A LIFE OF SHAME  
3 THAT CAN'T BE UNDONE OR ESCAPED FROM, DUE TO THE LACK OF  
4 RESOURCES AND EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION. AND  
5 WITHOUT THESE, NOT ONLY WILL THE INJUSTICE CONTINUE, BUT  
6 WRONGFUL ALLEGATIONS THAT RESULT IN SERIOUS CHARGES AND  
7 SOMETIMES FELONIES WILL FOREVER BLEMISH THE RECORDS OF THESE  
8 VICTIMS. THE RECENT RAIDS AND CRACKDOWNS ON ILLICIT MASSAGE  
9 PARLORS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT WILL ONLY SOLVE PART OF THE  
10 PROBLEM. WE NEED TO WORK TOWARD GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE  
11 ISSUE, WHICH IS THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH  
12 DIRECT EDUCATION AND RESOURCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH INVOLVEMENT.  
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **SCOTT MARTIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SCOTT MARTIN. I'M THE  
18 PRESIDENT OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. I'M  
19 HERE TODAY TO URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
20 VOTE TO ADOPT A STRENGTHENED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE.  
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MUST HAVE THE ABILITY OF CONDUCTING  
22 ANNUAL AND UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING A WARNING TO  
23 THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT MAY CONDUCT ILLICIT ACTIVITIES, OR  
24 WORSE, MAY PARTICIPATE IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR PROSTITUTION,  
25 THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. BUZZFEED NEWS WROTE

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1 IN JANUARY OF 2018 THAT, QUOTE, "MASSAGE PARLORS ACCOUNTED FOR  
2 2,949 CALLS TO THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE FROM  
3 2007 TO 2016." THE RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND ALL  
4 UNINCORPORATED AREAS SHARE CONCERNS THAT THE PROLIFERATION OF  
5 MASSAGE PARLORS, UNCHECKED AND UNINSPECTED, COULD CAUSE A  
6 CONTINUED BLIGHT ON PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES, AND ON SAFETY OF  
7 WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMIZED IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND  
8 PROSTITUTION. LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT BE THE ONLY EYES AND EARS  
9 IN THIS FIGHT. LET'S COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF INSPECTION AND  
10 ENFORCEMENT TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK  
11 YOU.

12  
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14  
15 **JAMES HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES  
16 HERNANDEZ, AND I AM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
17 FOR GEMS UNCOVERED, INC., AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEMS 2 AND  
18 10: THE MOTION OF PROVIDING OUTREACH TO WORKERS IN THE MASSAGE  
19 INDUSTRY. GEMS UNCOVERED IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PROVIDING  
20 WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS,  
21 AND THOSE BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE  
22 PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, AND HAVE BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE  
23 LAST THREE YEARS, SERVING OVER 200 INDIVIDUALS, TO WHICH WE  
24 HAD NO REPEAT INDIVIDUALS, WHICH IS MEANING TO SAY THAT THE  
25 SERVICES ARE WHAT IS NEEDED, IN ORDER FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO

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1 MOVE FROM A LIFE OF SLAVERY TO A LIFE OF FREEDOM AND OF HOPE.  
2 HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SAID OR THOUGHT TO YOURSELF, "IF I HAD  
3 KNOWN, I WOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY"? WHAT IF I  
4 TOLD YOU THAT THIS WOULD BE THE VERY MOMENT YOU HAD THE POWER  
5 TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A VICTIM OR BECOME  
6 A SURVIVOR, IN TURN, CHANGING THEIR WHOLE FUTURE? WOULD YOU  
7 MAKE THAT CHOICE TODAY? THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **ANNE GERTH:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND  
12 EVERYBODY WHO'S HELPING WITH THIS ISSUE. WE'RE REALLY VERY  
13 CONCERNED ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN ROWLAND  
14 HEIGHTS, WHERE I AM FROM. MY NAME IS ANNE GERTH. I WOULD LIKE  
15 TO SAY THAT WE THINK MAYBE AN OUTREACH TO THE MASSAGE PARLORS  
16 WOULD HELP. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF AN ORDINANCE, AND ALSO A  
17 MOTION TO MASSAGE WORKERS. THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING JUST TAKES MY  
18 BREATH, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO, BECAUSE THESE WOMEN  
19 MOSTLY DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, AND HOW CAN WE HELP? I'M HOPING  
20 THAT YOU WORK ON THAT CONTINUOUSLY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

23

24 **LOUELLA ROBERSON:** HI. MY NAME IS LOUELLA ROBERSON. I AM ALSO A  
25 RESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND A WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBER, AND

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1 I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND THE OUTREACH  
2 TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT WORKERS. I BELIEVE WE, IN ROWLAND  
3 HEIGHTS AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS, OUR DISTRICT, HAS TOO MANY  
4 MASSAGE PLACES. WE HAVE 23 OUT OF THE 38 OF DISTRICT 4. THAT'S  
5 59 PERCENT. SO I BELIEVE WE HAVE TOO MUCH. SO, YOU GUYS, WE  
6 JUST NEED YOUR HELP IN REGULATING ALL THE OWNERS AND THE  
7 WORKERS, AND HELPING THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING. BY ISSUING  
8 STRICTER AND FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS, HOPEFULLY, IT MAKES  
9 IT A LITTLE HARDER FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND EDUCATION AND  
10 LICENSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND  
11 EVERYTHING. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, SHE'S GOING TO  
14 CALL UP SOME MORE NAMES, PLEASE.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WOULD ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARNOLD  
17 SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, MARCEL FARMER... [CONTINUES READING  
18 NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

21

22 **ANGELA RUBALCAVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELA RUBALCAVA,  
23 AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I'M HERE AS A  
24 MEMBER OF AFFIRM L.A. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK THE OFFICES  
25 OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR WELCOMING AFFIRM'S, AS WELL

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1 AS THE COMMUNITY'S SUGGESTIONS. I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THIS  
2 ORDINANCE, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE LANGUAGE ALLOWING  
3 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR DENIAL OF LICENSES TO THOSE WITH  
4 PROSTITUTION CONVICTIONS SHOULD BE STRICKEN. THIS ORDINANCE IS  
5 IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WOULD PLACE REGULATION OF I.M.B.S IN THE  
6 HANDS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, RATHER THAN CRIMINAL LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT, WHICH IS A MUCH-NEEDED STEP AWAY FROM POLICE  
8 RAIDS, AND TOWARD SURVIVOR-CENTERED SOLUTIONS. THE GUIDING  
9 PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING,  
10 DESTIGMATIZING, AND DECRIMINALIZING SURVIVORS, INCLUDING A  
11 PROVISION THAT ALLOWS SUSPENSION REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A  
12 LICENSE TO THOSE WITH PROSTITUTION CONVICTIONS GOES DIRECTLY  
13 AGAINST THAT PRINCIPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **SKYLAR PEREZ-GROGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SKYLAR PEREZ-  
18 GROGAN. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, A SOCIAL  
19 WORKER, AND A CO-COORDINATOR OF AFFIRM LOS ANGELES. I WOULD  
20 FIRST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR ALLOWING  
21 OUR INPUT FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. ACCORDING TO POLARIS,  
22 TRAFFICKING RELATED TO MASSAGE PARLORS WAS SECOND IN  
23 PREVALENCE ONLY TO ESCORT SERVICES. AND AS YOU KNOW, THE MOST  
24 PREVALENT BUSINESS LICENSE IN L.A. IS MASSAGE BUSINESSES. WE  
25 WERE JUST INFORMED THE LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN

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1    UPDATED TO BAR INDIVIDUALS WITH A PROSTITUTION-RELATED CHARGE  
2    ON THEIR CRIMINAL RECORD FROM OBTAINING A MASSAGE LICENSE.  
3    SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING ARE OFTEN ARRESTED ON PROSTITUTION-  
4    RELATED CHARGES, LABELING THEM AS CRIMINALS WHEN THEY ARE IN  
5    FACT SURVIVORS OF THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. WE URGE  
6    THE BOARD TO STRIKE THIS CONTRADICTORY LANGUAGE FROM THE  
7    ORDINANCE, AND THEN PASS IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9    **LYDIA PONCE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LYDIA PONCE, AND MY  
10    NAME IS NOT UP THERE, BUT I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A SPEAKER CARD  
11    FOR MYSELF. I AM A MEMBER OF AFFIRM L.A., AND WE IN AFFIRM LOS  
12    ANGELES ARE EAGER TO SEE THAT THIS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD  
13    ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING IN MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IS TAKEN,  
14    BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT CAN CREATE A PATH TOWARDS ENSURING  
15    SURVIVOR-CENTERED SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO SEX TRAFFICKING  
16    SURVIVORS. WE IN AFFIRM KNOW THAT SEX TRAFFICKING DOUBLY  
17    IMPACTS POOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF COLOR, AND WE ARE URGING  
18    THE BOARD TO CONTINUE DOWN THE RIGHTEOUS PATH OF VOTING  
19    THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PLEDGING TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR  
20    THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF SURVIVORS, BY INTRODUCING A MOTION TO  
21    ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF SURVIVOR-CENTERED AFTERCARE SERVICES.  
22    PLEASE DO NOT FURTHER CRIMINALIZE THEM.

23

24    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND WE HAVE NONE IN  
2 THE THIRD-DISTRICT UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THESE  
3 ESTABLISHMENTS, BUT I WILL SAY THAT I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF THIS  
4 PARTICULAR APPROACH. I VERY MUCH WOULD LIKE TO STOP  
5 TRAFFICKING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING; YOU KNOW, SEX  
6 WORKERS OR-- SOMEONE LUMPED IN NAIL WORKERS. I DON'T KNOW WHY  
7 THAT WAS THE CASE. BUT THAT'S NOT PART OF IT, FIRST OF ALL.  
8 BUT SECOND OF ALL, JACKING UP THE RENEWAL FEE FROM \$200 TO  
9 \$1100 IS A 425-PERCENT INCREASE, AND I JUST-- THERE'S NO WAY  
10 TO HIDE THAT THAT IS A NAKED REVENUE PLAY. AND WHY ARE WE  
11 DOING THIS IF THERE'S ONLY 38 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE  
12 UNINCORPORATED-- WHAT THIS IS, IS A CLASSIC CASE OF  
13 MISAPPLICATION OF COUNTY RESOURCES. WE SHOULD NOT BE  
14 REGULATING MASSAGE. AS TINKHAM TRIED TO SAY, IT'S A HEALTHY  
15 ACTIVITY. WE SHOULD BE CRACKING DOWN ON PEOPLE WHO ARE  
16 TRAFFICKING. BUT TO ASSUME THAT EVERYBODY WHO WANTS A MASSAGE  
17 OR AN INEXPENSIVE MASSAGE IS A SEX TRAFFICKER IS JUST CRAZY.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THIS IS INSANE.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

24

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1 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I THINK THE CITY AND  
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE BOTH HYPOCRITES. YOU AGREED  
3 WITH FORMER GOVERNOR BROWN TO LEGALIZE CHILD PROSTITUTION BY  
4 SIGNING S.B. 1322. SENATE BILL 1322. I'M A TEACHER, AND I WAS  
5 OUTRAGED THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING BABIES TO 18 YEARS OLD TO  
6 PROSTITUTE. AND THEY WON'T GET A POLICE RECORD. THEY'LL GET  
7 COUNSELING. I'M SITTING AT THE LIGHT RIGHT HERE ON SIXTH  
8 STREET, NEAR THE STORE OVER THERE, SIXTH AND ALVARADO, AND I'M  
9 SITTING THERE. I HAD MY WINDOW DOWN. A LADY, SHE WAS STANDING  
10 THERE AND SHE WAS YELLING, TALKING TO A MAN ACROSS THE STREET.  
11 SHE SAID, "NO, I GAVE YOU MY DAUGHTER LAST NIGHT AND YOU HURT  
12 HER." THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS ARE PROSTITUTING THEIR CHILDREN.  
13 AND NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MASSAGE PARLORS. AND YOU WANT  
14 MONEY. YOU ALLOW A LOT OF THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING  
15 TO HAPPEN, AND YOU CAN GET MORE MONEY. SEE, I KNOW THE GAME. I  
16 KNOW THE TALMUD RELIGION. THE TALMUD RELIGION BELIEVES IN  
17 RAPING THREE-YEAR-OLD LITTLE GIRLS, SODOMIZING BOYS, INCEST,  
18 HOMOSEXUALITY. AND THE TALMUDIC RELIGION IS RUNNING THIS  
19 COUNTRY. THOSE ARE THE JEWS.

20  
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. CHIEF?

22  
23 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. CONGRATULATIONS TO JANICE  
24 HAHN AND SOLIS. ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO HELP PEOPLE AND  
25 KEEP THEM SAFE AND CLEAN IS ALWAYS WELCOME. I DON'T KNOW. I'M

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1 JUST HEARING ABOUT THE FEES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT I THINK  
2 EVERYTHING CAN BE NEGOTIABLE. FROM \$200 OR \$300 TO \$1100 IS A  
3 MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY-- YOU KNOW, THAT'S KIND OF STEEP. YOU  
4 KNOW, I WOULD SAY \$600, OR WHATEVER. REDUCE THE COST, AND  
5 THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT ON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE ISSUE AND  
6 THINGS LIKE THAT, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD DEAL. ANY TIME THAT  
7 YOU HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY INVOLVED IN MASSAGE PARLORS AND THINGS  
8 LIKE THAT, THAT'S ALWAYS A GOOD THING. AND LET'S KEEP IT REAL.  
9 EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE SAFE, AND EVERYBODY WANTS  
10 PROFESSIONALITY. SO, GOOD JOB, SOLIS, AND GOOD JOB, JANICE  
11 HAHN. THANK YOU. RED CHIEF HUNT.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **WES SEEGMILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WES SEEGMILLER. I  
16 AM THE L.G.B.T. LIAISON WITH THE COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY  
17 AND TRAFFICKING. I ALSO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE  
18 PREEMPTIVE MASSAGE PARLOR PILOT PROJECT WORKING GROUP. I'M  
19 ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT L.A., AND  
20 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SEE  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKING THESE STEPS TO REALLY INVOLVE  
22 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND REAL ALTERNATIVES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING  
23 THE PRINCIPAL FACE OF THE CITY, THAT EMPLOYEES OF THESE  
24 MASSAGE PARLORS FACE. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I REALLY ECHO THE  
25 SENTIMENTS OF THE WOMEN FROM AFFIRM. IT IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL

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1 THAT YOU STRIKE THE LANGUAGE THAT LIMITS ACCESS TO PEOPLE WITH  
2 PROSTITUTION-RELATED CRIMINAL RECORDS FROM ACCESSING THIS  
3 PROGRAM. IT REALLY WOULD DEFEAT THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THIS  
4 BEING AN ANTITRAFFICKING MEASURE. SO PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER  
5 THAT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? L.A., THE  
10 ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THE NEW NORMAL. OH, BY THE  
11 WAY, DR. THOMAS HAS LEFT THE ROOM. WHAT HAPPENED TO HANS? YOU  
12 KNOW, IT'S THE USE OF BLACKMAIL THAT ALLOWS SEX TRAFFICKING TO  
13 EXIST. BUT SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO GO INTO THEM WITH THE HEALTH  
14 SERVICES PROGRAM, YOU OUGHT TO REALLY LOOK AT THIS GUIDE TO  
15 L.A. COUNTY SERVICES. IT'S FREE, AND YOU CAN GET IT IN THE  
16 OTHER BUILDING. YOU JUST HAVE TO WALK UP TO THE WINDOW AND ASK  
17 FOR IT. MAYBE YOU CAN ENROLL THE WORKERS INTO L.A. CARE OR  
18 HEALTH NET OR MY HEALTH L.A., BECAUSE THEY'LL PROBABLY NEED  
19 SOME KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AND THE COUNTY WOULD PAY  
20 FOR IT. YOU KNOW, THAT'S PART OF THE PROGRAM. AND THE  
21 INSURANCE COMPANY GETS TO PAY FOR THE PROBLEMS AND THE WORK,  
22 THE INSURANCE, THE PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR THE COUNTY WOULD GET  
23 GOOD WAGES AND GOOD JOBS. I WISH SOMEBODY HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT  
24 IT WAS ABOUT CREATING JOBS IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND BUSINESS  
25 AND WAGE REGULATIONS?

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK  
3 YOU.

4

5 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT  
8 SPEAKER.

9

10 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** HOW MANY YEARS OF LAYERED BUREAUCRACY MUST WE  
11 STONEWALL THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND  
12 PRETEENS INVOLVED IN SEX HUMAN TRAFFICKING? THIS HAS BEEN  
13 YEARS AND YEARS, AND YET NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. WE TALK  
14 ABOUT IT, WE TALK ABOUT IT, AND WE TALK ABOUT IT AD NAUSEUM.  
15 NOTHING GETS DONE. IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
16 IT, YOU WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE IT. AND WHO RUNS THE PEDOPHILE  
17 RING? IT IS THE SATANIC ELITE ZIONIST JEWS. THEY CONTROL THE  
18 ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT. LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS. THEY ARE THE  
19 BIGGEST PEDOPHILES. DIDN'T SOMEBODY GET THEIR NECK BROKEN?  
20 YEAH. WELL, WHAT WAS IT, WEINSTEIN? AND AGAIN, LADIES AND  
21 GENTLEMEN, I AM HOMELESS BY DESIGN. I AM NOW SEEING AN INFLUX  
22 OF ASIAN YOUNG LADIES BEING NOW JOIN THE RANKS OF  
23 HOMELESSNESS. MANY OF THEM WERE DOING NAILS, AND THEIR MOMS,  
24 AS WELL. BUT THEY'RE NOW JOINING THE RANKS OF HOMELESS--

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
2    NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4    **SYLVIA CABRERA:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SYLVIA, AND I  
5    AM HERE ON BEHALF OF AFFIRM L.A., A TRANSNATIONAL FEMINIST  
6    ORGANIZATION. I FIRST WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE  
7    OFFICES OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, AND KUEHL FOR WELCOMING  
8    AFFIRM'S, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY'S SUGGESTIONS. THIS  
9    ORDINANCE, WHICH AS YOU KNOW WOULD CHANGE BUSINESS AND  
10    LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE BUSINESSES, IS A FIRST  
11    GREAT STEP IN L.A. COUNTY'S FIGHT AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING.  
12    HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT OUR FIGHT NOT END HERE. AFFIRM L.A. AND  
13    OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS ASK THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE PASSED, AND  
14    THAT THE BOARD PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MEASURES TO FIGHT  
15    AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING, WHICH MUST INCLUDE AFTERCARE SERVICES  
16    AND EXIT STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVORS. THANK YOU.

17

18    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS OUR LAST  
19    SPEAKER. DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, SUPERVISOR HAHN OR  
20    SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BEFORE WE VOTE?

21

22    **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR,  
23    AGAIN, STAYING A WHILE TODAY, AND TESTIFYING. I REALLY  
24    APPRECIATE THOSE WHO CAME DOWN TO OFFER THEIR SUPPORT. I THINK  
25    THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING A NUMBER OF ISSUES, AS

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1 IT RELATES TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY.  
2 AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK MY STAFF MEMBER, JACQUELINE BACHAM,  
3 WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS, AGAIN, FOR TWO YEARS. IT'S  
4 REALLY TAKEN US A LONG TIME, BUT I THINK, BECAUSE OF OUR WORK  
5 TOGETHER, WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS A GOOD ORDINANCE. THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I ALSO WANT TO ECHO. I WANT TO THANK MY  
9 STAFF FOR WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH EVERYBODY-- THE  
10 DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M GLAD WE COULD  
11 COME TO THIS POINT TODAY AND TIME.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEMS  
14 2 AND 10 ARE BEFORE US. CORRECT?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT IS CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO  
19 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THESE ITEMS. SO THE HEARING  
20 IS CLOSED. ITEMS 2 AND 10 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF  
22 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, A UNANIMOUS VOTE REFLECTING  
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S ABSENCE. THANK YOU. THAT IS YOUR--  
24 I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S YOUR SECOND OR THIRD, BUT I'M GOING TO  
25 MAKE IT YOUR SECOND. ONE MORE OUTBURST AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE

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1 ASKED TO LEAVE. FOR NOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ASKED THAT ITEM  
2 15 BE CALLED UP, THE EXPANDING SERVICES TO MEDI-CAL FOR  
3 PREGNANT AND PARENTING BIRTHING PERSONS IN LOS ANGELES.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR JOINING ME AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THE  
7 MOTION. AS YOU MAY KNOW, WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE UNITED STATES  
8 FACE MANY BARRIERS WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS.  
9 ACCESSING CARE CAN BE COSTLY, IT CAN BE GEOGRAPHICALLY  
10 CHALLENGING, AND IT CAN BE CULTURALLY INAPPROPRIATE. IN  
11 ADDITION TO ALL THESE BARRIERS, WOMEN OF COLOR, IN PARTICULAR  
12 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, FACE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF STRESS  
13 DURING THEIR PREGNANCY. THIS INCLUDES IMPLICIT BIAS, RACISM,  
14 AND CHRONIC STRESS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO DETRIMENTAL OUTCOMES  
15 DURING THEIR PREGNANCY. LAST YEAR, I INTRODUCED A MOTION  
16 SUPPORTING SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S BILL THAT REQUIRES ALL  
17 PERINATAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, NURSES,  
18 AND FRONTLINE PERSONNEL, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN IMPLICIT BIAS  
19 TRAINING. FURTHERMORE, WOMEN CAN FACE STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES IN  
20 ACCESSING CARE, BASED SOLELY ON THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THIS  
21 MOTION BEFORE US THAT I'M INTRODUCING TODAY WILL ADDRESS THE  
22 NEED TO REACH AT-RISK POPULATIONS. BY EXPANDING THE DOULA CARE  
23 SERVICES IS ONE WAY THE COUNTY CAN ADDRESS THESE HEALTHCARE  
24 DISPARITIES. IT'S UNACCEPTABLE THAT HIGH-QUALITY CARE IS  
25 DEPENDENT ON A PERSON'S INCOME AND SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. AND

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1 WE KNOW THAT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EXPECTANT MOTHERS MATCHED  
2 WITH A DOULA HAVE HAD BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES. DOULAS ARE  
3 PROFESSIONAL BIRTHING COMPANIONS WHO EMPOWER WOMEN TO  
4 COMMUNICATE THEIR NEEDS TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. THEY PROVIDE  
5 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND PATIENT-CENTERED CARE, AND THEY CAN  
6 HELP REDUCE UNNECESSARY MEDICAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING C-  
7 SECTIONS. DOULAS TEACH COACHING STRATEGIES TO HELP MOTHERS  
8 REDUCE STRESS, WHICH THEN IMPROVES MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH  
9 OUTCOMES. MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK FOR QUIET?

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE. WILL THE PEOPLE OVER  
12 TO MY LEFT PLEASE HOLD IT DOWN?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IN THE YEAR 2018, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
15 HEALTH ESTABLISHED THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFANT AND MATERNAL  
16 MORTALITY INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE BLACK-WHITE INFANT  
17 MORTALITY GAP BY 30 PERCENT, AND IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN  
18 THE COUNTY BY 2023. I WANT TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT  
19 THIS MOTION, AND ALSO WANT TO THANK THE WOMEN'S POLICY  
20 INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH JUSTICE TEAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS  
21 IN FIGHTING FOR HEALTH EQUITY FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES.  
22 HEALTHY PREGNANCIES LEAD TO HEALTHY FAMILIES. I WANT TO AGAIN  
23 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND NOW WOULD LIKE TO INVITE  
24 DR. FERRER TO PLEASE PRESENT THE DATA ON THE MOTION. THANK  
25 YOU.

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1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR OFFERING THIS STRATEGY TO  
4 ADDRESS OUR INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH RATES. I WANT TO SHARE  
5 TWO SLIDES THAT SHOW DATA ON INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY  
6 RATES, AND THIS IS FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND IT REALLY REPRESENTS  
7 DATA OVER TIME, FROM 2003 TILL 2017, THAT LOOKS AT THE RATE OF  
8 INFANTS THAT DIED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE, BECAUSE OF  
9 ILLNESSES THAT OCCURRED EITHER AT BIRTH, OR SOMETIME DURING  
10 THE FIRST YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE GOOD DATA FOR  
11 NATIVE AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND NATIVE ALASKANS.  
12 THE DATA THAT WE DO HAVE INDICATES A SIMILAR TRAJECTORY AS YOU  
13 SEE FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR BLACK BABIES IN L.A. COUNTY. SO  
14 THE TOP LINE THERE, THE ORANGE LINE, IS THE BIRTH EXPERIENCE  
15 FOR BLACK BABIES. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, ALTHOUGH WE'VE MADE  
16 GREAT STRIDES IN L.A. COUNTY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RATE  
17 OF DEATH FOR BLACK BABIES IS THREE TIMES THE RATE OF DEATH FOR  
18 WHITE BABIES, ASIAN BABIES, AND LATINO BABIES. SO THIS IS A  
19 RATE OF DEATH FOR, AS YOU CAN SEE, FOR BLACK BABIES IN 2017.  
20 THAT'S HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF DEATH WAS FOR ALL OTHER BABIES  
21 IN 2003. SO WE'VE MADE PROGRESS, BUT NO PROGRESS AT ALL IN  
22 IMPROVING THE GAP. AND THIS LEADS TO HUNDREDS OF DEATHS FOR  
23 BLACK BABIES EVERY YEAR, THAT IF THEY WERE HAVING THE SAME  
24 EXPERIENCE AS OTHER BABIES IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY'D BE HERE  
25 TODAY AS OUR ARTISTS AND TEACHERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. SO

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1    THERE'S A PROFOUND HUMAN TOLL TO THIS INFORMATION. AND  
2    UNFORTUNATELY, THE DATA IS EVEN WORSE, IN TERMS OF INEQUITIES  
3    AROUND MATERNAL MORTALITIES. SO, MATERNAL MORTALITY IS REALLY  
4    TALKING ABOUT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH  
5    WOMEN, RELATED TO THEIR PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR POSTPARTUM  
6    PERIOD. AND THERE ARE SOME CODES THAT AGAIN IDENTIFY THOSE  
7    RATES OF DEATH. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ONCE AGAIN, BLACK WOMEN, IN  
8    STARK CONTRAST TO ALL OTHER WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY, HAVE ALMOST  
9    SIX TIMES A RATE OF DEATH ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCIES AND  
10    BIRTH THAN EVERYBODY ELSE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THESE ARE  
11    SOBERING AND, IN FACT, DEVASTATING DATA, AND REQUIRE A LOT OF  
12    ACTION. OFTENTIMES, WHEN WE PRESENT THIS INFORMATION, PEOPLE  
13    IMMEDIATELY WILL GO TO A NARRATIVE THAT MAY, IN FACT, BLAME  
14    BLACK WOMEN FOR THESE STARK INEQUITIES. AND, YOU KNOW, I WANT  
15    TO SAY THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT SUGGESTS THAT THE  
16    BEHAVIOR OF INDIVIDUAL WOMEN, BLACK WOMEN IN PARTICULAR, IS  
17    WHAT CAUSES THESE DEEP INEQUITIES. IN FACT, ALL OF OUR  
18    EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT EVEN THOUGH INCOME AND EDUCATION AND  
19    YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH BEHAVIORS PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN  
20    YOUR HEALTH STATUS AND THE HEALTH STATUS OF YOUR BABY, THEY  
21    DON'T ACTUALLY EXPLAIN THIS GAP. BY THAT I MEAN THAT WELL-  
22    EDUCATED, WELL-RESOURCED BLACK WOMEN HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE  
23    BIRTH OUTCOMES THAN WHITE WOMEN WHO LIVE IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY,  
24    AND HAVEN'T GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. SO WE NEED TO BE  
25    CAREFUL ABOUT THE STORIES WE TELL WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS DATA.

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1 BLACK WOMEN WHO NEVER SMOKED HAVE WORSE BIRTH OUTCOMES THAN  
2 WHITE WOMEN WHO ARE SMOKING EVERY DAY DURING THEIR PREGNANCY.  
3 SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO CAUTION EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN  
4 WE LOOK AT DATA LIKE THIS, WE HAVE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND, WHAT  
5 ARE THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE INEQUITIES? AND,  
6 FORTUNATELY FOR US, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THIS  
7 ISSUE, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ALONE. THIS IS A PROBLEM ACROSS OUR  
8 ENTIRE COUNTRY; AND THAT, IN FACT, THE ISSUES THAT RELATE TO  
9 INFANT AND MATERNAL DEATHS ARE FAIRLY WELL UNDERSTOOD. AND  
10 PARTICULARLY AROUND THE GAPS, THE EMERGING SCIENCE REALLY  
11 SUGGESTS THAT THE UNIQUE STRESS, SOME OF WHICH IS ASSOCIATED  
12 WITH RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION THAT'S EXPERIENCED BY BLACK  
13 WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY, EXPLAINS A LOT OF THE GAP. IT SUGGESTS  
14 THAT THERE'S A PATHWAY FROM SOCIAL EXPERIENCE TO PHYSIOLOGICAL  
15 STRESS: A REACTION THAT YOUR BODY ACTUALLY HAS TO THAT STRESS  
16 TO ADVERSE HEALTH OUTCOMES, INCLUDING ADVERSE BIRTH OUTCOMES  
17 AND MATERNAL OUTCOMES AMONG BLACK WOMEN. I DO WANT TO THANK  
18 THE BOARD FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO ACTUALLY  
19 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALL BABIES AND ALL WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY.  
20 WITH THAT SUPPORT AND OUR PARTNER AGENCIES, HEALTH AGENCIES,  
21 FIRST 5 L.A., THE MARCH OF DIMES, AND IN PARTICULAR OUR MANY  
22 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WE DO AT THIS POINT HAVE A ROBUST  
23 COMMUNITY COALITION AND COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS THAT ARE  
24 CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF, AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, OUR  
25 A.I.M. INITIATIVE. A.I.M. STANDS FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN

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1 INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY INITIATIVE. ONE OF OUR TEAMS IS  
2 UP IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND ANOTHER TEAM IS HERE IN SOUTH L.A.  
3 UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF STRESS AS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN UNEQUAL  
4 BIRTH OUTCOMES ALLOWS US TO PLACE A HIGH EMPHASIS ON  
5 STRATEGIES THAT CAN REDUCE STRESS. AND DOULA CARE IS ONE OF  
6 THOSE PROVEN EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING MATERNAL STRESS  
7 AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES. I'M NOT GOING  
8 TO GO INTO ALL OF THE STUDIES THAT HAVE ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED  
9 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS, BUT I WANT TO NOTE THAT DOULA CARE  
10 OFFERS WOMEN THE SUPPORT OF A TRAINED, EMPATHETIC COACH AND  
11 ADVOCATE WHEN THEY START THEIR PRENATAL CARE, AND THEY'RE ABLE  
12 TO STAY AT THE SIDE OF A WOMAN DURING DELIVERY AND BEYOND. WE  
13 HAVE TWO PILOT PROJECTS RIGHT NOW IN L.A. COUNTY TO PROMOTE  
14 DOULA CARE. ONE'S FUNDED BY HEALTH NET, AND THE OTHER IS  
15 FUNDED BY WHOLE PERSON CARE. AND WE'RE TRAINING UP TO 80 WOMEN  
16 TO SERVE AS DOULAS. THESE INITIATIVES OFFER US AN OPPORTUNITY  
17 TO LOOK AT THE EFFECTIVENESS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES. THEY  
18 PROVIDE A PROMISING PATHWAY FOR WORK FOR WOMEN IN OUR  
19 COMMUNITIES, AND THEY OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD  
20 AWARENESS FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF DOULA CARE AMONG WOMEN, IN  
21 PARTICULAR BLACK WOMEN, ACROSS OUR COUNTY. ONE THING THEY  
22 DON'T DO RIGHT NOW IS THEY DON'T OFFER A SUSTAINABLE PATHWAY  
23 FOR US TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE DOULA CARE TO THE 8,000 WOMEN WHO  
24 WE DETERMINED ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR POOR BIRTH OUTCOMES, WHO  
25 COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS SERVICE IN THE COUNTY EVERY SINGLE

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1 YEAR. ONE OPTION BEFORE US IS TO CONSIDER WHAT HAS BEEN DONE  
2 IN OREGON AND MINNESOTA, WHERE THERE CURRENTLY IS MEDICAID  
3 PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICE. THAT WOULD BE OUR MEDI-CAL PROGRAM.  
4 THEIR EXPERIENCE POINTS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING A  
5 SUSTAINABLE DOULA SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
6 WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU TO CREATE A PATHWAY FOR THE  
7 SUSTAINABILITY OF A DOULA PROGRAM FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND WE'LL  
8 BE HAPPY TO REPORT BACK TO YOU ON OUR FINDINGS.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND  
11 THE CONCEPT. IT RINGS VERY CLEAR TO ME, VERY SIMILAR TO OTHER  
12 PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE IMPLEMENTED AROUND THE COUNTY-- THE  
13 PROMOTORAS-- BUT AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL. THIS IS COACHING AND  
14 MENTORING.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND BEING ASIDE-- ALMOST A MIDWIFE, SO TO  
19 SPEAK.

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21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I THINK WE SHOULD EXPLORE TRYING TO GET  
24 FUNDING IN SOME WAY, MAYBE THROUGH OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES  
25 GOING BACK TO THE SENATOR WHO ORIGINALLY BROUGHT THIS CONCEPT

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1 TO US, AND SEE HOW WE CAN GET MORE FUNDING FOR IT. BUT THANK  
2 YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. IT'S OVERWHELMING. AND WE MUST DO, I  
3 THINK, EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO REDUCE THOSE TRENDS THAT WE  
4 SEE, THAT YOU SHOWCASED EARLIER. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR  
7 KUEHL WANTS TO TALK, BUT I JUST WAS GOING TO SAY SOMETHING,  
8 AND THAT IS THAT UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THIS HAS BEEN A  
9 LONGSTANDING CONCERN. AND I'VE WORKED WITH BISHOP HEARNS ON  
10 THIS, AND THEY LOST THEIR BLACK INFANT MORTALITY GRANT FOUR  
11 YEARS AGO. AND SO THEY ARE VERY ANXIOUS, AS IT RELATES TO JUST  
12 WHAT YOU TALK ABOUT-- THE STATS. AND THE FACTS ARE FACTS. AND  
13 SO I'M GOING TO BE MONITORING THIS VERY CLOSELY, BECAUSE WE'VE  
14 GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB OF PROVIDING THAT SUPPORT NECESSARY, SO  
15 THAT THE OUTCOMES ARE POSITIVE.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
18 THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AGREE WITH THE  
23 VERY HIGH IMPORTANCE OF THIS EXPLORATION. AS THE CHAIR OF THE  
24 FIRST 5 BOARD, WE HEARD A COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE  
25 SAME DATA. HAD A LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT COULD BE DONE, AND

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1 THAT IS THE REASON THAT TWO WEEKS AGO, I THINK, WE ENTERED  
2 INTO AN M.O.U. THE COUNTY ENTERED INTO AN M.O.U. WITH FIRST 5,  
3 TO DO COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, AND MAKE SURE THAT  
4 PEOPLE KNEW THAT THEY COULD PARTICIPATE AND SEE WHAT THE  
5 INTEREST WAS, SIGNING UP AND TRAINING, ET CETERA. THE OTHER  
6 THING THAT STRIKES ME IS HOW WE'VE DRIFTED FROM USING THE  
7 WORD, QUITE A WHILE AGO, "EQUALITY" TO THE WORD "EQUITY,"  
8 BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT WE ARE REALLY TRYING AND RESPONDING TO  
9 UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AND AMONG PEOPLE. AND  
10 NOT THAT IT IS "THEIR DIFFERENCE," BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE  
11 DIFFERENCE, OBVIOUSLY, IS IMPOSED. WHENEVER ANYONE CALLS ME A  
12 NAME, I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS I'M IMPOSING MY IDEAS OF  
13 DIFFERENCE ON YOU. AND THAT DOES HAVE A PHYSICAL REACTION. AND  
14 CERTAINLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, IT HAS BEEN  
15 ONGOING AND HORRENDOUS. SO I THINK THIS IS A VERY, VERY GOOD  
16 THING TO EXPLORE. I'M NOT CERTAIN WHAT OUR STATUS IS ON 1115  
17 WAIVERS AT THE MOMENT, BUT WE ARE NOT LIMITED ONLY TO LOOKING  
18 AT THAT FOR A FUNDING SOURCE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT.  
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

24 WE HAVE 26 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK, SO WE WILL

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1   LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE. WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL UP THE PEOPLE  
2   THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY?

3

4   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
5   INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:  
6   [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST  
7   YOU.

8

9   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. CLAVREUL.  
10   HERE'S YOUR MIC. IT'S ON.

11

12   **DIAMOND LEE:** GOOD DAY, CHAIR BARGER AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.  
13   MY NAME IS DIAMOND LEE. I AM ONE OF THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE  
14   WOMEN'S POLICY INSTITUTE HEALTH JUSTICE TEAM. IT IS MYSELF,  
15   ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUE ADJOA JONES, STELLA CLINGMAN, AND  
16   REINA GRANDBURY, THAT MET WITH THE SUPERVISORS AROUND THIS  
17   ISSUE TO PUT FORTH THIS MOTION. WE FIRST WANT TO START OFF BY  
18   THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
19   TAKING UP THIS MOTION AND AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. AND WE ALSO  
20   JUST WANT TO KIND OF START BY SETTING OUR VISION FOR WHAT OUR  
21   TEAM THOUGHT TO DO WHEN WE ENTERED INTO THE WOMEN'S POLICY  
22   INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP. OUR VISION WAS TO HAVE A WORLD WHERE  
23   BLACK WOMEN ARE TREATED WITH HUMANITY, HAVE SAFE AND SACRED  
24   BIRTHS, AND ARE FULLY SUPPORTED BY AN INFORMED AND EMPOWERED  
25   COMMUNITY. FOR MYSELF, I HAVE NOT HAD THE HONOR OF HAVING A

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1 CHILD YET, BUT THERE ARE MANY BLACK BIRTHING PERSONS THAT ARE  
2 OF CHILD-BIRTHING AGE THAT ARE AFRAID TO HAVE CHILDREN. AND WE  
3 JUST WANT TO PUT FORTH SOLUTIONS THAT REALLY DISMANTLE THAT  
4 FEAR, AND ACTUALLY CREATE SPACE FOR BLACK WOMEN TO FEEL  
5 EMPOWERED IN THEIR BIRTHS. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE  
6 ISSUES THAT WILL DO THAT. AND MY COLLEAGUES WILL SPEAK FURTHER  
7 ON WHY WE SHOULD BE TAKING THIS STEP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU'LL GO NEXT, AND  
10 THEN, DR. CLAVREUL, YOU'LL GO AFTER HER, IF THAT'S OKAY. GO  
11 AHEAD.

12

13 **ADJOA JONES:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY THOMAS. MY NAME IS ADJOA JONES, AND I AM ONE OF THE CO-  
16 LEADS FOR THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES SOUTH BAY A.I.M. C.A.T., THE  
17 FIRST IN OUR COUNTY. I'M JUST HERE TO SAY BLACK WOMEN AND  
18 BABIES ARE DYING DAILY IN AMERICA, AND THE LEADING ROOT CAUSE  
19 OF SUCH IS RACISM. CURRENTLY IN L.A. COUNTY, BLACK BABIES ARE  
20 DYING AT THREE TIMES THE RATE OF WHITE BABIES, AND BLACK  
21 MOTHERS ARE DYING AT FOUR TIMES THE RATE OF WHITE WOMEN, WITH  
22 THE MOST OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH BEING PREVENTABLE. TO BE A  
23 BLACK WOMAN IN AMERICA, PREGNANT, YOUR RISK OF DYING FROM  
24 PREGNANCY-RELATED COMPLICATIONS IS 243 PERCENT. PER C.D.C.,  
25 THE BLACK-WHITE GAP FOR INFANT MORTALITY EQUATES TO 4,000

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1 BLACK BABIES LOST ANNUALLY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE/YOU  
2 ADDRESS THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY  
3 RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND SUPPORT TO ADDRESS PREVENTABLE  
4 MATERNAL DEATHS, IMPROVE PREGNANCY AND BIRTH OUTCOMES, AND  
5 ADVOCATE FOR BLACK WOMEN AND BABIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO  
10 COMPLIMENT SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT ALL  
11 OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE  
12 ISSUES. AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING FOREVER ABOUT THAT ISSUE,  
13 WHERE MORE WOMEN, ESPECIALLY BLACK AND LATINA, ARE DYING MORE  
14 THAN WHITES. BUT I THINK, ALSO, AN ISSUE I BROUGHT HERE MANY  
15 TIMES IS CONGENITAL SYPHILIS. L.A. COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST RATE  
16 OF ANY COUNTY, AND MANY MORE LATINA AND BLACKS. SO, I THINK,  
17 THANK YOU FOR THAT EFFORT, AND GOOD LUCK TO GET SOME EXTRA  
18 MONEY, BECAUSE USUALLY, FOR CHILDREN, PEOPLE GIVE THE MONEY.  
19 THAT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. NEXT  
22 SPEAKER.

23

24 **STELLA CLINGMON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STELLA CLINGMON. I AM A NEW  
25 MOTHER OF AN 18-MONTH-OLD. DUE TO INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM AND

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1 CHRONIC STRESS, BLACK WOMEN ARE FOUR TIMES AS LIKELY AS WHITE  
2 WOMEN TO DIE FROM PREGNANCY-RELATED COMPLICATIONS.  
3 FORTUNATELY, DOULAS CAN HELP REVERSE THIS TREND. DOULAS ARE  
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO PREGNANT  
5 WOMEN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CHILDBIRTH. HOWEVER, DUE TO  
6 LIMITED COVERAGE BY MEDI-CAL AND PRIVATE INSURANCE, DOULAS  
7 WORK MOST OFTEN WITH CLIENTS WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY OUT OF  
8 POCKET. EXPANDING MEDI-CAL OR OTHER FUNDING SERVICES TO COVER  
9 DOULA SERVICES FOR BIRTHING PERSONS IN L.A. COUNTY WILL  
10 INCREASE ACCESS TO DOULA CARE FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN, HELPING TO  
11 REDUCE BLACK MATERNAL/INFANT MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY. EVIDENCE  
12 SHOWS THAT A DOULA'S CULTURAL HUMILITY, STRONG CLIENT  
13 RELATIONSHIP, AND PATIENT ADVOCACY INCREASES A WOMAN'S ODDS OF  
14 RECEIVING PROMPT PRENATAL CARE TO ADDRESS PREGNANCY  
15 COMPLICATIONS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE BLACK MOTHERS AND  
16 BABIES HAVE ACCESS TO THIS IMPORTANT CARE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO FIRST THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR  
21 ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, BECAUSE IT'S VERY PERSONAL TO ME. IN  
22 2011, I WAS PREGNANT AND KNEW ALL ALONG THAT THINGS WEREN'T  
23 GOING RIGHT IN MY PREGNANCY. I WAS TALKING TO MY PROVIDER, AND  
24 I WAS CONSTANTLY BEING DISMISSED. "YOU'RE A NEW MOTHER. IT'S  
25 OKAY." THAT TYPE OF THING. SO ONE MORNING WHEN I WAS FEELING

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1 REALLY SICK, I CALLED AND SAID, "I NEED TO COME IN." THEY  
2 SAID, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT NEXT  
3 WEEK." SO THEN NOW ON TO GOOGLE. I'M LOOKING FOR SUPPORT. I'M  
4 TWEETING NURSES, HOPING THAT THEY'LL REPLY TO ME. I'M TALKING  
5 TO MY MOTHER AND FRIENDS, BUT THEY JUST DON'T HAVE THE TYPE OF  
6 INFORMATION NECESSARY. THAT EVENING, MY WATER BROKE EARLY AND  
7 I HAD A STILLBIRTH. AND IT WAS COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE. AND I  
8 JUST FEEL LIKE HAVING A SAFEGUARD, A DOULA, SOMEONE WHO I KNOW  
9 WOULD RESPOND TO ME-- WE WORK WITH DOULAS NOW, AND THEY'RE  
10 TAKING CALLS AT MIDNIGHT, ALL THESE DIFFERENT TIMES, IN ORDER  
11 TO SUPPORT WOMEN. AND IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED. NO ONE SHOULD  
12 HAVE TO BE TURNING TO TWITTER OR LOSING THEIR CHILD IN A  
13 PREVENTABLE SITUATION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR SHARING. NEXT  
16 SPEAKER.

17

18 **KRISTIN SCHLATER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M KRISTIN SCHLATER. I'M  
19 THE SENIOR HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST FOR HEALTH NET. AND AS  
20 DR. FERRER STATED EARLIER, HEALTH NET DOES IMPLEMENT A  
21 COMMUNITY DOULA PROGRAM FOR OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEDI-CAL  
22 MEMBERS. I'M ALSO HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE EXPANSION OF DOULA  
23 SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN FROM OUR PRELIMINARY  
24 FINDINGS THAT THERE ARE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE WOMEN THAT  
25 HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN OUR DOULA PROGRAM. WE'VE FOUND

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1 REDUCED C-SECTION RATES, REDUCED STRESS LEVELS, REDUCED  
2 PRETERM BIRTHS, AND INCREASED POSITIVE BIRTH OUTCOMES. WE ALSO  
3 FEEL THAT THE POTENTIAL OF HAVING EXPANDED DOULA SERVICES CAN  
4 REDUCE HEALTHCARE COSTS BY HAVING MOTHERS AVOID THE I.C.U.,  
5 AND BABIES AVOID THE NEONATAL I.C.U. UNIT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **NAKEYA FIELDS:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY  
10 NAME IS NAKEYA FIELDS. I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER,  
11 A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. I AM RECENTLY A TRAINED DOULA. I  
12 GOT ATTRACTED TO BECOMING A TRAINED DOULA, IN ADDITION TO A  
13 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, BECAUSE I SPECIALIZE IN  
14 FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND ANXIETY. I AM FINDING THAT MY  
15 PRACTICE, WHICH IS PRIMARILY WORKING WITH FAMILIES OF COLOR,  
16 ARE HIGHLY ANXIOUS. THERE'S AN ISSUE OF TRUST IN OUR  
17 COMMUNITY. WE DON'T TRUST OUR DOCTORS. WE DON'T TRUST ANYBODY.  
18 WE DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND GO AND ADMIT THAT WE ARE  
19 FEELING WEAKER THAN WE THINK WE SHOULD BE, AND THAT'S CAUSING  
20 PEOPLE NOT TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. SO I AM VERY MUCH AN ADVOCATE  
21 FOR THIS INITIATIVE. I SEE, AS SOON AS I TOLD MY CLIENTS THAT  
22 WE OFFER DOULA SERVICES THAT WERE DISCOUNTED, THEY IMMEDIATELY  
23 SIGNED UP. THEY WERE READY FOR THIS. AND THEY WERE LOOKING FOR  
24 A FACE THAT WAS FAMILIAR AND COMFORTABLE AND SAFE. AND WE NEED  
25 TO REALIZE THAT PEOPLE HAVE COMPLEX TRAUMA IN THE BLACK

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1 COMMUNITY, AND WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT IN A WIDER STANCE THAT  
2 ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD LYDIA PONCE ALSO  
5 COME UP? NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **DR. SAYIDA PEPRAH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING THIS  
8 MOTION FORWARD. MY NAME IS DR. SAYIDA PEPRAH. I'M A LICENSED  
9 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND TRAINED BIRTH DOULA. I'M ALSO A  
10 MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN BORN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHILE I WAS  
11 ON MEDI-CAL, AND WHO ALSO I HAD SUPPORT OF A DOULA. I  
12 REPRESENT BLACK WOMEN BIRTHING JUSTICE DIVERSITY UPLIFTS, A  
13 NONPROFIT, AND THE FRONTLINE COMMUNITY DOULAS PROGRAM, WHICH  
14 IS SPONSORED BY HEALTH NET. AS A DOULA TRAINER AND COORDINATOR  
15 FOR THE FRONTLINE COMMUNITY DOULAS, I SEE FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT  
16 OF HAVING WOMEN FROM THE COMMUNITY AS DOULAS TO WOMEN IN THE  
17 COMMUNITY. I CAN'T SAY, YOU KNOW, HOW VALUABLE IT IS TO BE  
18 ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO A DOULA, WITH ALL OF THE HEALTH  
19 DISPARITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN NAMED. AND MANY WOMEN WHO  
20 HAVE THE FINANCES TO BE ABLE TO DO SO HIRE DOULAS, AND THEY'RE  
21 VERY ACTIVE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT NOT FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN'T  
22 AFFORD IT. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF BENEFITS  
23 OF HAVING DOULAS. I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT-- THANK YOU.

24

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT  
2    THAT FOR THE RECORD, WE'D BE HAPPY.

3

4    **DR. SAYIDA PEPRAH:** THANK YOU.

5

6    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8    **SONIA LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
9    SONIA LOPEZ, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR STATE SENATOR HOLLY  
10   MITCHELL. ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE IS AT RISK, MORE THAN  
11   EVER. ACCESSING BASIC CARE IS COSTLY AND DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN  
12   IN CERTAIN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. WOMEN OF COLOR FACE MANY  
13   BARRIERS, WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTHCARE. IN ADDITION TO ALL  
14   THESE BARRIERS, WOMEN OF COLOR, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
15   WOMEN, FACE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF STRESS DURING THEIR  
16   PREGNANCY. THE RATE OF MORTALITY AMONG BLACK INFANTS CONTINUES  
17   TO BE 2 TO 4 TIMES HIGHER RATES THAN OTHER GROUPS, STATEWIDE.  
18   SENATOR MITCHELL HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS SPACE.  
19   IN 2018, SENATOR MITCHELL LED THE INITIATIVE TO ENSURE THAT AN  
20   ADDITIONAL 8 MILLION WAS PROVIDED TO THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH  
21   PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE COUNTY SET UP AN INITIATIVE  
22   TO REDUCE THE BLACK-WHITE INFANT MORTALITY GAP BY 30 PERCENT,  
23   AND IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THE COUNTY BY 2023. IN THE SAME  
24   YEAR, THE CALWORKS HOME VISITING PROGRAM WAS PASSED IN THE  
25   STATE BUDGET, TO HELP NEW MOMS RECEIVE GOOD CARE.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT  
3 IT FOR THE RECORD?

4

5 **SONIA LOPEZ:** I WILL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'D WELCOME THAT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **LYDIA PONCE:** LYDIA PONCE, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT. WHAT I'M  
10 HEARING IS ACCESS, SAFETY, TRUST. THESE ARE THINGS THAT PEOPLE  
11 OF COLOR, OUR BLACK RELATIVES, DON'T AFFORD, CAN'T AFFORD,  
12 BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY BROKEN. THIS IS A STEP IN THE  
13 RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE AN ADVOCACY IN  
14 BREASTFEEDING. ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE NATURAL AND OCCURRING  
15 IN OUR BEAUTIFUL BODIES WHEN WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH SHOULD  
16 NOT HAVE FEAR AND UPSET BEHIND IT. AND IT'S TOO MUCH. I THINK  
17 THIS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I FEEL IT IN MY HEART,  
18 TO JUST STAND HERE AND SAY, "VOTE UNANIMOUSLY YES."

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **FELICIA EDWARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M FELICIA EDWARDS, AND I AM  
23 A BIRTH DOULA. AND SO I'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE AT THE FRONT LINE,  
24 WORKING WITH THE WOMEN. AND IT BREAKS MY HEART TO HAVE A WOMAN  
25 WHO'S PREGNANT SAYING THAT HER BIGGEST FEAR IS SHE'S GOING TO

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1 DIE, BECAUSE OF ALL THE THINGS ABOUT THE OUTCOMES WITH  
2 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. I  
3 CAN'T DRIVE IT HOME ENOUGH, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR DOULAS TO  
4 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I  
9 GUESS THIS IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE, BECAUSE IT  
10 CONCERNS MOTHERS AND FATHERS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. ANY TIME  
11 YOU HAVE A MOTHER, AND THEY HAVE A CHILD THAT'S ON THE LINE,  
12 THAT'S SO IMPORTANT. AND IT'S NOT DUE TO MONEY, OR IF YOU CAN  
13 AFFORD SOMETHING. IT'S DUE TO GOOD-NATURED PEOPLE. I WANT TO  
14 THANK EVERYBODY WHO PUT THIS TOGETHER, STUFF LIKE THAT.  
15 SUPPORT COMES A LOT MORE THAN FINANCIAL THINGS AND FINANCIAL  
16 PLACES. BUT BIRTH AND A MOTHER'S CHILD IS SO IMPORTANT, AND I  
17 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE FAMILY UNIT. I AM THE RED CHIEF  
18 HUNT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE MORE  
21 SPEAKER TO CALL UP.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** DR. REVEREND MELLO DESIRE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **TARIS AUBERRY:** HI. MY NAME IS TARIS AUBERRY, AND I'M 24 YEARS  
3 OLD. I HAVEN'T GOT TRAINED IN DOULA OR MIDWIFERY YET, BUT THAT  
4 IS MY CHOSEN PROFESSION, AND I CHOSE THIS PROFESSION BECAUSE  
5 HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND HEALING IS AS MUCH A CULTURAL SCIENCE  
6 THAN IT IS A CLINICAL SCIENCE. AND I FEEL THE NEED TO FILL  
7 THAT CULTURAL GAP, WHEN IT COMES TO UNDERSTANDING HOW TO TREAT  
8 BLACK WOMEN, YOU KNOW, AND WORKING WITH TRAINED HEALTHCARE  
9 PROFESSIONALS TO EXPAND THEIR VISION OF HOW TO TREAT DIFFERENT  
10 WOMEN OF ETHNICITIES. IT'S MORE OF AN ISSUE WITH EQUITY THAN  
11 IT IS WITH EQUALITY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **EBENEZER PEPRAH:** HI. MY NAME IS EBENEZER PEPRAH. I'M A FATHER,  
16 AND MY WIFE ACTUALLY USED A DOULA SERVICE, AND THAT WAS REALLY  
17 HELPFUL, BECAUSE WHEN SHE GOT PREGNANT, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS  
18 GOING ON. BUT THE DOULA WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL THE SUPPORT  
19 SHE NEEDED. AND WE HAVE TWO BABIES, AND THEY ALL USED DOULA  
20 SERVICES, AND SHE HAD A NATURAL BIRTH. AND SO I THINK THAT  
21 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD REALLY IMPLEMENT IN THIS  
22 STATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25

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1   **CAROL MAGEE:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CAROL  
2   MAGEE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
3   BRINGING THIS INITIATIVE TO THE FOREFRONT, ABOUT OUR AFRICAN-  
4   AMERICAN MOTHERS AND BABIES. I'VE WORKED WITH LOS ANGELES  
5   COUNTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AS A C.D.C. PUBLIC HEALTH  
6   ADVISOR. I'VE RETIRED, BUT I STILL AM ON THE FRONT LINES IN  
7   SUPPORTING THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE, AND THAT NEEDS TO BE  
8   DONE, AROUND BLACK INFANT HEALTH AND THE SUPPORT OF MOTHERS.  
9   ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT IS ALSO WORKING WITH US-- I'LL  
10   JUST HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE WORK THAT THEY'RE ALSO DOING WITH  
11   US-- THAT'S THE MARCH OF DIMES. THE MARCH OF DIMES SUPPORTS  
12   INCREASED ACCESS TO DOULA CARE, AS ONE OF THE TOOLS TO HELP  
13   IMPROVE BIRTH OUTCOMES AND REDUCE THE HIGH RATES OF MATERNAL  
14   MORBIDITY.

15

16   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD JUST  
17   SUMMARIZE?

18

19   **CAROL MAGEE:** SUMMARIZING?

20

21   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU WANT US TO SUPPORT IT?

22

23   **CAROL MAGEE:** I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT IT.

24

25   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO.

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2 **CAROL MAGEE:** AND I'M SUPPORTING IT.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND OUR LAST  
5 SPEAKER?

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7 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** YES. SO, DOULA SERVICES ARE VERY  
8 IMPORTANT. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A DOULA ON OUR ORGANIZATION, THE  
9 KINGDOM WARRIORS FOUNDATION, THAT STILL HAS NOT BEEN FUNDED.  
10 SO IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, AND IT'S  
11 PAINFUL TO HEAR BARBARA FERRER READ THE STATISTICS, I DON'T  
12 WANT TO HEAR STATISTICS ON US ANYMORE. I SUBMITTED PAPERWORK  
13 SO YOU CAN FUND IT, SO US AS BLACK WOMEN COULD BE SELF-  
14 SUFFICIENT. YOU DIDN'T DO THAT IN SIX YEARS. SO THIS IS B.S.  
15 IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP BLACK WOMEN, YOU GO TO L.A.H.S.A.  
16 YOU GO TO FILE SHARE. THE CODE IS "MELLO AT 1 PERCENTAGE.ORG."  
17 THE PASSWORD IS 12345678. ON IT IS PAPERWORK FROM 2013,  
18 CONCERNING THE KINGDOM WARRIORS FOUNDATION AND HOW WE CAN HELP  
19 NOT ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AT THEIR OWN BUSINESSES, BUT  
20 HELP THEM OUT OF HOMELESSNESS, HELP THEM OUT OF THIS STIGMA.  
21 I'M TIRED OF HEARING US WITH THIS DATA, AND THEN YOU ARE NOT  
22 FUNDING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN THAT CAN FIX THIS PROBLEM.  
23 IT'S HYPOCRITICAL.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS OUR LAST  
2    SPEAKER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT CAME AND STAYED  
5    FOR THE BULK OF THE MEETING TODAY, AND ESPECIALLY TO HEAR SOME  
6    OF THE MOST COMPELLING STORIES. VERY MOVING. AND AGAIN,  
7    THERE'S AN URGENCY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND TO PUT OUR MONEY  
8    WHERE OUR MOUTH IS, AND TO LOOK FOR RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP  
9    BRING THESE STATISTICS DOWN. AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

10

11   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES. I WILL  
12   SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'M NOW GOING TO ASK  
13   DR. FERRER TO COME UP ON THE CORONAVIRUS. WE PUT THIS ON AS  
14   56-A. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I, ESPECIALLY IN OUR  
15   DISTRICT-- I'M SORRY. DR. FERRER? MELLO? DR. FERRER? YEAH. THE  
16   CORONAVIRUS, ESPECIALLY IN MANY OF MY CITIES, THE CITY COUNCIL  
17   HAS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN. AND OVER THE WEEKEND, I HAD TO  
18   EXPLAIN, THANKS TO A CALL THAT I HAD WITH YOU, DR. FERRER,  
19   REGARDING FACTS VERSUS FICTION. BUT WITH THIS WEEKEND COMING  
20   UP, AND WITH THE FACT THAT IT'S THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND  
21   THERE'S GOING TO BE MANY, MANY, MANY FESTIVITIES THROUGHOUT--  
22   I KNOW TEMPLE CITY, I THINK MONTERREY PARK-- A LOT OF AREAS  
23   THAT HAVE MANY PEOPLE FROM CHINA LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT  
24   TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
25   PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. BUT I ALSO WANT TO

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1    THANK YOU, BECAUSE LAST WEEK WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, YOU  
2    IMMEDIATELY GOT PHONE CALLS TOGETHER WITH BOTH ELECTEDS, WITH  
3    SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE MORE INFORMATION WE GET OUT THERE, THE  
4    BETTER. I MEAN, I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF MISINFORMATION.  
5    AND MAYBE IT ISN'T. MAYBE IT'S FACT. BUT ONE OF THE TEXTS WAS  
6    THAT THERE'S A PLANE FULL OF CHINESE COMING INTO ONTARIO.  
7    THEY'RE GOING TO BE QUARANTINED AT THE AIRPORT FOR 14 DAYS.  
8    AND I HAD TO EXPLAIN, "I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT." BUT THAT  
9    BECAME A VIRAL TEXT. SO I WOULD LOVE TO GET A QUICK UPDATE  
10   FROM YOU, AND PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND WHERE  
11   THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS INFORMATION, SO THAT THEY GET THE FACTS  
12   VERSUS THE FICTION.

13

14   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SURE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
15   BARGER, FOR ASKING ME TO PROVIDE THIS UPDATE. I'M BARBARA  
16   FERRER, AS FOLKS KNOW, THE DIRECTOR OF L.A. COUNTY'S  
17   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ON SUNDAY, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,  
18   WE DID CONFIRM THE FIRST CASE OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFECTION.  
19   IT OCCURRED IN A TRAVELER WHO WAS PASSING THROUGH L.A. THEY  
20   WERE AT THE L.A. AIRPORT, AND THEY ARE FROM WUHAN CITY. AND  
21   THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO WUHAN CITY. THIS PERSON IS A  
22   NONRESIDENT, AND THEY'RE CURRENTLY RECEIVING CARE AT A LOCAL  
23   HOSPITAL THAT'S EQUIPPED TO OBVIOUSLY TREAT ALL KINDS OF  
24   INFECTIOUS DISEASES. THE INFECTED PERSON DID PRESENT  
25   THEMSELVES IMMEDIATELY FOR CARE, THE MOMENT THEY EXITED THE

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1 PLANE AT L.A.X., SINCE THEY NOTICED THEY WEREN'T FEELING WELL.  
2 AND THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT INDICATED WHAT THEY WERE TO DO  
3 AT THE AIRPORT IF THEY WEREN'T FEELING WELL. THE PERSON WAS  
4 CONFIRMED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL. THEY'VE HAD  
5 CLOSE CONTACT WITH A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE, ALL  
6 WHO ARE IDENTIFIED, AND ALL WHO ARE BEING ACTIVELY MONITORED  
7 BY OUR STAFF, WHO ARE ADHERING TO THE C.D.C. GUIDANCE ON CLOSE  
8 CONTACT INVESTIGATION PROTOCOLS. IN ORDER TO ASSURE PATIENT  
9 CONFIDENTIALITY, WE'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT RELEASING ANY INFORMATION  
10 ABOUT THE HOSPITAL OR THE PATIENT. WHAT WE CAN SHARE IS THAT  
11 BECAUSE OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN L.A. IS AMONG THE BEST IN THE  
12 WORLD, THE PATIENT IS RECEIVING EXCELLENT AND APPROPRIATE CARE  
13 BY HIGHLY TRAINED AND SKILLED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. I WANT  
14 TO NOTE THAT THIS CASE POSES NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE  
15 GENERAL PUBLIC. NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ARE REQUIRED, AND  
16 PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM ACTIVITIES BASED ON THEIR  
17 RACE, THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, OR RECENT TRAVEL, IF THEY DO  
18 NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS. L.A. COUNTY  
19 RESIDENTS, STUDENTS, WORKERS, AND VISITORS WHO ARE NOT ILL  
20 SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES. AS WITH  
21 ALL OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES, THERE ARE STEPS THAT EVERYONE  
22 OUGHT TO BE TAKING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF GETTING SICK FROM  
23 CIRCULATING VIRUSES, INCLUDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS. THIS  
24 INCLUDES REMAINING HOME WHEN ILL, WASHING HANDS WITH SOAP AND  
25 WATER FREQUENTLY. AND AT THIS POINT, SINCE THE VIRUS THAT'S

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1 CIRCULATING HERE RIGHT NOW IS FLU, PLEASE GET YOUR FLU SHOT.  
2 30,000 PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY DIE THIS YEAR FROM INFLUENZA IN  
3 THIS COUNTRY ALONE. THIS IS PREVENTABLE. AGAIN, TAKING  
4 PRECAUTIONS AND HAVING PEOPLE BE VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU.  
5 IF WITHIN 14 DAYS OF HAVING TRAVELED FROM WUHAN OR OTHER PARTS  
6 OF CHINA WITH CONFIRMED CASES YOU DEVELOP A FEVER OR A  
7 RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, WE ASK THAT YOU CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE  
8 PROVIDER. YOUR PROVIDER CAN ADVISE YOU ON NEXT STEPS, AND WILL  
9 CONTACT US AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SHOULD YOU  
10 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCREENING OR TESTING. SO SOME PEOPLE CAN BE  
11 SICK AND PICKED UP AT SCREENING AT THE AIRPORT. OTHER PEOPLE  
12 ARE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND MAY HAVE HAD AN EXPOSURE TO SOMEBODY  
13 IN CHINA WHO IS SICK WITH A CASE OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, OR THEY  
14 TRAVELED IN A REGION IN CHINA WHERE THERE'S AN OUTBREAK. THOSE  
15 PEOPLE CAN CALL THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF THEY LIVE HERE,  
16 AND THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH US, AND  
17 WE WILL ADVISE ON SCREENING AND TESTING NEEDS ON A CASE-BY-  
18 CASE BASIS. TESTING THE LAB SPECIMENS FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IS  
19 DONE ONLY AT THE C.D.C. LAB IN ATLANTA RIGHT NOW, AND TESTING  
20 FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IS DONE IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:  
21 PEOPLE FROM WUHAN OR OTHER AREAS WHERE THERE'S AN OUTBREAK IN  
22 CHINA, WHO PRESENT WITH FEVER AND RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS. KNOWN  
23 CLOSE CONTACTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH NOVEL  
24 CORONAVIRUS, WHO ALSO HAVE A FEVER AND RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS. A  
25 CLOSE CONTACT IS DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO IS WITHIN 6 FEET OF A

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1 CASE FOR OVER 10 MINUTES. THIS EXCLUDES PEOPLE WHO JUST WALK  
2 BY. THIS EXCLUDES PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE A SHORT INTERCHANGE  
3 WITH. YOU HAVE TO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED  
4 CASE FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES FOR US TO CONSIDER THAT YOU'RE A  
5 CLOSE CONTACT. ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, THE CENTERS FOR  
6 DISEASE CONTROL MAY TEST HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS OF A CONFIRMED  
7 CASE, WHO HAVE NO SYMPTOMS. THAT'S THE ONLY GROUP RIGHT NOW  
8 THAT'S BEING CONSIDERED FOR TESTING. I WANT TO REPEAT: AT THIS  
9 TIME, THERE ARE ONLY FIVE CASES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. AND  
10 THERE ARE OTHER SUSPECT CASES THAT ARE BEING TESTED. THE VIRUS  
11 HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN CHINA SINCE EARLY DECEMBER, AND MAYBE,  
12 PERHAPS, EVEN EARLIER. THE EARLIEST WE KNOW OF IS EARLY  
13 DECEMBER. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF TRAVEL SINCE EARLY DECEMBER IN  
14 L.A. COUNTY AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
15 BEEN GOING TO AND FROM CHINA. THE KNOWN INCUBATION PERIOD FOR  
16 CORONAVIRUSES IS 14 DAYS. MOST PEOPLE WHO TRAVELED TO AND FROM  
17 CHINA HAVE NOT GOTTEN SICK, AND THEY HAVE NOT COME AND  
18 TRANSMITTED NOVEL CORONAVIRUS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.  
19 THERE'S NO RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAVE NOVEL  
20 CORONAVIRUS. THE ONLY PERSON WHO WAS A CASE IS A TRAVELER,  
21 AND THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF ANY PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION  
22 AMONGST RESIDENTS WHO ARE LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT WE ARE  
23 WORKING WITH OUR FEDERAL AND STATE AND OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS  
24 HERE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PREPARED, SHOULD WE SEE MORE CASES.  
25 SO I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO THINK THAT, SHOULD ALL OF A SUDDEN

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1 WE SEE A SITUATION THAT LOOKS MORE LIKE WHAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCE  
2 WHO LIVE IN CHINA, THAT WE'RE NOT PREPARED TO HANDLE THAT.  
3 WE'RE PREPARED TO SEE MORE CASES, WE'RE PREPARED FOR MORE  
4 CASES TO RECEIVE GOOD TREATMENT, AND WE'RE PREPARED FOR THE  
5 NEED TO MONITOR A LARGER NUMBER OF CLOSE CONTACTS THAN WE  
6 CURRENTLY ARE. BUT WE DON'T WANT TO ALARM PEOPLE, GIVEN THE  
7 TRAJECTORY THAT WE'VE ALREADY SEEN. THE HEAD OF THE C.D.C. HAS  
8 SAID THIS TODAY. THE HEAD OF N.I.H. HAS SAID THIS TODAY. WE  
9 KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S A NEW VIRUS, THERE'S A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS. BUT  
10 WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR REALLY INDICATES, AS I SAID, THERE IS  
11 NO NEED TO PANIC, AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR PEOPLE TO CANCEL  
12 THEIR ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, I'D LIKE TO SAY THERE IS NO  
13 NEED TO EXCLUDE PEOPLE FROM SCHOOLS OR UNIVERSITIES BECAUSE  
14 THEY'RE CHINESE, OR THEY'VE TRAVELED THROUGH ANOTHER ASIAN  
15 COUNTRY. WE ASK THAT EVERYBODY HELP US WITH THIS, BECAUSE  
16 RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING THAT IMPLICATES THAT THERE'S HUMAN-  
17 TO-HUMAN TRANSMISSION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SHOULD WE GET  
18 DIFFERENT INFORMATION AS WE DEVELOP A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF  
19 THIS VIRUS, WE WILL BE SURE TO AMEND OUR GUIDANCE. BUT WE'RE  
20 NOW GOING ON A FEW WEEKS OF PREPARING AND STUDYING AND  
21 RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD. SO, WHILE IN  
22 CHINA THE SITUATION IS DIRE-- THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
23 WHO ARE INFECTED, AND THERE'S PROBABLY OVER 100 PEOPLE WHO  
24 HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE DIED FROM NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-- WHAT  
25 HAPPENED IN CHINA IS NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES

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1 RIGHT NOW. AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT SITUATION, AND WE'RE WELL-  
2 EQUIPPED TO TRY TO CONTAIN NOVEL CORONAVIRUS WHEN AND IF IT  
3 SHOWS UP IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE DO A GREAT JOB ON CONTACT  
4 TRACING, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF CONTROLLING OUTBREAKS.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN-- AND I KNOW  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A QUESTION. TWO THINGS. NUMBER ONE, I  
8 THINK YOU HAD TOLD ME THAT RIGHT NOW, IT'S KNOWN THAT IT TENDS  
9 TO BE FOUND IN ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH COMPROMISED IMMUNE  
10 SYSTEMS.

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO IT SEEMS HAVE THE  
13 WORST ILLNESS. IT ACTUALLY CAN OCCUR-- WE HAVE NOT SEEN A LOT  
14 OF CASES IN CHILDREN. WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF CASES IN ADULTS. THE  
15 PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO BE GETTING THE SICKEST ARE, IN FACT,  
16 ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU ARE  
19 WORKING WITH THE C.D.C., BUT ONE OF THE ISSUES, ALSO, FOR ONE  
20 OF MY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WAS, WHAT'S BEING DONE AT THE  
21 AIRPORTS? AND I SAID I'M CONFIDENT THAT THERE IS SCREENING.  
22 AND WE HAD TALKED ABOUT THAT.

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU JUST OUTLINE? BECAUSE THAT  
2    SEEMS TO BE THE TRAVELERS COMING IN.

3

4    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. SO, THERE IS SCREENING. AND  
5    ACTUALLY, C.D.C. HAS EXPANDED THE SCREENING TO 20 OTHER  
6    AIRPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES. AND AS OF, I THINK, TONIGHT OR  
7    TOMORROW, WE'LL BE SCREENING ALL TRAVELERS FROM CHINA, NOT  
8    JUST FROM WUHAN. AND REMEMBER, L.A.X. HAD NO DIRECT FLIGHTS  
9    FROM WUHAN ANYWAY, SO TRAVELERS WERE TRAVELING FROM WUHAN TO  
10   SOMEPLACE ELSE, AND THEN COMING INTO OUR AIRPORT, AND THEY  
11   WERE STILL GETTING SCREENED. BUT AT THIS POINT, THE C.D.C. HAS  
12   SET UP SCREENING IN MORE AIRPORTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED  
13   TO SCREEN PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAVELING FROM CHINA, IN GENERAL,  
14   GIVEN THE FACT THAT THERE'S AN OUTBREAK IN SO MANY DIFFERENT  
15   PROVINCES IN CHINA. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE C.D.C. HAS  
16   ALSO ISSUED TRAVEL ADVISORIES, RECOMMENDING THAT THERE BE NO  
17   UNNECESSARY TRAVEL TO CHINA, AGAIN TRYING TO, AT THIS POINT,  
18   ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A BIG OUTBREAK THERE, AND THAT WE  
19   SHOULD LIMIT TRAVEL IN MANY DIFFERENT PLACES IN CHINA, NOT  
20   JUST TRAVEL TO AND FROM WUHAN. I DO WANT TO NOTE, SUPERVISOR,  
21   THAT AT 3:00 TODAY, WE DID ANOTHER TELEBRIEFING FOR ELECTED  
22   OFFICIALS, AND ON THURSDAY WE ARE DOING, I BELIEVE, THREE MORE  
23   TELEBRIEFINGS: SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.  
24   AND I'M FORGETTING WHAT THE THIRD GROUP IS, BUT WE'LL SEND  
25   THAT OUT TO YOU, SO THAT WE, AGAIN, ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE

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1 THAT WE'RE NOT ONLY JUST SENDING INFORMATION OUT, BUT WE ARE  
2 ACTUALLY AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. BECAUSE I KNOW  
3 QUESTIONS ARE COMING, AND WE GET A LOT OF THEM, AND YOU GET A  
4 LOT OF THEM, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO INVITE PEOPLE TO ASK US  
5 THOSE QUESTIONS AND TO ANSWER IT. I ALSO WANTED TO LET YOU  
6 KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN SOME OTHER STEPS. I ACTIVATED OUR  
7 I.C.S., INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM, YESTERDAY. THIS ALLOWS FOR  
8 EXPEDITED COORDINATION ACROSS MY ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE  
9 FULL ENGAGEMENT OF ALL OF THE D.P.H. STAFF FROM MANY DIFFERENT  
10 PROGRAMS. BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE JUST ONE CASE, WE WANT  
11 TO BE WELL PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY INCREASES. BUT MORE  
12 IMPORTANTLY RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ABLE TO  
13 HANDLE THE COMMUNICATIONS THAT'S REQUIRED SO THAT WE CAN BE  
14 RESPONSIVE TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AS PART OF  
15 ACTIVATING I.C.S., EVERY SINGLE PHYSICIAN AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
16 NURSE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS RECEIVING SOME  
17 TRAINING, SO THAT WE CAN ACTIVATE THEM TO HELP WITH A RESPONSE  
18 AND HANDLE CALLS, SHOULD WE HAVE MORE CASES AND NEED TO TRACK  
19 MORE CLOSE CONTACTS. WE'VE ALSO, AS YOU NOTED, WE POST UPDATED  
20 INFORMATION REGULARLY ON OUR WEBSITE: PUBLICHEALTH.LACOUNTY.  
21 GOV. WE HAVE FREQUENTLY ASKED FACT SHEETS IN ENGLISH, CHINESE,  
22 AND SPANISH. WE HAVE TRAVEL ALERTS. WE HAVE MEDIA KITS. WE  
23 HAVE A SCHOOL TOOLKIT. WE HAVE AN INFORMATIONAL CARD FOR  
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAVELING, AND WE CONNECT PEOPLE TO THE C.D.C.  
25 WEBSITE, AS WELL. LATER TODAY, WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING PACKETS

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1 OF INFORMATION IN ENGLISH AND IN CHINESE TO OVER 800  
2 COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS. THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE US THE NEXT  
3 FEW DAYS TO GET THOSE OUT, BUT THAT'S ALREADY BEEN MAPPED OUT,  
4 AND I HAVE A TEAM THAT WILL BE GETTING THAT INFORMATION OUT.  
5 AGAIN, FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET TO OUR WEBSITES, WE WANT TO  
6 MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ACCESS TO GOOD INFORMATION  
7 AND PUBLIC SPACES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK, OBVIOUSLY, WITH  
8 L.A.X. AND THE WORKERS THERE, AND THE WORKERS AT THE C.D.C.  
9 QUARANTINE STATION. SO WE ARE VERY MUCH ON TOP OF THE  
10 TRAVELERS WHO ARE COMING THROUGH AND BEING SCREENED, AND WE'RE  
11 ALSO TRYING TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES AND ASSISTANCE TO BORDER  
12 CONTROL AND THE QUARANTINE OFFICIALS SO THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO  
13 BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH US. WE ISSUED A NEW L.A.H.A.N. ALERT  
14 TO ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ON SUNDAY,  
15 ONCE WE HAD OUR FIRST CASE, REMINDING THEM OF WHAT THE  
16 GUIDANCE IS IN MANAGING SUSPECT CASES, AND FOLLOW-UP FOR  
17 HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND CLOSE CONTACTS. WE ALSO CALLED EVERY  
18 SINGLE URGENT CARE CENTER IN L.A. COUNTY, SO THAT THEY COULD  
19 GET ON OUR L.A. ALERT SYSTEM, AND WE SPOKE WITH THEM ABOUT  
20 GUIDANCE FOR ADDRESSING SUSPECT CASES THAT MAY COME IN THERE.  
21 WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR OWN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,  
22 AND THEY ARE HELPING US GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE OTHER  
23 COUNTY OFFICES, AND WE ARE ON DAILY CONFERENCE CALLS WITH OUR  
24 FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS, SO THAT WE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT  
25 THE OUTBREAK AND MANAGE THIS SUCCESSFULLY ACROSS THE NATION.

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1 WE'RE ONE COUNTRY, SO WE ALL NEED TO BE WORKING TOGETHER. WE  
2 ARE RESPONDING ON A DAILY BASIS TO A LOT OF MEDIA INQUIRIES.  
3 WE DID HOLD TWO PRESS EVENTS ALREADY, AND WE ARE NOW DOING A  
4 TARGETED EFFORT WITH CHINESE MEDIA OUTLETS, SO THAT WE HAVE  
5 CHINESE SPEAKERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE  
6 INFORMATION TO THEIR LISTENERS AND THEIR READERS. ALTHOUGH I  
7 KNOW THE SITUATION IS CHANGING EVERY DAY, I DO WANT TO NOTE  
8 THAT I'M CONFIDENT THAT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ALONG WITH OUR  
9 STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS AND OUR WONDERFUL HEALTHCARE  
10 PROVIDERS, WE ARE WELL PREPARED TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO  
11 REDUCE THE SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN L.A. COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS  
16 ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE SHARE A VERY  
17 HEAVILY POPULATED AREA, A CONCENTRATION OF ASIAN-PACIFIC  
18 ISLANDERS. AND FOR ME, I THINK-- AND YOU KIND OF ADDRESSED  
19 THIS, DR. FERRER-- WAS THE WHOLE ISSUE OF MISINFORMATION AND  
20 STEREOTYPING. I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE GOING  
21 TO BE MISTREATED AND DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. SO I HOPE THAT IN  
22 OUR CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE  
23 IT IS REALLY CRITICAL. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS, IS THERE  
24 ANY TYPE OF VACCINE THAT WE ARE USING, OR WHAT IS THE--

25

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1    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THERE IS NO VACCINE BECAUSE IT IS A NEW  
2    VIRUS, BUT THEY ARE WORKING ON A VACCINE. BUT THAT COULD TAKE  
3    MONTHS. SO WE WON'T HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE VACCINE FOR THIS  
4    IMMEDIATE FUTURE PERIOD THAT WE ARE IN, AND WE DON'T HAVE A  
5    SPECIFIC TREATMENT FOR THIS VIRUS. WHAT WE DO HAVE IS  
6    TREATMENT FOR THE SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS. SO IF YOU GET  
7    INFLUENZA, WE HAVE TAMIFLU. I MEAN, WE HAVE SOME MEDICATION  
8    THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC TO INFLUENZA. WE DON'T YET HAVE THAT, BUT  
9    WE HAVE LOTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SYMPTOMS THAT PEOPLE GET. WE  
10    KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIGH FEVERS. WE KNOW WHAT  
11    TO DO FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TROUBLE BREATHING. AND ALL OF THAT  
12    IS THE KIND OF CARE THAT PEOPLE WILL GET AT OUR WONDERFUL  
13    HOSPITALS.

14

15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO JUST ADD, I KNOW THAT YOU  
16   MENTIONED YOU ARE DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH, WHICH IS GREAT, AND  
17   THAT INCLUDES SENIOR AND DAYCARE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS ANY  
18   RELIGIOUS TEMPLES, AND IN PARTICULAR BUDDHIST TEMPLES AND  
19   OTHER RELIGIOUS AREAS THAT PEOPLE CONGREGATE. THOSE ARE REALLY  
20   CRITICAL.

21

22   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I THINK, YOU KNOW, IN THESE 800  
23   COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF ALL OF THEM. I  
24   MEAN, WE ARE REALLY CONCENTRATING A LOT ON THESE COMMUNITY-  
25   BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TRUSTED FOLKS IN THEIR

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1 COMMUNITIES. I MEAN, I WILL SAY WE GET A LOT OF E-MAILS AND  
2 CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE CHINESE OR ASIAN, BECAUSE THE WAY  
3 THIS OUTBREAK IS BEING MANAGED IN CHINA IS DIFFERENT THAN THE  
4 WAY WE'RE MANAGING IT HERE. WE GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT  
5 WHY ISN'T EVERYBODY BEING TOLD TO WEAR A MASK. WE DO GET  
6 QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY ISN'T THE SCHOOLS SHUTTING DOWN, BECAUSE  
7 THAT'S WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA. BUT FOR US, THE BEST  
8 PROTECTIONS ARE PEOPLE STAYING HOME WHEN THEY'RE SICK, AND  
9 PEOPLE WASHING THEIR HANDS A LOT. MASKS ARE GOOD IN SOME  
10 SITUATIONS, BUT IF YOU'LL NOTICE, MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE WEARING  
11 A MASK, THEY TAKE IT OFF WHEN THEY ARE TALKING TO YOU. SO THAT  
12 KIND OF DEFEATS THE PURPOSE. AND ALSO, MASKS ARE DISPOSABLE,  
13 SO YOU HAVE TO REPLACE THEM, AND PEOPLE DON'T. THEY WEAR THE  
14 SAME MASK OVER AND OVER, AND THEY HAVE DIRTY HANDS, AND THEY  
15 TOUCH THEIR MASK. SO WE WANT TO JUST SAY, RIGHT NOW, THE WAY  
16 WE MANAGE THIS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT,  
17 AND WE DON'T-- I WANT TO KEEP STRESSING, THERE IS NO REASON  
18 FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRAVELED, OR PEOPLE WHO ARE CHINESE OR OF  
19 ASIAN DESCENT, TO BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY ACTIVITIES UNLESS THEY  
20 ARE SICK. AND IF THEY ARE SICK, OR ANYBODY ELSE IS SICK, THEY  
21 SHOULDN'T BE COMING INTO ACTIVITIES. SO IT'S NOT SPECIFIC  
22 INFORMATION THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR RACE OR ETHNICITY. SICK  
23 PEOPLE NEED TO STAY HOME.  
24

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST FOLLOW UP? AND THEN  
2    SUPERVISOR HAHN. BUT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY  
3    RIGHT, BECAUSE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT SOME OF THESE WEBSITES,  
4    LIKE NEXTDOOR, IS YOU CAN KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.  
5    BUT THIS MORNING, THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING VIRAL THAT  
6    IDENTIFIED SOMEONE WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY COME BACK, THAT LIVED ON-  
7    - THEY BLACKED OUT THE NUMBER ON THE STREET, BUT THE STREET  
8    NAME, AND THEN STARTED LISTING WHERE THEY WERE GOING. AND I  
9    DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS FACT OR FICTION, BECAUSE SOMEONE WAS  
10   SAYING, "IS THIS FOR REAL?" BUT THAT'S THE TYPE OF THING WE  
11   DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN.

12

13   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NOT HELPFUL.

14

15   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL, IT IS NOT HELPFUL, AND QUITE  
16   FRANKLY IT CONCERNS ME FOR PEOPLE'S SAFETY. SO I'M GLAD YOU  
17   BROUGHT THAT UP. AND I WOULD ASK, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE OUT THERE  
18   TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE ON THIS. AND I TAKE YOU AT YOUR  
19   WORD, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TALKED ACROSS THE BOARD TO YOUR  
20   COLLEAGUES, AND YOU'RE TELLING US IF WE TAKE PRECAUTIONS, EVEN  
21   THIS WEEKEND, WITH ALL THE INCREDIBLE, YOU KNOW, CELEBRATIONS  
22   COMING UP, THAT WE ARE-- WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF,  
23   GOING OUT IN PUBLIC.

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AT THIS MOMENT, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO BE  
2 AFRAID OF. WE HAVE NO CASES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BY THE WAY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WASH  
5 YOUR HANDS, RIGHT? YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS, JANICE.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WASH YOUR HANDS, AND PLEASE DON'T GO OUT  
8 IF YOU'RE SICK. I MEAN, PLEASE DON'T GO TO THE FESTIVITIES IF  
9 YOU'RE SICK. WHOEVER YOU ARE, WHEREVER YOU ARE, IF YOU'RE  
10 SICK, YOU NEED TO NOT GO TO FESTIVITIES.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I COULD NOT AGREE MORE.

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INSTANCE-- I MEAN,  
15 THANK YOU FOR THEIR SUPPORT, BUT SOMETHING LIKE THE CHINESE  
16 LUNAR NEW YEAR IS A HUGE, ONCE-A-YEAR CELEBRATION, AND IT IS  
17 VERY MUCH IN THE TRADITION TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS. AND WITH  
18 ALL DUE RESPECT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE  
19 WHO WOULD NOT MISS IT IF THEY WERE FEELING A LITTLE FEVER OR A  
20 LITTLE COLD. SO IT IS NICE TO SIT HERE AND SAY, "STAY HOME  
21 WHEN YOU ARE SICK," BUT SOMETHING THAT IS SO IMPORTANT IN  
22 THEIR CULTURE, PARTICULARLY FOR THEIR FAMILIES. ONE OF THE  
23 THINGS SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I WERE OUT AT THE HSI LAI TEMPLE  
24 IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS OVER THE WEEKEND, AND ON THE FIRST DAY OF  
25 THAT CELEBRATION, THEY EXPECTED ANYWHERE FROM 80,000 TO

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1 120,000 PEOPLE. THAT IS JUST ONE DAY. THEY HAVE THAT  
2 CELEBRATION FOR 14 DAYS. SO I DO THINK-- AND THEY WERE TALKING  
3 ABOUT HOW IN CHINA, ALL THOSE CELEBRATIONS HAD BEEN REALLY  
4 TAMPED DOWN, AND PEOPLE WERE ENDING UP JUST GOING QUIETLY TO A  
5 FAMILY MEMBER'S HOME TO CELEBRATE, AS A RESULT OF SOME OF  
6 THOSE HEALTH CHALLENGES. BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S SO  
7 IMPORTANT TO GET THE FACTS OUT, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, OUR NEWS  
8 MEDIA DOES A REALLY GOOD JOB OF TEASING. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON,  
9 IT WAS "NEW CASE OF CORONAVIRUS DETECTED AT L.A.X." YOU KNOW,  
10 "FILM AT 11:00," AND NOT REALLY TELLING ANYTHING ELSE BUT  
11 THAT. NOW, THE CASE THAT THEY REPORTED WAS SOMEONE FROM  
12 IRVINE, ORANGE COUNTY. THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE YOU WERE  
13 TELLING US.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THERE'S A CASE-- I MEAN, WE HAVE TWO  
16 CASES.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO WE HAVE TWO CASES. SO ONE IS IN ORANGE  
19 COUNTY, AND ONE'S-- AND YOU SAID THAT AT THIS POINT, THERE IS  
20 NO WAY TO TREAT IT, JUST THE SYMPTOMS. SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE  
21 PROGNOSIS FOR SOMEONE WHO-- LET'S JUST TAKE THIS ONE THAT WE  
22 KNOW ABOUT, THAT NOW CURRENTLY MAY BE IN A HOSPITAL, OR MAYBE  
23 BEEN RELEASED BY NOW. WHAT IS THE PROGNOSIS FOR SOMEONE LIKE  
24 THAT?

25

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, IN GENERAL, THE PROGNOSIS,  
2 WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, PEOPLE TEND TO RECOVER.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO IT RUNS ITS COURSE?

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. IT RUNS ITS COURSE, AND PEOPLE WITH  
7 APPROPRIATE TREATMENT TEND TO GET BETTER. NOW, THERE ARE  
8 CASES, OBVIOUSLY. RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY CASES WHERE THERE HAVE  
9 BEEN DEATHS ARE IN CHINA. SO WE HAVE LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT  
10 WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE, BUT WHAT WE ARE GATHERING IS THAT  
11 THEY ARE PRIMARILY, NOT EXCLUSIVELY, FOLKS WHO WERE OLDER  
12 AND/OR HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. SIMILAR TO FLU, YOU  
13 KNOW, SOMETIMES FLU-- GENERALLY, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT FLU, WE  
14 KNOW IT REALLY HARDEST HITS ELDERLY PEOPLE IN GENERAL,  
15 DEPENDING ON THE STRAIN: ELDERLY PEOPLE, YOUNG PEOPLE, PEOPLE  
16 WHO ARE COMPROMISED, HAVE A COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM. BUT YOU  
17 ALWAYS HEAR ABOUT CASES OF A RELATIVELY HEALTHY PERSON THAT  
18 UNFORTUNATELY DIED. SO I WOULD SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE  
19 HAVE GOING FOR US HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IS ACCESS TO, REALLY,  
20 THE BEST CARE IN THE WORLD, THAT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO  
21 EVERYONE. AND SO WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM  
22 WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN.

23

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1    **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND WE APPRECIATE THIS PASSENGER FOR SELF-  
2    REPORTING. THAT PERSON DESERVES OUR GRATITUDE FOR SELF-  
3    REPORTING.

4

5    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF SUSPECT CASES,  
6    AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SUSPECT CASES, AND I WANT TO SAY  
7    THAT ALL OF THEM ARE PEOPLE WHO SELF-REPORTED.

8

9    **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH.

10

11   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** ALL OF THEM. THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
12   FEELING SICK, HAVE A TRAVEL HISTORY, AND CONTACT THEIR  
13   PROVIDER.

14

15   **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU.

16

17   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF  
18   THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP?

19

20   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
21   INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: [READING NAMES.]

22

23   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE. AND  
24   AGAIN, WHILE THEY ARE COMING UP, THANK YOU, DOCTOR, FOR BEING  
25   ON TOP OF THIS. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. FIRST SPEAKER?

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1

2 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** RED CHIEF HUNT. I THINK WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING  
3 THAT'S PERFECT WITH THIS NEW VIRUS THAT IS TRYING TO ATTACK  
4 EVERYBODY. IN THE UNITED STATES, I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT ATTACK  
5 ANYBODY, AND I THINK THAT IS ALL OF OUR SENTIMENTS, AND THINGS  
6 LIKE THAT. BUT THANKS FOR SCREENING THEM OFF THE AIRPLANES,  
7 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, AND LET'S HOPE AND PRAY THAT THIS DON'T  
8 REALLY ATTACK OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE IT DID CHINA. THE RED CHIEF  
9 HUNT.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. WHAT A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION.  
14 DOES IT CAUSE GAS, THIS CORONAVIRUS? DOES IT CAUSE GAS? HEARD  
15 AN EXCESS AMOUNT OF GAS FROM THE BOARD THIS MORNING ABOUT THIS  
16 ITEM. WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL TO ORANGE COUNTY? YOU DID MENTION  
17 SOMEBODY IN IRVINE HAVING THIS DISEASE, BECAUSE I REMEMBER  
18 SHERIFF CORONA GOT CONVICTED, AND HE WANTED TO USE PUBLIC-- HE  
19 WANTED TO USE COUNTY COUNCIL TO DEFEND HIM, AND THEY COULDN'T  
20 DO IT BECAUSE SOMEBODY WHO WAS IN THE AUDIENCE--

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STICK WITH THE ITEM?  
23 CORONAVIRUS.

24

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** CORONAVIRUS. AND THE CORONAVIRUS WAS, HE WANTED  
2   TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE COUNCIL, BUT HE HAD TO PAY FOR HIS  
3   PRIVATE DEFENSE. SO, IS IT COVERED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT?  
4   DOES IT CAUSE MEMORY LOSS? I'M SURPRISED YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT  
5   HERE, JANICE. WHERE IS DR. RIDLEY-THOMAS? IS THAT GANAS ENOUGH  
6   FOR YOU, HILDA? OH, EXCUSE ME.

7

8   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10   **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** HELLO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'M CONCERNED  
11   ABOUT THIS. I UNDERSTAND, ON THE FLIPSIDE OF THIS MATTER, THAT  
12   THE CORONAVIRUS IS USED NOW AS A BIOLOGICAL WARFARE FOR  
13   POPULATION REDUCTION. CHINA IS OVERFLOWING WITH INDIVIDUALS,  
14   AND THEY NEED TO CUT DOWN 1/3 OF THE POPULATION. AND THIS IS  
15   WHAT THE CABAL IS DOING, OR THE BIG ENCHILADAS. SO THIS IS  
16   JUST ONE FORM OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE THAT WE SHOULD BE  
17   CONCERNED, BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO START CROPPING UP LITTLE BY  
18   LITTLE. AND WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE  
19   MANY, AND THERE IS GOING TO BE MANY CASUALTIES. SO START  
20   PREPARING WITH YOUR VITAMINS, YOUR FIRST AID KITS, AND  
21   EVERYTHING ELSE TO PREPARE AND PREVENT THESE BIOLOGICAL,  
22   CONTAGIOUS, HIGHLY DISEASED WARFARE. WE ARE AT WAR. GOD BLESS  
23   AMERICA, AND GOD HELP US.

24

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE  
2    SPEAKERS?

3

4    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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6    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, SEEING THAT THERE IS NO MORE  
7    SPEAKERS, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY MYSELF.  
8    WITHOUT OBJECTION... TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. NOW WE  
9    WILL MOVE ON TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

10

11    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1 IS A HEARING ON  
12    THE DETACHMENT AND TRANSFER OF THE VALENCIA AREA WIDE DISTRICT  
13    NO. 1 ANNEXATION B-PLUM/WHITE'S CANYON, FROM THE COUNTY  
14    LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NO. 1, TO THE CITY OF  
15    SANTA CLARITA. ALSO, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS TO  
16    CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE ON THE RESOLUTION TO JANUARY 28TH,  
17    2020. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
18    WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
19    HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

20

21    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE  
22    DEPARTMENT.

23

24    **EMIKO THOMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON, AND  
25    I AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR

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1 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE DETACHMENT AND TRANSFER OF  
2 TERRITORY OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NO. 1,  
3 ZONE "B," TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT  
4 THE PORTION OF ZONE 1-B BEING TRANSFERRED FALLS WITHIN THE  
5 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. AND  
6 THE TRANSFER IS NEEDED SO THE CITY CAN ADMINISTER THE ZONE,  
7 MOVING FORWARD. PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD  
8 APPROVE THE JOINT RESOLUTION, TRANSFERRING THE JURISDICTION OF  
9 ZONE 1-B, AND ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF BENEFIT  
10 ASSESSMENT REVENUES WITH THE CITY, AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING THE  
11 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
12 CITY THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE JOINT  
13 RESOLUTION.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
16 OFFICER, ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP FOR THIS?

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARNOLD SACHS,  
19 MARCEL FARMER, RED CHIEF HUNT, AND REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE  
20 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, INDEED. YOU SEEM TO BE MISSING A MEMBER OF  
25 YOUR BOARD. DR. THOMAS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING, I GUESS. SO,

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1 WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HERE, ACTUALLY, IS THE 222 NON-  
2 BENEFIT AND NON-ASSESSED PARCELS. HOW CAN YOU HAVE 222 PARCELS  
3 IN YOUR DISTRICT, KATHRYN BARGER, AND NOT HAVE THEM ASSESSED?  
4 THAT MEANS NOBODY IS GETTING PAID TAXES. THEY ARE NOT PAYING  
5 THEIR TAXES ON THOSE PARCELS. HOW IS THAT VIABLE FOR THE  
6 COUNTY? HOW MANY PARCELS ARE NOT ASSESSED IN ALL OF YOUR  
7 DISTRICTS, THAT PEOPLE GET A FREE RIDE? I REMEMBER WHEN DISNEY  
8 HAD THEIR PROJECT. THEY HAD A PARCEL THAT WAS ASSESSED AS A  
9 FLOOD ZONE, AND THE ASSESSMENT WAS CHANGED SO THEY COULD BUILD  
10 A NEW COMPLEX. FLOOD ZONE PROPERTY HAS CHANGED SO THEY COULD  
11 BUILD A NEW COMPLEX. AND NOW YOU HAVE 222 PARCELS THAT ARE NOT  
12 ASSESSED. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN YOUR DISTRICTS, BY THE  
13 WAY? GANAS COUNT.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT ALL THE  
16 SPEAKERS? ANYONE ELSE SIGN UP TO SPEAK? OKAY. IT WOULD BE  
17 APPROPRIATE-- DID YOU SIGN UP TO SPEAK? WHAT'S YOUR NAME? DID  
18 YOU CALL LISA'S NAME? WE DID NOT REFLECT THAT YOU SIGNED UP  
19 FOR THIS ITEM. OKAY. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE  
20 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. I MOVE IT, BUT-- DO YOU  
21 NEED TO SAY ANYTHING, OR ARE WE FINE? OKAY. I MOVE THE ITEM,  
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A  
23 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO  
24 ITEM NO. 3.

25

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM IS A HEARING ON RESOLUTION  
2   UPDATING THE DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPER  
3   FEE DETAIL FIRE STATION PLAN IN THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPER FEE  
4   FUNDS FOR 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR END REPORT, THE 2019 DEVELOPER  
5   FEE UPDATE FEE CALCULATION SUMMARY TO INCREASE THE DEVELOPER  
6   FEE RATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BENEFIT TO SANTA  
7   CLARITA VALLEY, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020, FROM 1.2357 TO 1.2831  
8   PER SQUARE FOOT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
9   STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE  
10   FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
11   ON THIS ITEM.

12

13   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
14   CALL UP THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

15

16   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC  
17   PREVEN, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, RED CHIEF HUNT PLEASE COME  
18   FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

19

20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, INDEEDY. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS  
21   THE PEOPLE THAT WRITE THESE AGENDAS ANYMORE. IT USED TO BE THE  
22   PEOPLE THAT WRITE THE AGENDAS WERE TRYING TO LET PEOPLE KNOW  
23   THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SO CROOKED. BUT NOW I DON'T KNOW,  
24   BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN INCREASE-- WHAT IS A DEVELOPER FEE RATE  
25   VERSUS... YOU HAVE A NEW DEVELOPMENT SQUARE FOOTAGE VERSUS A

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1 NEW HOUSING SQUARE FOOTAGE. AND THEY ARE NOT THE SAME, BECAUSE  
2 A DEVELOPMENT COULD BE 120 HOUSES, BUT THAT INCLUDES THE  
3 YARDS, THE SIDES, THE SETBACKS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT  
4 SQUARE FOOTAGE ON A HOUSE WOULD ONLY BE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON A  
5 HOUSE. YOU'RE CHEATING THE PUBLIC AGAIN! YOU NEED TO PAY  
6 ATTENTION. YOU REALLY OUGHT TO, BECAUSE IT IS ACTUALLY YOUR  
7 MONEY THAT THEY'RE STEALING. WHEN EVERYBODY IS SICK, EVERYBODY  
8 IS SICK. AND WHEN EVERYBODY IS NOT WELL, WE ALL HURT. OH, BOO-  
9 HOO-HOO. BOO-HOO-HOO. MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO SIGN UP FOR THE  
10 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ALL THAT MONEY? THAT  
11 WAS A LOT OF MONEY THAT CAME INTO THE COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
14 ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE  
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US.  
20 I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE ARE NO  
21 OBJECTIONS TO THE UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW  
22 WE'RE GOING ON TO ITEM NO. 4, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF VARIOUS  
23 NEW AND REVISED FEES.

24

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS IS A HEARING ON A RESOLUTION PROVING  
2   THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW  
3   FEES AND REVISIONS TO EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION AND GOLF  
4   COURSE GREEN FEES, AND APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
5   FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020. ALSO, A  
6   REVISED BOARD LETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT THE RAIL.  
7   THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
8   RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
9   REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

10

11   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE CALL UP THE SPEAKERS FOR  
12   THIS ITEM.

13

14   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
15   COME FORWARD: ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARNOLD SACHS, CARMEN CELIS,  
16   CRAIG KESSLER, JOANNA RUKI, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND RED CHIEF  
17   HUNT.

18

19   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

20

21   **CRAIG KESSLER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22   BOARD, MY NAME'S CRAIG KESSLER.

23

24   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, CAN YOU STOP THE CLOCK?  
25   THERE YOU GO. THERE YOU GO.

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1

2 **CRAIG KESSLER:** GOOD LATE AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CRAIG KESSLER.

3 I'M DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE SOUTHERN

4 CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION, AND I STAYED THILL THIS VERY LATE

5 HOUR TO INDICATE OUR ORGANIZATION'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS,

6 FOR THE GOLF PORTION OF THE PACKAGE. WE REALLY CAN'T SPEAK TO

7 THE REST OF IT. IT IS A VERITABLE SET OF BEST PRACTICES, IN

8 TERMS OF MUNICIPAL GOLF MANAGEMENT. IT WILL ALLOW THIS SYSTEM

9 TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN FULLY SELF-SUFFICIENT OPERATIONALLY,

10 SELF-SUFFICIENT IN TERMS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND THERE IS

11 SOME MONEY LEFT OVER, TOO, FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP FUND

12 PROGRAMS THAT OTHERWISE REMAIN UNFUNDED. I'M GOING TO TAKE

13 LESS THAN MY ONE MINUTE, MERCIFULLY, AND ENCOURAGE YOU, AND

14 ALSO THANK THE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A CREATIVE PACKAGE, AND WE

15 GENUINELY SUPPORT IT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR STAYING

18 THIS LATE. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **CARMEN CELIS:** YES. MY NAME IS CARMEN CELIS, AND I'M PART OF

21 THE COMMUNITY OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M CALLING TO REQUEST TO

22 ASK YOU TO PLEASE GIVE US THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR COUNTY. WE

23 NEED THE PARKS AND RECREATION. WE NEED ALL THE HELP THAT WE

24 CAN FOR OUR CHILDREN. THEY NEED A PLACE TO PLAY, TO PLAY

25 GAMES, BUT THERE IS NO MONEY. SO WE NEED THE MONEY, BECAUSE

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1 OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR FAMILIES, THEY ARE LOW-INCOME, AND THEY  
2 DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PUT THEIR CHILDREN. I KNOW,  
3 PERSONALLY, DIFFERENT FAMILIES. AFTER TEN PEOPLE, TEN  
4 CHILDREN, THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY. BUT WITH A SCHOLARSHIP  
5 THAT YOU CAN GIVE US, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND THEM TO DO A  
6 BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
9 SPEAKERS?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT LOOKS LIKE NO OTHER SPEAKERS.  
14 IF YOU'RE NOT UP AT THE STAND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED...

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. SO, AS THE GENTLEMEN  
17 STATED, HE IS ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOLF PART, BUT THE  
18 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, THE  
19 BOTANIC GARDENS, DESCANSO GARDENS, AND SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL  
20 GARDENS ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THIS ITEM. SO THERE ARE ALL  
21 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY BENEFITS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO APPROVE  
22 HERE. AND THE FEES HERE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO-- YOU'RE LOOKING  
23 TO ESTABLISH NEW FEES AT THE START, BUT YOU'RE ALREADY GOING  
24 TO APPROVE THE OLD FEES. WHATEVER. AGAIN, DR. THOMAS, ARE YOU  
25 IN THE HOUSE? ARE YOU GOLFING? BE THE BALL, DR. THOMAS. COME

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1 ON OUT. WHAT'S THE MATTER? JOIN THE CROWD. WE'RE HAVING FUN  
2 HERE. WE CAN PLAY GOLF. WE COULD PLAY MINIATURE GOLF. WE COULD  
3 DO SOMETHING. AND BY THE WAY, THERE'S NO ADJUSTMENT FOR-- ARE  
4 THERE ADJUSTMENT FOR RATES IN AREA BENEFIT 1: MALIBU, SANTA  
5 MONICA, CITY OF CALABASAS? AREA OF BENEFIT 3, OR THE ANTELOPE  
6 VALLEY?

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. ANY  
9 OTHER SPEAKERS? IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
10 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A  
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OUR LAST PUBLIC  
13 HEARING IS ITEM NO. 7.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2009-  
16 00966, TO APPROVE THE COMPACT LAW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, WHICH  
17 ESTABLISHED PROVISIONS FOR A COMPACT LAW SUBDIVISION IN THE  
18 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF  
19 LOS ANGELES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE SIX MEMBERS OF THE  
21 PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IF YOU COULD CALL THE  
24 NAMES OF THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?

25

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARNOLD SACHS, DEAN  
2   BROWN, JERARD WRIGHT, RED CHIEF HUNT, AND SHERYL STACY PLEASE  
3   COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

4

5   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELCOME. GOOD AFTERNOON. FIRST  
6   SPEAKER?

7

8   **DEAN BROWN:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DEAN BROWN. I AM  
9   PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION  
10   COALITION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME HERE TODAY. PERTAINING TO  
11   THE DRAFT OVER THIS PROPOSAL THAT I HAVE GONE THROUGH, I FULLY  
12   AGREE WITH IT. I WOULD LIKE IT TO ACTUALLY ENTAIL TINY HOMES.  
13   MY COALITION DOES HAVE 2.5 ACRES THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO PUT  
14   TINY HOMES ON IT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. YOU ACTUALLY HAVE  
15   PEOPLE WITHIN YOUR BUILDING DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE SUPPOSEDLY  
16   BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ME WITH E-MAILS AND STUFF, AND THEY DON'T  
17   DO THAT. SO, IF NECESSARY, I WILL GET A HOLD OF A FEW PEOPLE  
18   AND CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU, PERSONALLY, KATHRYN.  
19   THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'D APPRECIATE IT. WOULD YOU GO  
22   AND TALK TO HIM, AND FIND OUT WHO HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE  
23   COMMUNICATING WITH THAT IS NOT RESPONDING, PLEASE? NEXT  
24   SPEAKER?

25

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1   **SHERYL STACY:** OKAY. MY NAME IS SHERYL STACY. I REPRESENT MY  
2   PARENTS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED, WHO ARE KOREAN VETS, AND I ASK  
3   THAT THIS BOARD APPROVE THIS NO. 7, BECAUSE, AGAIN, FREEDOM IS  
4   NOT FREE, AND IT'S A GENERATIONAL COMMITMENT. SO IF WE'RE ABLE  
5   TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S POSITIVE FOR THE VETERANS THAT WILL BE  
6   COMING HOME, THAT NEED AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUST REBOOT THEIR  
7   LIVES, WHY NOT? WHY NOT? WE NEED TO STEP UP FROM A DIFFERENT  
8   PERSPECTIVE THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW THESE VETERANS TO FEEL LIKE  
9   THEY'RE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AGAIN, BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THE  
10  FRONT LINE TO ALLOW US TO DO WHAT WE DO. SO WHY NOT GIVE THEM  
11  AN OPPORTUNITY TO REBOOT? THANK YOU.

12

13   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR LAST SPEAKER?

14

15   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, YES, YES. THANK YOU. SO, WHY DON'T YOU MAKE  
16   THIS DISTRICT-WIDE? WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THIS COUNTYWIDE, LIKE  
17   YOU DID WITH YOUR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENT FOR NEW  
18   ART? YOU SHOT THAT DOWN BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE HOMEOWNERS'  
19   ASSOCIATIONS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME  
20   SELF-RULE. BY THE WAY, IS THIS AN OVERLAY ZONE? AND GOING BACK  
21   TO THE ITEM YOU JUST CONSIDERED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FEES  
22   VERSUS HOUSING SQUARE FOOTAGE, SO IF YOU HAVE A DEVELOPMENT  
23   FEE, IT IS FOR THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT. BUT IF YOU HAVE A  
24   SQUARE FOOTAGE FEE, IT IS FOR THE HOUSING-- IT IS FOR THE  
25   SQUARE FOOTAGE FEE. AND SINCE THESE ARE SMALLER HOMES, THE

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1 DEVELOPER WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY AS MUCH MONEY, OR YOU WOULDN'T  
2 RECEIVE AS MUCH MONEY. I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY YOU ARE PLAYING  
3 THIS BALL HERE, BUT WHO REALLY GIVES A RAT'S ASS? BUT JUST  
4 POINTING OUT THE DIFFERENTIAL IN HOW YOU TRY AND SQUEEZE EVERY  
5 PENNY OUT OF MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC SO THAT YOU CAN LINE  
6 POCKETS FOR YOUR FRIENDS, THE DEVELOPERS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING THAT THERE ARE  
9 NO OTHER SPEAKERS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
10 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF THERE ARE NO  
12 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THAT  
13 COMPLETES THOSE ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE WILL NOW GO TO  
14 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. WOULD YOU  
15 PLEASE, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF  
16 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THOSE ITEMS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
19 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:  
20 REVEREND REGGIE BUNCH ON ITEM 19. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON  
21 ITEMS 19, 20, AND 22. REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE ON ITEMS 2-D,  
22 3-D, 11, 12, 13, AND 22. CHRISTINA EDWARDS ON ITEM 20. MARCEL  
23 FARMER ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 9, AND 11. RED CHIEF HUNT ON ALL  
24 ITEMS REMAINING. PATRICIA MCALLISTER ON ITEMS, 14, 18, AND 19.  
25 ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS 2-D, 3-D, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, AND

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1 21. ANTONIA RAMIREZ ON ALL ITEMS. AND CINDY SANTOYO ON ITEM  
2 18. MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ONE ITEM WILL BE GIVEN ONE  
3 MINUTE, AND THOSE WITH MORE THAN ONE ITEM WILL HAVE TWO  
4 MINUTES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 20. I WOULD LIKE  
9 TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE HEALTH AGENCY THAT'S  
10 MENTIONED ON THIS ITEM DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE. THERE IS NO  
11 DIRECTOR. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO STAFF AND NO OFFICE. SO  
12 THAT MEMO SHOULD ACTUALLY BE CORRECTED TO REFLECT THAT. BUT  
13 I'M REALLY CONCERNED WITH A STATEMENT MADE ON PAGE SIX: EACH  
14 DEPARTMENT WILL BE MONITORED. BUT IT GOES, "D.H.S. HAS THE  
15 APPROPRIATE INTERNAL CONTROLS IN PLACE TO ENSURE  
16 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND  
17 COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICIES." AND WE KNOW THIS IS NOT TRUE.  
18 RECENTLY, ONE OF HER STAFF WENT TO A STATE THAT IS PROHIBITED  
19 BY OUR STATE LAW TO ATTEND FOR NONESSENTIAL MEETINGS. HE WAS  
20 ALLOWED TO DO THIS WITH HER PERMISSION. SO, SO MUCH FOR BEING  
21 TRANSPARENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICIES. WE ALSO HAVE  
22 LEARNED THAT THE SAME PERSON WHO HAS NOW BEEN TERMINATED--  
23 JANUARY 27TH IS HIS LAST DAY-- IS BEING ALLOWED TO PULL A  
24 PAYCHECK UNTIL MAY 11TH. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT IS  
25 BEING DONE SO HE CAN CLAIM THE 500 HOURS OF COMPENSATORY TIME--

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1 - I THOUGHT I HAD FOUR MINUTES. [DR. CLAVREUL SPEAKING  
2 INDISTINCTLY.]

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS NOT A GOOD  
5 AFTERNOON, BECAUSE THE RULES ARE BEING CHANGED EVERY MINUTE ON  
6 A MINUTE. AND I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. BUT ANYWAY, ON  
7 THAT WONDERFUL ITEM 20, WE ARE PAYING SOMEBODY A MILLION  
8 DOLLARS A YEAR TO USE MEDICAL CODING. YOU KNOW, MANY YEARS  
9 AGO, I TOLD THE BOARD, PLEASE HAVE YOUR EMPLOYEES TRAIN SO  
10 THEY CAN USE [INAUDIBLE] WHEN IT BECOMES MANDATORY. SINCE  
11 THEN, WE HAVE BEEN PAYING MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.  
12 I AM FURIOUS, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE THAT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.  
13 WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER HAD TO PAY. WE ARE STILL PAYING. I JUST  
14 CANNOT BELIEVE IT. I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO WRITE, AND I  
15 WONDER WHY THE L.A. TIMES IS NOT COVERING ANY OF THAT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. NEXT  
18 SPEAKER.

19

20 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, TAKE YOUR HEAD  
21 OUT OF YOUR [EXPLETIVE]. BEING HOMELESS AND SEEING WHAT GOES  
22 ON IN THE DARK IS SHEER SHOCKING AND HEINOUS. HUMAN  
23 TRAFFICKING IS ALIVE AND WELL. IT IS A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE RUN  
24 BY YOUR ELITE SATANIC ZIONIST JEWS, AND SUBDELEGATED TO YOUR  
25 BLACK SLAVE MASTERS AND BLACK PIMPS AND BLACK PEDOPHILES, WHO

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1 DRUG AND PROSTITUTE THESE YOUNG LATINA, ASIAN, AND WHITE  
2 GIRLS. THEY USE, ABUSE, AND INFECT THEM WITH ALL SORTS OF  
3 DISEASES. AND AFTER THEY ARE UNRECOGNIZABLE AND MENTALLY  
4 DERANGED AND FULL OF SORES, THE BLACK MALE AND FEMALES THROW  
5 THEM OUT OF THEIR VEHICLES AND DUMP THEM INTO THE STREETS AT  
6 LAPLACITA AT NIGHT, WITH LITTLE TO NO CLOTHING. I HAVE SEEN  
7 THE WAY THEY BEAT, ABUSE THEM, AND DISCARD THEM LIKE HUMAN  
8 TRASH. I'VE HAD TO CALL THE GREAT L.A.P.D. AND C.H.P. TO DO  
9 FOLLOW-UP ON THESE POOR VICTIMS. AGAIN, IT IS A SICK AND  
10 TWISTED, GROSS, MONEymAKING INDUSTRY, AND GOD KNOWS I SEE IT  
11 ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.

12  
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.  
14 ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ OFF WHAT WE WILL BE  
16 VOTING ON NOW?

17  
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS  
19 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 8, 9, 11 THROUGH 14, AND 16 THROUGH 22.

20  
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OBJECTION,  
22 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THAT  
23 WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE WILL MOVE TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: [READING NAMES.] PLEASE  
3 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AND RICHARD ROBINSON.

4

5 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT KOBE BRYANT AND  
6 DAUGHTER GIGI WERE DELIBERATELY KILLED BY THE ELITE SATANIC  
7 ZIONIST JEWS OR ILLUMINATI, AND/OR THE FREEMASON [EXPLETIVE].  
8 I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS? EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME.  
11 WHERE ARE YOU? HAVE A GOOD EVENING. THAT IS YOUR THIRD  
12 WARNING. I'M ASKING YOU TO LEAVE. I DON'T CARE. YOU USE FOUL  
13 LANGUAGE AND YELLING, AND YOU YELLED. THAT IS YOUR THIRD  
14 WARNING. HAVE A GOOD EVENING. WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY.  
15 PLEASE HOLD OFF.

16

17 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** -- IN PROJECTS THAT THE ILLUMINATI DEEMED AS  
18 A THREAT. WERE THEY HIGHLY JEALOUS OF KOBE BRYANT'S PHENOMENAL  
19 SUCCESS? HE WAS A MAGNANIMOUS PERSONALITY, LIKE PRINCESS  
20 DIANA. NOW, WHY DID HIS PILOT GET A CLEARANCE TO FLY UNDER LOW  
21 VISIBILITY AND HEAVY, DENSE FOG, YET THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
22 PILOTS WERE GROUNDED FOR THEIR SAFETY? WE UNDERSTAND THE PILOT  
23 DID NOT REPORT ANY MECHANICAL DISTRESS, OR MAYBE HE DID NOT  
24 HAVE TIME TO REPORT THE MECHANICAL DISTRESS, AND/OR HE DID NOT  
25 WANT TO SCARE THE PASSENGERS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. THE PILOT

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1 WAS FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE, SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS. WHY? DID  
2 THE PILOT ENCOUNTER WIND SHEARS? DID THE ILLUMINATI FINALLY  
3 SABOTAGE THE AIRCRAFT WITH A RIGGED TIMER, AND USE THE  
4 CALABASAS CANYONS AND DENSE FOG, LOW VISIBILITY, AND STEEP  
5 TERRAIN AND PILOT ERROR AS A PRETEXT TO CRASH THE AIRCRAFT  
6 DELIBERATELY?

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.  
9 NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **DEIRDRA DUNCAN GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AGENT  
12 DEIRDRA DUNCAN GONZALEZ. I AM HERE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN A  
13 FOSTER PARENT, NOW RESOURCE PARENT, AND FOR THIRTY-SEVEN  
14 YEARS, I HAVE RAISED OVER 28 CHILDREN. AND RIGHT NOW, I HAVE A  
15 SUSTAINED PETITION AGAINST MY GOOD NAME. YES, A SUSTAINED  
16 PETITION. BUT I HAVE ASKED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, BECAUSE  
17 I AM ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND I AM NOT JUST IN PASADENA  
18 AREA. I'M ALL OVER, AS A TRUSTEE. AND I HAVE ASKED YOU, AS  
19 YOUR DUTY, TO GO AND LOOK AT THE CORRUPTION IN THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AT THE COURT. MY GRANDCHILDREN  
21 ARE ABOUT TO BE ADOPTED TO A STRANGER, AND THERE IS FAMILY  
22 MEMBERS THAT CAN TAKE THEM.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK  
25 TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM AND GIVE THEM THAT

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1 INFORMATION, WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THAT, OKAY? THANK YOU. NEXT  
2 SPEAKER?

3

4 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL JUST WAIT FOR YOU TO  
5 LEAVE.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, CHIEF.

8

9 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN 2004, I CAME TO  
10 CITY HALL WITH THE VENICE OUTLAWS, AND HAVE BEEN VERY  
11 SUCCESSFUL IN WHAT I DO, AND HAD VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. THE  
12 NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, THE A.C.L.U., CAROL SOBO, AND STEVEN  
13 RODIE REPRESENTED ME IN VARIOUS [INAUDIBLE] COURSES, AND  
14 THINGS LIKE THAT. I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. I TOLD MY  
15 GUYS TO REALLY BACK OFF. BUT IT IS ONE THING THAT I CAN'T TELL  
16 THEM TO BACK OFF IS SPEECH. AND THE REASON WHY IS, I'M NOT  
17 GOING TO AGREE WITH YOU GUYS' COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE HE  
18 DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. AND I'M GOING TO AGREE  
19 WITH THESE NINE FEDERAL JUDGES WHO AGREE WITH ME. I DON'T WANT  
20 TO SEE YOU GET SUED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. THE BEST THING YOU CAN  
21 SAY IS NOTHING, SOMETIMES. LET THEM GO ON. IT DOESN'T MEAN  
22 ANYTHING. AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU STILL GOT YOUR JOB, AND  
23 YOU DON'T HAVE A LAWSUIT THAT'S ATTACHED TO YOU. I LEFT SOME  
24 INFORMATION WITH YOU. CHIEF BECK AND MATT JOHNSON IS IN A REAL  
25 BIND. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **LYDIA PONCE:** LYDIA PONCE, VENICE, CALIFORNIA, AMERICAN INDIAN  
5 MOVEMENT, MAYO AND QUECHUA. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHO I CAN  
6 APPEAL TO, TO LOOK INTO THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS  
7 WOMEN'S DATABASE. AND WHEN WE LOOKED FROM A NATIONAL  
8 PERSPECTIVE, A LOT OF RELATIVES THAT TRAVELED FROM MINNESOTA  
9 AND THE PLAINS AREA IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA DISCOVERED THAT  
10 THE SHERIFFS AND THE POLICE REALLY DON'T HAVE THE DATA. THE  
11 DATA DOESN'T EXIST. I CAN TESTIFY BEFORE YOU THAT I AM  
12 APPLYING TO CHANGE MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE AFTER 58 YEARS,  
13 BECAUSE THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM, IS THAT I, MYSELF, AM  
14 COUNTED AS WHITE. AND I'M NOT WHITE, AND I'M NOT BLACK, AND I  
15 WISH YOU WOULD LISTEN TO ME, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE  
16 11:30 THIS MORNING. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, THE DATA DOESN'T  
17 EXIST FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN, FOR DOULAS. A LOT OF THE TIMES, WE  
18 HAVE TO STRIKE AND WRITE "LATINO" OR "OTHER." SO I ASK THAT WE  
19 WORK TOGETHER TO LOOK INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS  
20 WOMEN AND RELATIVES.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
23 SPEAKER?

24

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1   **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY  
2   LAVEN, FROM ENCINO. SHERIFF BACA, THE F.B.I., AND OUR  
3   OVERCROWDED JAILS. ALTHOUGH THE F.B.I. HAS BLAMED SHERIFF BACA  
4   FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES WITH THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE  
5   F.B.I. HAS NOT IDENTIFIED THE CAUSE OF THE OFFENSES, WHICH IS  
6   THAT THIS COUNTY HAS BUILT MANY CINDERBLOCK CELLS, CREATING A  
7   VIOLENT, OVERCROWDED JAIL SYSTEM, WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BUILT  
8   DORMS FOR THOSE WHO CAN DO THEIR TIME OUTDOORS. AND NOW  
9   SHERIFF BACA IS BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROBLEM,  
10   BECAUSE HE FAILED TO INFORM OR TURN ON HIS MEN IN A STATE  
11   WHERE ATTORNEYS DO NOT TURN ON ATTORNEYS, AND IN A COUNTRY  
12   WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAS STOOD BY HIS TOP SOLDIER, S.E.A.L.  
13   EDWARD GALLAGHER. I AM ASKING THIS BOARD TO WRITE THE F.B.I.  
14   AND ASK THEM TO ALLOW SHERIFF BACA TO WEAR AN ANKLE BRACELET  
15   AND DO HIS TIME AT HOME, IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS BOARD'S PROMISE  
16   TO LOOK INTO BUILDING DORMS, OR QUONSET HUTS, WHERE THE  
17   PRISONERS CAN SERVE THEIR TIME OUTSIDE, AND HAVE A BETTER  
18   CHANCE AT REHABILITATING. THANK YOU.

19

20   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22   **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN  
23   PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IN 2019, THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
24   SENT A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST TO PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL  
25   DISTRICT, REQUESTING COPIES OF COMPLETE RECEIPTS FOR AIR

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1 FILTRATION SYSTEMS PURCHASED OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, IN ORDER  
2 TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PARAMOUNT UNIFIED  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THEIR  
4 INVESTIGATION OF GAINES AND LINCOLN SCHOOL WAS ACCURATE, WAS  
5 ACCURATELY PROVIDED. GIVEN THAT THERE IS POTENTIAL  
6 DISCREPANCIES THAT HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE DISTRICT  
7 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, I THINK THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER  
8 THAT THE PUBLIC BE ABLE TO GET PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS--

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT  
11 IN WRITING-- IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT ANYTHING IN WRITING, PLEASE  
12 FEEL FREE. WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OH, I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, BUT IN WHAT CITY? OH, IS IT IN  
17 PARAMOUNT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. WE'LL GET YOUR INFORMATION. THANK  
22 YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

2

3    **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ABOUT 350 YEARS AGO, SOME  
4    SAILORS CAME INTO THE BAY HERE, AND THE DOLPHINS THAT HAD BEEN  
5    PLAYING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE FOR 4,000 OR 5,000  
6    YEARS, THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, CAME OUT TO GREET THEM. THEY  
7    WERE DANCING IN THE WAVES. AND THEY SO NAMED THE CITY CIUDAD  
8    DE LOS ANGELES. THIS IS WHERE WE ARE. NOW, A MAN JUST DIED  
9    RECENTLY, WHO WAS A FAMOUS BASKETBALL PLAYER, AND HE BROUGHT  
10   DIGNITY AND CELEBRATION TO THE CITY FOR DECADES. AND WE ARE IN  
11   A SITUATION NOW WHERE WE'VE GOT SEVEN YEARS TO GET READY FOR  
12   THE NEXT BIG OLYMPICS. AND A WAY WE COULD GET READY FOR THIS  
13   OLYMPICS IS TO EMPOWER THE CHILDREN. LIKE, HE FELT SO GOOD  
14   WHEN HIS DAUGHTER SAID, "I'LL HANDLE THIS ONE, DAD." THANK YOU  
15   VERY MUCH.

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17   **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL THAT SIGNED  
18   UP FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
19   PLEASE CALL THOSE-- WE'VE ALREADY DONE THAT. AT THIS TIME, IT  
20   WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR    ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN  
21   WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22

23   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
24   ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EMILY FEIGENSON. RABBI  
25   EMILY FEIGENSON DIED ON JANUARY 16TH. AMONG HER PROFESSIONAL

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1 ACTIVITIES, SHE SERVED AS RABBI EDUCATOR AT TEMPLE SOLEL IN  
2 PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA; ASSISTANT RABBI AT UNIVERSITY  
3 SYNAGOGUE IN BRENTWOOD; RABBI AT ADAT CHAVARIM SYNAGOGUE IN  
4 LOS ALAMITOS; ASSOCIATE RABBI AT LEO BECK TEMPLE IN BEL AIR;  
5 AND FOR 17 YEARS AS CHAPLAIN AT THE HARVARD WESTLAKE SCHOOL.  
6 SHE WAS A PIONEER IN RECOGNIZING THE SPECIALIZED NEEDS OF  
7 JEWISH WOMEN AND GIRLS. SHE PUBLISHED AND LECTURED ON WIDE-  
8 RANGING TOPICS, SUCH AS BAT MITZVAH AS A UNIQUE STEP IN  
9 ACHIEVING JEWISH WOMANHOOD, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND  
10 VICTIMIZATION. SHE WAS ALSO THE EDITOR OF "BEGINNING THE  
11 JOURNEY: A WOMAN'S COMMENTARY ON TORAH." SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
12 HER HUSBAND, JUSTICE DENNIS PERLUSS; AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN,  
13 NETANYA, TALIA, AND GABRIEL; AND HER BROTHER BOB. AND I MOVE  
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTIN  
15 GELBER, AN ARCHITECT WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 2ND. HE DESIGNED  
16 MANY CUSTOM RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS  
17 THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES AREA, INCLUDING EXCEPTIONAL AWARD-  
18 WINNING WORKS OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE. HE WAS A PROFESSOR AT  
19 LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE FOR OVER 40 YEARS, WHERE HE WAS  
20 INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING ONE OF THE FIRST ACCREDITED  
21 PROGRAMS ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS TO  
22 TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY, AND OBTAIN A BACHELOR OF  
23 ARCHITECTURE DEGREE. HE WORKED WITH THE LATE BERNARD ZIMMERMAN  
24 TO HELP SHAPE AN ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES AT THE LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, THAT BECAME THE A.I.A./L.A.

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1 MASTERS OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES. HE WAS PASSIONATE  
2 ABOUT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS  
3 DESIGN, AND DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME TO THESE CAUSES. HE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MICHELA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
5 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNICE HABER, AN ARTIST AND  
6 CERAMICIST, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 6TH. IN THE 1970S, SHE  
7 PARTNERED WITH 5 OTHER TALENTED ARTISTS, ESTABLISHING A  
8 SUCCESSFUL STUDIO IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALLED "THE WORKHOUSE."  
9 SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITS AT THE WORKHOUSE LED TO A PUBLIC VENTURE  
10 WITH 10 ARTISTS: THE CONTEMPORARY IMAGES GALLERY IN SHERMAN  
11 OAKS. SHE REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY UNTIL THE END  
12 OF HER LIFE, GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING AND ATTENDING L.A. AREA  
13 THEATER, AND PARTICIPATING IN THE CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE ARTS  
14 COUNCIL. SHE AND HER HUSBAND LEONARD ALSO FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS  
15 FOR NEEDY STUDENTS AT C.S.U.N. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER  
16 DEBORAH, AND HER SON KENNETH. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
17 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL KANE, A SCREENWRITER  
18 ACTOR, AND PERFORMER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 22ND. AFTER A VARIED  
19 CAREER, INCLUDING STINTS AS A COPYWRITER, CREATIVE DIRECTOR,  
20 AND FOUNDING HIS OWN SOFT DRINK DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, HE WAS  
21 HIT BY THE WRITING BUG AND LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A  
22 SCREENPLAY WRITER, WITH 11 MOVIES TO HIS CREDIT, INCLUDING  
23 "ALL THE RIGHT MOVES," STARRING TOM CRUISE, AND "SOUTHERN  
24 COMFORT," STARRING KEITH CARRADINE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
25 SISTER, RIKI. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE

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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACK KEHOE, A WONDERFUL CHARACTER ACTOR,  
2 WHO DIED ON JANUARY 14TH. HE HAD A 50-YEAR CAREER, AND MADE  
3 MANY MEMORABLE APPEARANCES OPPOSITE LEADING STARS IN A LOT OF  
4 MOVIES, INCLUDING "SERPICO" WITH AL PACINO, "THE STING" WITH  
5 PAUL NEWMAN AND ROBERT REDFORD, AND "REDS" WITH WARREN BEATTY,  
6 WHO WON THE OSCAR FOR BEST DIRECTOR. HIS FILMOGRAPHY INCLUDES  
7 OVER 50 MOTION PICTURES, AND HE MADE T.V. APPEARANCES ON SHOWS  
8 LIKE "TWILIGHT ZONE" AND "MURDER, SHE WROTE," ALONG WITH  
9 STEADY WORK ON BROADWAY AND IN OFF-BROADWAY PLAYS. A PROLIFIC  
10 AND REALLY TALENTED CHARACTER ACTOR. SURVIVED BY HIS COMPANION  
11 OF 40 YEARS, SHERRY, AND HIS WIFE DONNA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN  
12 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE LEVANAS, A  
13 SOCIAL WORKER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 16TH. SHE WAS A THREE-TIME  
14 CANCER SURVIVOR, AND DEDICATED HER LIFE WORK TO OTHERS  
15 FIGHTING BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER, AS A LICENSED CLINICAL  
16 SOCIAL WORKER AT SIMMS/MANN U.C.L.A. CENTER FOR INTEGRITY OF  
17 ONCOLOGY FOR 17 YEARS. SUZANNE LIVED BY THE MOTTO, "LIVE WITH  
18 JOY," AND FOUND BEAUTY IN EVEN THE SMALLEST ACTS OF KINDNESS.  
19 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JUDGE MICHAEL LEVANAS, HER  
20 SISTER MARILYN, AND HER DAUGHTERS DANIELLE AND VIRGINIA. AND I  
21 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
22 MICKEY WAPNER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 22ND. LONG ACTIVE IN  
23 DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLITICS, SHE HELD SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE  
24 CAMPAIGNS OF KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT IN 1960, BROWN FOR GOVERNOR  
25 IN '62, SALINGER FOR SENATE IN '64, KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT IN

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1 '68, AND MCGOVERN FOR PRESIDENT IN '72. SHE SERVED AS CO-CHAIR  
2 OF THE FIRST CALIFORNIA STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION FROM 1963  
3 TO '65. SHE WORKED PROFESSIONALLY FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
4 COMMITTEE, AND THE U.C.L.A. GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE  
5 AND URBAN PLANNING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, FRED AND  
6 DAVID. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU  
9 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF... THERE WERE FOUR  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN ANOTHER SINGLE-ENGINE AIRPLANE CRASH  
14 ON JANUARY 22ND, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE CORONA MUNICIPAL  
15 AIRPORT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALL FOUR  
16 OF THEM. ONE WAS JOSEPH ZINGALI, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
17 OF TORRANCE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HIS DAUGHTER  
18 DESCRIBED HER FATHER AS AN EXPERT FLYER, ONE OF THE GREATEST  
19 MEN SHE HAD EVER KNOWN. ALSO, WHO DIED IN THAT CRASH WAS  
20 DANIEL AND TERESA RODRIGUEZ, RESIDENTS OF WHITTIER. THEY WERE  
21 70 AND 61 YEARS OLD. DANIEL SERVED AS AN L.A.P.D. OFFICER FOR  
22 27 YEARS, MOSTLY IN THE HARBOR AND THE SOUTHWEST DIVISIONS.  
23 AND TERESA WORKED FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR 30 YEARS,  
24 FINISHING HER CAREER AT THE LA MIRADA POST OFFICE. AND PAULA  
25 MITCHELL, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF LA MIRADA, WHO WAS ONLY 61

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1 WHEN SHE DIED THAT DAY. PAULA WORKED FOR 41 YEARS AT THE LA  
2 MIRADA POST OFFICE, AND WAS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH TERESA. MAY  
3 THEY ALL REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
4 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WYNN PRIZKAT, WHO PASSED  
5 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. HE GREW UP IN REDONDO BEACH, AND  
6 GRADUATED FROM REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL. HE THEN WENT ON TO  
7 COSMETOLOGY, AND SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS WORKING AT THE ARIANA  
8 HAIR STUDIO IN RIVIERA VILLAGE. WYNN WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED  
9 MUSICIAN, PHOTOGRAPHER, BUT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS  
10 VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE THELMA MCMILLEN RECOVERY CENTER, HIS  
11 SHELTERING ARMS, AND WITH THE ANNUAL SOUTH BAY ROUNDUP. HE IS  
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARIAN, PARENTS BARBARA AND MARTIN, AND  
13 HIS BROTHERS MILES AND CARL. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
14 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SUSAN DILLER, WHO PASSED  
15 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS A RESOURCE SPECIALIST WITH  
16 L.A.U.S.D. FOR 35 YEARS, WORKING PRIMARILY AT 15TH STREET  
17 ELEMENTARY AND WILMINGTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. SUSAN LOVED  
18 THE OCEAN, WHALE WATCHING, AND PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE. SHE WAS  
19 KNOWN FOR HER BRIGHT, COLORFUL STYLE, HER WARM SMILE, AND A  
20 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND  
21 RALPH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON LANCE, DAUGHTER HOLLY, AND 4  
22 GRANDCHILDREN. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ALSO  
23 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SALVADOR ROBLES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
24 THE AGE OF 88. HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO SAN PEDRO AS A  
25 YOUNG BOY. AT THE AGE OF 18, HE JOINED THE ARMY AND WAS A

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1 CORPORAL IN THE ARTILLERY DEPARTMENT, AND SERVED DURING THE  
2 KOREAN WAR. HE WAS A PROUD VETERAN, AND ENJOYED TALKING ABOUT  
3 THE EXPERIENCE HE HAD, WILLINGLY SERVING IN THE WAR. AFTER HIS  
4 TIME IN THE SERVICE, HE WORKED AS A DECK HAND ON A FISHING  
5 BOAT CALLED "THE SAN PEDRO SPECIAL." SHORTLY AFTER THAT, HE  
6 BEGAN WORKING AT DICARLO BAKERY, UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.  
7 SALVADOR IS SURVIVED BY HIS 4 BROTHERS, TWO SISTERS, MANY  
8 NIECES, AND NEPHEW. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
9 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE REVEREND THEODORE HAMPTON, A  
10 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 82. IN  
11 1965, HE ACCEPTED A STAFF POSITION AT THE FIRST UNITED  
12 METHODIST CHURCH OF LONG BEACH, AND DURING THIS TIME, HE ALSO  
13 SERVED THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN INDEPENDENCE,  
14 MONROVIA, AND DOMINGUEZ, CALIFORNIA. REVEREND HAMPTON SPENT  
15 SEVERAL YEARS DIRECTING A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM FOR DRUG  
16 ABUSE AND ACTING-OUT TEENS IN CALIFORNIA. EVEN AFTER  
17 RETIREMENT IN 2003, HE CAME BACK TO SERVE AS THE INTERIM  
18 PASTOR FOR SEVERAL CHURCHES IN LONG BEACH, INCLUDING A TERM AS  
19 A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN  
20 LAKEWOOD. HE RETIRED AGAIN IN 2012, AND SPENT HIS FREE TIME  
21 WRITING AND PREACHING. KEVIN ASABO, MY MENTAL HEALTH  
22 COMMISSIONER, BROUGHT THEODORE HAMPTON'S PASSING TO MY  
23 ATTENTION, AS HE ATTENDED MANY OF REVEREND HAMPTON'S SERVICES.  
24 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE  
25 MEMORY OF NICOLETTA TEDESCO, A SOUTH BAY RESIDENT, MEMBER OF

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1 THE BREAKWATER CHURCH IN REDONDO BEACH. IN 1970, SHE FOUNDED  
2 HERMOSA BEACH'S THANKSGIVING AT THE PIER, WHICH FED ANYONE IN  
3 NEED. THE VERY FIRST THANKSGIVING DINNER TOOK PLACE IN HER  
4 APARTMENT, AND FED APPROXIMATELY 250 PEOPLE. AND OVER THE  
5 YEARS, THE EVENT GREW, AND WAS MOVED TO THE PIER PLAZA IN  
6 DOWNTOWN HERMOSA BEACH, WHERE AT ITS PEAK FED 2,500 PEOPLE.  
7 NIKIE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. AND MY LAST ONE IS THAT I MOVE  
8 THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF DONALD MCCOLLIM, WHO  
9 WAS A LONGTIME DOWNEY RESIDENT, WHO WAS 90 WHEN HE PASSED  
10 AWAY. EARLY IN HIS LIFE, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO HUNTINGTON PARK,  
11 WHERE HE GRADUATED FROM SOUTH GATE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1947. IN  
12 1950, HE WAS DRAFTED IN THE U.S. ARMY TO SERVE AND PROTECT  
13 ENGLAND AND GERMANY. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY  
14 IN 1956, AND HE RETURNED HOME AND WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION AND  
15 BUILDING FRAMES OF SEVERAL SKYSCRAPERS AND PROMINENT  
16 BUILDINGS, ONE OF THEM BEING THE ICONIC U.S. BANK TOWER, HERE  
17 IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. ON HIS BROTHER'S WEDDING DAY IN  
18 MEXICO, HE MET HIS WIFE, NELLY GUERRERO, AND THEY MARRIED IN  
19 1965 IN GUADALAJARA, WHERE THEY STARTED THEIR FAMILY. AND IN  
20 1969, THEY MOVED TO DOWNEY, WHERE THEY RAISED THEIR FOUR  
21 DAUGHTERS. DONALD IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER JEANNE; HIS WIFE  
22 NELLY; HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS, PATRICIA, SUSAN, JANICE, AND  
23 MARLENE; TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS, MADELYN AND KAITLYN. THANK YOU.  
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1    **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK ALL MEMBERS ARE  
2    GOING TO WANT TO ADJOURN. I KNOW WE DID A MOMENT OF SILENCE AT  
3    THE BEGINNING OF THE BOARD MEETING IN REMEMBRANCE OF KOBE  
4    BRYANT. WE ALSO, IN THE COUNTY, FLEW THE FLAGS AT HALF-MAST,  
5    THE COUNTY FLAGS, IN HIS HONOR, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF L. A.  
6    DID THE SAME. BUT I'D LIKE US ALL TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
7    KOBE BRYANT, NUMBER 24, WHO TRULY WAS A WORLD-RENOWNED  
8    BASKETBALL SUPERSTAR THAT PLAYED FOR THE L.A. LAKERS. BUT WITH  
9    HIS DEATH, WE ARE LEARNING SO MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM AND THE  
10   HUMAN BEING THAT HE WAS, BOTH A PHILANTHROPIST, WORKED WITH  
11   D.C.F.S. AND OUR FOSTER YOUTH EXTENSIVELY, AS WELL AS WITH HIS  
12   OWN KIDS, AND THE COMMITMENT THAT HE MADE TO TRULY GIVE BACK  
13   TO HIS FAMILY, BUT ALSO HIS COMMUNITY. AS I SAID EARLIER, HE  
14   WAS FLUENT IN ITALIAN AND SPANISH, GROWING UP IN ITALY, WHERE  
15   HIS FATHER PLAYED BASKETBALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
16   VANESSA, DAUGHTERS NATALIA, BIANKA, AND CAPRI. BUT I'D ALSO  
17   LIKE US TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE ADDITIONAL VICTIMS OF  
18   SUNDAY'S TRAGIC HELICOPTER CRASH. GIANNA BRYANT, THE DAUGHTER  
19   OF KOBE AND VANESSA BRYANT, WAS 13 AT THE AGE OF HER PASSING.  
20   KNOWN AS GIGI, SHE WAS A BUDDING BASKETBALL STAR WHO ASPIRED  
21   TO PLAY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, AND ULTIMATELY IN  
22   THE W.M.B.A. ALSO REFERRED TO AS "MAMBACITA" BY HER FATHER,  
23   SHE WAS FOLLOWING IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, AND WAS KNOWN FOR  
24   REMINDING EVERYONE THAT SHE COULD CARRY ON HER FATHER'S  
25   BASKETBALL LEGACY. AND I SAY TO ANYONE, IF YOU SAW HER

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1 INTERVIEWED WITH HER DAD, THEY WERE TWO DROPS OF WATER. ALSO,  
2 JOHN ALTOBELLI, WHO WAS A LONGTIME BASEBALL COACH AT ORANGE  
3 COAST COLLEGE IN COSTA MESA. DURING HIS 27-YEAR TENURE WITH  
4 THE ORANGE COAST COLLEGE, HE LED THE TEAM TO MORE THAN 700  
5 WINS, AND WAS AWARDED THE 2019 DIAMOND NATIONAL COACH OF THE  
6 YEAR BY THE AMERICAN BASEBALL COACH'S ASSOCIATION. ALSO,  
7 ALYSSA ALTOBELLI, WHO WAS A DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND KERI  
8 ALTOBELLI, AND WAS GIGI'S TEAMMATE AT MAMBA SPORTS ACADEMY.  
9 AND KERI ALTOBELLI, WHO WAS THE WIFE OF JOHN AND THE MOTHER OF  
10 ALYSSA. SHE WAS KNOWN AS A FIXTURE OF THE COMMUNITY, ALWAYS  
11 SUPPORTING HER HUSBAND AND THE TEAMS HE COACHED. SHE IS  
12 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, J.J. AND ALEXIS. PAYTON CHESTER, WHO  
13 PLAYED FOR THE MAMBA SPORTS ACADEMY AND WAS IN THE 8TH GRADE.  
14 SHE ATTENDED ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN SAN JUAN  
15 CAPISTRANO, AND SHE IS REMEMBERED AS THE GENTLEST PERSON YOU  
16 COULD EVER MEET. ALSO, SARAH CHESTER, WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF  
17 PAYTON CHESTER. SHE IS REMEMBERED AS SOMEONE THAT EVERYBODY  
18 COULD COUNT ON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND CHRIS, AND SONS  
19 HAYDEN AND RILEY. AND CHRISTINA MAUSER, WHO WAS A BASKETBALL  
20 COACH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER. SHE WAS A COACH AT THE  
21 MAMBA SPORTS ACADEMY, AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER ABILITY TO TEACH  
22 ZONE DEFENSE TO THE PLAYERS THAT SHE COACHED. SHE IS SURVIVED  
23 BY HER HEARTBROKEN HUSBAND MATT, AND HER THREE CHILDREN. AND  
24 LAST, ARA ZOBAYAN, WHO WAS A COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER PILOT. HE  
25 HAD BEEN IN THE PROFESSION FOR 20 YEARS, AND WAS ALSO A FLIGHT

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1 INSTRUCTOR. HE BEGAN FLYING HELICOPTERS IN 1998 AFTER TAKING A  
2 HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE GRAND CANYON. HE WAS REMEMBERED BY THE  
3 FLYING COMMUNITY AND THE NUMEROUS STUDENTS HE TRAINED OVER THE  
4 YEARS. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE ALL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALL THE  
5 VICTIMS OF THAT CRASH. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
6 OF SIDNEY JURMAN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF BURBANK, WHO RECENTLY  
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. SIDNEY WORKED FOR THE BURBANK  
8 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM 1969 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN  
9 2007, SERVING AS BOTH THE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND A  
10 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR. HE WORKED AT JORDAN MIDDLE  
11 SCHOOL AS AN ADAPTIVE P.E. TEACHER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
12 STUDENTS FROM 1969 TO 1990. SIDNEY IS SURVIVED BY THOSE WHO  
13 KNEW HIM AND ALL THAT HE TAUGHT. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN  
14 IN MEMORY OF STEVE KEH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF BURBANK. STEVE  
15 HELD A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BEFORE  
16 TAKING OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS, HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT  
17 SERVICES, HEADQUARTERED IN GLENDALE. HE HAD AN INCREDIBLE  
18 PASSION, BOTH AS A SPORTSCAR AFICIONADO AND FOR THE WILD WEST,  
19 OWNING A FEW HORSES, FREQUENTING SANTA ANITA RACETRACK, AND  
20 ENJOYED COLLECTING RARE GOLD COINS. STEVE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
21 TWO CHILDREN, MATTHEW AND CAMILLE; HIS MOTHER MARTHA; AND HIS  
22 SISTER TINA. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HEIDI RAE  
23 LEVY, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHO  
24 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. SHE WAS A BELOVED  
25 EMPLOYEE OF WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE

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1 SHE SERVED AS CAMPUS SUPERVISOR AT BOWMAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR 20  
2 YEARS. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER INFECTIOUS LAUGH, HER FAMOUS  
3 HUGS, AND DOING WHATEVER IT TOOK TO MAKE A STUDENT'S DAY, OR  
4 MAKE A STUDENT SMILE. HEIDI IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND LUIS,  
5 AND FOUR CHILDREN, RYAN, KAYLA, ERIC, AND MIKE. AND LAST, I  
6 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
7 WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH  
9 DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY THIS MONTH.  
10 TINA CHASE, ARMY; DAVID COMBS, MARINES; RUBEN ELFMAN, ARMY;  
11 DAVID ENCINAS, ARMY; OTIS FRAZIER, MARINES; DAVID HAMPTON,  
12 ARMY; ERIC JOHNSON, NAVY; TONY MANN, AIR FORCE; MICKEY MARTIN,  
13 NAVY; FRANK MILLER, NAVY; DAVID MOSS, ARMY; ROBERT PAIGE JR.,  
14 ARMY; RONALD E. REDDON, ARMY; VINCENT SCORDAN, NAVY; WILEY L.  
15 STARKS, NAVY; CHARLES WILLIAMSON, AIR FORCE. MAY THEIR  
16 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY NEVER  
17 BE FORGOTTEN. AND I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS THAT  
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED ME TO READ IN. BUT I DON'T KNOW  
19 WHERE THEY ARE, SO GO AHEAD AND DO YOURS, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW  
20 WHAT I DID WITH THEM.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO WANT TO ADJOURN IN  
23 MEMORY OF KOBE BRYANT AND GIANNA MARIA-ONORE BRYANT,  
24 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THEY SPENT SO MUCH TIME IN THE FIRST  
25 DISTRICT AT STAPLES CENTER. THEY REALLY DID MAKE DOWNTOWN L.A.

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1 WHAT IT IS TODAY. SO MANY FANS AND PEOPLE VISITED THAT AREA  
2 OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. BUT KOBE BRYANT WAS A DEDICATED  
3 FATHER, A CREATIVE GENIUS, A HERO, WHO FORGED A SPECIAL  
4 CONNECTION WITH LATINOS OVER HIS 20-YEAR N.B.A. CAREER IN THE  
5 LAKERS. IN AN INTERVIEW AFTER HIS LAST GAME, HE WAS QUOTED AS  
6 SAYING, "MY LATINO FANS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE THEY  
7 WERE THE FIRST ONES WHO EMBRACED ME THE MOST WHEN I FIRST GOT  
8 HERE. THEY MEAN EVERYTHING TO ME." THE FEELING WAS MUTUAL.  
9 SINCE SUNDAY, FANS HAVE BEEN CONGREGATING AT STAPLES CENTER,  
10 LOCATED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, LEAVING CANDLES, AND MANY OF  
11 THEM BEARING THE IMAGE OF LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, TO HONOR  
12 COMPA, AS THEY CALLED HIM-- KOBE-- A WORD LATINOS OFTEN USE TO  
13 DESCRIBE A FRIEND. HIS IMAGE HAS BEEN FEATURED ON COBIJAS--  
14 THAT'S BLANKETS; SAN MARCOS-- HEAVY, PLUSH, SOFT BLANKETS THAT  
15 ARE OFTEN SOLD IN EAST L.A. AND THE FASHION DISTRICT; AND ON  
16 MURALS DISPLAYED AT SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES. WHEN ASKED HOW HE LEARNED SPANISH, HIS RESPONSE  
18 WAS WATCHING NOVELAS ALONGSIDE HIS WIFE VANESSA AND HER  
19 MOTHER. WHILE THE STAPLES CENTER IS HOME TO SEVERAL OTHER  
20 SPORTS TEAMS, IT WILL BE REMEMBERED AS HIS HOUSE, IN TERMS OF  
21 WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOME. MAY WE HONOR KOBE'S MEMORY BY  
22 EMBODYING HIS MAMBA MENTALITY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN  
23 MEMORY OF GIANNA "GIGI" MARIA-ONORE BRYANT, KOBE'S 13-YEAR-OLD  
24 DAUGHTER, WHO WAS ON HER WAY TO BECOMING THE BASKETBALL'S  
25 FEMALE VERSION OF HER DAD. OVER THE YEARS, FANS AROUND THE

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1 WORLD WATCHED GIGI GROW FROM A BABY IN KOBE'S ARM, TO A YOUNG  
2 GIRL TRYING TO LIFT HER DAD'S TROPHIES. SHE WAS A HUGE FAN OF  
3 THE GAME, HER DAD, AND WAS DETERMINED TO CARRY ON THE BRYANT  
4 NAME IN BASKETBALL. THEIR LOSS IS A LOSS FOR EVERYONE WHO KNEW  
5 KOBE AND HIS FAMILY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO THE BRYANT  
6 FAMILY, AND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO WERE LOST ON SUNDAY, AND  
7 OUR ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE MOURNING. MAY THEY  
8 ALL REST IN PEACE. LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO ADJOURN IN  
9 THE MEMORY OF FORMER CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK. PETE  
10 STARK SERVED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 40 YEARS,  
11 DURING WHICH HIS MOST NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS LEADING THE  
12 EFFORTS TO EXPAND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.  
13 IN FACT, HE WROTE PARTS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. HE WAS ONE  
14 OF THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN THE HISTORY OF  
15 THIS COUNTRY. HE SERVED ON THE POWERFUL WAYS AND MEANS  
16 COMMITTEE, AND WAS THE CHAIR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH.  
17 CONGRESSMAN STARK WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING THE C.O.B.R.A.  
18 PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWS WORKERS TO KEEP THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE  
19 EVEN AFTER LOSING THEIR JOBS. HE AND I WORKED TOGETHER ON MANY  
20 HEALTHCARE ISSUES WHILE I SERVED ALONGSIDE WITH HIM IN THE  
21 HOUSE. HE WAS A MENTOR. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM AS A  
22 PASSIONATE MAN WHO WAS KNOWN FOR SAYING THINGS THAT WOULD  
23 SOMETIMES UPSET OTHER PEOPLE. HE SAID EXACTLY WHAT HE FELT. HE  
24 PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEKEND AT THE AGE OF 88, AND IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 27 YEARS, DEBORAH, HIS FOUR CHILDREN,

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1 EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE  
2 ALSO REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND JUST ON A SIDE  
5 NOTE, GIGI WANTED TO GO TO SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT, AND THEY  
6 ACTUALLY PUT A JERSEY WITH HER NUMBERS ON ONE OF THE CHAIRS,  
7 WHICH I THOUGHT WAS VERY ENDEARING. I'M GOING TO DO THESE  
8 ADJOURNMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I MOVE THAT  
9 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF MARIE THERESE  
10 BURNS PETERSEN. MS. PETERSEN WAS BORN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON  
11 DECEMBER 1ST, 1937, AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 23RD, 2020, IN  
12 CHICAGO, AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS A LOVING MOTHER AND A  
13 DOTING GRANDMOTHER, AND HER PASSING WILL BE FELT BY MANY. MS.  
14 PETERSEN IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, LISA KRAMP AND KURT  
15 PETERSEN; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, HANNAH, MATTHEW, JOSEPH,  
16 PATRICK, RYAN, AND MOIRA; EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL  
17 ALL MISS HER DEARLY. I'M TRYING TO CHANNEL MY INNER MARK  
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ADELLA  
19 WRIGHT. MS. WRIGHT WAS BORN ON MARCH 21, 1936, IN GROVE HILL,  
20 ALABAMA, AND PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 15, 2019, IN LOS ANGELES,  
21 AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE ATTENDED WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND WILSON'S  
22 CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL,  
23 MS. WRIGHT TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WHILE WORKING AS A VOCALIST  
24 FOR RISING BLUES SINGERS. SHE THEN RETURNED TO GROVE HILL,  
25 ALABAMA, TO RAISE HER FOUR SONS, WHILE WORKING AS A CHILDCARE

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1 PROVIDER FOR A WEALTHY FAMILY, AND SINGING AT THE OCCASIONAL  
2 "JUKE JOINT." IN 1969, MS. WRIGHT RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES,  
3 SEEKING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HER FAMILY. SHE SECURED  
4 HOUSING FOR HER FAMILY WHILE SERVING AS A BUILDING MANAGER FOR  
5 OVER 20 YEARS. MS. WRIGHT WAS KNOWN AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
6 MOTHER, PROVIDING MENTORING, NURTURING, AND MONITORING OF THE  
7 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AT 38TH STREET PLACE. SHE WILL BE  
8 REMEMBERED AS A DEVOTED MATRIARCH OF HER FAMILY, A PERFORMER,  
9 A MODERN-DAY LIFE COACH, FOR HER LOVE OF ELEPHANTS, AND FOR  
10 HER WELCOMING, INDEPENDENT, AND RESILIENT SPIRIT. MS. WRIGHT  
11 IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, CYRUS, DWIGHT, AND RUSSELL; TWO  
12 SISTERS, DOROTHY AND MARTHA; 10 GRANDCHILDREN, INCLUDING  
13 STEPHANIE WRIGHT-MARTINEZ, A STAFF ASSISTANT IN MY OFFICE; 15  
14 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL ALL  
15 MISS HER DEARLY. THOSE ARE THE LAST OF THE ADJOURNMENTS. I  
16 MOVE THAT THE BOARD MEETING BE ALL DONE. NO. OH, I'VE GOT TO  
17 DO THIS. SO, A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENTS. AND NOW I MOVE  
19 THAT WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 28, 2020

### CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

To provide instructions to County real estate negotiators with respect to the possible acquisition of the following property:

Property: 2131 West 3rd Street  
2200 West 3rd Street  
256-262 South Lake Street  
201 South Alvarado Street  
171 South Alvarado Street  
143 South Alvarado Street  
2222 Ocean View Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90057

County Negotiators: Sachi A. Hamai, David P. Howard,  
Thomas J. Faughnan

Negotiating Parties: Verity Health System of California, Inc.,  
and affiliated entities

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment (20-0755)

**No reportable action was taken.**

### CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

City of Beverly Hills, et al. v. Dean C. Logan, et al., Los Angeles

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1 County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP00292

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3 This lawsuit seeks injunctive relief to prevent Los Angeles  
4 County from utilizing the new voting system. (20-0847)

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6 **No reportable action was taken.**

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9 CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS  
10 (Government Code Section 54957)

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12 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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14 **No reportable action was taken.**

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors January 28, 2020,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th  
16 day of February 2020, for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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