



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, AUGUST 10, 2021, ON PAGE 231]

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO  
6 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS  
8 TUESDAY, AUGUST THE 10TH, 2021, AND AS YOU CAN TELL, WE ARE  
9 LIVE. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE  
10 UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED.  
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** GOOD MORNING. NICE TO SEE YOU ALL.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NICOLE TINKHAM AND DON HARRISON, CHIEF  
7 DEPUTIES, COUNTY COUNSEL?

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9 **NICOLE TINKHAM:** GOOD MORNING. WE ARE BOTH HERE.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
12 OF THE BOARD?

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I AM HERE.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I AM GOING TO  
17 CALL ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO LEAD US IN OUR MORNING MEETING  
18 WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, IF YOU WILL  
21 FACE THE FLAG AND PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. READY,  
22 BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
23 AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION  
24 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. AS INDICATED ON THE  
2    POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS  
3    DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD  
4    RECEIVED OVER 34,000 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S  
5    MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF  
6    THEM WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR  
7    CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE  
8    WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT  
9    THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.  
10   MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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12   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,  
13   MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL  
14   BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER, 10:30 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A  
15   DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-  
16   19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE,  
17   SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS  
18   ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 2-D IS A  
19   RECOMMENDATION ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO UNDERTAKE MULTIFAMILY  
20   HOUSING REVENUE BOND FINANCING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75  
21   MILLION, TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
22   VERMONT MANCHESTER FAMILY PROJECT, A 118-UNIT AFFORDABLE  
23   HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. ITEM 3-D IS A  
24   RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO UNDERTAKE BOND  
25   FINANCING, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,950,000, TO FINANCE

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1 CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS  
2 AFFAIRS BUILDING 402 APARTMENTS, CONSISTING OF 120 UNITS OF  
3 PREFABRICATED MODULAR HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS, ON THE  
4 WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS AFFAIRS CAMPUS, IN THE  
5 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF WEST LOS ANGELES. ON PAGE SEVEN, THIS  
6 IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.  
7 ON PAGE EIGHT, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1  
8 THROUGH 24. ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED  
9 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
11 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE  
12 OF THEIR JOINT MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND  
13 BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO WORK WITH LOCAL, COMMUNITY-BASED, MISSION-  
14 DRIVEN ENTITIES, HOUSING PROVIDERS, REAL-ESTATE PROFESSIONALS,  
15 AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, TO REVIEW BEST PRACTICES AND  
16 LESSONS LEARNED. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO  
17 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR  
18 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, THIS  
19 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
20 ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
21 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
22 AGENDA. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
23 HELD. ALSO, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO  
24 REVISE THEIR JOINT MOTION BY DELETING DIRECTIVE NUMBER THREE,  
25 REQUIRING WORKFORCE MEMBERS WHO WORK IN THE HEALTHCARE

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1 SETTINGS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19 WITHIN THE  
2 NEXT 60 DAYS AS MANDATORY CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR  
3 CONTRACT SERVICE. ON PAGE 33, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 25  
4 THROUGH 75. ON ITEM 25, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
5 THAT ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 31ST, 2021. ON ITEM 26, THE  
6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
7 TO OCTOBER 19TH, 2021. ON ITEM 54, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 31ST, 2021. ON  
9 PAGE 57, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
10 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
11 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 73-  
12 A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
13 73-B, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
14 73-C, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
15 73-E, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
16 ITEM 73-F, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
17 THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 73-F, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE  
21 ORDER.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 58, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON  
24 PAGE 59, SEPARATE MATTER. ON PAGE 60, NOTICE OF CLOSED



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1 SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM  
2 CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL  
5 HEAR FROM SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHO HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE  
6 BOARD ON ITEMS 16 AND 73-F, AND HE WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.  
7 PLEASE BEGIN, SHERIFF.

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9 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ITEM NUMBER  
10 16. I BELIEVE MEASURE J WAS FOUND TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN  
11 THE COURT RULING, HERE IN SUPERIOR COURT. HOWEVER, NOW YOU ARE  
12 CHANGING THE NAME FROM MEASURE J TO A... WHAT IS THIS CALLED?  
13 A CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
14 INSTEAD OF THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, CHANGING  
15 THE NAME OF IT DOES NOT CHANGE THE NATURE OF IT. THIS ACT IS  
16 NOT THERE'S NOT ANY MOMENTUM BEHIND CARE FIRST AND JAIL LAST.  
17 THERE'S MOMENTUM BEHIND TAKING CARE OF THE HOMELESS CRISIS  
18 THAT'S ENGULFING THE COUNTY. THERE'S MOMENTUM BEHIND GETTING  
19 RID OF THE ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS IN THE HIGH DESERT  
20 DISPENSARIES IN THE SOUTHLAND. THERE'S MOMENTUM BEHIND TRYING  
21 TO FIND A WAY TO SOLVE OUR SURGE IN HOMICIDES. IT IS NOW A 70%  
22 INCREASE IN HOMICIDE VICTIMS, COMPARED TO LAST YEAR AT THE  
23 SAME TIME. THAT IS WHERE THE MOMENTUM IS AT. THAT IS PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY. SO THE \$100 MILLION THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE  
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND PUT IN A PROVISIONAL FUNDING

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1 UNIT, TO THEN HAND IT OVER TO THE MEASURE J, ALL YOU ARE DOING  
2 IS CHANGING THE NAME, BUT IT IS THE VERY SAME PROBLEM. AND I  
3 LOOKED THROUGH THIS ENTIRE ITEM, NUMBER 16, AND IT LOOKS LIKE  
4 A "BUREAUCRATIC ORGY OF WOKENESS" IS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE  
5 THIS THING. OH, MY GOD. AND RACE-BASED APPOINTMENTS TO A 24-  
6 MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE? THAT'S-- I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU EVEN  
7 CLEAR THIS THROUGH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF  
8 THIS? IT SOUNDS... I DON'T KNOW. IT IS HARD TO EVEN DESCRIBE  
9 THIS, AND I FIND I AM RATHER EDUCATED ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
10 AFFAIRS. I READ THROUGH THIS ENTIRE MOTION, AND ALL IT IS IS A  
11 GIVEAWAY OF TAXPAYER FUNDS. IT BELONGS IN PUBLIC SAFETY TO  
12 KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE, AND YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE IT TO 501(C)(3)S  
13 THAT YOU CONTROL, AND THEY ARE YOUR FRIENDS. AND THAT IS THE  
14 SAME HOMELESS INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX NATURE OF THE SERVICE  
15 PROVIDERS. ALL THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT WITH ZERO  
16 ACCOUNTABILITY, ZERO OVERSIGHT, AND JUST LIKE WITH THE  
17 HOMELESS INITIATIVE: \$6.5 BILLION OVER TEN YEARS TO SEE THE  
18 PROBLEM DOUBLE. SO NOW THAT WE HAVE DESPERATE NEED FOR PUBLIC  
19 SAFETY FUNDS TO ADDRESS THESE MAJOR THREATS THAT WE ARE  
20 FACING, I HAVE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT,  
21 TRYING TO MAKE DUE WITH A STAGGERING CASE LOAD. THEY CAN'T  
22 KEEP UP WITH IT. AND WE ARE ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL, JUST TO  
23 SATISFY ALL THE DEMANDS OF OUR CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT. AND THAT  
24 \$100 MILLION, YOU SHOULD REALLOCATE IT BACK TO PUBLIC SAFETY,  
25 WHERE IT BELONGS, SO WE CAN KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE AND SAFE IN L.A.



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1 COUNTY. AND THEN YOU CAN START "REIMAGINING" THINGS, WHEN  
2 PEOPLE ARE SAFE. BUT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT THE WAY YOU  
3 HAVE DONE IT SO FAR, AND THIS MEASURE, I THINK, IS A FRAUD.  
4 THE WHOLE THING. AND THIS ENTIRE CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST, YOU  
5 NEED TO START RETHINKING IT, REAL QUICK. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA.  
8 HOWEVER, I KNOW I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOU. NOW,  
9 MEMBERS, WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA  
10 ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN  
11 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN  
12 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE  
13 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON  
16 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC  
17 COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE  
18 NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL (877) 226-8163, AND  
19 USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER  
20 IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY,  
21 PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO  
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN: WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO  
23 SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH  
24 TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM,  
25 OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN

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1 ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH  
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE,  
3 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP  
4 TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS. IF THERE  
5 ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED, WE  
6 WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL  
7 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL  
8 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS,  
9 YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY  
10 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF  
11 WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL  
12 GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO  
13 NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF  
14 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE  
15 CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU  
16 ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR  
17 SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE  
18 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT  
19 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE  
20 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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22 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE  
23 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO  
24 NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM  
25 THE QUEUE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH  
3 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [REMINDER GIVEN IN SPANISH.]

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAK,  
6 PLEASE?

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JACQUE CARTER. PLEASE  
9 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND  
10 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 73-A, AND I DO HAVE A  
14 COMMENT. I AM A NURSE WORKING AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL  
15 CENTER, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EPIDEMIC IS SOMETHING,  
16 OBVIOUSLY, NONE OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED BEFORE, BUT I BELIEVE  
17 THAT THE SCIENCE DEMONSTRATES THAT THE VACCINE IS SAFE. MY  
18 CONCERN IS BEING ABLE TO COME TO WORK AND BEING ABLE TO DO MY  
19 JOB, TO FEEL SAFE THAT MY COWORKERS ARE VACCINATED, AND THAT  
20 IS NOT A CONCERN, THAT WE ARE NOT RECEIVING SICK CALLS, AND  
21 THAT WE ARE NOT SHORT-STAFFED. THEREFORE, I JUST SUPPORT THE  
22 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS- THANK YOU VERY MUCH-- THAT  
23 EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE VACCINATED, AND THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO  
24 SAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF TAB RHODES.

4 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

5 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **TAB RHODES:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM

9 NUMBERS 21, 73-A, AND GENERAL COMMENT. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS

10 OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS TAB RHODES, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF

11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS

12 ASSOCIATION, WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 9,000 ACTIVE AND RETIRED

13 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE. OUR MEMBERS, BY DEFINITION OF

14 THEIR ROLES, ADVOCATE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS

15 ANGELES COUNTY. HOWEVER, THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, LIKE MANY

16 OTHER ISSUES IN SOCIETY CURRENTLY, IS OFTEN DEFINED BY

17 EMOTION. MANY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP HAVE ALREADY BEEN VACCINATED

18 OR, AS FRONTLINE RESPONDERS, SUFFERED THE EFFECTS OF

19 C.O.V.I.D.-19, PRESUMABLY NOW HAVING ANTIBODIES AGAINST FUTURE

20 INFECTION. OTHERS HAVE STRONG FEELINGS RELATED TO THE VACCINE

21 AND ITS LACK OF F.D.A. APPROVAL. FOR THESE REASONS, WE CANNOT

22 SUPPORT A BLANKET MANDATE OF VACCINATIONS FOR COUNTY

23 EMPLOYEES, AS DEFINED IN 73-A. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE

24 GOVERNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING

25 THIS HEALTH CRISIS, OUR ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THE EXECUTIVE

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1 ORDER OF ITEM 73, AS WRITTEN, IS TOO RESTRICTIVE, AND WILL  
2 ACTUALLY HARM THE INTENTION. CONVERSELY, OUR MEMBERS WOULD  
3 APPRECIATE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS OF THE RELATED MOTION, ITEM NUMBER 21. THE BUILT-  
5 IN OPTIONS OF OBTAINING A VACCINATION AND/OR WEEKLY TESTING  
6 WOULD BE VIEWED BY OUR MEMBERS AS MORE BENEFICIAL,  
7 COLLABORATIVE, AND PRESENT A LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLIANCE,  
8 WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL: NAVIGATION OF THIS PANDEMIC AND  
9 RETURNING TO LIFE AS NORMAL. FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP TO FULLY  
10 EMBRACE COMPLIANCE WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19 PROTOCOLS, WE NEED MORE  
11 INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED POLICIES AND TESTING PROCEDURES. IF  
12 WE COULD, ONE SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO RESEARCH EXISTING BEST  
13 PRACTICES OF OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY  
14 PRESENTED PROTOCOLS ENACTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH, AS IT RELATED TO STATE EMPLOYEES. THESE  
16 PROTOCOLS SEEM TO COMMUNICATE THE STATE'S INTENTIONS IN  
17 ADDRESSING THIS PANDEMIC, AS WELL AS COULD BE USED FOR  
18 UNIFORMITY TOWARDS EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY WITH THOSE OF  
19 NEIGHBORING CITIES AND COUNTIES. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IS GRATEFUL FOR THE  
21 RECOGNITION BY THIS BOARD OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING WITH  
22 THE COUNTY'S LABOR PARTNERS. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THIS AND  
23 OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH  
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THESE CONCERNS. THANK YOU IN

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1 ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF OUR MEMBERS'

2 PERSPECTIVES AND SACRIFICES AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF BRAD

7 SPELLBERG. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

8 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL

9 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **DR. BRAD SPELLBERG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SPEAKING ON ITEM 73-

12 A, MY NAME IS DR. BRAD SPELLBERG. I AM THE CHIEF MEDICAL

13 OFFICER AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., AND ALSO THE INTERIM CHIEF

14 MEDICAL OFFICER AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER. I WANT TO START

15 BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR

16 THE COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN IN TAKING ON

17 THE VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF VACCINATIONS. IT IS A

18 CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC. WE KNOW THE VACCINES ARE SAFE AND

19 EFFECTIVE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, SOME

20 PEOPLE ARE NOT COMFORTABLE BEING VACCINATED. I REVIEW ALL NEW

21 C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE TESTS AT BOTH L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND OLIVE VIEW

22 EVERY DAY, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF

23 JULY, 98% OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO BOTH HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF

24 C.O.V.I.D. HAVE BEEN UNVACCINATED. THIS IS TRULY A PANDEMIC OF

25 THE UNVACCINATED. NOW, WE HAVE TRIED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO



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1 TRY, TO DO OUTREACH TO PROVIDE REASSURANCE, AND CLARIFY, AND  
2 PROVIDE FACTS TO PROVIDE REASSURANCE TO FOLKS, SO THEY FEEL--

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF JOSE  
8 OSUNA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
9 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **JOSE OSUNA:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 20,  
13 AND PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. MY NAME IS JOSE  
14 OSUNA. I SERVE AS HOUSING JUSTICE MANAGER FOR BRILLIANT  
15 CORNERS, AND I AM THE FOURTH-DISTRICT APPOINTEE FOR THE PUBLIC  
16 SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM. IN ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 20, FIRST  
17 AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION, AND I URGE THIS BOARD TO  
19 UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT THEM IN THIS MOTION. AND I ALSO WANT TO  
20 THANK MY FELLOW PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE  
21 WORK THAT WENT INTO DEVELOPING THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND  
22 THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS THAT GO ALONG WITH IT. I SUPPORT  
23 THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. I THINK IT IS A GREAT FIRST STEP IN  
24 THE COUNTY TAKING A REAL APPROACH TO CARE FIRST, AND JAILS  
25 LAST. I LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING THIS TEAM INTO A MUCH MORE

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1 PROGRESSIVE BODY, AND A MUCH MORE COMMUNITY-CENTERED BODY. I  
2 REALLY WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM FOR  
3 HIGHLY RANKING ALL THE O.D.R. BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS THAT GO  
4 ALONG WITH THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, ALONG WITH A PERSONAL  
5 THANK-YOU ON APPROVING HIGH RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BREAKING  
6 BARRIERS HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH IS UNDER BRILLIANT CORNERS.  
7 ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD, ALSO, FOR EXPANDING  
8 THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL  
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS MOVING FORWARD IN ALLOWING THIS  
10 BODY TO HAVE COMMUNITY ALTERNATES. I HOPE OTHER COMMISSIONS  
11 THAT ARE UNDER THE COUNTY STRUCTURE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS, AS  
12 WELL. HAVING COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AS REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS  
13 TEAM, I THINK, HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIVE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
14 THE WORK THAT WE WILL BE DOING IN REPRESENTATION OF THE  
15 COMMUNITY. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND  
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PRESENTING THE MOTION UNDER ITEM 20, AND  
17 I URGE THIS BOARD TO UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 20. THANK  
18 YOU VERY MUCH. I YIELD MY TIME.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU  
23 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 ON YOUR  
24 TOUCHTONE PHONE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE DR. CHINH NAM  
25 HATHUC. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **DR. CHINHNAM HATHUC:** HELLO. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ON ITEM 73-A  
5 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS DR. CHINHNAM HATHUC. I  
6 AM THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH  
7 CENTER, IN WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA. WITH THE DELTA VARIANT  
8 INFECTION SURGING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND ACROSS THE U.S., WE  
9 SEE IT IN OUR CLINICS, AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE TAKE BOLD AND  
10 COURAGEOUS STEPS TO PROTECT NOT JUST COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BUT THE  
11 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WE SERVE. WE KNOW THAT VACCINES ARE SAFE  
12 AND EFFECTIVE, AND THEY ARE WIDELY ACCESSIBLE. BY REQUIRING  
13 VACCINES, WE ARE NOT ONLY PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
14 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BUT OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, AS WELL.  
15 AND THIS WILL ALSO SET A STRONG EXAMPLE TO EMPLOYEES IN THE  
16 COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION, THAT L.A. COUNTY IS PREPARED TO  
17 LEAD AND DO THE RIGHT THING TO END THIS PANDEMIC. I'M CALLING  
18 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION RATIFYING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
19 EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE FULLY  
20 VACCINATED BY OCTOBER 1ST, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF IVETTE ALE. PLEASE  
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,  
3 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU  
4 MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD MORNING. IVETTE ALE, WITH DIGNITY AND POWER  
7 NOW, JUSTICE L.A., AND REIMAGINE L.A., A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT  
8 5. I WILL SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 16, 20, AND 73-F, AND GENERAL  
9 PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I SUPPORT ITEMS THREE, FOUR, SIX, 14, AND  
10 23. ON ITEM 16, AS PART OF THE LEADERSHIP BODY OF REIMAGINE  
11 L.A., I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT  
12 TO 2 MILLION L.A. COUNTY VOTERS; BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOUR  
13 COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR  
14 COMMUNITIES. YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE POWER TO TRANSFORM THE  
15 BUDGET. IT IS YOUR LEGAL RIGHT AND YOUR DUTY, REGARDLESS OF  
16 THE SHERIFF'S LIES AND POLITICAL MANEUVERING. THE SHERIFF DOES  
17 NOT CARE ABOUT SAFETY. HE CARES ABOUT MAINTAINING POWER, AND  
18 THAT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR BY HIS COMMENTS THIS MORNING. BUT  
19 THROUGH THE C.F.C.I. ADVISORY BODY, YOU ARE INVESTING IN  
20 PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU ARE INVESTING IN SERVICES, HOUSING, YOUTH  
21 DEVELOPMENT, THE THINGS WE THE PEOPLE KNOW ACTUALLY KEEP US  
22 SAFE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AMENDING THE MOTION  
23 TO INCLUDE COMPENSATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE BODY. I  
24 SIT ON MULTIPLE COUNTY COMMISSIONS, AND I CAN ATTEST TO THE  
25 AMOUNT OF LABOR THAT GOES INTO PARTICIPATING IN THOSE BODIES.

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1    COMPENSATION SHOULD BE STANDARD FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS  
2    ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONS. I ALSO WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO  
3    FORMALIZE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THIS  
4    BUDGET PROCESS, AS WELL AS THE A.B. 109 BUDGET PROCESS.  
5    PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WAS A KEY RECOMMENDATION UPLIFTED BY  
6    COMMUNITY IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY  
7    SUBCOMMITTEE OF MEASURE J, WHICH I CO-CHAired, ALONG WITH DAN  
8    LANGFORD OF THE CARPENTERS' UNION. COMMUNITY WISDOM IS  
9    CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT A CARE-FIRST VISION IS NOT ONLY  
10    EFFECTIVE, BUT INNOVATIVE, AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WOULD  
11    ALLOW FOR THAT PROCESS. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO RECOMMEND THAT  
12    THE C.E.O. REHIRE WILSON & ASSOCIATES. KRISTA'S TEAM WAS  
13    FANTASTIC IN SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY IN THIS PROCESS, SO I  
14    HIGHLY URGE YOU ALL TO REHIRE WILSON & ASSOCIATES AND KRISTA'S  
15    TEAM. ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 20, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR  
16    EXPANDING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE P.S.R.T. I WAS  
17    HONORED TO BE PART OF THE P.S.R.T., HONORED TO BE WORKING WITH  
18    COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIKE JOSE OSUNA, LIKE MARISA, A LOT OF FOLKS  
19    THAT ARE COMMITTED TO CHANGE, AND THE BOARD'S NEW VISION FOR  
20    CARE FIRST INTEGRATED INTO A.B. 109 WAS CRITICAL. FOR A  
21    DECADE, THE P.S.R.T. HAS BASICALLY FUNCTIONED AS A RUBBER  
22    STAMP FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET. BUT WHAT WE SAW THROUGH  
23    THE PROCESS WAS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR  
24    SHIFTING FUNDING TO A.T.I., TO O.D.R. AND MOST NOTABLY, IN THE  
25    BUDGET PROCESS THAT WE APPROVED JUST A WEEK AGO WAS FOR A

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1 COMMUNITY SET-ASIDE OF A.B. 109 BUDGETS, IN A THREE-YEAR RAMP-  
2 UP TO 80% FOR A COMMUNITY OF THE A.B. 109 BUDGET. THIS IS  
3 TRANSFORMATIVE. THIS WILL SAVE LIVES. AND SO I WANT TO COMMEND  
4 YOU ALL FOR YOUR VISIONARY ACTION IN REFORMATTING THE P.S.R.T.  
5 AND ALSO, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A  
6 MAJOR CHANGE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AND REALLY, IN ORDER  
7 TO IMPLEMENT THE P.S.R.T. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, WE REALLY NEED  
8 THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. TO ALSO SUPPORT THE BUDGET PROPOSALS  
9 AND THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT OF THE P.S.R.T.  
10 WE CAN'T JUST GIVE LIP SERVICE TO A PLAN WITHOUT--

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
13 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF CHRISTIAN GARCIA.  
16 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
17 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
18 YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **CHRISTIAN GARCIA:** HI. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS  
21 CHRISTIAN GARCIA. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 73-A AND GENERAL  
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM WITH EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO, THE AZUSA  
23 HEALTH CENTER. WE ARE A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, AND  
24 WE'VE FIRST-HANDEDLY SEEN THE IMPACT THAT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19  
25 PANDEMIC HAS HAD IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE LOST VALUABLE



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1 CLINICIANS AND LOST MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THIS VIRUS, AND  
2 WE ARE VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
3 MOTION REQUIRING OVER 100,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE FULLY  
4 VACCINATED. THIS IS A BOLD MOVE TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR  
5 COMMUNITY, TO PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES AGAINST THIS VIRUS THAT  
6 HAS JUST BEEN DEVASTATING OUR COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO THANK THE  
7 REST OF THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THIS, AND HOPEFULLY  
8 RATIFYING THE MOTION. AS WE ALL KNOW, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THE  
9 VACCINES ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR COMBATING  
10 C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND SLOWING THE SPREAD, SO THIS ACTION IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED, ESPECIALLY WITH THE  
12 SURGE OF THE DELTA VARIANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF CARA DRAKE WYATT.  
17 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
18 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
19 YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **CAR DRAKE WYATT:** HI. MY NAME IS CARA DRAKE WYATT. I'M  
22 COMMENTING ON ITEM 73-A AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M AN  
23 R.N. AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IN THE EMERGENCY  
24 DEPARTMENT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE  
25 MOTION OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE MANDATES FOR L.A. COUNTY

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1 EMPLOYEES. I AM FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDER. L.A. COUNTY  
2 HAS RISING NUMBERS WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
3 PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS OUR RESIDENTS. AND AS FAR AS  
4 HAVING THE VACCINE ON BOARD, IT WILL HELP OUT EVERYBODY ACROSS  
5 THE BOARD. THERE'S A POPULATION, THOUGH, WHO CAN'T GET IT,  
6 LIKE PEOPLE WITH AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, OR PEOPLE WHO ARE  
7 PREGNANT, AND SMALL CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T DO AS WELL,  
8 LIKE THE ELDERLY. SO, AT LEAST, IF WE ARE PROTECTED, THEY KNOW  
9 THEY CAN COME TO L.A. COUNTY FOR SAFE CARE. I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 THANK THE BOARD, AND HOPE THE BOARD SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. I AM  
11 PROUD TO SEE L.A. COUNTY TAKING STEPS TO SLOW THIS PANDEMIC.  
12 L.A. COUNTY IS A USUAL LEADER, AND WE'LL BE A GREAT EXAMPLE.  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF BRENDA ORTEGA.  
18 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
19 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **BRENDA ORTEGA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM  
23 SPEAKING ON ITEM 73-A. MY NAME IS BRENDA ORTEGA, AND I AM WITH  
24 [INAUDIBLE], A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN EAST SIDE OF  
25 LOS ANGELES. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION RATIFYING

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1 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING OVER  
2 100,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE FULLY VACCINATED BY OCTOBER  
3 1ST. WITH THE NEW DELTA VARIANT RISING IN L.A. COUNTY AND  
4 ACROSS THE U.S., IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE STEPS TO PROTECT  
5 THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. BY REQUIRING  
6 VACCINATION TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, NOT ONLY ARE WE INSURING  
7 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN  
8 PUBLIC-FACING ROLES, BUT WE ARE REASSURING RESIDENTS THAT IT  
9 IS SAFE TO ACCESS THE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES THE COUNTY  
10 PROVIDES. AND THIS SETS A STRONG EXAMPLE TO EMPLOYERS IN THE  
11 COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION THAT L.A. COUNTY IS PREPARED TO  
12 LEAD AND DO THE RIGHT THING TO END THIS PANDEMIC. RESEARCH HAS  
13 SHOWN THAT VACCINATION IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR  
14 FIGHTING C.O.V.I.D. AND IN SLOWING THE SPREAD. I AM PROUD TO  
15 SEE--

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
18 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** YES, THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF  
21 REVEREND WALTER CONTRERAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA  
22 ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS  
23 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1    **REV. WALTER CONTRERAS:** YES. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 73-A AND  
2    GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS REVEREND WALTER CONTRERAS.  
3    I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF NAL.E.C., NATIONAL LATINO  
4    EVANGELICAL COALITION, WITH MORE THAN 3,000 CONGREGATIONS, AND  
5    I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. AND  
6    YES, LIKE EVERYONE HAS SAID BEFORE, I AM CALLING TODAY IN  
7    SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF RATIFYING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
8    EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING THAT OVER 100,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
9    TO BE FULLY VACCINATED. THE RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT  
10    VACCINATION IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF COMBATING  
11    C.O.V.I.D. AND SLOWING THE SPREAD. SO AT THIS TIME, I SUPPORT  
12    THAT EVERYONE IS COMING TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THIS IN A  
13    DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND TO SHOW STRONG LEADERSHIP IN  
14    REGARDS TO THE PANDEMIC. AND I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THE LOS  
15    ANGELES COUNTY, AND I AM READY TO BE PART AND TO DO WHAT I  
16    CAN, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE BOARD AND THIS MOTION. THANK YOU  
17    VERY MUCH.

18

19    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21    **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU  
22    WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY,  
23    PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A  
24    SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. NEXT, WE  
25    WILL GO TO DR. MICHAEL ETZEL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA

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1 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS  
2 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **DR. MICHAEL ETZEL:** HI, THERE. MY NAME IS DR. ETZEL, AND I AM A  
5 PSYCHIATRIST AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. HOSPITAL. I WILL BE ADDRESSING  
6 THE EXECUTIVE ORDER INTRODUCED BY CHAIR HILDA SOLIS, S-1. SO,  
7 I AM CALLING TODAY ON BEHALF OF MY COWORKERS AND FELLOW UNION  
8 MEMBERS OF C.I.R. AND S.E.I.U. WE ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE  
9 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER REQUIRING HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF L.A.  
10 COUNTY TO GET VACCINATED. AS DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS, WE'VE  
11 WORKED TIRELESSLY TO EDUCATE OUR PATIENTS AND THE COMMUNITY ON  
12 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VARIOUS C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES, AND  
13 DISPEL THE MANY HARMFUL MYTHS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPAGATED. THE  
14 DELTA VARIANT IS HERE. IT IS ON THE RISE. IT IS EVERYWHERE.  
15 AND L.A. COUNTY HAS 3 MILLION VACCINE-ELIGIBLE, AND 1.3  
16 MILLION INELIGIBLE RESIDENTS, WHO CONTINUE TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE  
17 TO INFECTION AND ARE AT RISK FOR DEVELOPING SERIOUS SYMPTOMS  
18 OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. L.A. COUNTY MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THE  
19 SAFETY OF ALL LOS ANGELENOS. WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR  
20 COMMUNITY FROM EXPERIENCING ANOTHER UNPRECEDENTED SURGE LIKE  
21 THAT OF JANUARY 2021. THE ONLY WAY TO COMBAT THIS C.O.V.I.D.  
22 SPREAD IS TO GET TO HERD IMMUNITY. VACCINES DO WORK, AND WE  
23 SUPPORT THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ISSUED BY THE CHAIR. THANK  
24 YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

4 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

5 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.

9 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM REALLY HOPING THAT WE REOPEN THE

10 BOARD SO I CAN SEE YOUR WONDERFUL SUPERVISORS' FACES, AND MORE

11 ABLE TO SPEAK. BUT ANYWAY, S-1, I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO BE

12 CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU WISH. I MEAN, DR. BRAD SPELLBERG, AND ALSO

13 DR. HATHUC, HAVE TOLD YOU THAT THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE

14 GETTING SICK NOW ARE THE UNVACCINATED, AND I THINK YOU NEED TO

15 REALLY PUT AN EFFORT ON THAT, AND NOT PENALIZE THE PEOPLE WHO

16 ARE VACCINATED. ITEM 25, AGAIN, HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM

17 JANUARY 14, 2020, TO AUGUST 31, 2021. BUT THE BOARD PRIORITY,

18 I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I THINK WE SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS

19 GOING ON, AND WE SHOULD KNOW WHAT PRIORITY THE BOARD HAS

20 REALLY SET UP. ON ITEM 26, AGAIN, IT IS A STATUS REPORT FROM

21 L.A.H.S.A. THAT WAS DUE ON 10/21/19, AND NOW IS PUSHED BACK TO

22 10/19/21. IT WILL BE ALMOST TWO YEARS. IS HOMELESSNESS NOT A

23 CRISIS? WHY TWO YEARS TO GET A REPORT? I MEAN, THAT'S

24 UNCONSCIONABLE. ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AND



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1 WEEK, AND HOPEFULLY, BY NEXT MONTH, I CAN SEE YOU IN PERSON.

2 TAKE CARE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ELLEN GEESEY. PLEASE

7 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,

8 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU

9 MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELLEN GEESEY. I WILL BE ADDRESSING

12 ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, 6, 14, 16, 20, 23, 27, AND 73-S, IN

13 FAVOR FOR ALL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON 14, 20, AND 23. I

14 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STATE, BEFORE I BEGIN, HOW ABSOLUTELY

15 IRRITATING AND ENRAGING IT IS TO LISTEN TO VILLANUEVA COME ON

16 AT THE BEGINNING OF THESE MEETINGS, GET DEDICATED TIME AHEAD

17 OF THE REST OF THE PUBLIC, TO SIT THERE AND GASLIGHT YOU AND

18 CONTINUE TO SPEW HIS ABSOLUTE BILE ON ALL OF US. IN REGARDS TO

19 ITEM 14-- AGAIN, SUPPORTING ALL OF THESE ITEMS-- RACISM AND

20 INEQUALITY ARE WOVEN INTO THE VERY FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES,

21 INCLUDING ITS INFRASTRUCTURE. FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION HAS

22 HISTORICALLY AND PERCENTLY OCCURRED IN BLACK AND BROWN

23 COMMUNITIES, LEADING TO WORSE ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES, SUCH AS

24 SMOG AND AIR POLLUTION, WHICH KILLS HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE EACH

25 YEAR. BLACK CHILDREN SUFFER FROM ASTHMA AT MUCH HIGHER RATES,

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1 AND ARE KILLED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AT DISPROPORTIONATE  
2 RATES. ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF PUBLIC TRANSIT RIDERS ARE PEOPLE  
3 OF COLOR, WHO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE LOS  
4 ANGELES TRANSIT SYSTEM. ANTIRACISM IS A CONTINUOUS PATH IN A  
5 COUNTY THAT WAS FOUNDED ON THE DISCRIMINATION OF B.I.P.O.C.  
6 ANGELENOS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE MOST OF OUR GOVERNMENT  
7 SERVICES AND OPERATIONS FROM THEIR PAST AND PRESENT RACIST  
8 INFLUENCE. ANTIRACISM MUST BE INTEGRATED INTO THE FABRIC OF  
9 ALL COUNTY OPERATIONS. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 20 AND THE A.B.  
10 109 SPENDING, THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM'S PROPOSED  
11 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO RESHAPE THE  
12 COUNTY'S APPROACH TO INCARCERATION, HOLISTIC MENTAL HEALTH  
13 SERVICES, AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED  
14 ORGANIZATIONS; WHICH, BY THE WAY, WILL TIE RIGHT BACK INTO  
15 HELPING WITH THE RACISM ISSUE, AS WE KNOW THAT THE CARCERAL  
16 SYSTEM AND THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY  
17 AFFECT B.I.P.O.C. COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
18 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MOVING L.A. COUNTY TOWARDS  
19 A CARE-FIRST FUTURE.

20  
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
22 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23  
24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JAMES WHEELER.  
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

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1 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **JAMES WHEELER:** YES, I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 21 AND 73, AND  
5 EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO 16. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD, I'M JAMES WHEELER, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS  
7 ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
8 COMMENT, ON BEHALF OF NEARLY 8,000 DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND  
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS, ON THE TWO MOTIONS. WE  
10 APPRECIATE PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR  
11 WORKFORCE, AND THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS OF THIS EFFORT WE WOULD  
12 LIKE TO VERY MUCH SUPPORT. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
13 SPREADING OF THE DELTA VARIANT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR  
14 DEPUTIES AND OUR D.A.I.S ARE AMONG THE MOST EXPOSED OF ANY  
15 COUNTY WORKER, AND WE NEED THEM PROTECTED. WE WANT TO CONVEY  
16 OUR EARLY SUPPORT TO MS. HAHN FOR HER APPROACH THAT PROVIDES  
17 FOR A TESTING OPTION. TO FULLY SUPPORT THE MOTION, WE NEED  
18 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED, HOW  
19 THE MANDATORY VACCINE REQUIREMENT WILL BE APPLIED, AND MOST  
20 IMPORTANTLY, HOW YOUR BOARD INTENDS TO ENGAGE THESE IMPORTANT  
21 ISSUES IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS. THAT'S WHY WE  
22 APPRECIATE THE SECOND PART OF MS. HAHN'S MOTION: TO ENGAGE  
23 WITH THE COUNTY'S LABOR PARTNERS. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE STANDING  
24 BY TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH YOU, YOUR STAFF, AND OUR  
25 COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
3 PLEASE?

4

5 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MICHAEL BAYLOR.  
6 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
7 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
8 YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. I WILL CALL HIM TODAY AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO. HELLO, YOU CAN BEGIN. HELLO,  
13 MICHAEL BAYLOR? PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WILL CALL HENRY TODAY.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO, MICHAEL BAYLOR? PLEASE BEGIN. YOUR  
18 LINE IS OPEN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. HI. MY NAME IS MICHAEL  
21 BAYLOR. I AM WITH THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING, IN VAN  
22 NUYS. I AM A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, AND I AM CALLING IN  
23 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 73-F. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
24 COMMENT SPECIFICALLY TO FULLY FUNDING THE HARM REDUCTION, THE  
25 ORIGINAL AMOUNT THAT THE ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTED TO THE

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1 BOARD. AND THE REASON IS, ON A PERSONAL NOTE, AND THE CLIENT  
2 THAT I AM WORKING WITH, WE CURRENTLY HAVE ONE HOUSING RESOURCE  
3 THAT IS BASED IN HARM REDUCTION FOR A WHOLE COMMUNITY THAT IS  
4 IN NEED, AND IT IS NOT SERVING THE POPULATION THAT OUR ONE  
5 ORGANIZATION IS TRYING TO GET TO: PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING  
6 WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND HOMELESSNESS. A LITTLE OVER A  
7 YEAR AGO, I WAS DOWNTOWN. I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO GET MYSELF A  
8 TENT, I WAS SO DEEP INTO MY ADDICTION. AND BECAUSE OF HARM  
9 REDUCTION FUNDS, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND THE  
10 COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THIS KIND OF FUNDING, I HAVE BEEN ABLE  
11 TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND. HARM REDUCTION OFFERS A BRIDGE TO 12-  
12 STEP RECOVERY, TO ABSTINENCE-BASED RECOVERY, AND IT TELLS  
13 PEOPLE THAT THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR WELLBEING, THAT THEY ARE  
14 WORTHY OF IT, THAT THEY DESERVE IT.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
17 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU  
20 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.  
21 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED  
22 FROM THE QUEUE.

23

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH  
2   INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH.]  
3   THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

5   **MODERATOR:** YES. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF DANA HADL,  
6   PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR GENERAL ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
7   TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
8   YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10   **DANA HADL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER SIX. MY  
11   NAME IS DANA HADL, AND I AM WITH BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES,  
12   WHERE I AM THE DIRECTING ATTORNEY FOR BOTH THE LOW-INCOME TAX  
13   CLINIC AND THE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS PROJECT. I AM CALLING TODAY  
14   TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S RECOMMENDATION,  
15   WHICH WOULD ENSURE ACCESS TO THE CHILD TAX CREDIT AND OTHER  
16   FINANCIAL [INAUDIBLE]. ALMOST 1 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED  
17   IMMIGRANTS CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME. THIS IS NEARLY HALF  
18   OF CALIFORNIA'S UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION. DESPITE THE  
19   SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES COLLECTIVELY MADE BY  
20   THIS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, THEY  
21   HAVE LARGELY BEEN LEFT OUT OF ECONOMIC RELIEF. IT IS  
22   IMPERATIVE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROVIDE THE OUTREACH,  
23   EDUCATION, AND ASSISTANCE NECESSARY SO THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARE  
24   ELIGIBLE FOR THESE TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE  
25   ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS STATE-SPONSORED



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1 ECONOMIC RELIEF. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND  
2 CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MAY WE  
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** YES, THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF J.  
8 STEPHEN BRANTLEY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU  
9 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN  
13 BRANTLEY. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I WILL BE  
14 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 4, 73-F, AND MAKING GENERAL  
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A FORMERLY UNHOUSED RECOVERING HEROIN USER  
16 WHO IS ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE OF HARM REDUCTION, AND AS SOMEONE  
17 TRAINED IN OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND REVERSAL, I WANT TO START  
18 WITH 73-F. MY LIVED EXPERIENCE MAKES ME GRATEFUL FOR YOUR  
19 COMMITMENT TO A CARE-FIRST LOS ANGELES, AND IT IS WHY I URGE  
20 YOU TO MAINTAIN THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE  
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FUND THE EXPANSION OF HARM REDUCTION  
22 PROGRAMS AT \$15 MILLION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF '21/'22. HARM  
23 REDUCTION PROVIDERS ARE CONFRONTING THE MOST DEADLY OVERDOSE  
24 CRISIS WE HAVE EVER SEEN, AND AT THE SAME TIME RESPONDING TO A  
25 PANDEMIC-RELATED DISEASE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY

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1 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE UNHOUSED. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE  
2 ABLE TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THEIR LIFESAVING WORK. WITHOUT  
3 FULL INVESTMENT IN HARM REDUCTION AND AGENCIES, LIKE THE  
4 O.D.R., THAT SUPPORT IT, THE ADVERSE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED  
5 WITH DRUG USE WILL ONLY WORSEN. I BELIEVE WE ARE AT A CRUCIAL  
6 MOMENT. IN LIGHT OF THIS WEEK'S L.A. TIMES FENTANYL PANIC  
7 PIECE, WHICH PERPETUATES DANGEROUS MYTHS AROUND FENTANYL, AND  
8 SERVES AS PROPAGANDA FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THOSE WHO WOULD  
9 SOONER SWEEP THE ADDICTED AND UNHOUSED INTO PRISONS THAN  
10 PROVIDE THEM WITH SERVICES, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER  
11 BEFORE TO SUPPORT MEASURES THAT ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING NEEDS  
12 AND CAUSES OF USE. WE KNOW THAT PUNITIVE MEASURES DON'T WORK.  
13 WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS CRISIS IF THEY DID. SO, ON BEHALF OF  
14 THOSE WHO NEED AND DESERVE CARE AND DIGNITY, AND THOSE WORKING  
15 FOR THEIR WELLBEING, I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE MAINTAIN THE  
16 PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF \$15 MILLION FOR HARM REDUCTION  
17 SERVICES. I ALSO WANT TO BRING MY EXPERIENCE IN SUPPORT OF  
18 ITEM 4. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO SPEND A DECADE ON THE STREETS,  
19 AS I DID, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOLUTION TO  
20 HOMELESSNESS IS HOMES. THE CREATION OF 1,000 NEW F.H.S.P.  
21 SLOTS TO INCREASE TURNOVER AT INTERIM FACILITIES WOULD GO A  
22 LONG WAY TOWARD MATCHING MORE PEOPLE WITH THE SERVICES THEY  
23 NEED, AND GETTING THEM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THIS, TOO, IS  
24 HARM REDUCTION AND A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HOUSING  
25 STABILITY AND WELLNESS GO HAND IN HAND. DURING THE PANDEMIC,

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1 QUICKLY TRANSITIONING PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING PREVENTS  
2 THE SPREAD OF INFECTION. MORE FUNDING FOR F.H.S.P. SERVICES  
3 MEANS FEWER PEOPLE ON THE STREETS. IT ALSO MEANS FEWER PEOPLE  
4 BEING REMOVED FROM OUR BEACHES AT GUNPOINT, WHICH, IF LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT IS INDEED AS DESPERATELY STRETCHED AS SHERIFF  
6 VILLANUEVA STATED EARLIER, WOULD SEEM LIKE A WIN FOR THEM,  
7 TOO. IT MEANS FEWER PEOPLE ARE BEING CHASED AND HIT WITH  
8 NONLETHAL ARTILLERY BY POLICE DURING SWEEPS IN OUR PUBLIC  
9 PARKS, AND FEWER PEOPLE BEING PUT IN JAILS, WHERE THEY HAVE  
10 EVEN LESS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEIR NEEDS MET, AND ONLY BECOME  
11 MORE LIKELY TO REMAIN UNHOUSED UPON RELEASE. PLEASE FUND THE  
12 EXPANSION OF THE F.H.S.P., AND SUPPORT EXIT SERVICES FOR THOSE  
13 TRANSITIONING FROM INTERIM HOUSING. THANK YOU.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JASMINE RUZILLA.  
18 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
19 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM  
23 FOUR, AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
24 I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION RECOMMENDED BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL  
25 AND SOLIS TO INCREASE PERMANENT HOUSING BY EXPANDING THE

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1 FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. AS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IN THE  
2 FLEX POOL FOR BRILLIANT CORNERS, I WITNESS FIRSTHAND EVERY DAY  
3 WHAT A GAME-CHANGING PROGRAM THE FLEX POOL IS. AT A TIME WHEN  
4 WE ANTICIPATE CONFRONTING AN UNPRECEDENTED INFLOW INTO  
5 HOMELESSNESS, ONCE THE EVICTION MORATORIUM ENDS, AND THE  
6 INFLUX OF UNPRECEDENTED FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THIS  
7 CRISIS, SCALING PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS, LIKE THE  
8 F.H.S.P., IS VITAL TO OUR COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE.  
9 F.H.S.P. VOUCHERS ARE AN EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE HOUSING RESOURCE,  
10 AND THEY HAVE ALLOWED L.A. COUNTY TO PRODUCE A LARGE NUMBER OF  
11 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN THE COMMUNITY QUICKLY.  
12 WHAT'S MORE, WITH THESE FEDERAL RESOURCES, THE FLEXIBLE  
13 VOUCHERS HAVE ALLOWED L.A. COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL VOUCHER  
14 WINDFALLS MORE QUICKLY. OUR COMMUNITY CAN SWAP VOUCHER TYPES  
15 WITH THOSE ALREADY HOUSED ON FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL  
16 VOUCHERS FOR FEDERAL VOUCHERS, UTILIZING THE FEDERAL TIME-  
17 LIMITED RESOURCES VERY QUICKLY. THE F.H.S.P. ALSO BRINGS OTHER  
18 INNOVATIONS CENTRAL TO THE FLEXIBILITY AT THE [INAUDIBLE].  
19 RESOURCES ARE OFTEN FASTER, DUE TO FEWER RESTRICTIONS.  
20 [INAUDIBLE]. THE FLEXIBILITY OF TENANT-BASED F.H.S.P. VOUCHERS  
21 ALLOWS HIGHER [INAUDIBLE] INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE  
22 EXISTING MARKET TO GET HOUSED QUICKLY. NOT ONLY ARE  
23 PARTICIPANTS CONNECTED TO HOUSING, THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH  
24 WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT HELP THEM THRIVE. THE  
25 F.H.S.P. ALSO BENEFITS THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNIT

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1 PIPELINE. F.H.S.P. VOUCHERS CAN BE COMMITTED TO NEW PROJECT-  
2 BASED DEVELOPMENTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING AND TO  
3 EXPEDITE PROJECTS. FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, THE PROJECT-BASED  
4 F.H.S.P. VOUCHERS PROVIDE A VERY IMPORTANT [INAUDIBLE], AND  
5 CAN BE LAYERED WITH A FEDERAL TAX CREDIT OR USED  
6 INDEPENDENTLY. AND BEYOND THESE INNOVATIONS, THE F.H.S.P. IS  
7 BUILT TO SCALE. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISORS KUEHL  
8 AND SOLIS IS SO TIMELY. I THANK THEM AND URGE THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THIS MOTION TO INCREASE PERMANENT  
10 HOUSING BY SIGNING THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
14 PLEASE?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF RUBY RIVERA. PLEASE  
17 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,  
18 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU  
19 MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **RUBY RIVERA:** [INAUDIBLE], BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON  
24 WHEN.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO, RUBY? PLEASE BEGIN. YOUR LINE IS  
2 OPEN.

3

4 **RUBY RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS RUBY RIVERA. I  
5 AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 5. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF  
6 COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WITH INNERCITY STRUGGLE, AND I AM ALSO A  
7 TENANT IN DISTRICT TWO. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5. I  
8 AM HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION, URGING YOU ALL TO  
9 COMMIT TO ADOPTING THE TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT. THE  
10 TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT WOULD GIVE POWER BACK TO  
11 COMMUNITIES AND TENANTS IN UNINCORPORATED CITIES ACROSS LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY, BY ESTABLISHING NEW RIGHTS WHICH WOULD CREATE  
13 PATHWAYS TO OWNERSHIP, AND PREVENT THE DISPLACEMENT OF LOW-  
14 INCOME AND WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. LOS ANGELES IS  
15 AT THE EPICENTER OF THE HOUSING CRISIS. AS THE LONG-TERM  
16 EFFECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC CONTINUE TO UNFOLD, TENANTS CONTINUE  
17 TO FACE THE THREAT OF DISPLACEMENT AND HOUSING INSECURITY,  
18 WHILE LARGE CORPORATIONS CONTINUE TO PROFIT AND BUY OUT OUR  
19 COMMUNITIES. COMPREHENSIVE TENANTS' RIGHTS ARE NEEDED TO GIVE  
20 TENANTS DECISION-MAKING POWER AND CHOICE IN REGARDS TO  
21 HOUSING, AND ULTIMATELY TO PRESERVE AND CREATE PERMANENTLY  
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT ARE NOT  
23 NATURAL. THEY ARE THE EFFECTS OF CORPORATE AND INVESTOR GREED  
24 THAT INFLICT VIOLENCE AND INSTABILITY ONTO LOWER-INCOME  
25 COMMUNITIES, AND TURN PEOPLE INTO REFUGEES FROM THEIR OWN

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1 COMMUNITIES. T.O.P.A. IS A TOOL THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO REMAIN  
2 IN THEIR COMMUNITY--

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE  
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,  
9 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU  
10 PAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I AM ROY HUMPHREYS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON 3, 4,  
13 AND GENERAL COMMENT. ITEM 3 IS THE CITIZENSHIP WAIVER. THAT'S  
14 A SLAP IN THE FACE TO EVERY CITIZEN IN THE UNITED STATES OF  
15 AMERICA. AND ITEM 4, AS TO HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS, ET  
16 CETERA, FOR MANY, IT IS A CULTURE, AND THAT IS DIFFICULT  
17 [INAUDIBLE], AT BEST. [INAUDIBLE] IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS GOLF  
18 COURSE DEVELOPMENT THERE, AND ALSO THAT EACH SUPERVISOR SHOULD  
19 BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A UNIT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND  
20 N.I.M.B.Y.-- NOT IN MY BACKYARD-- IS NOT ALLOWED. AND THE  
21 GENERAL COMMENT: THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE HYPERION PROCESSING  
22 PLANT SHOULD BE TERMINATED AND CRIMINALLY CHARGED FOR WRONGFUL  
23 AND RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT. THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN REDUNDANT  
24 SYSTEMS, AND TESTED MONTHLY. IF MEN'S JAILS ARE TORN DOWN  
25 BEFORE A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT IS COMPLETE, THE GANG OF FOUR



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1 SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND CRIMINALLY  
2 CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL ENDANGERMENT, AND HELD  
3 WITHOUT BAIL. AND, AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, THE JAIL SHOULD BE  
4 REMOVED FROM THE SHERIFF'S PURVIEW, AS PER AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
5 CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** AND ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU DO  
10 WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.  
11 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED  
12 FROM THE QUEUE. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF CAROLIN ENG.  
13 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING  
14 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
15 YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **CAROLIN ENG:** HI. THIS IS CAROLIN ENG, FROM HERALD CHRISTIAN  
18 HEALTH CENTER. I AM MAKING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM  
19 73-A. WE ARE A VERY SMALL FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN  
20 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WHEN VACCINES BECAME AVAILABLE, WE  
21 SAW THE NEED IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE  
22 UNDERSERVED. THERE WAS A LANGUAGE AND TECHNOLOGY BARRIER. AND  
23 WE STEPPED UP AND ADMINISTERED OVER 35,000 DOSES IN THE SAN  
24 GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT WE WITNESSED THAT THE INFECTION RATE AMONG  
25 THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IS LOWER DURING THIS CURRENT DELTA VARIANT

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1 SURGE, BECAUSE THE VACCINATION RATE AMONG ASIANS IS VERY HIGH.  
2 SO, AS AN EDUCATED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE  
3 VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE, AND IT SAVES LIVES. WE THANK  
4 AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S EXECUTIVE ORDER/MOTION TO  
5 MANDATE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE VACCINATED, AND I URGE ALL OF  
6 THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. YOU CAN PROTECT THE HEALTH  
7 AND SAFETY OF NOT ONLY COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BUT THE FAMILIES, AND  
8 ALSO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY. AS THE LEADERS OF L.A. COUNTY,  
9 YOU CAN LEAD THE COUNTY BY DOING THE RIGHT THING--

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
12 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF KASEY  
15 VENTURA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE  
16 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC  
17 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **KASEY VENTURA:** HI. I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL COMMENT AND  
20 ITEM NUMBER 5. SO, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KASEY  
21 VENTURA. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF LAND AND TENANT JUSTICE AT THE  
22 BEVERLY-VERMONT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, REPRESENTING  
23 CONSTITUENTS FROM THE SECOND AND THIRD DISTRICT, AS WELL AS  
24 THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY LAND TRUST COALITION. I AM HERE TO  
25 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5, WHICH LOOKS INTO

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1 IMPLEMENTING A TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE [INAUDIBLE]  
2 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES. AS A LAND  
3 TRUST, OUR ROLE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF LONG-TERM  
4 RESIDENTS ARE MET, THROUGH NOT JUST THEIR GUIDANCE, BUT BY  
5 TENANTS AND RESIDENTS BEING AT THE FRONT OF OUR WORK.  
6 PRESERVING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WAS IDENTIFIED AS A HIGH NEED  
7 IN THIS DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY WHILE WE STILL FIGHT A PANDEMIC.  
8 A MODEL [INAUDIBLE] NOT ONLY OFFERS THESE POINTS, BUT ALSO  
9 OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OWNERSHIP, AN IDEA THAT MANY TENANTS  
10 DON'T EVEN CONSIDER, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE JUST FIGHTING TO  
11 AFFORD RENT, MONTHLY. I COMMEND THIS BOARD INTO LOOKING INTO  
12 MULTIPLE STRATEGIES, AND TO NOT JUST SUPPORTING TENANTS, BUT  
13 OFFERING A MEANS TO CREATE PERMANENT CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES  
14 THROUGH T.O.P.A. THANK YOU.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF KATHY GARVIN.  
19 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
20 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
21 YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **KATHY GARVIN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO SPEAK ON 73-A, AND  
24 THEN SUPPORT WITH SOME GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS KATHY  
25 GARVIN. I AM A NURSE AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., IN THE DEPARTMENT

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1 OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE. OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WE HAD  
2 SOME HORRIFIC TIMES, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO NOT GO BACK TO THOSE  
3 TIMES. WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE THE VACCINES ARE SAFE  
4 AND EFFECTIVE. IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, WE WERE HONORED TO  
5 BE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE. [INAUDIBLE] SO FAR  
6 DECLINE THE VACCINE INCLUDE SOME OF MY OWN FRIENDS,  
7 COLLEAGUES, AND FAMILY, AND I RESPECT THEIR FEAR AND THEIR  
8 CONCERNS. HOWEVER, A PARTIALLY VACCINATED POPULATION IS A  
9 TRAINING GROUND FOR THIS VIRUS. DELTA IS ON THE RISE. THE  
10 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS FILLING BACK UP, AND PEOPLE WILL DIE  
11 WITHOUT VACCINES. AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT, AS COUNTY  
12 EMPLOYEES AND AS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO  
13 PROTECT NOT ONLY OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, BUT ALSO OUR  
14 COMMUNITY. AND AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., I THINK WE HAVE SOME OF  
15 THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND I TRULY  
16 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO OUR  
17 ATTENTION, TO THE PUBLIC. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE, AND I  
18 URGE YOU TO RATIFY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ZACH SCHLAGEL. PLEASE  
23 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND  
24 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
25 BEGIN.

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2   **ZACH SCHLAGEL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING REGARDING ITEM  
3   NUMBER FOUR, WHICH WOULD CREATE 1,000 NEW FLEXIBLE HOUSING  
4   SUBSIDY POOL SUBSIDIES. MY NAME IS ZACH SCHLAGEL. I'M THE  
5   SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR P.A.T.H., PEOPLE  
6   ASSISTING THE HOMELESS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL  
7   POLICY, THAT THESE VOUCHERS ARE AN EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE HOUSING  
8   RESOURCE WHICH HAS ALLOWED L.A. COUNTY TO PRODUCE A LARGE  
9   NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN THE COMMUNITY  
10   VERY QUICKLY. THERE'S ALSO A SCALABLE MODEL OF VOUCHERS THAT  
11   CAN BE COMMITTED TO NEW PROJECT-BASED DEVELOPMENTS, TO SECURE  
12   ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING AND CONNECT THESE NEW HOUSING  
13   UNITS, WHICH ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. THIS PROGRAM OFFERS CLEAR  
14   WINS FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, AND TENANTS,  
15   SO WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ITEM. THANK  
16   YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PUSH TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS AND  
17   HOUSING CRISES WITH MULTIFACETED SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

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19   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21   **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE  
22   STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,  
23   AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
24   BEGIN.

25

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND I WILL ADDRESS THE  
2   ITEMS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IF THAT'S OKAY.

3

4   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I AM GOING TO. THE QUESTION  
7   ABOUT ITEM 21 AND THE REVISED DIRECTIVE 3 WAS INTERESTING,  
8   BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S  
9   DEPARTMENT-- I THINK, THAT UNION FELLOW FROM A.L.A.D.S.-- WHO  
10   DID NOT WANT-- HE WANTS TO HAVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WHEN  
11   PEOPLE ARE AT RISK. BUT THEN THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE 60 DAYS,  
12   OR THEY WOULD BE TERMINATED. IS THAT ACCURATE? I THINK THAT  
13   SHOULD BE CLARIFIED, BECAUSE IT WENT BY SO QUICKLY. AND  
14   ZAVALA'S PUT TOGETHER SUCH A STUNNINGLY FAT AGENDA, FULL OF  
15   AMAZING, GREAT MATERIAL, INCLUDING WHAT A GREAT STORY WITH  
16   THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. FINALLY, WE HAVE  
17   AN ASSEMBLY OF THE RIGHT KIND OF NEW, FRESH EYES. WE'VE GOT  
18   WENDY GREUEL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MANAGED TO PICK HER OUT OF THE  
19   LINEUP. THIS IS NOT A GREAT AREA FOR THE FOLKS, BECAUSE RIGHT  
20   NOW, SHEILA KNOWS, BECAUSE THE BRAVE AND LEADER-LIKE RANDALL  
21   FRAUD OF STUDIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HAS WRITTEN TO THEM.  
22   THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARKING LOT FALLS SQUARELY UNDER THE  
23   JURISDICTION-- NO, NO, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION NEEDS TO LOOK AT  
24   THIS, WHICH IS THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARKING LOT IS INFESTED WITH  
25   GARBAGE, AND IT IS REALLY BAD, AND PEOPLE ARE MOBILIZING AND

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1 MISUSING OUR LOCAL PUBLIC RESOURCES TO MAKE NOISE ABOUT IT.  
2 BUT NONETHELESS, IT HAS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. AND SO, PUTTING  
3 TOGETHER AN UPSCALE COMMISSION, INCLUDING SARAH, WHO WE  
4 REMEMBER FROM... FORMERLY OF L.A.H.S.A., AND BOBBY TREVORS--  
5 YOU KNOW, CAMPAIGN HELPER-- AND DAVID RUIZ. THESE ARE THEIR  
6 USUAL CUSTOMERS. WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. AND I DID NOT LIKE  
7 IT WHEN SHERIFF VILLANUEVA USED LANGUAGE... HE CALLED ONE OF  
8 THESE ITEMS A "BUREAUCRATIC ORGY OF WOKENESS." I FIND THAT  
9 INSULTING FROM A MAN WHO, FRANKLY, RAN ON SOME PROGRESSIVE  
10 IDEAS, AND HAS BEEN NOW ENGAGED IN A FULL-SCALE SNIT WITH THE  
11 COUNTY BOARD. WHICH, I HAVE TO ADMIT, IS NOT HARD, BUT HE'S  
12 GOT TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE, RATHER THAN ENGAGING  
13 IN A CONSTANT BATTLE. IT IS JUST-- BELIEVE ME, I KNOW ABOUT  
14 CONSTANT BATTLES. THIS NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD, AND I DON'T SEE  
15 WHAT IS GOING ON IN A POSITIVE WAY, AT THE MOMENT. I ALSO  
16 THINK THE MEETING SCHEDULE REALLY-- IT'S ABHORRENT. PEOPLE  
17 KNOW. PEOPLE CAN TELL. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? IT'S SO  
18 CONFUSING JUST TO PAY ATTENTION AND LISTEN TO THE VARIOUS  
19 IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE WAY YOU'VE GOT IT IN ONE,  
20 POUNDED FREE-FOR-ALL, WHERE EVERYBODY IS... IT'S LIKE DROPPING  
21 THINGS INTO THE SAME WOK AT THE EXACT SAME MOMENT. IT IS VERY  
22 HARD TO FOCUS. SO I REALLY THINK YOU NEED TO DO A MUCH BETTER  
23 JOB. AND I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF FESIA DAVENPORT SPEAKING FOR  
24 NICOLE DAVIS TINKHAM, IF SHE'S LATE TO THE MEETING. SHE NEEDS  
25 TO SAY "I'M HERE" HERSELF. YOU DON'T SAY, "WE'RE BOTH HERE."



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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
3 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

5 **MODERATOR:** AND ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU DO  
6 WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,  
7 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A  
8 SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. NEXT, WE  
9 WILL GO TO SARA BARRIOS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS  
10 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON  
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 5, AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT  
14 FOR THE TOPIC. THE TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT WOULD  
15 GIVE POWER BACK TO COMMUNITIES AND TENANTS IN UNINCORPORATED  
16 CITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BY ESTABLISHING A RIGHT  
17 WHICH WOULD CREATE PATHWAYS TO OWNERSHIP, AND PREVENT THE  
18 DISPLACEMENT OF LOW-INCOME, WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITIES OF  
19 COLOR. LOS ANGELES IS THE EPICENTER OF THE HOUSING CRISIS. AS  
20 THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC CONTINUE TO UNFOLD,  
21 TENANTS CONTINUE TO FACE THE THREAT OF DISPLACEMENT AND  
22 HOUSING INSECURITY, WHILE LARGE CORPORATIONS CONTINUE TO  
23 PROFIT AND BUY OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES. COMPREHENSIVE TENANTS'  
24 RIGHTS ARE NEEDED TO GIVE TENANTS DECISION-MAKING POWER AND  
25 CHOICES IN REGARDS TO HOUSING, AND ULTIMATELY TO PRESERVE AND

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1 CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT,  
3 WHICH COULD CUT BACK THE HARMFUL IMPACT OF [INAUDIBLE] HOUSING  
4 MARKET IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY DISINVESTED,  
5 SYSTEMATICALLY, MARKET-WIDE. AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
6 [INAUDIBLE] L.A., WITH 25 YEARS OF HISTORY IN SOUTH CENTRAL  
7 L.A., AND CURRENTLY OPERATING AS AN EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE  
8 PROVIDER IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SOUTHEAST L.A. COUNTY, WE  
9 WITNESSED FIRSTHAND HOUSING INSTABILITY OUR NEIGHBORS FACED.  
10 OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN PLUNGED FURTHER INTO RENT BURDEN,  
11 ARE HARASSED BY CORPORATE LANDLORDS, AND HAVE LITTLE ACCESS TO  
12 PURCHASING HOMES IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY HAVE BUILT. VOTING  
13 YES ON THE STUDY FOR T.O.P.A. WILL BRING US ONE STEP CLOSER IN  
14 ADDRESSING HISTORIES OF REDLINING, DISINVESTMENT, AND  
15 PRESENTING THE POSSIBILITY OF TENANTS BECOMING FUTURE  
16 HOMEOWNERS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE  
17 STORY OF MR. GUTIERREZ. AS I'VE BEEN DOING THIS OUTREACH IN  
18 OUR COMMUNITY, HE PAID HIS RENT DURING C.O.V.I.D. HE PAID HIS  
19 BILLS DURING C.O.V.I.D. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS LANDLORD PASSED  
20 AWAY. NOW, MR. GUTIERREZ IS BEING HARASSED BY THE HEIR, AND IS  
21 BEING PUSHED OUT OF HIS HOME ILLEGALLY. SO, IF WE HAD  
22 SOMETHING IN PLACE LIKE THIS ACT, MR. GUTIERREZ WOULD HAVE THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT HOME THAT HE HAS LIVED IN FOR  
24 MANY YEARS. SO I ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD TO PLEASE--

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
2 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

3

4 **MODERATOR:** AND NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF PAM WILLIAMS.  
5 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
6 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
7 YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 73-B AND GENERAL  
10 COMMENT. 73-B, I STRONGLY OPPOSE IT. IT IS THE EVALUATION OF  
11 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDOOR PUBLIC  
12 PLACES. THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT PROHIBITS WHAT YOU ARE  
13 TRYING TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO DO. THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT  
14 IS AN EXPANSE OF 1950S CALIFORNIA LAW THAT PROHIBITS ANY  
15 BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA FROM ENGAGING IN UNLAWFUL  
16 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ALL PERSONS, CONSUMERS, WITHIN  
17 CALIFORNIA'S JURISDICTION, WHERE THE UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION  
18 IS BASED IN PART ON A PERSON'S SEX, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION,  
19 ANCESTRY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY, MEDICAL CONDITION,  
20 GENETIC INFORMATION, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
21 CITIZENSHIP, PRIMARY LANGUAGE, OR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE  
22 UNRUH ACT APPLIES TO ALL BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING  
23 HOTELS AND MOTELS, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, HOTELS, BARBERS AND  
24 BEAUTY SHOPS, HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS, AND RETAIL  
25 ESTABLISHMENTS. THIS LAW WAS ENACTED IN 1959, AND ITS CODE AS

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1 THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 51.3 AND 5. SO, WHAT DO YOU  
2 THINK "MEDICAL CONDITION" EQUATES TO, IN TERMS OF VACCINE? THE  
3 MINUTE YOU HAVE TO ASK SOMEONE WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN  
4 VACCINATED OR NOT, THAT IS BEING INVASIVE INTO WHAT THEIR  
5 MEDICAL CONDITION IS. THIS LAW BY THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
6 HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY INTERPRETED AS PROTECTING CLASSES OTHER  
7 THAN THOSE LISTED ON ITS FACE. AND EVEN IN 2005, BEFORE SEXUAL  
8 ORIENTATION WAS ADDED TO ITS LIST, IT WAS USED AS A PRECEDENT  
9 CASE. SO THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO OCCUR, SHOULD YOU MOVE  
10 FORWARD AND ALLOW BUSINESSES TO DISCRIMINATE BASED ON WHO IS  
11 VACCINATED AND WHO IS NOT, WHICH, AGAIN, IS AGAINST  
12 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, THE 14TH AMENDMENT SEPARATE-BUT-EQUAL  
13 CLAUSES. FURTHERMORE, THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE TRANSPARENT IN THE  
14 FACT THAT THOSE PEOPLE THAT QUALIFY UNDER THE AMERICAN  
15 DISABILITY ACT AND THE REHABILITATION ACT, THAT HAVE  
16 DISABILITIES AND CANNOT GET THE VACCINE FOR WHATEVER THE  
17 REASON MAY BE, AND HAVE A MEDICAL EXEMPTION, HAVE TO BE GIVEN  
18 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS BY THESE BUSINESSES, OR BUSINESSES  
19 WILL FACE LAWSUITS. THIS HAS TO OCCUR. FURTHERMORE, WHAT WILL  
20 YOU DO WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE TOO YOUNG TO  
21 GET THE VACCINE? IF YOU LET THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN--

22  
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
24 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF RAMIN LALEZARI.  
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
3 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **DR. RAMIN LALEZARI:** THANK YOU, HI. THIS IS DR. RAMIN LALEZARI,  
7 A PROUD L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I'M AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AT  
8 L.A.C.+U.S.C., CALLING TODAY ON BEHALF OF MY COWORKERS AND  
9 UNION MEMBERS, IN FAVOR OF EXECUTIVE ORDER S-1. THIS IS OUR  
10 TIME. IT IS TIME FOR US TO PUT THIS TO AN END. LAST YEAR, AT  
11 THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, I AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FRONT  
12 LINE WERE DEALING WITH WHAT I CAN ONLY DESCRIBE AS ABSOLUTE  
13 HORROR OF THE PANDEMIC, AND THEN ALL OF THE UNINTENDED  
14 CONSEQUENCES. AS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, WE HAD TO CANCEL ALL  
15 OF OUR ELECTIVE SURGERIES MULTIPLE TIMES, AND I DON'T HAVE TO  
16 TELL ANYONE WHO'S EVER BEEN IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, OR KNOWS  
17 SOMEONE WHO HAD, HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO TELL SOMEONE THAT I  
18 CAN'T DO THE KNEE REPLACEMENT, OR CAN'T FIX THEIR A.C.L. FOR  
19 ANOTHER YEAR. IT'S ENOUGH OF THIS. WE ARE ALL READY TO FEEL  
20 SAFE AT WORK, AND FEEL LIKE WE CAN PUT THIS PANDEMIC BEHIND  
21 US. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I AM TIRED OF COMING HOME WITH GOD  
22 KNOWS WHAT ON MY CLOTHES AND ON MY HANDS TO MY PREGNANT WIFE,  
23 AND POTENTIALLY TRANSMITTING THIS DISEASE TO MY UNBORN CHILD.  
24 THIS IS GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE IT SHOULDN'T BE A DEBATE.  
25 WE HAVE GOOD EVIDENCE FOR THE VACCINE, AND IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE,

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1 AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A DEFINING MOMENT FOR US, IF WE CAN  
2 STEP UP AND DO THIS. SO, STRONG, STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE  
3 RESIDENTS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER S-1, FOR THIS VACCINE MANDATE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** AND NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF VERONICA LEWIS.  
8 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
9 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
10 YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **VERONICA LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA  
13 ITEMS 16, 73-E, 73-F, 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME  
14 IS VERONICA LEWIS. I'M A DIRECTOR OF S.S.G./H.O.P.I.C.S., BUT  
15 I'M HERE TODAY AS A PART OF THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
16 AS A FOURTH-DISTRICT APPOINTEE, WHO ALSO HAD THE HONOR OF  
17 BEING THE CHAIR TO LEAD US IN THE PROCESS OF HELPING DEVELOP  
18 THE YEAR-ONE SPENDING PLAN. IN RELATION TO THE SPENDING PLAN,  
19 I WANT TO THANK C.E.O. DAVENPORT, THE A.T.I. DIRECTOR, SONGHAI  
20 ARMSTEAD, AND THEIR TEAM FOR HONORING THE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN  
21 PROCESS. IT IS EVIDENT IN THE PLAN BEFORE YOU TODAY THAT THE  
22 SPENDING PLAN OUR COMMITTEE PREPARED WAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND  
23 THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY TO INCORPORATE THE MAIN PIECES OF OUR  
24 RECOMMENDATION. WITH THAT SAID, THERE ARE TWO AREAS THAT I  
25 WANT TO BRIEFLY LIFT UP. OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPENT HOURS IN

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1 MARATHON MEETINGS, WEEK AFTER WEEK, TO MAKE DIFFICULT  
2 DECISIONS TO REDUCE DOWN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY \$800 MILLION OF  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY, INTO \$170 MILLION  
4 PRIORITIZED STRATEGY. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, THERE WERE SEVERAL  
5 POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT DURING THAT PROCESS. HOWEVER, ONE OF  
6 THE FEW AREAS WHERE THERE WAS TOTAL CONSENSUS WAS THE  
7 RECOMMENDED \$15 MILLION FOR HARM REDUCTION, TO FILL A HUGE GAP  
8 AND ULTIMATELY SAVE LIVES. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE  
9 \$9 MILLION REDUCTION FOR HARM REDUCTION, AND FULLY FUND IT. IN  
10 TERMS OF THE NEW CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE,  
11 MANY OF THE HOURS THAT OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPENT WERE  
12 LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY, AND HEARING THEIR HOPES, DREAMS,  
13 AND CONCERNS. IN SOME CASE, OUR COMMITTEES RECEIVED NUMEROUS  
14 WRITTEN LETTERS OF SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS. IN ADDITION, OUR  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS VERY CLEARLY SPOKE TO THE CHALLENGES OF HAVING  
16 SUCH AN ABBREVIATED TIME FRAME TO CREATE SUCH A HISTORIC  
17 DOCUMENT, AND OUR VOICES WERE LEFT OUT, DUE TO THAT PROCESS.  
18 SO I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS THROUGH THIS MOTION TO ADDRESS THOSE  
19 CONCERNS AND CREATE A MORE THOUGHTFUL COMMITTEE, TO ENSURE  
20 THOSE GROUPS ARE HEARD. A LOT OF THE COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WE  
21 HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, FELT LIKE IF THEY ARE NOT A  
22 PART OF AN ORGANIZED EFFORT, OR HAD THE LOUDEST VOICE, THEN  
23 THEIR OPINIONS DID NOT MATTER. SO, GIVEN THAT, I JUST WANT TO  
24 RAISE ONE POINT OF CAUTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ABOUT  
25 SPECIFICALLY NAMING SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ACTUAL



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1 MOTION. IT APPEARS THAT THE GROUPS WHO SENT THE MOST LETTERS,  
2 OR WHO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ARE THE  
3 ONES NAMED HERE, WHICH FURTHER PERPETUATES THE CONCERN THE  
4 COMMUNITY EXPRESSED ABOUT HOW PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT A PART OF  
5 THOSE GROUPS GET A VOICE AT THE TABLE. IN CLOSING, IN RELATION  
6 TO 73-E, 20, AND MANY OF THE OTHER THINGS HERE, I WANT TO  
7 THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR TRUE COMMITMENT TO CREATING A  
8 PARADIGM SHIFT TO CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST, BY ADOPTING THESE  
9 POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE CURRENT BUDGET  
10 POLICY ONLY GOES THROUGH 2026, I HOPE THAT, WITH ALL OF THE  
11 THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, WE WILL SEE SO MUCH TRANSFORMATIVE  
12 CHANGE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THAT WILL BE INGRAINED IN HOW  
13 L.A. COUNTY DOES BUSINESS, ADDRESSES EQUITY, TREATS AND SERVES  
14 AND SUPPORTS ITS RESIDENTS, THAT WE REALLY CAN FIND A WAY TO  
15 CREATE A SUSTAINABLE WAY TO HAVE ALTERNATIVES TO  
16 INCARCERATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JEAN CRANTZ. PLEASE  
21 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,  
22 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.  
2 I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM S-1, AND I'M MAKING A GENERAL  
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE VERY GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF  
4 THE COUNTY'S VOTERS; PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING THEM TO THE POLLS,  
5 SUCH AS UNVACCINATED CHILDREN; AS WELL AS THE POLL WORKERS  
6 THAT ARE BEING ASKED TO WORK IN THE UPCOMING RECALL ELECTION.  
7 MANY OF THE CHOSEN POLLING LOCATIONS APPEAR UNSAFE. MANY OF  
8 THE LOCATIONS WERE CHOSEN BEFORE AWARENESS OF THE SCIENCE  
9 REGARDING THE EXTREME CONTAGIOUSNESS OF THE DELTA VARIANT WAS  
10 KNOWN. IN SOME LOCATIONS, POLL WORKERS ARE EVEN, AT SERIOUS  
11 RISK TO THEIR HEALTH AND LIVES, BEING MADE TO WORK IN BADLY  
12 VENTILATED LOCATIONS FOR UP TO TEN DAYS. BEFORE DELTA VARIANT,  
13 BUT DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD, THERE WAS ALREADY A LACK OF  
14 ADEQUATE C.O.V.I.D. PROTECTION AT COUNTY POLLING PLACES.  
15 HOWEVER, NOW SCIENCE TELLS US THE DANGER OF DELTA IS  
16 DIFFERENT, AND SCIENCE SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED, AND I AM URGING  
17 THE BOARD TO REEVALUATE ALL CURRENT POLLING SITES BEFORE  
18 PEOPLE HEAD TO THE POLLS. THE JULY 30TH WALL STREET JOURNAL  
19 ARTICLE "HOW CONTAGIOUS IS THE DELTA VARIANT?" STATES, "MANY  
20 PEOPLE INFECTED WITH DELTA CARRY MUCH HIGHER LEVELS OF VIRUS.  
21 IT'S TIME TO RETHINK OUR BEHAVIORS." SCIENTISTS STUDYING  
22 C.O.V.I.D.-19 SAY THAT DELTA'S INCREASED CONTAGIOUSNESS MEANS  
23 WE NEED TO UPDATE OUR THINKING ABOUT EXPOSURE RISKS. THE OLD  
24 RULES OF THUMB NO LONGER APPLY, THEY SAY, INCLUDING THE  
25 CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT IT TAKES 15 MINUTES OF CLOSE CONTACT

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1 WITH SOMEONE TO GET INFECTED. HERE IS WHAT SCIENTISTS SAY WE  
2 NEED TO KNOW NOW: HOW MUCH MORE CONTAGIOUS IS DELTA, COMPARED  
3 WITH OLDER VERSIONS OF THE VIRUS. DELTA GETS INTO YOUR CELLS  
4 EASIER, SAYS A PROFESSOR FROM COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY IN  
5 FORT COLLINS, COLORADO. FOR UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, DELTA CHANGES  
6 THE OLD CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT A PERSON IS MOST AT RISK OF  
7 INFECTION AFTER 15 MINUTES OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH AN INFECTED  
8 PERSON. WITH DELTA, INFECTION CAN LIKELY HAPPEN IN LESS THAN 5  
9 MINUTES, SCIENTISTS SAY. THE VARIANT MAY EVEN BE POTENT ENOUGH  
10 TO INFECT AN UNVACCINATED PERSON WITH A FLEETING EXPOSURE,  
11 SUCH AS A MINUTE OR TWO IN AN ELEVATOR.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
14 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JAMIE ROBLEDO.  
17 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING  
18 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
19 YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **JAMIE ROBLEDO:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMIE ROBLEDO.  
22 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 73-A AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
23 I AM A SUPERVISING CLINICAL NURSE HERE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
24 MEDICAL CENTER. I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION  
25 RATIFYING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING OVER

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1 100,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE FULLY VACCINATED BY OCTOBER  
2 1ST. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.  
3 VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAS NOT ASSISTED  
4 ENOUGH WITH THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC. AS L.A. COUNTY WORKERS, WE  
5 HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE  
6 PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE, AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WE  
7 SERVE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. MANDATED VACCINATIONS IS THE WAY  
8 TO DO THIS. AS HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE, WE ARE  
9 DEMANDED TO DO NO HARM TO ALL WITHIN THE COUNTY. UNVACCINATED  
10 EMPLOYEES CAN SPREAD AND CAUSE TREMENDOUS HARM TO THE PUBLIC.  
11 BY MANDATING THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION, WE ARE DOING OUR  
12 PART TO FURTHER PREVENT ANY FURTHER HARM TO ANY OF OUR  
13 EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITY. UNVACCINATED STAFF WHO ARE SICK  
14 WILL PUT A WORK STRAIN ON THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO GET  
15 VACCINATED, AND WE WILL NOT HAVE THE STAFFING THAT IS ADEQUATE  
16 TO PROPERLY SERVE OUR PATIENTS WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND WHO ARE  
17 IN MOST NEED OF OUR CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR  
18 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION EFFORTS, AND WE PLEASE HOPE TO  
19 RATIFY THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE  
22 ONE HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE THAT CALLED  
25 IN. AND TO THOSE OF YOU THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO GET IN, PLEASE

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1 KNOW THAT YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS  
2 INDICATED ON OUR AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL  
3 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING OUR MEETING, WHICH WILL  
4 BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK  
5 EVERYONE FOR CALLING IN. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
6 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE  
7 WILL BE VOTING.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1-D  
10 THROUGH 5-D, 1-P AND 2-P, 1 THROUGH 3, 5 AS REVISED, 17  
11 THROUGH 13, 15, 17 THROUGH 20, 22 THROUGH 24, 27 THROUGH 53,  
12 55 THROUGH 72, 73-D, 76 AND 77.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY MYSELF, AND SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
23 KUEHL?

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN

18 WITH THE SET ITEM, S-1, FOLLOWED BY THE ITEMS 73-A, 21, 73-B,

19 4, 6, AND 14, AND THEN ITEMS 16, 73-E, AND 73-F, WHICH WILL

20 ALL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, AND FINISHING OFF WITH ITEM 73-C.

21 SO, MEMBERS, LET US BEGIN WITH SET ITEM S-1. THIS IS ON THE

22 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR

23 THE BOARD DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE WILL

24 NOW HEAR FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

25 AND DR. PARKER, I BELIEVE? I AM SORRY, DR. GHALY, THANK YOU,

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1 OUR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. SO WITH THAT, YOU MAY BEGIN,  
2 DR. FERRER.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
5 SOLIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS ALWAYS, I  
6 WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S SINCERE  
7 APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY--

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO, DR. FERRER? DR. FERRER, WE CAN'T  
10 HEAR YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MOMENTARILY LOST DR. FERRER, SO  
13 PERHAPS WE CAN START WITH DR. CHRISTINA GHALY. DR. GHALY?

14

15 **DR. GHALY:** YES, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. PLEASE GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.  
20 I WILL SHARE JUST A LITTLE UPDATE TODAY ABOUT VACCINATION  
21 STATUS, TESTING, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS. AND IF YOU WILL TURN TO THE SLIDES,  
23 ON SLIDE TWO IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROGRESS ON  
24 VACCINATIONS. D.H.S. CONTINUES TO OFFER MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS  
25 FOR OUR WORKFORCE, FOR OUR PATIENTS, AND FOR THE COMMUNITY.



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1 OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE SEEN A FLATTENING IN THE CURVE, AS INTEREST  
2 IN THE VACCINES HAS WANED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS AND  
3 MONTHS. WE CONTINUE TO USE MULTIPLE TACTICS-- ONE-ON-ONE  
4 CONVERSATIONS, TOWN HALLS, MULTIMODALITY COMMUNICATIONS-- TO  
5 BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF VACCINE HESITANCY,  
6 AND WORK TOWARD VACCINATION. ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **DR. GHALY:** ON THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE PROGRESS IN  
11 VACCINATING THE COMMUNITY THAT IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,  
12 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND AGAIN, OUR PROGRESS HAS  
13 SLOWED, BUT OUR STREET OUTREACH TEAMS, THROUGH HOUSING FOR  
14 HEALTH, AS WELL AS THROUGH A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS  
15 ACROSS THE COUNTY, ARE OUT ON THE STREETS EVERY DAY, WORKING  
16 WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THE STREETS, IN SHELTERS, IN  
17 ENCAMPMENTS, AND IN VARIOUS INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
18 HOUSING UNITS, TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE VACCINE.  
19 TO DATE, OVER 7500 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE  
20 RECEIVED THE VACCINE, AND NEARLY 2,000 STAFF WHO SERVE  
21 INDIVIDUALS ON THE STREETS HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED. ON THE  
22 NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 4, YOU WILL SEE THE PROGRESS FOR VACCINATING  
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM.  
24 ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAIL, AS WELL AS ALL YOUTH IN THE  
25 JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM, ARE OFFERED THE VACCINE. THE UPTAKE

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1 RATE HAS DIPPED BELOW 50 PERCENT. IT IS CURRENTLY SITTING  
2 AROUND 42 PERCENT, AND THAT IS THE ACCEPTANCE RATE OF  
3 INDIVIDUALS FOR THE VACCINE. THEY ARE OFFERED IT ON INTAKE  
4 INTO THE JAIL, AND AT MULTIPLE OTHER POINTS DURING THEIR STAY.  
5 I WILL SHIFT NOW TO BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT HOSPITALIZATIONS ON  
6 SLIDE 5. WE HAVE HAD A STEADY CLIMB UP, OVER THE PAST MONTH,  
7 IN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONSIDERED C.O.V.I.D.-19 INPATIENTS  
8 WITHIN THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS. YOU WILL SEE THAT, AS OF TWO  
9 DAYS AGO, OUR NUMBERS WERE IN THE UPPER 60S, AND THIS MORNING  
10 OUR CENSUS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 INPATIENTS IS AT 73. THIS  
11 REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST POINT SINCE THE WINTER SURGE. HOWEVER,  
12 WE ARE STILL AT ONLY A SMALL FRACTION-- LESS THAN 15 PERCENT--  
13 OF OUR C.O.V.I.D. CENSUS THAT WE EXPERIENCED OVER THE WINTER.  
14 ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 6, I WANT TO GO INTO A LITTLE BIT  
15 MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE DATA OF WHAT WE'RE SEEING AND WHO IS  
16 ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH C.O.V.I.D. SINCE MID-JUNE,  
17 D.H.S. HAS CARED FOR NEARLY 300 PATIENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO  
18 BE A C.O.V.I.D.-19 ADMISSION. THIS IS DEFINED AS SOMEONE WITH  
19 A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST DURING THEIR STAY, OR ANY POSITIVE  
20 C.O.V.I.D. TEST IN THE 30 DAYS LEADING UP TO THEIR STAY, OR  
21 SOMEONE WITH AN I.C.D.-10 DIAGNOSIS FOR A CORONAVIRUS  
22 INFECTION. THAT DISTINCTION, THOUGH, DOESN'T NECESSARILY  
23 DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR  
24 C.O.V.I.D., I.E. DUE TO THE COMPLICATIONS FROM THE VIRUS  
25 ITSELF, VERSUS JUST SIMPLY SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD C.O.V.I.D., OR

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1 RECENTLY HAD C.O.V.I.D., BUT IS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SOMETHING  
2 ELSE: FOR A CAR ACCIDENT, FOR CANCER TREATMENT, OR FOR  
3 SOMETHING ELSE. SO WHEN WE DIVE INTO THE DETAILS OF THESE  
4 CASES, OF THESE NEARLY 300 INDIVIDUALS OVER THE PAST TWO  
5 MONTHS, ONLY 5 PEOPLE WERE FULLY VACCINATED AND ADMITTED TO  
6 THE HOSPITAL DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION AND THE COMPLICATIONS  
7 OF C.O.V.I.D. OF THESE 5 INDIVIDUALS, ONE WAS SEVERELY  
8 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND WAS A TRANSPLANT PATIENT. ALL OF THE  
9 REMAINING, MORE THAN 95 PERCENT OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE ADMITTED  
10 FOR C.O.V.I.D., WERE AMONG THOSE PATIENTS WHO WERE NOT FULLY  
11 VACCINATED. AND I THINK THIS UNDERSCORES, REALLY, THE KEY  
12 POINT: THAT THE VACCINE SAVES LIVES. IT REDUCES THE RISK OF  
13 INFECTION; IT REDUCES THE RISK OF SPREADING THE VIRUS TO  
14 OTHERS; AND CRITICALLY, IN DOING SO, IT REDUCES THE RISK OF  
15 THOSE INDIVIDUALS SERVING AS A PETRI DISH, REALLY, IN WHICH  
16 THE VIRUS CAN CONTINUE TO MUTATE INTO PROGRESSIVELY MORE  
17 DANGEROUS FORMS THAT PUT EVERYONE AT RISK. AS HEALTHCARE  
18 PROVIDERS, MANY OF WHOM IN PUBLIC COMMENT YOU HEARD FROM THIS  
19 MORNING, INCLUDING SEVERAL D.H.S. STAFF, I HEAR OFTEN ABOUT  
20 HOW IT IS REALLY EMOTIONALLY DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING TO CARE  
21 FOR PATIENTS WHO HAVE C.O.V.I.D. AND COMPLICATIONS OF  
22 C.O.V.I.D., WHO HAVEN'T CHOSEN TO GET VACCINATED, BECAUSE IT  
23 REALLY IS AN AVOIDABLE AND PREVENTABLE SITUATION. I WILL SHIFT  
24 NOW TO THE NEXT SLIDE ON TESTING. YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE,  
25 SLIDE 7, THE DOTS SHOWING ALL OF THE LOCATIONS IN WHICH PEOPLE

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1 CAN RECEIVE COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING ACCESS. THERE'S A VARIETY  
2 OF TESTING LOCATIONS OFFERED BY THE CITY, THE COUNTY, AS WELL  
3 AS A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS. TESTING IS  
4 WIDELY AVAILABLE. AS YOU WILL SEE ON SLIDE 8, WE HAVE FIXED  
5 TESTING SITES AND POP-UP TESTING SITES. THE UTILIZATION RATE  
6 WHICH HISTORICALLY HAD BEEN RUNNING AROUND 10 OR 15 PERCENT  
7 HAS CLIMBED UP OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS; BUT STILL, ALL  
8 OF OUR FIXED AND POP-UP TESTING SITES ARE STILL RUNNING AT  
9 LESS THAN 50 PERCENT UTILIZATION RATE. THE PERCENT POSITIVITY  
10 AMONG ALL TESTS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED AT THE FIXED AND POP-UP  
11 TESTING SITES HAS ALSO INCREASED OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST  
12 SEVERAL WEEKS AND MONTHS, AND IS IN THE RANGE OF 5 OR 6 TO 9  
13 PERCENT, AND IT VARIES BY SITE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER  
14 THOSE COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING SITES AS A RESOURCE TO THE  
15 COMMUNITY. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER LOCATIONS THAT ARE  
16 AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO GET TESTED AT,  
17 INCLUDING VARIOUS LOCATIONS AT SCHOOLS, THROUGH BUSINESS  
18 LOCATIONS, AND OBVIOUSLY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED PROVIDER  
19 SYSTEM. SO THERE'S MANY LOCATIONS IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN GET  
20 ACCESS TO A CORONAVIRUS TEST IF THEY NEED ONE, AND I WOULD  
21 ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO HAS SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D., AND ANYONE  
22 WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D.,  
23 PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, TO CONSIDER  
24 GETTING A C.O.V.I.D.-19 TEST. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE, BUT

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1 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE, AND THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. GHALY. NOW WE WILL  
5 GO BACK TO DR. BARBARA FERRER, FOR HER PRESENTATION.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. THANK YOU.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU,  
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS  
13 ALWAYS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S  
14 SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY  
15 AND LEADERSHIP. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT  
16 TO YOU AND THE PUBLIC THE LATEST ON THE STATUS OF THE ONGOING  
17 C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS MORNING, I  
18 WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR TRENDS AND CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS  
19 AND DEATH, BY VACCINATION STATUS, AGE GROUP, AND RACE AND  
20 ETHNICITY. I WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON VACCINE DELIVERY  
21 AND OUTREACH, SOME BACKGROUND ON VACCINE EFFICACY AND SAFETY,  
22 AND INFORMATION ON VACCINE MANDATES IN OUR STATE AND COUNTY. I  
23 CAN GO TO THIS FIRST SLIDE. YESTERDAY'S NUMBERS, WHICH ARE ARE  
24 ON THIS SLIDE, REPRESENT A LAG IN THE WEEKEND REPORTING. I  
25 JUST GOT TODAY'S NUMBERS, AND I AM SAD TO REPORT 22 ADDITIONAL

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1 DEATHS TODAY. THIS DOES BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS TO  
2 24,805 ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE SHARE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
3 WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF FRIENDS, LOVED  
4 ONES, AND FAMILY, AND WE WISH YOU HEALING AND PEACE. WE ARE  
5 ALSO REPORTING 2,622 NEW CASES TODAY, BRINGING THE TOTAL  
6 NUMBER OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY TO 1,331,859. YESTERDAY, OUR  
7 DAILY AVERAGE CASE RATE, WITHOUT THE 7-DAY LAG, WAS 24 CASES  
8 PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS A SMALL INCREASE FROM LAST  
9 TUESDAY'S SAME-DAY CASE RATE OF 21 NEW CASES PER 100,000  
10 PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH YESTERDAY'S RATE WILL LIKELY CHANGE SOMEWHAT  
11 OVER THE COMING DAYS, AS ADDITIONAL TEST RESULTS ARE REPORTED,  
12 THIS DOES SUGGEST TO US THAT, ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE A SLIGHT  
13 RISE IN OUR CASE NUMBERS. TO DATE, MORE THAN 7.5 MILLION  
14 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED, AND HAD TEST RESULTS REPORTED IN L.A.  
15 COUNTY. I WANT TO NOTE THAT AS SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES OF  
16 HIGHER EDUCATION RETURN TO SESSION, AND THEIR ROUTINE  
17 SCREENING/TESTING PROGRAMS COME BACK ONLINE, WE EXPECT TO SEEK  
18 TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE TEST RESULTS EACH DAY. AND IN PARALLEL  
19 WITH THESE, WE WILL SEE AN INCREASE IN OUR CASES. OUR DAILY  
20 TEST POSITIVITY WAS 4.4 PERCENT YESTERDAY, AND THAT'S A  
21 DECREASE OF MORE THAN 2 FULL PERCENTAGE POINTS FROM LAST  
22 TUESDAY'S SAME-DAY TEST POSITIVITY RATE OF 6.6 PERCENT.  
23 YESTERDAY, THERE WERE 1,437 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH  
24 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND OVER THE LAST WEEK, THAT'S AN INCREASE OF  
25 164 PEOPLE. WE ALSO HAVE 239 OPEN INVESTIGATIONS AT

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1 RESIDENTIAL CONGREGATE SETTINGS AND NONRESIDENTIAL SETTINGS,  
2 WITH AT LEAST ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. THAT'S A  
3 DOUBLING OF OUR OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS IN A MONTH. WE CAN  
4 TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THREE WEEKS AGO, AT THE TIME OF OUR  
5 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER THAT REQUIRED UNIVERSAL MASKING INDOORS,  
6 OUR CASES WERE DOUBLING EVERY TEN DAYS. WHAT WE ARE SEEING NOW  
7 IS A SLOWING DOWN IN THE INCREASE IN CASES, WHICH IS WHAT WE  
8 WOULD HOPE FOR AFTER IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 MEASURE. THIS DOES REMIND US ALL THAT MASKING REMAINS AN  
10 EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION. IT IS ALSO VALUABLE TO  
11 COMPARE TRENDS IN L.A. COUNTY WITH THOSE IN THE REST OF THE  
12 STATE, AFTER OUR COUNTY BECAME THE FIRST COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT  
13 AN INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT ON JULY 18TH. WHEN WE COMPARE  
14 CASES THAT WERE REPORTED IN THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1ST WITH  
15 THOSE THAT WERE REPORTED IN THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8TH, L.A.  
16 COUNTY WENT FROM SEEING 19,704 CASES TO SEEING JUST UNDER  
17 21,000 CASES. THAT WAS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 6.5 PERCENT.  
18 MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE REMAINDER OF THE STATE, REPORTED CASES  
19 WEPT FROM ABOUT 46,000 IN THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1ST, TO  
20 55,422 IN THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8TH, AND THAT WAS AN INCREASE  
21 OF OVER 20 PERCENT. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY REASONS BEYOND  
22 MASKING CONTRIBUTING TO THIS THREEFOLD DIFFERENCE IN THE RATE  
23 OF INCREASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE REST OF THE STATE, DATA  
24 FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND FROM OUR COUNTY HAVE REPEATEDLY  
25 SHOWN THAT MASKING IS A VALUABLE LAYER OF PROTECTION AGAINST



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1 TRANSMISSION OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO  
2 EVERYONE WHO IS DOING THEIR PART BY MASKING UP TO HELP SLOW  
3 THE SPREAD. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. I WILL NOW SHARE WITH  
4 YOU SOME DATA ON C.O.V.I.D. CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND  
5 DEATHS, BY VACCINATION STATUS, ALL OF WHICH HELP ILLUSTRATE  
6 WHY WE PLACE SUCH HIGH PRIORITY ON VACCINATING AS MANY L.A.  
7 COUNTY RESIDENTS AS WE CAN, AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. THIS GRAPH  
8 SHOWS OUR CASE NUMBERS BY VACCINATION STATUS, FROM THE  
9 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC-- WELL, REALLY, THIS ACTUALLY JUST  
10 SHOWS IT FROM JANUARY 1ST THROUGH JULY 24TH OF THIS YEAR. AS  
11 YOU CAN SEE, NEAR THE END OF JUNE, CASES IN UNVACCINATED  
12 PEOPLE HAVE RISEN FASTER AND HIGHER THAN THEY HAVE AMONG  
13 VACCINATED PEOPLE. OF THE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 CASES IDENTIFIED  
14 DAILY IN LATE JULY, ABOUT 1,500 CASES, OR 3/4 OF THE CASES,  
15 WERE AMONG VACCINATED RESIDENTS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT WHEN  
16 THERE ARE HIGH RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, THE RISK OF  
17 INFECTION INCREASES MOST FOR UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, BUT  
18 FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS ALSO HAVE AN INCREASED CHANCE OF  
19 COMING INTO CONTACT WITH AN INFECTED PERSON, BECAUSE THERE ARE  
20 MORE INFECTED PEOPLE CIRCULATING. MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE.  
21 WE ARE FINDING THAT DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS HAVE DIFFERENT CASE  
22 RATES, LIKELY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SOCIAL MIXING, OR THE  
23 MIXING AT WORK, THAT LEADS TO TRANSMISSION. THIS SLIDE SHOWS  
24 CASE RATES BETWEEN MAY 1ST AND JULY 24TH OF THIS YEAR, BY AGE  
25 GROUP AND VACCINATION STATUS. HERE, CASE RATES AMONG

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1 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ARE REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE LINES, WHILE  
2 RATES AMONG VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE IN GREEN. RATES IN ADULTS  
3 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 49 ARE REPRESENTED BY SOLID LINES,  
4 AND RATES IN ADULTS AGED 50 AND OVER ARE REPRESENTED BY DASHED  
5 LINES. NOTE HOW DRAMATICALLY CASE RATES DIFFER, BOTH BY  
6 VACCINATION STATUS AND BY AGE GROUP. THE HIGHEST RATES ARE  
7 AMONG UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED ADULTS BETWEEN THE  
8 AGES OF 18 AND 49. THAT'S REPRESENTED BY THAT SOLID ORANGE  
9 LINE. THE NEXT HIGHEST CASE RATES ARE AMONG UNVACCINATED OR  
10 PARTIALLY VACCINATED OLDER ADULTS, REPRESENTED BY THE DASHED  
11 ORANGE LINE; AND BELOW THEM, VACCINATED YOUNGER AND OLDER  
12 ADULTS IN THE SOLID AND DASHED GREEN LINES, AND THEY HAVE THE  
13 LOWEST RATES. WHILE YOUNGER ADULTS TEND TO HAVE HIGHER  
14 TRANSMISSION LEVELS THAN OLDER ADULTS, VACCINATED PEOPLE IN  
15 ALL AGE CATEGORIES HAVE FEWER CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE THAN DO  
16 UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. NEXT SLIDE. IF WE  
17 LOOK AT CASES BY PEDIATRIC AGE GROUPS, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE  
18 AGE GROUP WITH THE LOWEST RATES OF TRANSMISSION CONTINUES TO  
19 BE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF ZERO AND 4, REPRESENTED HERE  
20 BY THE BLUE LINE. CASES ARE RISING FASTER AND TO HIGHER LEVELS  
21 AMONG OLDER CHILDREN. CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11, REPRESENTED BY  
22 THE ORANGE LINE, AND THOSE AGED 12 TO 17, REPRESENTED BY THE  
23 GREEN LINE, HAVE SIMILAR CASE RATES. LOOKING BACK AT THE  
24 DISTRIBUTION OF CASES AMONG THESE AGE GROUPS DURING OUR  
25 WINTERTIME SURGE, YOU CAN NOTE THAT CHILDREN IN THE OLDEST AGE

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1 GROUP, 12 TO 17, HAD RATES QUITE A BIT HIGHER THAN THOSE OF  
2 YOUNGER CHILDREN. WITH OLDER CHILDREN, CURRENTLY, THE ONLY  
3 PEDIATRIC AGE GROUP ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES, WE ARE NOW SEEING  
4 TRANSMISSION WITHIN THIS OLDER AGE GROUP SUBSTANTIALLY  
5 DIMINISHED. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT SHOWN HERE, CASE RATES IN  
6 VACCINATED CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 ARE LOWER THAN THE LOWEST  
7 LINE ON THIS GRAPH, WHILE CASE RATES IN UNVACCINATED CHILDREN  
8 TRACK CLOSELY WITH RATES IN VACCINATED ADULTS AGED 18 TO 49.  
9 WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS NEXT SLIDE, WE CAN LOOK  
10 AT INFORMATION ON HOSPITALIZATIONS BY VACCINATION STATUS. AS  
11 YOU CAN SEE, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NUMBERS OF  
12 UNVACCINATED AND VACCINATED PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED IS MUCH LARGER  
13 THAN WE WERE JUST LOOKING AT CASES. IN LATE JULY, ABOUT 94  
14 PEOPLE NEWLY ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL EACH DAY WERE POSITIVE  
15 FOR C.O.V.I.D. OF THESE, 83, OR SLIGHTLY UNDER 90 PERCENT,  
16 WERE UNVACCINATED. WE CAN TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT  
17 WHO IS NOW GETTING HOSPITALIZED BY AGE GROUP, WE CAN SEE THAT  
18 THE HIGHEST HOSPITALIZATION RATE IS AMONG OLDER UNVACCINATED  
19 ADULTS, REPRESENTED HERE BY THE DASHED ORANGE LINE. THESE ARE  
20 OUR HIGHEST-RISK RESIDENTS, BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE, LIKELIHOOD  
21 OF HAVING COMORBIDITIES, AND LACK OF VACCINE PROTECTION. AND  
22 SADLY, HOSPITALIZATIONS IN THIS GROUP ARE RISING VERY QUICKLY.  
23 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN YOUNGER UNVACCINATED ADULTS, REPRESENTED  
24 HERE BY THE SOLID ORANGE LINE, ARE ALSO RISING. RELATIVE TO  
25 THESE TRENDS, HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG VACCINATED ADULTS OF

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1 ALL AGES REMAIN, AS YOU CAN SEE, NEARLY FLAT, EVEN AMONG THOSE  
2 OLDER ADULTS. WITHOUT VACCINATION, THE ORANGE LINES ON THIS  
3 GRAPH WOULD LIKELY BE 60 TO 100 PERCENT HIGHER, SO WE ARE  
4 EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED REDUCE POTENTIAL  
5 TRANSMISSION BY GETTING VACCINATED. TREND LINES LIKE THESE ARE  
6 WHY WE FEEL SO CERTAIN THAT THE VACCINES ARE DOING EXACTLY  
7 WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. VACCINATED  
8 PEOPLE ARE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROTECTED FROM HOSPITALIZATION.  
9 AND WHILE WE'VE SEEN CASES RISE AMONG VACCINATED PEOPLE, FAR  
10 FEWER VACCINATED PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE SEVERE ILLNESS THE  
11 INFECTION CONTINUES TO CAUSE IN UNVACCINATED PEOPLE. THIS IS  
12 WHY WE CONTINUE TO ASK EVERYONE ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED:  
13 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE CAN PREVENT ALMOST ALL C.O.V.I.D.  
14 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS. IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE WERE TO GET  
15 VACCINATED, WE WOULD END UP AVOIDING SO MUCH OF THE ANXIETY  
16 AND DISTRESS THAT COMES WITH HAVING A LOVED ONE HOSPITALIZED  
17 WITH C.O.V.I.D., AND ALMOST NO ONE WOULD PASS AWAY FROM THIS  
18 INFECTION. THIS IS AN ACHIEVABLE REALITY FOR US, IF EVERYONE  
19 WHO IS ELIGIBLE GETS VACCINATED. NEXT SLIDE. AGAIN, ZOOMING  
20 IN ON THE PEDIATRIC AGE GROUPS, YOU CAN SEE THAT  
21 HOSPITALIZATIONS REMAIN RELATIVELY LOW, BUT THEY ARE  
22 INCREASING VERY SLIGHTLY IN ALL AGE GROUPS. YOU CAN ALSO NOTE  
23 THAT, ALTHOUGH RATES ARE LOW, THE PATTERN THAT HAS BEEN  
24 PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC IS STILL IN EFFECT.  
25 HOSPITALIZATIONS END UP BEING HIGHEST AMONG THE YOUNGEST

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1 CHILDREN, AGE 0 TO 4, REPRESENTED BY THE BLUE LINE; LOWER  
2 AMONG CHILDREN AGED 12 TO 17, REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE LINE;  
3 AND LOWEST IN CHILDREN 5 TO 11, HERE ON THE GREEN LINE. I WANT  
4 TO NOTE THAT THE ABSOLUTE NUMBERS HERE ARE GENERALLY IN THE  
5 SINGLE OR LOW DOUBLE DIGITS, SO THESE SMALL CHANGES IN THE  
6 NUMBERS RESULT IN A RELATIVELY LARGE INCREASE IN THE RATES. WE  
7 CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. BECAUSE WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN  
8 UNDERSTANDING HOW WELL VACCINATION PROTECTS AGAINST SEVERE  
9 OUTCOMES DUE TO C.O.V.I.D., WE ARE ALSO CLOSELY FOLLOWING  
10 DIFFERENCES IN DEATHS BETWEEN FULLY VACCINATED AND NON-FULLY  
11 VACCINATED PEOPLE. IN PEOPLE WHO DIE OF C.O.V.I.D. IN L.A.  
12 COUNTY, AN AVERAGE OF 37 DAYS PASS BETWEEN THE DATE OF  
13 DIAGNOSIS AND THE DATE THEY UNFORTUNATELY PASS AWAY. WITH OUR  
14 CASE INCREASE HAVING BEGUN RELATIVELY RECENTLY, IT IS  
15 THEREFORE TOO EARLY TO FULLY ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THIS LATEST  
16 WAVE OF INFECTION ON C.O.V.I.D. DEATH RATES. NEVERTHELESS, I  
17 DO WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DEATHS DUE TO  
18 C.O.V.I.D., BY VACCINATION STATUS. AS THE SLIDE SHOWS, BETWEEN  
19 APRIL 1 AND JULY 24 OF THIS YEAR, 94 PERCENT OF ALL C.O.V.I.D.  
20 DEATHS AMONG L.A. RESIDENTS-- THIS WAS 588 PEOPLE-- THAT SADLY  
21 PASSED AWAY TOOK PLACE IN UNVACCINATED AND PARTIALLY  
22 VACCINATED PEOPLE; AND THERE WERE 41 DEATHS, ABOUT 6 PERCENT,  
23 AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. MANY OF THE FULLY VACCINATED  
24 INDIVIDUALS THAT SADLY PASSED AWAY FROM C.O.V.I.D. HAD SERIOUS  
25 COMORBIDITIES AND/OR COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. WE WILL TAKE

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1 THE NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE INCREASED EVIDENCE THAT FULLY  
2 VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE GETTING INFECTED, WE DO CONTINUE TO  
3 SHARE INFORMATION EACH WEEK ON VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS AND HOW  
4 TO USE THIS INFORMATION TO BEST KEEP OURSELVES AND OTHERS  
5 SAFE, AND TO GET BACK TO SLOWING TRANSMISSION. THIS SLIDE  
6 SHOWS DATA FOR THOSE FULLY PROTECTED BY THE VACCINES TO SCALE.  
7 THE LARGE GREEN BOX THAT YOU HAVE SEEN BEFORE REPRESENTS NOW  
8 THE MORE THAN 5.1 MILLION RESIDENTS WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED.  
9 THE TINY PURPLE BOX IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THIS BOX  
10 REPRESENTS THE 15,628 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO TESTED  
11 POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D., AS OF AUGUST 3RD, 2021. THIS EQUATES  
12 TO LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED  
13 TESTING POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19. OF THOSE WHO TESTED  
14 POSITIVE, 446 WERE HOSPITALIZED. THAT'S UP SLIGHTLY FROM 410  
15 THE WEEK PRIOR. THIS TRANSLATES TO 0.009 PERCENT OF ALL FULLY  
16 VACCINATED PEOPLE. DEATHS IN THIS GROUP OVER THIS INTERVAL  
17 ALSO INCREASED VERY SLIGHTLY, FROM 35 TO 41, AND THAT MEANT  
18 THAT WE'RE NOW AT 0.0008 PERCENT OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE  
19 TRAGICALLY PASS AWAY. THESE SMALL INCREASES, WHILE INDICATIVE  
20 THAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE DO BECOME INFECTED, AND THAT MORE  
21 HAVE BECOME INFECTED DURING THE SUMMER SURGE THAN BEFORE, THEY  
22 STILL PROVIDE COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE  
23 REMAIN AT LOW RISK FOR BECOMING INFECTED, AND EVEN LOWER RISK  
24 FOR HAVING A BAD OUTCOME, IF THEY ARE INFECTED. WE WILL TAKE  
25 THE NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THIS HIGH RATE OF COMMUNITY

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1 TRANSMISSION, OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS REMAIN CRITICALLY  
2 IMPORTANT TO REDUCING THE IMPACT OF RISING INFECTION ON OUR  
3 RESIDENTS. AS OF AUGUST 6TH, WE HAVE ADMINISTERED NEARLY 11.3  
4 MILLION DOSES TO RESIDENTS 12 AND OLDER, INCLUDING NEARLY 6.3  
5 MILLION FIRST DOSES, AND MORE THAN 5 MILLION SECOND DOSES.  
6 OVERALL, 72 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 12 AND OVER HAVE  
7 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE, AND 62 PERCENT ARE  
8 FULLY VACCINATED. FOR RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER, 80 PERCENT ARE  
9 FULLY VACCINATED. FOR TEENS 12 TO 17, THE RATE OF VACCINATION,  
10 UNFORTUNATELY, IS LOWER, WITH 45 PERCENT FULLY VACCINATED.  
11 WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SEE  
12 CONSISTENT INCREASES IN VACCINATION OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS.  
13 BETWEEN JULY 26TH AND AUGUST 1ST, WE ADMINISTERED OVER 81,000  
14 DOSES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY NETWORK. THIS, AGAIN, IS  
15 ANOTHER INCREASE OF MORE THAN 7,000 FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. WE  
16 ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY WHO IS  
17 CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COLLECTIVE HEALTH BY GETTING VACCINATED,  
18 AND WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO ALL OUR VACCINATION PARTNERS.  
19 NOW IS A PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TIME FOR US TO INCREASE  
20 VACCINATION UPTAKE, AND WE ARE ALWAYS THANKFUL THAT WE SEE  
21 SIGNS THAT WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NEXT SLIDE.  
22 WITH THESE INCREASES IN VACCINATION COUNTYWIDE, WE ARE NOW  
23 SEEING BANDS OF HIGHER VACCINATION RATES, REPRESENTED BY THE  
24 DARK GREEN ON THIS MAP, ACROSS THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN  
25 NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CITY, IN PARTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO



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1 VALLEY, AND EAST L.A., AND BEYOND. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF  
2 JULY, NEARLY EVERY CITY AND COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY HAD AN  
3 INCREASE IN VACCINATION COVERAGE. 40 PERCENT OF THE CITIES AND  
4 COMMUNITIES WITH THE BIGGEST LEAPS UPWARD WERE IN CENTRAL AND  
5 SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. ALL OF L.A. COUNTY THANKS YOU FOR DOING  
6 YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.  
7 ALTHOUGH WE DO CONTINUE, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, CLEARLY, TO HAVE  
8 LARGE GAPS IN VACCINATION BETWEEN AGE AND RACIAL AND ETHNIC  
9 SUBGROUPS, THERE ARE PROMISING UPTICKS IN MANY OF THE GROUPS  
10 WITH LOWER VACCINATION COVERAGE. THE NUMBERS ON THIS SLIDE ARE  
11 NOW COLOR-CODED, SO YOU CAN SEE THE CHANGES IN THE PAST WEEK.  
12 PROPORTIONS THAT INCREASED BY 1 POINT OVER THE PAST WEEK ARE  
13 LISTED IN BLUE, THOSE THAT INCREASED BY 2 ARE LISTED IN GREEN,  
14 AND THOSE THAT INCREASED BY 3 ARE LISTED IN PINK. PROPORTIONS  
15 THAT DID NOT CHANGE AT ALL ARE IN WHITE. AND THE GOOD NEWS IS  
16 THAT WE ARE NOT SEEING A LOT OF WHITE, PARTICULARLY AMONGST  
17 YOUNGER AGE GROUPS. HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN QUICKLY SEE,  
18 DISPROPORTIONALITIES REMAIN, ESPECIALLY AMONG TEENS AND YOUNG  
19 ADULTS. AMONG OUR TEENS, ABOUT 1/3 TO 1/2 AS MANY BLACK AND  
20 LATINX TEENS, AND ABOUT 2/3 TO 3/4 AS MANY WHITE AND AMERICAN  
21 INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE TEENS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AS THEIR  
22 ASIAN COUNTERPARTS. FORTUNATELY, WITH THE START OF THE SCHOOL  
23 YEAR APPROACHING, WE HAVE SEEN, AS YOU NOTICED, SIZABLE  
24 INCREASES IN VACCINATION ACROSS ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC  
25 SUBGROUPS AMONG OUR TEENS. MEANWHILE, AMONG YOUNG ADULTS 18 TO

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1 29, AND 30 TO 49 YEARS OLD, WE ALSO SAW INCREASES ACROSS MOST  
2 RACIAL AND ETHNIC SUBGROUPS IN THE PAST WEEK, AND WE ARE  
3 HOPING THAT THESE RATES BECOME MORE COMPARABLE IN THE NEAR  
4 FUTURE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS BY OVERALL AGE GROUP  
5 RUNNING ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THIS TABLE, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT  
6 ALL AGE GROUPS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 12- TO 15-YEAR-OLDS, ARE  
7 NOW VACCINATED AT A RATE 62 PERCENT OR HIGHER, AND THIS,  
8 AGAIN, IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD TOWARD COMMUNITY IMMUNITY. WE  
9 ARE ALSO GRATIFIED, AS WE NOTED EARLIER, THAT SO MANY SENIORS  
10 ARE PROTECTED BY VACCINES. LOOKING AT THE TOTALS IN THE  
11 RIGHTMOST COLUMNS, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE GROUPS WITH THE  
12 HIGHEST RATES OF TRANSMISSION, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS  
13 CONTINUE TO HAVE THE LOWEST RATES OF VACCINATION. AS HIGH  
14 LEVELS OF TRANSMISSION PERSIST, WE REMAIN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
15 THE LOW LEVELS OF VACCINATION AMONG OUR BLACK RESIDENTS AND  
16 OTHER TEEN AND YOUNG ADULTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE  
17 INCREASES WE ARE SEEING ON THIS CHART WILL CONTINUE TO ADD UP,  
18 UNTIL WE SEE HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION COVERAGE ACROSS THE  
19 BOARD. MEANWHILE, THE BEST WAY FOR US TO REDUCE COMMUNITY  
20 TRANSMISSION, WHILE WE'RE IMPROVING VACCINATION COVERAGE, IS  
21 FOR EVERYONE TO COMPLY WITH THE INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT.  
22 SLOWING TRANSMISSION NOT ONLY PROTECTS VULNERABLE UNVACCINATED  
23 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12,  
24 IT ALSO REDUCES THE CHANCES OF MORE MUTATIONS THAT CAN RESULT  
25 IN MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANTS THAT CAN EVADE OUR VACCINE

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1 PROTECTION. NEXT SLIDE. BECAUSE VACCINATION IS SUCH A CRITICAL  
2 PART OF PROTECTING OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, WE ARE  
3 TARGETING ADDITIONAL OUTREACH IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NEWLY  
4 EXPERIENCING HIGH LEVELS OF TRANSMISSION. OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH  
5 WORKER TEAMS HAVE ADDED FOCUSED OUTREACH IN SOME OF THESE  
6 AREAS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND THIS INCLUDES VENICE, STUDIO CITY,  
7 AND BEVERLY HILLS, AND THESE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE OVER THE  
8 COMING WEEKS. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AND AS OUR  
9 COUNTY'S CHILDREN BEGIN RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH, WE ARE  
10 ALSO PARTNERING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO  
11 VACCINES. HIGH SCHOOLS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ARE PLANNING MORE  
12 THAN 135 VACCINE EVENTS IN AUGUST. MANY ARE OCCURRING DURING  
13 STUDENT REGISTRATION SESSIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH.  
14 THESE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS, STAFF, TEACHERS, PARENTS  
15 AND, IN MANY INSTANCES, COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. THIS MAP SHOWS  
16 THE SCHOOLS WHERE THESE VACCINE EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE, AND  
17 YOU CAN SEE THAT IT'S WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. BECAUSE VACCINATION  
18 IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR STRATEGY FOR KEEPING SCHOOLS  
19 SAFE, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE ELIGIBLE FOR A VACCINE TO ATTEND  
20 ONE OF THE SCHOOL EVENTS, IF YOU OR YOUR TEEN IS NOT YET  
21 VACCINATED. IF [INAUDIBLE], THEY CAN REACH OUT TO US. OUR  
22 MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS REACH UNVACCINATED PEOPLE IN THE  
23 NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY LIVE AND WORK. THESE TEAMS ARE MAKING  
24 NEARLY 400 VISITS, COUNTYWIDE. YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT US TO US  
25 TO REQUEST A MOBILE TEAM AT YOUR PLACE OF WORK OR IN YOUR

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1 COMMUNITY BY JUST GOING TO THE WEBSITE VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM.  
2 NEXT SLIDE. WHILE THERE IS RELATIVELY HIGH COMPLIANCE WITH  
3 INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENTS AT MOST ESTABLISHMENTS, WITH  
4 INCREASED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, WE CONTINUE TO SEE A RISE IN  
5 OUTBREAKS AT PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WORK OR LIVE IN CLOSE  
6 QUARTERS. LAST WEEK, WE OPENED 22 WORKSITE OUTBREAKS: 10  
7 OUTBREAKS AMONG HOMELESS FACILITIES, AND FIVE IN FOOD  
8 FACILITIES. WE ALSO HAD SMALLER NUMBERS OF OUTBREAKS ACROSS  
9 SCHOOLS, CORRECTIONAL SETTINGS, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP. PRIOR  
10 TO OUR LATEST INCREASE IN INFECTIONS, THE LAST TIME WE SAW  
11 UPWARD TRENDING RATES AT THESE LEVELS WAS BACK IN LATE  
12 SEPTEMBER OF 2020. AT THAT TIME, OUTBREAKS STAYED AT THESE  
13 LEVELS BEFORE THEY STARTED RISING DRAMATICALLY IN NOVEMBER AND  
14 DECEMBER, SOMETHING WE HOPE WE WILL NOT SEE. I WILL GO ON TO  
15 THE NEXT SLIDE. ALTHOUGH WE'VE ALSO HAD OUTBREAKS IN OUR  
16 SCHOOL NURSING FACILITIES AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, WHERE  
17 WE HAVE HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION, YOU CAN SEE THAT THESE HAVE  
18 RISEN SO MUCH MORE SLOWLY THAN OUTBREAKS AT OTHER SITES. LAST  
19 WEEK, WE SAW 5 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OUTBREAKS, AND 10  
20 OUTBREAKS IN OTHER LONG-TERM CARE AND RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS.  
21 WHILE THESE NUMBERS ARE NOT HIGH, THEY ARE BEGINNING TO CREEP  
22 A LITTLE BIT, AND THEY SUGGEST THAT EVEN WITH WIDESPREAD  
23 VACCINATION AND P.P.E. USE, HEALTHCARE SETTINGS ARE NOT IMMUNE  
24 FROM OUTBREAKS, PARTICULARLY IF UNVACCINATED HEALTHCARE  
25 PROVIDERS--

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. FERRER, ARE YOU STILL THERE? I THINK WE  
3 MAY HAVE LOST HER AGAIN. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET HER BACK.  
4 DR. FERRER?

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6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** HELLO?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD, DR. FERRER. YOU ARE BACK.

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10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY. I AM GOING TO  
11 HANG UP ON THE COMPUTER, SO THAT YOU DON'T GET AN ECHO.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY, I AM GOING TO GO ON TO CASES AMONG  
16 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. I THINK THAT MIGHT BE WHERE YOU LOST ME.  
17 HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, HAS BEEN AMONG THE  
18 HIGHEST-RISK POPULATIONS FOR C.O.V.I.D. INFECTIONS SINCE THE  
19 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. AS P.P.E. BECAME MORE WIDELY  
20 AVAILABLE, AND VACCINATION INCREASED AMONGST THESE WORKERS, WE  
21 SAW THEIR INFECTION RATES DECLINE EARLIER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER,  
22 WITH INCREASED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, WE ARE NOW SEEING  
23 TRANSMISSION RISE AGAIN. BETWEEN JULY 25TH AND THE 31ST, 268  
24 HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS TESTED POSITIVE FOR  
25 C.O.V.I.D. WE KNOW HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE NOT UNIFORMLY

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1 VACCINATED, AND WHILE CONSISTENT USE OF RESPIRATORS AND OTHER  
2 P.P.E. REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF TRANSMISSION WITHIN  
3 HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, THESE WORKERS ARE STILL AT RISK OF BEING  
4 INFECTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY, WHEN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS  
5 CAUSED. THE TREND LINES ON THIS SLIDE-- AND WE CAN GO ON TO  
6 THE NEXT SLIDE-- SHOW THE SETTINGS WHERE HEALTHCARE WORKERS  
7 WITH C.O.V.I.D. HAVE WORKED OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC.  
8 AND DURING THE SURGE, THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF INFECTED  
9 HEALTHCARE WORKERS WERE WORKING IN HOSPITALS, AND THAT'S THE  
10 SAME IN THIS PAST WEEK. NEARLY HALF OF ALL OF THE INFECTED  
11 HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE WORKING IN OUR HOSPITALS. AN ADDITIONAL  
12 47 WORK IN SKILLED NURSING OR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; 23  
13 ARE IN OUTPATIENT FACILITIES; 43 WORK IN E.M.S., AS FIRST  
14 RESPONDERS, OR IN CORRECTIONS; AND 16 WORKED IN HOME HEALTH,  
15 WITH 147 WORKING ACROSS ALL OF THE OTHER HEALTHCARE SETTINGS.  
16 WHILE CASES AMONG HEALTHCARE WORKERS REMAIN RELATIVELY LOW,  
17 THEY ARE CONCERNING, BECAUSE MANY HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE  
18 CLOSE CONTACT WITH VERY VULNERABLE PATIENTS. IT IS THEREFORE  
19 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO PREVENT INFECTION IN OUR HEALTHCARE  
20 WORKERS. THE BETTER PROTECTED THEY ARE, THE SAFER ARE THE  
21 VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO WHOM THEIR CARE IS SO IMPORTANT, AND THE  
22 EASIER IT IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ARE ABLE  
23 TO REMAIN FULLY STAFFED DURING THE PANDEMIC. MOVE ON TO THE  
24 NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE NEED TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND  
25 THE POPULATIONS THEY CARE FOR, THE STATE HAS ISSUED SEVERAL

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1 HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, WITH THE GOAL  
2 OF PREVENTING C.O.V.I.D. TRANSMISSION WITHIN HEALTHCARE  
3 FACILITIES. ON JULY 26TH, THE STATE ISSUED A HEALTH OFFICER  
4 ORDER MANDATING TESTING FOR MOST HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THIS  
5 HEALTHCARE ORDER REQUIRES VALIDATION OF VACCINATION STATUS BY  
6 HEALTHCARE FACILITY. AND THEN, FOR ALL UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES,  
7 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION WITH MEDICAL-GRADE MASKS, OR IDEALLY  
8 RESPIRATORS, AND TESTING ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK IS REQUIRED,  
9 DEPENDING ON THE FACILITY TYPE. THIS HEALTH OFFICER ORDER TOOK  
10 EFFECT YESTERDAY, AND IT ALSO APPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED  
11 AT JAILS, HOMELESS SHELTERS, AND SENIOR CARE FACILITIES. ON  
12 AUGUST 5TH, THE STATE ISSUED A SECOND HEALTH OFFICER ORDER  
13 MANDATING HEALTHCARE WORKER VACCINATIONS WITH TWO DOSES BY  
14 SEPTEMBER 30TH, WITH EXCLUSION ONLY FOR QUALIFIED MEDICAL  
15 REASONS OR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS. AND THEN THERE'S A TESTING  
16 REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE WITH APPROVED EXEMPTIONS. MOST  
17 INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ARE COVERED BY  
18 THIS ORDER. MEANWHILE, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH, THE JULY 26TH  
19 ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT, REQUIRING, AS OF TODAY, TESTING FOR  
20 UNVACCINATED WORKERS. ALSO, ON AUGUST 5TH, THE STATE ISSUED A  
21 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER MANDATING THAT VISITORS TO HEALTH  
22 FACILITIES, INCLUDING VISITING STAFF, SHOW PROOF OF FULL  
23 VACCINATION OR OF A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT IN THE PRIOR 72 HOURS  
24 UPON VISITATION/ THIS APPLIES AT ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, SKILLED  
25 NURSING FACILITIES, AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES. THIS



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1 ORDER ALSO MANDATES MASKING, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS,  
2 AND RECOMMENDS A MEDICAL-GRADE OR DOUBLE MASK BE USED. OUR  
3 STATE IS NOT THE ONLY ENTITY MANDATING VACCINES. VACCINE  
4 MANDATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY PRIVATE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING  
5 HOSPITALS AND LARGE CORPORATIONS. UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
6 STATE HAVE ALSO ISSUED VACCINE MANDATES, AS HAVE LOCAL,  
7 STATEWIDE, AND OTHER CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE  
8 COUNTRY. YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON STATE ANNOUNCED  
9 THE VACCINATION MANDATE FOR ALL STATE WORKERS AND HEALTHCARE  
10 WORKERS. MANY COUNTRIES NOW REQUIRE VACCINE PROOF TO ENTER.  
11 NEXT SLIDE. IN THE HEALTHCARE ORDER WE INTEND TO ISSUE LATER  
12 THIS WEEK, WE WILL ALIGN WITH THE STATE IN MANDATING  
13 VACCINATION FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN OUR COUNTY, BY SEPTEMBER  
14 30TH. OUR ORDER WILL ALSO INCLUDE THREE ADDITIONAL GROUPS OF  
15 HEALTHCARE WORKERS: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND  
16 PARAMEDICS, HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND DENTAL PRACTICE  
17 EMPLOYEES. OVER THE COMING WEEKS, WE WILL WORK COLLABORATIVELY  
18 AND CLOSELY WITH OUR HEALTHCARE AND LABOR PARTNERS TO DEVELOP  
19 AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, AND WE  
20 THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS. WE CAN GO TO  
21 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE FAVOR C.O.V.I.D. VACCINATIONS FOR EVERYONE  
22 ELIGIBLE, BECAUSE OF THE MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT THESE VACCINES  
23 ARE EFFECTIVE AND SAFE, AND PROVIDE THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL FOR  
24 ENDING THE PANDEMIC. IN A STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED  
25 KINGDOM DURING THEIR SURGE OF DELTA VARIANT INFECTIONS, PFIZER

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1 VACCINES WERE FOUND TO REDUCE SYMPTOMATIC DISEASE DUE TO  
2 C.O.V.I.D. BY 88 PERCENT. DURING A WAVE OF DELTA VARIANT  
3 INFECTIONS IN ISRAEL, THE VACCINE REDUCED HOSPITALIZATIONS AND  
4 SEVERE ILLNESS THERE BY 93 PERCENT. IN COLORADO, AS DELTA  
5 STRAIN SPREAD STATEWIDE IN MAY AND JUNE, VACCINATIONS WERE  
6 ESTIMATED TO REDUCE SYSTEMATIC DISEASE BY 89 PERCENT  
7 STATEWIDE. WE ARE ALSO SEEING SIGNALS THAT VACCINATION IS FAR  
8 MORE PROTECTIVE AGAINST DELTA VARIANT INFECTION THAN A  
9 PREVIOUS INFECTION IS. IN A STUDY CONDUCTED RECENTLY AMONG  
10 RESIDENTS IN KENTUCKY THAT HAD BEEN INFECTED AT AN EARLIER  
11 POINT IN TIME, UNVACCINATED PEOPLE HAD MORE THAN TWO TIMES'  
12 GREATER CHANCE OF A REPEAT C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION THAN  
13 VACCINATED PEOPLE DID. WE HAVE SO MUCH DATA SHOWING HOW SAFE  
14 THESE VACCINES ARE. 346 MILLION DOSES OF C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES  
15 HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THE UNITED STATES SO FAR, AND THE C.D.C.  
16 AND F.D.A. HAVE MONITORED ALL OF THEM FOR ADVERSE EFFECTS. AS  
17 A RESULT OF THIS CAREFUL MONITORING, 3 VERY RARE AND TREATABLE  
18 HEALTH EFFECTS OF THESE VACCINES HAVE BEEN NOTED. ONE,  
19 ANAPHYLAXIS, IS A RARE ALLERGIC REACTION THAT OCCURS WITHIN 30  
20 MINUTES OF TAKING THE VACCINE, AND IT HAPPENS WITH THESE THREE  
21 VACCINES, AS WELL AS A HOST OF OTHER MEDICATIONS. ANOTHER IS A  
22 SYNDROME INVOLVING BLOOD CLOTS AND LOW PLATELETS THAT HAS  
23 AFFECTED A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF WOMEN AGE 18 TO 49. THIS VERY  
24 UNCOMMON EVENT IS ALSO TREATABLE. A THIRD ADVERSE EFFECT SEEN  
25 VERY INFREQUENTLY IN YOUNG MEN IN THE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE

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1 SECOND DOSE OF VACCINE IS INFLAMMATION OF HEART TISSUES. THIS  
2 CAN ALSO BE TREATED WITHOUT ANY MEDICATION. THESE HEALTH  
3 PROBLEMS ARE EXTREMELY RARE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE VACCINE. WHAT  
4 IS MORE COMMON ARE THE EXPECTED VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS, WHICH  
5 USUALLY MANIFEST AS ONE TO TWO DAYS OF FLU-LIKE ILLNESS. MANY  
6 PEOPLE HAVE THESE SIDE EFFECTS, BUT THEY ARE MANAGEABLE WITH  
7 OVER-THE-COUNTER FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATIONS, AND THEY GO AWAY  
8 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TREATMENT. THESE ARE THE FACTS THAT COME TO  
9 US FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NONGOVERNMENT STUDIES, BUT THEY  
10 CAN BE HARD TO ACCESS WHEN MISINFORMATION ABOUT VACCINES IS  
11 EVERYWHERE. FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT GOOD ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY  
12 HEALTH INFORMATION THEY FEEL THEY CAN TRUST, IT CAN BE VERY  
13 HARD TO FIND THE TRUTH. EVERYONE CAN HELP BY POINTING PEOPLE  
14 WITH QUESTIONS TOWARDS ACCURATE INFORMATION. OUR WEBSITE IS A  
15 GOOD PLACE TO START. FROM OUR C.O.V.I.D. PAGE, YOU CAN NOW  
16 CLICK "VACCINE" ON THE BLUE BAR ACROSS THE TOP, AND THEN CLICK  
17 "MISINFORMATION" AND CHECK YOUR FACTS ABOUT SOME OF THE MOST  
18 COMMON VACCINE RUMORS. TALKING WITH YOUR HEALTH PROVIDER IS  
19 ALSO A GREAT OPTION FOR THOSE WITH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. GO  
20 ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO HAVE HIGH TRANSMISSION  
21 OF C.O.V.I.D. IN L.A. COUNTY. WERE WE BACK IN THE DAYS OF  
22 HAVING A BLUEPRINT, WE WOULD BE BACK IN THE PURPLE TIER. BUT  
23 WE ALSO HAVE MANY STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING THE SPREAD OF THIS  
24 INFECTION. THE MORE OF THESE WE USE, THE SAFER WE ALL ARE.  
25 THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAY: SOMEONE WHO WEARS A SEAT BELT, DRIVES

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1 AT A SAFE SPEED, AND HAS AIRBAGS, IS SAFER THAN SOMEONE WHO  
2 DOES ONLY ONE OF THESE THINGS. IN SOME WAYS, IT'S THE SAME AS  
3 USING MULTIPLE PREVENTION STRATEGIES TO PROTECT ALL OF US FROM  
4 C.O.V.I.D. FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION-- THAT'S WHAT WE CALL  
5 REDUCING THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION-- WE HAVE SEVERAL IMPORTANT  
6 TOOLS, OF WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE BY FAR THE MOST POWERFUL.  
7 THAT IS WHY WE ARE WORKING SO HARD TO ENSURE BARRIER-FREE  
8 ACCESS TO VACCINATION, AND WE ROLL OUT MOBILE VACCINATION  
9 TEAMS, SCHOOL VACCINATION EVENTS, AND COLLABORATIONS WITH SO  
10 MANY VACCINATION PARTNERS, COUNTYWIDE. THIS IS ALSO WHY WE  
11 FAVOR TARGETED VACCINATION MANDATES, SINCE THIS IS THE TOOL  
12 THAT OFFERS US THE MOST PROTECTION FROM SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.  
13 SO MANY HEARTACHES CAN BE PREVENTED IF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR  
14 VACCINATION GET THEIR VACCINES. HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION  
15 ALLOW US TO REMAIN FULLY OPEN, AND THEY PROTECT THOSE NOT YET  
16 ELIGIBLE OR ABLE TO GET VACCINATED. BECAUSE UNFETTERED  
17 TRANSMISSION THREATENS OUR RECOVERY, WE ALSO NEED TO USE  
18 MASKING, DISTANCING, AND INFECTION CONTROL TO BLUNT THE SPREAD  
19 OF THE VIRUS. UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL  
20 LEVEL OF PROTECTION TO BOTH UNVACCINATED AND VACCINATED  
21 PEOPLE, WHILE DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE HELPS AVOID THE  
22 CROWDING THAT CAN FACILITATE TRANSMISSION. AND INFECTION  
23 CONTROL PRACTICES, LIKE HANDWASHING AND DISINFECTING SURFACES,  
24 CONTINUES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTION THROUGH HAND  
25 TO MOUTH OR NOSE CONTACT. WE ALSO HAVE MITIGATION MEASURES

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1 WHICH WE SOMETIMES CALL SECONDARY PREVENTION. THESE ARE AIMED  
2 AT IDENTIFYING NEW CASES AND STOPPING THAT CHAIN OF  
3 TRANSMISSION, AND KEY ELEMENTS HERE IS TESTING. AND AS DR.  
4 GHALY NOTED, FREQUENT TESTING OF PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK FOR  
5 INFECTION, OR WHO HAVE SYMPTOMS, HELP US IDENTIFY POTENTIAL  
6 SPREADERS OF AN INFECTION EARLY. AND IT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES  
7 TO EDUCATE HOW PEOPLE CAN KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE, AND THEIR  
8 HOUSEHOLD SAFE, SHOULD THEY BE INFECTED. AND FINALLY, OUR  
9 ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PRACTICES HELP US PREVENT SPREAD  
10 THROUGH WHAT DOCTORS CALL SOURCE CONTROL: TEMPORARILY  
11 RESTRICTING INFECTED PEOPLE FROM COMING INTO CONTACT WITH  
12 OTHERS, UNTIL THEY ARE NO LONGER AT RISK FOR TRANSMISSION. ALL  
13 OF THESE STRATEGIES ARE NECESSARY RIGHT NOW. GETTING FULLY  
14 VACCINATED IS THE BEST PROTECTIVE ACTION ALL OF US CAN TAKE,  
15 AND DURING THIS TIME OF HIGH TRANSMISSION OF A VERY INFECTIOUS  
16 VARIANT, WE CAN TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER BY ALSO WEARING MASKS  
17 INDOORS AND LAYERING ON THESE OTHER PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES  
18 WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EVERY ACTION HELPS, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL  
19 TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTINUE TO DO YOUR PART DURING THESE  
20 CHALLENGING TIMES. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR  
21 TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP, AND I AM AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO YOUR  
22 QUESTIONS.

23  
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO YOU. SORRY ABOUT  
25 THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WE HAD THERE, DR. FERRER, AND THANK

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1 YOU, DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, FOR GIVING US GREAT PRESENTATIONS  
2 AGAIN. I WANT TO BEGIN, AND THEN I WILL TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES,  
3 IN ORDER OF WHICH I RECOGNIZE THEM AS SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND, I BELIEVE, IF  
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS ANY QUESTIONS. ON THIS ONE, S-1, WE'RE  
6 GOING TO DELIBERATE ON THAT. THIS IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE, BUT  
7 WE CAN HAVE OUR DISCUSSION, AND THEN WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM  
8 73-A. SO, I JUST HAVE THREE QUESTIONS. DR. FERRER, I AM REALLY  
9 HAPPY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THAT OUR CASE RATES AREN'T  
10 QUICKLY MOVING UP, AS THEY WERE IN THE PAST, AND I DO BELIEVE  
11 THE CREDIT GOES TO THE MASK WEARING. AND I'M REALLY SEEING IN  
12 THE LAST TWO WEEKS, I THINK, A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE NOW  
13 GETTING VACCINATED. AND JUST A QUESTION I HAVE IS, HOW LONG DO  
14 YOU EXPECT CASES TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE BEFORE THEY DECLINE,  
15 AND HOW HIGH WOULD YOU EXPECT THEM TO GO BEFORE A DOWNTURN?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, AND THANK YOU SO  
18 MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ONE ISSUE THAT IS  
19 GOING TO CONFOUND OUR CASE NUMBERS IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE  
20 DRAMATICALLY INCREASING TESTING ACROSS THE COUNTY, AS ALL OF  
21 OUR SCHOOLS ARE REOPENING, AND OUR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES  
22 ARE WELCOMING BACK THEIR STUDENTS AND FACULTY, AS WELL. MANY  
23 OF THESE SITES HAVE REGULAR SCREENING/TESTING. MANY OF THEM  
24 HAVE A TESTING REQUIREMENT UPON ENTRY, AND THAT MEANS THAT WE  
25 WILL HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MORE PEOPLE GETTING TESTED

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1 EVERY DAY. AND EVEN THOUGH WITH THAT MORE ROUTINE  
2 SCREENING/TESTING THAT HAPPENS, THE TEST POSITIVITY RATES WILL  
3 STILL BE VERY LOW, IT WILL ADD CASES. AND WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD,  
4 AS I'VE SAID SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS PANDEMIC, TO HAVE  
5 PEOPLE TESTED AND IDENTIFIED EARLY ON AS POSITIVE FOR  
6 C.O.V.I.D., BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT WE CAN ISOLATE THEM AND  
7 QUARANTINE THEIR CLOSE CONTACTS, AND CUT THAT CHAIN OF  
8 TRANSMISSION. BUT IT DOES MEAN, FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND  
9 SEPTEMBER, WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE OUR CASE NUMBERS CLIMB. THE  
10 HOPE HERE WILL BE THAT OUR TEST POSITIVITY RATE DOES NOT,  
11 INDICATING THAT MUCH OF WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS A RESULT OF  
12 INCREASED TESTING. BUT IT STILL WILL INDICATE TO ALL OF US  
13 THAT WE HAVE WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION. SO I IMAGINE THAT, FOR  
14 THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEED  
15 EVERYONE WHO ISN'T VACCINATED TO GET VACCINATED AS QUICKLY AS  
16 POSSIBLE, [INAUDIBLE] THAT WE'RE PROTECTING EACH OTHER FROM  
17 ALL OF THIS TRANSMISSION.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND, DR. FERRER, JUST BRIEFLY, ALSO, YOU  
20 KNOW, YOU INDICATE THAT THE CASES OF GETTING REALLY ILL FROM  
21 THIS NEW VARIANT ARE LOWER WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN  
22 VACCINATED, BUT I THINK WE ARE ALSO BEING HURT BY THE MEDIA  
23 AND OTHERS REPORTING THAT THESE ARE SOMEHOW REALLY TREMENDOUS,  
24 THAT THEY ARE GOING UP, AND THAT THAT, FOR SOME REASON, IS  
25 ALARMING THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK IT IS ALMOST DISSUADING



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1 PEOPLE, WHEN I'M OUT IN THE FIELD, TELLING ME THAT, "WELL, I  
2 HAD C.O.V.I.D., AND I DON'T NEED IT. AND BY THE WAY, PEOPLE  
3 ARE STILL GETTING IT NOW, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN VACCINATED."  
4 SO, HOW ARE WE GOING TO REALLY BE ABLE TO MESSAGE THAT NOW, AS  
5 WE ARE GOING INTO-- WE ARE ALREADY IN AUGUST, BUT SEPTEMBER?  
6 HOW CAN WE HELP BREAK THROUGH THAT?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK, JUST CONTINUING AS WE TRY TO  
9 SHARE ACCURATE INFORMATION. IF YOU LOOK AT EVERYBODY WHO IS  
10 VACCINATED, YOUR CHANCES OF ENDING UP POSITIVE ARE LESS THAN  
11 1%. SO, I MEAN, THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO  
12 NOTE: THAT IF YOU GET VACCINATED, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF  
13 PROTECTION. YOU ARE HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO EVEN GET INFECTED. IF  
14 YOU DO GET INFECTED, VERY FEW PEOPLE END UP IN THE HOSPITAL,  
15 AND VERY, VERY FEW PEOPLE END UP PASSING AWAY. THE NUMBERS ARE  
16 VERY SMALL. THEY ARE TRAGIC, BUT THEY ARE VERY, VERY SMALL. IF  
17 YOU DON'T GET VACCINATED, YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING INFECTED ARE  
18 FOUR TIMES GREATER, AND YOUR CHANCES OF ENDING UP  
19 HOSPITALIZED, SHOULD YOU GET INFECTED, I THINK, ARE 19 TIMES  
20 GREATER. EITHER 19 OR 20 TIMES GREATER. AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU  
21 HAVE A MUCH GREATER CHANCE OF PASSING AWAY, SINCE 95 TO 96  
22 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSING AWAY RIGHT NOW ARE  
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED. SO I THINK, WHILE IT IS TRUE  
24 THAT THESE VACCINES ARE NOT 100% PERFECT, NO VACCINES ARE, AND  
25 NO MEDICATIONS ARE. AND IF YOU LOOK AT SORT OF THE RISKS AND

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1 THE BENEFITS, I THINK IT IS SO CLEAR THAT GETTING VACCINATED  
2 NOT ONLY PROTECTS YOU, PROTECTS OUR COMMUNITY, AND IT IS  
3 REALLY THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY FOR US TO END THIS PANDEMIC, AT  
4 THIS POINT.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND JUST THE LAST QUESTION. YOU  
7 KNOW, WITH SCHOOL STARTING NOW IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE  
8 COUNTY, AND NEXT WEEK, L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS  
9 STARTING, AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE ASKING CHILDREN TO WEAR  
10 MASKS, AND STAFF TO ALSO MASK AND TEST. WHAT MESSAGE DO WE  
11 HAVE FOR PARENTS AND FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS AS WE MOVE  
12 AHEAD, GIVEN THAT WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN YOUNGSTERS THAT  
13 AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE VACCINATIONS?

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** FOR ALL OF US WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT YOUNG  
16 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12, WHO CANNOT GET VACCINATED, THE  
17 MOST IMPORTANT GIFT WE CAN GIVE THEM IS TO GET VACCINATED  
18 OURSELVES, IF WE ARE ELIGIBLE. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE MEAN  
19 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COMMUNITY IMMUNITY. WE MEAN WE SURROUND  
20 THOSE THAT CANNOT GET VACCINATED WITH EVERYONE ELSE BEING  
21 VACCINATED. SO, ONE THING TO JUST NOTE FOR EVERYONE WHO IS  
22 DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT CHILDREN NOT BEING ABLE TO GET  
23 VACCINATED, WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART BY MAKING SURE WE ARE  
24 GETTING VACCINATED. THAT ADDS A LOT OF LAYERS OF PROTECTION,  
25 INCLUDING IN YOUR OWN HOME. SO, IT IS MUCH LESS LIKELY FOR

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1    THERE TO BE TRANSMISSION FROM VACCINATED PEOPLE TO  
2    UNVACCINATED PEOPLE; NOT IMPOSSIBLE, BUT MUCH LESS LIKELY,  
3    FROM UNVACCINATED PEOPLE TO UNVACCINATED PEOPLE. SO PLEASE,  
4    PARENTS, TEENAGERS, IF YOU LIVE IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH SOMEBODY  
5    UNDER THE AGE OF 12, IF YOU GET VACCINATED, YOU ARE PROVIDING  
6    THEM WITH A LOT OF PROTECTION, AS WELL. AND THEN WE HAVE BEEN  
7    WORKING WITH THE SCHOOLS, REALLY, FOR MONTHS NOW, ON LAYERING  
8    IN ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS THAT CAN HAPPEN AT SCHOOLS, STARTING  
9    WITH THAT UNIVERSAL MASKING REQUIREMENT INDOORS, DISTANCING  
10    WHERE POSSIBLE AND FEASIBLE, AVOIDING CROWDED SITUATIONS. WE  
11    HAVE GOOD STRATEGIES IN PLACE, ONCE CASES GET IDENTIFIED  
12    THROUGH THE ROUTINE SCREENING, SO THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO QUICKLY  
13    ISOLATE AND IDENTIFY CLOSE CONTACTS. AND I WANT TO JUST THANK  
14    ALL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL  
15    SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US FOR MONTHS NOW,  
16    PREPARING FOR THIS REOPENING, WITH AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE  
17    AT OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS.

18  
19    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU,  
20    DR. CHRISTINA GHALY AND DR. BARBARA FERRER. AND THANK YOU FOR  
21    ALL THE POP-UP TESTING SITES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING, TOO. IT  
22    IS REALLY TREMENDOUS. I KNOW PARTICIPATION RATES ARE GOING UP.  
23    THEY MAY VARY. BUT NONETHELESS, THAT'S GREAT. SO THANK YOU.  
24    SO, NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE IN THE ORDER THAT THEY REQUESTED.  
25    SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE ON.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS AGAIN TO DR.

3 FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR YOUR WORK, AND FOR YOUR REGULAR

4 UPDATES TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF

5 POSITIVE NEWS, BUT OVERALL, YOU KNOW, OUR CASES ARE GOING UP.

6 OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS, AS DR. GHALY TALKED ABOUT, HAVE NEARLY

7 DOUBLED IN TWO WEEKS, AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A HUGE SENSE OF

8 FRUSTRATION WITH ALL OF US. THIS IS JUST NOT WHERE WE THOUGHT

9 WE WOULD BE. IN AUGUST OF 2021, WE REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE KIND

10 OF GETTING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, AND PEOPLE WERE STARTING

11 TO MAKE PLANS TO TRAVEL AGAIN. AND NOW, PEOPLE ARE

12 RECONSIDERING TRAVEL PLANS. PEOPLE ARE RECONSIDERING GATHERING

13 AGAIN AT BIG EVENTS. IT IS DISCOURAGING TO LOSE GROUND,

14 PARTICULARLY, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT

15 VACCINE OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE,

16 PREVALENT, FREE. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE

17 ON THE POP-UP VACCINE CLINICS. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A MOBILE

18 VAN THAT I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN PLACES. I MEAN, WE ARE

19 TAKING MOBILE VANS TO CHURCHES, TO ART WALKS, TO SPORTING

20 EVENTS, TO PRIDE EVENTS. I MEAN, I THINK YOU WOULD CONSIDER

21 DRIVING THE MOBILE VAN UP TO SOMEBODY'S FRONT DOOR, IF THAT'S

22 WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET THEM VACCINATED. SO IT DOES FEEL

23 LIKE WE HAVE REALLY DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THESE

24 VACCINES SAFE, EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, PREVALENT, FREE, BUT IT

25 LOOKS LIKE WE MAY BE, AS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LOOKING TO

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1 CORRECT COURSE ON THIS, INTRODUCE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD REQUIRE  
2 PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED. I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I  
3 INTRODUCED SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE DEBATING LATER ABOUT  
4 MANDATING OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE TO GET VACCINATED OR TESTED; OF  
5 COURSE, OUR CHAIR INTRODUCING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER LAST WEEK,  
6 THAT ALSO LOOKS AT MANDATING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE  
7 VACCINATED. BECAUSE, AS THE REGION'S LARGEST EMPLOYER, WE DO  
8 WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S ANOTHER MOTION  
9 THAT WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS LATER ABOUT, SHOULD WE BEGIN TO  
10 LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION  
11 FOR PEOPLE TO ENTER PUBLIC SPACES? SO I DO THINK YOU ARE GOING  
12 TO SEE THIS BOARD LOOKING AT, OKAY, WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO  
13 CORRECT COURSE ON WHAT WE SEE AS THE DELTA VARIANT GONE WILD?  
14 LET ME JUST ASK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN THE  
15 LETTER. I GOT A LETTER SIGNED BY COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYORS OF  
16 CERTAIN CITIES THAT I REPRESENT, THAT ARE VERY UPSET ABOUT THE  
17 INDOOR MASK MANDATE, ALTHOUGH YOU ARE KIND OF TALKING ABOUT  
18 HOW YOU THINK THAT MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY MADE THINGS A LITTLE  
19 BIT BETTER. AND THEIR ARGUMENT IS THAT THEY ARE VACCINATED.  
20 ONE OF THEIR CITIES HAS A 97% VACCINATION RATE FOR ADULTS OVER  
21 65, AND EVEN 92% OF THEIR TEENAGERS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN  
22 THEIR CITY. AND SO THEY ARE ASKING, AND I AM GOING TO ASK YOU,  
23 SO YOU CAN ANSWER THEIR QUESTION PUBLICLY. THEY THINK THEY  
24 HAVE REACHED HERD IMMUNITY, AND SO THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY  
25 THEY ARE BEING PUNISHED BY BEING ASKED TO WEAR A MASK INDOORS.

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1 IS THERE SUCH THING AS HERD IMMUNITY, AND IS HERD IMMUNITY FOR  
2 THE DELTA VARIANT, TOO? HOW HIGH DO PEOPLE'S VACCINATION RATES  
3 NEED TO GET IN A PARTICULAR CITY TO, I DON'T KNOW, GIVE THEM A  
4 REPRIEVE FROM WEARING MASKS INDOORS? SO I'M JUST FORWARDING  
5 THEIR QUESTION TO YOU, AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE THAT  
6 QUESTION, RIGHT? IS THERE SUCH A THING AS HERD IMMUNITY, AND  
7 WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN? THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I MEAN, I GUESS-- I APPRECIATE THEIR  
10 INTEREST, AND OBVIOUSLY THEIR CONCERN. AND OBVIOUSLY,  
11 EVERYBODY WANTS TO KNOW, WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO SO THAT THINGS  
12 DO GET BACK TO NORMAL? SO, THE FIRST THING I WANT TO POINT OUT  
13 IS, WE DON'T KNOW AS MUCH AS WE WISH WE KNEW ABOUT THE DELTA  
14 VARIANT, AND WHAT WE DO KNOW RIGHT NOW IS NOT ENCOURAGING, IN  
15 TERMS OF THIS ABILITY TO INFECT SO MANY MORE PEOPLE THAN  
16 EARLIER VARIANTS OF CONCERN, AND THE MORE COMMONLY CIRCULATING  
17 VIRUS WE HAD LAST YEAR. WHAT I DO KNOW IS, I LOOKED AT THE  
18 DATA FOR EVERY CITY IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND EVERY SINGLE CITY IN  
19 YOUR DISTRICT HAS HAD A HUGE INCREASE IN THEIR CASE RATES  
20 BETWEEN JUNE 15TH AND JULY 31ST-- I MEAN, EVERY SINGLE ONE--  
21 WITH A BUNCH OF CITIES IN THAT DISTRICT ACTUALLY HAVING CASE  
22 RATES THAT ARE OVER THE AVERAGE CASE RATE FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND  
23 THIS INCLUDES PLACES LIKE MANHATTAN BEACH AND THE CITY OF  
24 HERMOSA BEACH. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY, SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE  
25 WE SHOULD REALLY BE DOING THINGS VERY DIFFERENTLY, BUT ACROSS

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1 THE ENTIRE COUNTY, WE HAVE SEEN EXPLOSIONS IN CASE RATES. AND  
2 THE OTHER THING ABOUT SORT OF THE MASKING IS, THE MASKING  
3 RIGHT NOW IS HELPING US DO A COUPLE OF THINGS: INCREASE  
4 VACCINATION RATES, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY, WITH THESE EXPLOSIONS IN  
5 CASES, AND MOST OF IT HAPPENING STILL AMONG UNVACCINATED  
6 PEOPLE IN MANY OF THESE CITIES, THERE IS STILL A LOT OF  
7 TRANSMISSION; ENOUGH TRANSMISSION THAT THESE RATES JUMPED SO  
8 MUCH. I MEAN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PLACES LIKE HERMOSA BEACH  
9 GOING FROM A CASE RATE OF 26 CASES PER 100,000 ON JUNE 15TH,  
10 TO 458 CASES PER 100,000 ON JULY 31ST. SO THESE ARE VERY BIG  
11 INCREASES, AND THEY INDICATE THAT ALL OF US TOGETHER NEED TO  
12 DO SOME MORE TO SLOW THE SPREAD RIGHT NOW, AND THAT IS THE  
13 INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT. SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE SPREAD, AND  
14 WE HAVE SPREAD ACROSS EVERY-- PRETTY MUCH EVERY CITY ACROSS  
15 THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND I THINK THE SENSIBLE THING TO DO WITH  
16 THAT IS TO ADD THIS OTHER LAYER. I MEAN, YOU SEE THIS  
17 HAPPENING EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD,  
18 WHERE, WITH THE DELTA VARIANT AND IT BEING SO INFECTIOUS, THAT  
19 WE ARE PUTTING IN AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION; THAT WHILE IT  
20 MAY BE ANNOYING, TO MANY, IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH SORT OF  
21 NORMAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND IT ALLOWS US TO STAY IN OUR  
22 FULL REOPENING. SO I WOULD JUST ASK PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THE DATA  
23 IS NOT GOOD. IT'S NOT GOOD ANYWHERE RIGHT NOW. WE'VE GOT LOTS  
24 AND LOTS OF TRANSMISSION. BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE SO MUCH  
25 TRANSMISSION, IT IS CLEAR NOBODY, NO PLACE, IS AT COMMUNITY



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1 IMMUNITY. AND WITH AS MANY PEOPLE COMING IN AND OUT OF EACH  
2 ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO WORK OR TO PLAY OR TO VISIT DURING  
3 THE SUMMER, IT IS REALLY HARD TO JUST LOOK AT ONE COMMUNITY,  
4 IN AND OF ITSELF, AROUND ISSUES AROUND TRANSMISSION OF A VERY  
5 INFECTIOUS VARIANT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT  
8 WAS MY QUESTION.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO  
11 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS,  
14 AS ALWAYS, TO DRS. FERRER AND GHALY FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.  
15 THE SLIDES ARE ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS WITH  
16 TWO FOLLOW-UPS ON THE SLIDES, FOR DR. FERRER, IF I MAY, MADAM  
17 CHAIR. DR. FERRER, FIRST OF ALL, ON YOUR SLIDE ENTITLED "WHERE  
18 CAN WE CLOSE THE VACCINATION GAPS?", YOU SAID IT-- AND I THINK  
19 I MISSED IT-- THE BLUE, GREEN, AND PINK COLORATION OF THE  
20 NUMBERS REFLECT INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE POINTS FOR VACCINATIONS  
21 FOR THOSE ETHNIC GROUPS. DO THE WHITE NUMERALS REFLECT NO  
22 CHANGE IN VACCINATION RATES?

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, THE WHITE ONES REPRESENT EITHER NO  
25 CHANGE OR NOT ENOUGH CHANGE. LIKE, NOT A POINT INCREASE. SO

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1    THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT OF CHANGE, BUT NOT ENOUGH  
2    FOR US TO SEE IT MOVE. LIKE, FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS BETWEEN THE  
3    AGES OF 18 AND 29, THESE ARE AT 79%, AND THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
4    A LITTLE BIT OF MOVEMENT, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO GO TO 80%.

5

6    **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOT IT. THANK YOU. GOT IT. SECOND CLARIFICATION  
7    QUESTION ON YOUR SLIDE. ON THE SCHOOL VACCINATION EVENT SLIDE.  
8    I THINK IT WAS AROUND SLIDE 17.

9

10   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY.

11

12   **SUP. MITCHELL:** THERE APPEARS TO ME-- AND I TRIED TO ENLARGE  
13   IT, AND I EVEN HAVE ON MY GLASSES, BUT THOSE LITTLE DOTS ARE  
14   TINY. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THERE'S A GAP IN THE SECOND  
15   DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH L.A., AND I WANTED TO HEAR  
16   YOUR PERSPECTIVE ABOUT WHY, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS  
17   SLIDE THAT I ASKED CLARIFICATION ON SHOWS A LOWER TAKE-UP  
18   AMONG TEENS OF COLOR. SO WHEN I LOOK AT THAT SLIDE, I AM  
19   LOOKING AT COMMUNITIES INCLUDING COMPTON, SOUTH GATE,  
20   TORRANCE, LYNWOOD, WHERE I SEE FEW, IF ANY, VACCINATION  
21   LOCATIONS. SO CAN WE TALK ABOUT THAT? IS THERE A PLAN TO  
22   EXPAND? WHAT MUST WE DO TO IMPROVE THE VACCINATION RATES OF  
23   THOSE STUDENTS OF COLOR LIVING IN THOSE COMMUNITIES?

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT IS A GREAT QUESTION, AND  
2 OBVIOUSLY THESE ARE JUST THE ONES THAT ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED,  
3 SUPERVISOR. SO WE, TOO, ARE WORKING WITH SOME OF THE DISTRICTS  
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO  
5 GET VACCINATED, AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT AMPLE  
6 OPPORTUNITY EXTENDS TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES. SO, SOME OF THIS IS  
7 JUST REFLECTIVE OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED, BUT WE  
8 AGREE WITH YOU THAT, WHEREVER THERE ARE NOTICEABLE GAPS, WE  
9 ARE WORKING WITH THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SEE HOW WE CAN GO  
10 AHEAD AND CLOSE THE GAP. AND ALSO, WORKING WITH PARENT GROUPS  
11 TO HELP US, AGAIN, IDENTIFY PLACES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WHERE  
12 THEY WANT THEIR STUDENTS TO GO AND GET VACCINATED, AS WELL.  
13 SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE, TO LAYER UPON THIS, ALL OF THE 400 OR  
14 SO MOBILE TEAMS THAT ARE OUT, AS WELL, DOING A VERY BIG EFFORT  
15 RIGHT NOW TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP STUDENTS. I WANT TO SAY, AND I  
16 KNOW YOU AND I TALKED. AT COMMUNITY SITES THAT WE WERE WORKING  
17 AT THIS WEEKEND, WE BOTH SAW LOTS MORE TEENS COMING IN TO GET  
18 VACCINATED, AND FELT HEARTENED BY THAT. BUT YOU ARE RIGHT: IT  
19 IS OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT, AGAIN, ACCESS IS NEVER THE  
20 BARRIER TO GETTING ANYBODY VACCINATED IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I  
21 CAN GET BACK TO YOU WITH MORE DETAILS ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH  
22 SOME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT YOU MENTIONED.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. AND I WAS IN COMPTON,  
25 ACTUALLY, SATURDAY, PARTNERING WITH A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY-

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1 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND WAS SURPRISED WHEN I TALKED TO THE  
2 TEENS ABOUT WHY-- I WAS GLAD THEY WERE THERE, LET ME START  
3 THERE-- BUT WHY IT TOOK THEM SO LONG. AND LITERALLY, WE HAD TO  
4 SIT NEXT TO THEM, KIND OF HOLD THE HANDS OF A COUPLE OF TEENS,  
5 WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE JUST AFRAID TO GET THE SHOT. SO WE HAVE  
6 TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THERE. TWO MORE  
7 QUICK QUESTIONS FROM ME. YOU TALK ABOUT THE COUNTYWIDE TEST  
8 POSITIVITY RATE AT ABOUT 5%, BUT I THINK THAT COUNTYWIDE  
9 AVERAGE REALLY MASKS NUMBERS WE HAVE SEEN IN PARTICULAR  
10 COMMUNITIES. I AM STRUCK THAT THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE AT THE  
11 MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL CAMPUS IS DOUBLE THAT:  
12 ALMOST 10%. GIVEN THAT... AND I HAVE ASKED YOU ABOUT  
13 BENCHMARKS IN THE PAST, AS WE BEGAN TO REOPEN. WHEN YOU  
14 INSTITUTED THE INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT, I'VE ASKED ABOUT  
15 BENCHMARKS. SO, ARE WE CREATING BENCHMARKS THAT WE CAN APPLY  
16 TO INFORM US WHEN WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE HELP, MORE  
17 SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR AREAS-- EITHER MORE TESTING SITES,  
18 WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIMIT AGAIN INDOOR CAPACITY OR  
19 OTHER SAFETY MEASURES OR PROTOCOLS, PARTICULARLY AS WE LOOK AT  
20 THIS VIRUS CONTINUING TO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT HIGHER-RISK  
21 COMMUNITIES, LARGELY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR? SO, ARE THERE  
22 BENCHMARKS THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT WE CAN LOOK TO?

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK THE CLEAREST BENCHMARK RIGHT NOW  
25 IS THE VACCINATION RATES AND GETTING THOSE UP, BECAUSE THAT'S

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1 THE MOST PROTECTION, AND THAT'S WHAT WE WATCH THE MOST  
2 CAREFULLY. AND WHEN THOSE AREN'T GOING UP FAST ENOUGH, IT IS,  
3 AS YOU SAID, THEN IT TRANSLATES IMMEDIATELY TO HIGHER TEST  
4 POSITIVITY, BECAUSE THERE'S MORE PEOPLE INFECTED: MORE PEOPLE  
5 PASSING ON INFECTION, MORE PEOPLE GETTING INFECTED. SO I  
6 THINK, AS A PRIMARY BENCHMARK FOR ALL OF US, IS PROBABLY THOSE  
7 VACCINATION NUMBERS, AND GETTING THOSE RATES UP, AND DOING  
8 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE IT EASY, BUILD CONFIDENCE, AND AT  
9 THIS POINT, IN SOME OF OUR HIGHER-RISK SETTINGS, GO AHEAD AND  
10 MOVE TOWARDS MANDATES. BECAUSE IT IS JUST INTOLERABLE TO NOT  
11 MAKE GOOD PROGRESS, GIVEN SORT OF THE DANGERS THAT THE DELTA  
12 VARIANT IS PRESENTING. WE ARE NOT PLODDING ALONG ANYMORE WITH  
13 THIS VIRUS. THIS VARIANT IS NOT A PLODDER. THIS VARIANT  
14 INFECTS MANY MORE PEOPLE AT A TIME. ONE PERSON CAN INFECT MANY  
15 MORE PEOPLE AT A TIME, IF THEY ARE INFECTED WITH THE DELTA  
16 VARIANT, AND THAT'S ALL WE ARE SEEING, IS THE DELTA VARIANT.  
17 SO, WITH THIS EXPLOSION IN CASES, THE BEST STRATEGY RIGHT NOW,  
18 FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, IS TO DOUBLE DOWN ON GETTING MORE AND  
19 MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED, AND REALLY DO EVERYTHING WE CAN,  
20 INCLUDING WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID. WE WILL TAKE VACCINE TO  
21 WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT. AND IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF PEOPLE FOR  
22 US TO GO WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT. WE WILL GO ANYWHERE.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT WAS POWERFUL TO HEAR YOU USE THE TERM  
25 EXPLOSION, AND HOW ONE PERSON WITH DELTA CAN INFECT MANY MORE

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1 PEOPLE THAN OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. LAST QUESTION FROM ME,  
2 MADAM CHAIR. GOING BACK TO YOUR "STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING  
3 CONTINUED HIGH TRANSMISSION" SLIDE, DR. FERRER, I NOTICED A  
4 BULLET HERE THAT SAYS, "DISTANCING AVOIDS THE CROWDING THAT  
5 FACILITATES TRANSMISSION." AND SO MY QUESTION TO YOU IS  
6 REGARDING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. IT IS SUMMERTIME. SPORTING  
7 EVENTS ARE HAPPENING. ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS ARE HAPPENING.  
8 HAVE YOU OR ARE YOU CONSIDERING CHANGING YOUR MASKING OR  
9 SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, OR REQUIRING VACCINE  
10 VERIFICATION FOR OUTDOOR GATHERINGS OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE?

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION,  
13 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR RAISING IT. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY  
14 TALKING A LOT TO LONG BEACH AND PASADENA ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE  
15 ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS HAVE WHAT ARE CALLED THESE LARGE  
16 MEGA-EVENTS. THEY ARE OUTSIDE. BEFORE DELTA, WE THOUGHT THEY  
17 WERE RELATIVELY SAFE FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. THERE'S  
18 ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM WITH TRANSMISSION FOR UNVACCINATED  
19 PEOPLE, WHEREVER THEY ARE. WE HAVE ALWAYS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT  
20 REQUIRED, THAT UNVACCINATED PEOPLE IN OUTDOOR SETTINGS, WHERE  
21 IT IS SUPER CROWDED, THEY SHOULD BE KEEPING THEIR MASKS ON.  
22 AND AS YOU KNOW, WE MODIFIED OUR HEALTH OFFICE ORDER TO  
23 REQUIRE THAT PEOPLE ARE MASKED UP WHENEVER THEY ARE AT  
24 CONCESSION STANDS, OR INDOORS IN CONCOURSES AT SORT OF THE  
25 LARGER STADIUMS. BUT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES

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1 AT LONG BEACH AND AT PASADENA, AND AS A STATE, ABOUT WHETHER  
2 OR NOT THERE NEEDS TO BE A MANDATE FOR OUTDOOR MASKING AT  
3 THESE VERY LARGE MEGA-EVENTS. THOSE ARE THOSE EVENTS THAT HAVE  
4 OVER 10,000 PEOPLE, WHERE IT IS ALMOST UNAVOIDABLE THAT IT IS  
5 CROWDED, AND THAT YOU ARE IN A CROWD, GIVEN THE LARGENESS OF  
6 THE EVENT. SO WE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD. I MEAN, WE WERE  
7 TALKING ALSO WITH THE STATE, OBVIOUSLY, ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE  
8 CONSIDERING. I MEAN, AS I SHOWED YOU WITH THE DATA, WE ARE  
9 SEEING INCREASES, BUT ACROSS THE REST OF THE STATE, THE  
10 INCREASES ARE EVEN BIGGER IN MOST PLACES, IN TERMS OF PEOPLE  
11 BECOMING INFECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TO REVISIT. JUST  
12 AS YOU SAID, AS WE LEARN MORE AND WE SEE THE NEED TO CONTINUE  
13 TO TRY TO REDUCE RISK WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WHILE NOT IMPEDING,  
14 AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, OUR FULL REOPENING, WE SHOULD CONSIDER  
15 THOSE STRATEGIES. AND I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT TO  
16 POINT OUT THAT OUTDOOR MASKING, WHEN THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE  
17 IN CROWDS, IS A SENSIBLE PRECAUTION. WE ALREADY RECOMMENDED IT  
18 EVERYWHERE. AND EVEN AT THIS POINT, WITH THE FULLY VACCINATED  
19 PEOPLE, IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE AROUND, AND YOU'RE  
20 OUTDOORS, AND IT'S SUPER CROWDED, YOU SHOULD PUT ON THAT FACE  
21 COVERING. BUT IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT ANYWHERE AT THE MOMENT.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.  
24 AND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, JUST AN F.Y.I. WE RECENTLY OPENED A  
25 CLINIC IN THE CITY OF BELL, AND WE HAD THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER



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1 FROM LYNWOOD COME, AND SOUTH GATE, AND A BUNCH OF THE  
2 NEIGHBORING CITIES. SO NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TREAT  
3 5,000 PEOPLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS, AND THANK YOU TO D.H.S. AND  
4 THEY ARE GIVING OUT THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE, SO THAT'S JUST  
5 ANOTHER GOOD THING, AND WE GOT TO WORK TOGETHER SO WE CAN PUSH  
6 PEOPLE OUT THAT WAY, SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL EIGHT MILES  
7 DOWN AND GET A BUS AND TAKE TWO HOURS TO GET THERE. SO THANK  
8 YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. OKAY, NEXT, QUICKLY, WE WILL GO TO  
9 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I WILL GO QUICKLY THROUGH MY CONCERNS,  
12 AS WELL. DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, THANK YOU, AS WE ALL HAVE  
13 SAID, FOR NOT JUST YOUR REPORTS, BUT YOUR WORK. IT HAS BEEN A  
14 YEAR AND A HALF. YOU AND ALL OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE  
15 COUNTY HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND  
16 WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS WORK. I HAVE  
17 BEEN ALARMED, OVER THE PAST MORE THAN A MONTH, TO SEE THAT  
18 VIRTUALLY EVERY WEEK WHEN THE NEW CASES ARE REPORTED BY  
19 DISTRICT, MY DISTRICT HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASES. IT IS  
20 NOT THOUGHT OF AS BEING EXPECTED, BECAUSE, OF COURSE,  
21 EVERYBODY THINKS THAT THE THIRD DISTRICT IS MOSTLY WHITE,  
22 BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IT VERY WELL. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
23 FOR THE ADDITIONAL HELP THAT YOU ARE GIVING US IN VENICE, IN  
24 STUDIO CITY, AND EVEN IN BEVERLY HILLS, BECAUSE THE NUMBERS OF  
25 CASES HAVE BEEN QUITE HIGH, AND ALSO IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND IN

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1 THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS, IF YOU LOOK AT THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE  
2 CITY OF L.A., AND YOU LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUAL CITIES. SO I WAS  
3 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY THAT MIGHT BE, IF THERE'S A REASON.  
4 WE DON'T HAVE A LOWER VACCINATION RATE, I DON'T THINK, BUT WE  
5 DO HAVE A YOUNGER POPULATION IN SOME OF THOSE AREAS-- IN THE  
6 HOLLYWOOD HILLS, IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, IN PARTS OF STUDIO CITY,  
7 AND CERTAINLY IN VENICE. SO I WONDER IF THERE HAS BEEN AN  
8 ATTEMPT TO SORT OF SLICE AND DICE AS TO WHETHER A YOUNGER  
9 POPULATION, WHICH IS LESS VACCINATED, IS CONCENTRATED IN THESE  
10 CITIES AND AREAS THAT HAVE OVERALL, EACH WEEK, THE HIGHEST  
11 GROWTH OF CASES, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN QUITE STARTLING TO ME.

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, WE AGREE. AND OBVIOUSLY,  
14 WHERE THERE ARE OUTBREAKS, WE GET A FAIR AMOUNT OF DETAIL. IT  
15 IS A LITTLE BIT HARD ON THE CONTACT TRACING SIDE, JUST BECAUSE  
16 PEOPLE HAVE HAD SO MANY EXPOSURES. BUT I THINK YOU ARE  
17 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IN WHAT YOU ARE NOTING. A YOUNGER POPULATION--  
18 - THAT IS DEFINITELY WHO IS GETTING INFECTED, MORE LIKELY TO  
19 BE UNVACCINATED. BUT ALSO, THERE ARE MANY FOLKS WHO ARE  
20 YOUNGER, WHO ARE INTERMINGLING JUST A LOT MORE WITH PEOPLE  
21 OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL SOCIAL CIRCLE THIS SUMMER. AND IN  
22 PART, IT WAS BECAUSE IT WAS THE SUMMER OF HOPE AT ONE TIME,  
23 AND WE REALLY HAD A LOT OF RELAXING THAT WAS GOING ON, WITHOUT  
24 REALLY FULLY UNDERSTANDING THE RISK. NOW WE FULLY UNDERSTAND  
25 THE RISK, BUT THERE'S STILL A FAIR AMOUNT OF WHAT I CALL

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1 SOCIAL INTERMINGLING. IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, MANY PEOPLE HAVE  
2 BEEN SOCIALIZING, BUT WITH MUCH SMALLER GROUPS OF FOLKS, SO  
3 THEY HAVE BEEN SOCIALIZING WITH EXTENDED FAMILY, AND THAT  
4 DIDN'T REALLY GET EXPANDED MUCH YET. BUT IN PLACES WHERE YOU  
5 HAVE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE BARS ARE FULL, THE RESTAURANTS  
6 ARE FULL, AND PEOPLE HAVE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THOSE  
7 SETTINGS, IN PARTICULAR-- THEY ARE INDOOR SETTINGS-- FOR THERE  
8 TO BE MULTIPLE EXPOSURES, AND FOR THIS TO MOVE FAIRLY QUICKLY.  
9 AND SOME OF IT MIGHT ALSO BE THAT FOR FOLKS WITH RESOURCES TO  
10 ENJOY SOME OF THE NEWLY OPENED OPPORTUNITIES, THEY CAN DO THAT  
11 MORE. THEY CAN EAT OUT MORE. THEY CAN GO TO ENTERTAINMENT  
12 VENUES MORE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MORE RESOURCES. SO I THINK  
13 THAT'S A LITTLE BIT OF WHY YOU'RE SEEING-- YOU KNOW, THESE  
14 CASES ARE EXPLODING IN PLACES WHERE, WHEN WE WERE UNDER MUCH  
15 STRICTER RESTRICTIONS, THERE WAS LESS TRANSMISSION. BECAUSE  
16 MANY OF THESE ARE FOLKS WHO MAY NOT HAVE HAD TO GO INTO WORK,  
17 COULD DO A LOT OF THEIR WORK TELEWORKING, AND MOST OF THE SORT  
18 OF SOCIAL INTERMINGLING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE INDOORS WERE  
19 LIMITED, AND SOME WERE NONEXISTENT. I THINK, NOW THAT THINGS  
20 ARE OPEN, YOU HAVE A LOT MORE INTERMINGLING, AND AS YOU NOTED,  
21 THAT AGE GROUP IS WHERE WE HAVE THE LOWER RATES OF  
22 VACCINATION. SO IT JUST CREATES A LOT OF [INAUDIBLE].

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, IN THE LAST PANDEMIC THAT RAGED THROUGH  
25 MY DISTRICT-- IT WASN'T MY DISTRICT AT THE TIME-- THE H.I.V.

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1 AND A.I.D.S. PANDEMIC, THE BARS, WHO ALSO EXPERIENCED A LOT OF  
2 PEOPLE COMING TO SOCIALIZE, PRIMARILY IN THE L.G.B.T.Q.  
3 COMMUNITY, BUT NOT, OF COURSE, ONLY, TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES  
4 TO DO EDUCATION, TO SORT OF PUSH FOR PEOPLE TO ADOPT THE  
5 PROTECTION OF THE TIME. AND I WONDER IF WE MIGHT THINK ABOUT A  
6 SPECIFIC OUTREACH TO BARS. BECAUSE I KNOW, IN SAN FRANCISCO,  
7 THEY HAVE GONE TOGETHER, IN TERMS OF THE RESTAURANT  
8 ASSOCIATION, AND AGREED THAT THEY ALL WANT TO REQUIRE PROOF OF  
9 VACCINATION. IT WOULD BE VOLUNTARY AT THE MOMENT, BUT I WONDER  
10 IF WE MIGHT DO SOME OUTREACH, AND I CERTAINLY WILL, TO THESE  
11 PARTICULAR VENUES THAT PROVIDE DANGER, ACTUALLY, TO A YOUNGER  
12 POPULATION. SO THAT'S A RHETORICAL QUESTION. THE OTHER PART OF  
13 MY QUESTION TO YOU TODAY RELATES TO THE HEALTH ORDER ABOUT  
14 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. YOU MENTIONED E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS TO BE  
15 ADDED TO THE STATE ORDER. I TOTALLY APPROVE. DENTAL EMPLOYEES--  
16 - TOTALLY APPROVE. IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS-- TOTALLY  
17 APPROVE. BUT MY QUESTION IS, ARE THERE OTHER CATEGORIES OF  
18 COUNTY WORKERS WHO PROVIDE PRE-HOSPITAL KINDS OF SERVICES,  
19 THAT ALSO CAN PUT PEOPLE AT RISK? I AM THINKING OF PEOPLE WHO  
20 DO C.P.R., OR ANY KIND OF PRE-HOSPITAL WORK; THEY SHOW UP. IS  
21 IT ALL E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS THAT WILL SHOW UP TO HELP? OR,  
22 FOR INSTANCE, ARE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ALL TRAINED-- KIND OF THE  
23 RED CROSS TRAINING-- WHERE THEY WILL PROVIDE C.P.R., AND  
24 THEREFORE MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO BE PRE-HOSPITAL HEALTHCARE  
25 WORKERS?

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1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, WE KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF HAS  
3 E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS, AND OBVIOUSLY, ALL E.M.T.S AND  
4 PARAMEDICS ARE COVERED. WE HADN'T REALLY CONSIDERED THIS MUCH  
5 BROADER CATEGORY, BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE OUR  
6 TEAM LOOK AT THAT AND GET BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR. ONE OF THE  
7 ISSUES IS JUST FINDING AN ENTITY THAT FOLKS ARE EMPLOYED BY  
8 THAT CAN DO [INAUDIBLE]. SO, I MEAN, SOME OF IT IS-- YOU KNOW,  
9 YOU CAN READ THROUGH AS WE'RE DEFINING EVERYTHING-- IS WE ARE  
10 REALLY RELYING ON SORT OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP US WITH  
11 THE IMPLEMENTATION. BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE OUR TEAM WORK  
12 WITH YOUR STAFF AND ANY OTHER BOARD OFFICES TO THINK ABOUT WHO  
13 MIGHT HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT, AND IS THERE A WAY TO BE MORE  
14 INCLUSIVE, FOCUSING, OF COURSE, ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT, BECAUSE THE INTERSECTION OF THE LOW VACCINE  
17 RATE, TO ME, IT IS ASTOUNDING THAT THERE'S A LOWER PERCENTAGE  
18 IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND  
19 IN PROBATION THAN IN OTHER AREAS. AND I HAVE GOTTEN VERY  
20 TROUBLING NEWS ABOUT SEVERAL OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT, AND SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE BUYING THIS SORT OF FOX  
22 NEWS DISINFORMATION ABOUT VACCINES BEING MADE FROM THE CELLS  
23 OF DEAD BABIES. AND A COUPLE OF THEM HAVE SAID THEY WOULD  
24 RATHER BE FIRED THAN TO BE STUCK WITH THE CELLS OF DEAD  
25 BABIES. AND I, OF COURSE, WOULD LOVE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM AND

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1 FIRE THEM TOMORROW, BUT... YOU KNOW, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK  
2 FOR. BUT I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF THOSE WHO ARE  
3 REFUSING VACCINATION, ESPECIALLY IN THESE DEPARTMENTS, AND  
4 MAYBE PROVIDING PRE-HOSPITAL HEALTHCARE, WHO ARE NOT E.M.T.S  
5 AND PARAMEDICS. SO I WOULD REALLY VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT  
6 BECAUSE, JUST AS A CLOSING REMARK, PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THE  
7 FREEDOM, AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL THEY ARE  
8 TALKING ABOUT, TALKING ABOUT UNCONSTITUTIONALITY, I'D LOVE TO  
9 SIC MY CON LAW PROFESSOR ON THEM. I REMEMBER MY DAD SAID THAT  
10 YOUR ABILITY TO SWING YOUR FIST ENDS WHERE MY NOSE BEGINS, AND  
11 THAT'S EXACTLY THE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE FACING WITH THE  
12 SELFISHNESS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GETTING VACCINATED. THOSE  
13 WHO CANNOT, OKAY. A MEDICAL EXEMPTION. FINE. BUT THOSE WHO CAN  
14 AND WON'T, THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THEM. AND I THINK IT IS  
15 REALLY NECESSARY, AND WE'LL HAVE THIS CONVERSATION WHEN WE  
16 TALK ABOUT OUR OWN EMPLOYEES NEXT. BUT THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND  
17 THEIR IMPACT, NOT JUST ON THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, NOT  
18 JUST ON THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM, BUT THESE EXHAUSTED HEALTHCARE  
19 WORKERS WHO STARTED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, AND ARE NOW BEING  
20 PUT THROUGH IT AGAIN. ONE OF OUR OWN DIRECTORS WENT TO THE  
21 EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE HE HAD A SCARE, AND SAID THERE WERE  
22 WHITE TENTS UP AGAIN, WITH COTS, LIKE THERE WERE DURING THE  
23 SURGE; THAT THE HOSPITALS ARE REALLY FACING A PROBLEM THAT IS,  
24 SO FAR, NOT BEING SEEN AS MUCH AS IT WAS DURING THE SURGE. SO  
25 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU PUT IN. I WOULD BE

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1 INTERESTED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE OTHER HEALTHCARE WORKERS WE  
2 SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT,  
5 SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LINE OF  
8 QUESTIONING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU WANT  
9 TO WEIGH IN?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** SURE. YEAH, JUST REALLY QUICKLY. BECAUSE I KNOW,  
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MENTIONED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW  
13 ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE, HAVING LOW VACCINATION RATES. AND I WAS  
14 TOLD-- AND I WAS TRYING TO GET THAT NUMBER, BECAUSE I AM NOT  
15 GETTING A STRAIGHT ANSWER. I WAS ACTUALLY TOLD THAT FIRE DID  
16 NOT-- IT WAS NOT INPUTTED CORRECTLY, AND SO THE NUMBER THAT WE  
17 WERE PROVIDED, ORIGINALLY, IS NOT ACCURATE; THAT, IN FACT,  
18 MORE HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. AND THEN I HEAR FESIA SAY THAT TWO-  
19 THIRDS OF THE WORKFORCE FOR L.A. COUNTY ARE VACCINATED. AND I  
20 THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO UNDERSTAND  
21 THE RIGHT NUMBER, BECAUSE I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED. AND I DON'T  
22 KNOW, DR. FERRER. DO YOU HAVE IT? OR IF SOMEONE IS TRACKING  
23 THIS, SO THAT WE CAN GET A HANDLE, AS FAR AS TO KUEHL'S POINT,  
24 SO THAT WE CAN REALLY FOCUS ON WHAT DEPARTMENTS, AND SEE HOW  
25 WE CAN DO BETTER OUTREACH AND/OR EDUCATION, OR EVEN LOOK AT



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1 THE AGE GROUP-- BECAUSE MAYBE IT IS THE YOUNGER AGE THAT ARE  
2 VACCINE RESISTANT-- SO THAT WE CAN KIND OF PUT SOMETHING  
3 TOGETHER.

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS AT THE HEALTH  
6 DEPARTMENT, BUT MAYBE FESIA COULD TALK MORE ABOUT THE NUMBERS  
7 BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE WE DON'T KEEP THAT INFORMATION  
8 AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

9

10 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU,  
11 SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISORS, THE INFORMATION THAT I SHARED  
12 PREVIOUSLY WAS INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED FROM KAISER. YOU  
13 MAY KNOW THAT KAISER IS OUR LARGEST HEALTH PLAN, AND THEY  
14 ENROLL A MAJORITY OF OUR EMPLOYEES. AND WHAT THEY HAVE SHARED  
15 WITH US IS THAT ABOUT 60%, ROUGHLY ABOUT 60% OF OUR COUNTY  
16 EMPLOYEES WITH KAISER, HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. AND SO WHAT WE  
17 DID IS WE EXTRAPOLATED FROM THAT FIGURE, AND THAT'S HOW WE  
18 CAME DOWN TO THE 60/30 SPLIT NUMBER TO EXTRAPOLATE IT,  
19 COUNTYWIDE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM, HOWEVER, AS WE ARE  
20 PREPARING FOR THE VACCINATION MANDATE, TO ACTUALLY GET MORE  
21 SPECIFIC NUMBERS FROM ALL OF OUR HEALTH PLANS, AND NOT JUST  
22 FOR KAISER.

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SO THE TWO-THIRDS IS A GUESSTIMATE, IF YOU  
2    WILL, BASED ON KAISER, AND THEN KIND OF GIVING A MARGIN OF  
3    ERROR EITHER WAY, RIGHT?

4

5    **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. SO, THE TWO-THIRDS IS THE NUMBER  
6    THAT WE GOT SPECIFICALLY FOR KAISER EMPLOYEES, AND THEN WHAT  
7    WE DID IS WE EXTRAPOLATED IT TO GET THE NUMBER COUNTYWIDE.

8

9    **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT.

10

11   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SUPERVISOR, THOSE FROM CHIEF OSBY, THAT  
12   FOR FIRE, HE SAID IT IS LIKE 70%.

13

14   **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND THEN I AM GOING  
15   TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS, THEN I'M GOING TO LET YOU ANSWER THEM.  
16   CAN YOU TALK ABOUT-- I AM SEEING ON THE NEWS, PEOPLE ARE NOW  
17   GETTING A THIRD SHOT, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED. AND  
18   SO I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND, ARE THERE ISSUES WITH THAT, IN  
19   TERMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY? BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS  
20   BEEN TESTED. SO, THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THAT. AND HOW ARE WE  
21   DECIPHERING WHO IS GETTING THAT THIRD SHOT, OR ARE THEY USING  
22   FICTITIOUS NAMES? BECAUSE I AM ASSUMING IF YOU COME IN, AND  
23   YOU'VE SEEN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED, YOU'RE NOT  
24   GOING TO AUTHORIZE A THIRD SHOT. SO THAT'S MY NUMBER-ONE  
25   QUESTION. AND THEN NUMBER TWO: HAVE WE SEEN THE LAMBDA VARIANT

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1 IN L.A. COUNTY YET, OR EVEN IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA?  
2 BECAUSE I AM HEARING ABOUT THE LAMBDA VARIANT THAT IS NOW OUT  
3 THERE, AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
4 WE ARE SEEING ANY OF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WILL LET  
5 YOU ANSWER THAT, DR. FERRER.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY, THANKS. SO, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.  
8 THE F.D.A. HAS NOT AUTHORIZED THE THIRD SHOT OF ANY OF THESE  
9 VACCINES, OR A SECOND SHOT OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON, SO IT WOULD  
10 NOT BE AN APPROVED USE, AND IT IS NOTHING THAT WOULD BE  
11 HAPPENING AT ANY OF OUR SITES. BUT YOU ARE ALSO RIGHT TO NOTE  
12 THAT, IF PEOPLE WANT TO BE VERY DEVIOUS AND COME AND GET A  
13 THIRD SHOT, THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS FOR THEM TO DO  
14 THAT. MOST SITES, PARTICULARLY THE POP-UP SITES, IF SOMEBODY  
15 COMES IN AND SAYS THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN VACCINATED, AND THEY  
16 GIVE A DIFFERENT ADDRESS, OR SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT  
17 ABOUT THEIR PROFILE, IT WOULD BE HARD FOR US IN THAT MOMENT TO  
18 ACTUALLY FIGURE OUT THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN THEIR TWO  
19 DOSES. I MEAN, THERE IS A SYSTEM, A REGISTRATION SYSTEM, THAT  
20 CAN HELP WITH THAT. BUT USUALLY, THIS SORT OF MATCHING  
21 ALGORITHM IS DONE LATER ON BEHIND THE SCENES, AND IT'S USUALLY  
22 DONE TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE IN FOR THEIR SECOND DOSES, NOT AS  
23 SORT OF A BARRIER TO GETTING VACCINATED, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW,  
24 WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO VACCINATE EVERYBODY AND REDUCE THE  
25 REQUIREMENTS TO GET VACCINATED. SO THERE'S ALMOST NOWHERE

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1 WHERE, AS AN ADULT, YOU HAVE TO REALLY SHOW PROOF ANYMORE OF  
2 WHO YOU ARE. FOR CHILDREN, WE NEED A PROOF OF THEIR AGE, BUT  
3 NOT FOR ANYBODY ELSE. SO I WOULD JUST SAY, IF SOMEBODY WANTED  
4 TO BE REALLY DEVIOUS, AND WAS DESPERATE TO GET THAT THIRD  
5 SHOT, OR A SECOND SHOT OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON, OR DO A MIX-AND-  
6 MATCH-- YOU KNOW, "I GOT JOHNSON & JOHNSON, NOW I WANT TO COME  
7 IN AND GET PFIZER"-- NONE OF THAT IS APPROVED. NONE OF THAT  
8 WOULD HAPPEN, IF THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE TELL US. AND PEOPLE DO  
9 TELL US, AND SOME PEOPLE DO COME IN AND SAY, "YEAH, I AM HERE.  
10 I WANT A THIRD SHOT, AND HERE IS WHY." OR, "MY DOCTOR TOLD ME  
11 I SHOULD GET A THIRD SHOT." BUT WE DON'T ADMINISTER THOSE. AND  
12 WE JUST TELL PEOPLE, THE F.D.A. IS REVIEWING; I BELIEVE IT'S  
13 NEXT WEEK. THE I.C.S. PANEL IS REVIEWING-- I BELIEVE IT'S NEXT  
14 WEEK; ONE IS ON THE 13TH, I THINK ONE'S ON THE 14TH-- THE  
15 ENTIRE LITERATURE AND EVIDENCE AROUND THE EFFICACY OR THE NEED  
16 FOR BOOSTERS, AND WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GO  
17 AHEAD. SINCE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DECIDE HOW YOU CAN USE THESE  
18 MEDICINES, THIS VACCINES, THEN WE NEED TO WAIT FOR  
19 INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEM BEFORE WE WOULD GO AHEAD AND AUTHORIZE  
20 ANY THIRD VACCINE DOSES FOR MODERNA OR PFIZER, OR A SECOND  
21 VACCINE DOSE FOR JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THEN ON THE LAMBDA. HAVE WE SEEN  
24 ANY OF THAT?

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I WILL HAVE A REPORT. I GET IT TOMORROW,  
2 ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR, SO I WILL DOUBLE CHECK. I THINK THERE  
3 HAVE BEEN SOME LAMBDA IDENTIFIED, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S A  
4 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER. BUT LET ME GET YOU EXACT INFORMATION ON  
5 THAT, AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE FOUND. AND WHAT I REALLY DON'T  
6 KNOW IS, WAS THAT FOR CALIFORNIA OR JUST FOR L.A. COUNTY? SO  
7 LET ME GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT INFORMATION.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND THANK YOU, DR. GHALY,  
10 AS WELL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. AND I JUST  
15 HAD A QUICK QUESTION, DR. FERRER. IT JUST DAWNED ON ME THAT  
16 WHEN WE HAVE DISASTERS WHERE THINGS HAPPEN, WHERE MAYBE  
17 THERE'S A FIRE, AND WE USUALLY CALL UPON THE RED CROSS TO MEET  
18 US THERE, WHETHER IT IS DEALING WITH HOMELESS OR EVACUATIONS  
19 AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, WHERE ARE WE WITH THOSE TYPES OF  
20 ORGANIZATIONS? BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE A HEALTH ASPECT TO WHAT  
21 THEY DO. THEY DO C.P.R., BUT THEY ALSO INTERACT WITH A LOT OF  
22 PEOPLE. AND I AM JUST WONDERING, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU  
23 ALL HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT? BECAUSE THEY WORK IN TANDEM WITH OUR  
24 FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SOMETIMES WITH OUR SHERIFFS AND PUBLIC  
25 SAFETY ACROSS THE COUNTY.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN, WE  
3 REALLY MIMICKED IN MANY WAYS THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF  
4 HEALTHCARE WORKERS, LOOKING AT THEIR JULY 26TH ORDER, WHICH  
5 WAS THE FIRST ORDER ON WHO WAS BEING DEFINED AS A HEALTHCARE  
6 WORKER. WE NOTED A COUPLE OF PLACES WHERE NOBODY WAS  
7 EXPLICITLY LISTED, AND INCLUDED THOSE, BUT WE DIDN'T EXPAND IT  
8 FURTHER THAN THAT. AND AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE ARE HAPPY  
9 TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL GROUPS. AND WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO REACH  
10 OUT TO THE RED CROSS, AND SEE WHETHER THEY ARE, AS AN  
11 ORGANIZATION, GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MANDATE VACCINATIONS FOR  
12 THEIR EMPLOYEES. BECAUSE SOME OF THIS-- AND I THINK SUPERVISOR  
13 KUEHL NOTED THIS, AS WELL. YOU HAVE DOZENS AND DOZENS OF BARS  
14 THAT ARE IN FACT-- I MEAN, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO WAIT. THEY  
15 HAVE ALREADY DECIDED THEY WANT AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION,  
16 AND THEY ARE NOT LETTING PEOPLE IN WHO AREN'T FULLY  
17 VACCINATED. SO THERE ARE MANY PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE JUST  
18 MOVING FORWARD, GIVEN THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY. BUT WE  
19 WILL CHECK, AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT, AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE A  
22 FOLLOW-UP?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I HAVE 2 QUESTIONS I MEANT TO ASK, AND IT WAS  
25 ON THE SECOND PAGE. FIRST OF ALL, DO YOU KNOW THE PROGRESS

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1   MADE ABOUT TESTING FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 12, AND IF WE  
2   MIGHT EXPECT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL?

3

4   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SO, WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THAT IS THAT PFIZER  
5   AND MODERNA WERE TOLD TO DO A LITTLE BIT MORE WORK WITH THEIR  
6   STUDIES, WITH THEIR CLINICAL TRIALS FOR YOUNGER KIDS. PFIZER  
7   HAS INDICATED THEY WILL BE SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATION IN  
8   SEPTEMBER. I THINK, WITH AN AGGRESSIVE TIMELINE, THAT MEANS  
9   MAYBE AN APPROVAL BY DECEMBER. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PUSH. I  
10   KNOW THE ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS HAS REALLY ASKED THE F.D.A. TO  
11   MOVE AND EXPEDITE, GIVEN THE URGENCY AND THE EMERGENCY OF  
12   HAVING SO MUCH TRANSMISSION, BUT I DON'T KNOW-- I MEAN, YOU  
13   CAN'T EXPEDITE AND DROP SAFETY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. SO I  
14   THINK THAT THAT REALISTIC TIMELINE THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN IS  
15   PROBABLY HOW LONG IT MIGHT TAKE TO MAKE SURE, AGAIN, THAT  
16   EVERYBODY IS LOOKING AT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THOSE  
17   SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS, AND THERE'S AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO  
18   GET WHAT THEY NEED FROM THE COMPANY BEFORE THEY GO AHEAD WITH  
19   AN APPROVAL.

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21   **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, SPEAKING OF THAT, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF  
22   PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID-- AND I THINK IT IS BOGUS, OF COURSE,  
23   MYSELF-- THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO WAIT FOR FINAL F.D.A.  
24   APPROVAL ON THESE ORIGINAL VACCINES.

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1    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

2

3    **SUP. KUEHL:** AS THOUGH MILLIONS AND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS AND  
4    MILLIONS OF PEOPLE GETTING THEM DIDN'T CONVINCE THEM. BUT IS  
5    THERE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THAT FINAL APPROVAL TIMELINE?

6

7    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK WE ARE HEARING THAT THAT SHOULD  
8    COME IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE THE F.D.A. HAS  
9    MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SAYING THAT'S WHEN IT'S GOING TO BE. DR.  
10    FAUCI HAS INDICATED THAT THAT'S WHEN IT OUGHT TO BE. BUT  
11    AGAIN, THERE I DO THINK THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT INFORMATION  
12    FOR A VERY LONG TIME NOW, BECAUSE THESE WERE APPROVED MORE  
13    THAN-- ALMOST A YEAR AGO, FOR EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION. SO  
14    THERE'S BEEN A LOT MORE TIME TO REALLY DO THOSE ASSESSMENTS.  
15    AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL HAVE FULL APPROVAL FROM THE  
16    F.D.A. BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

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18    **SUP. KUEHL:** GREAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO, I WANT TO ALSO THANK  
21    YOU, DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, AND TO ALL OUR C.B.O.S AND OUR  
22    STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE REALLY HELPED US PUSH OUT, IN THE LAST  
23    COUPLE OF WEEKS, MORE VACCINATIONS. SO A BIG APPLAUSE TO ALL  
24    OF THEM, AND TO YOU, FOR YOUR HELP. SO, MEMBERS, ON THIS ITEM,  
25    THIS IS SIMPLY A RECEIVE-AND-FILE. SO, HEARING NO OBJECTION,

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1 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING  
2 TO MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM 73-A, AND THAT IS THE RATIFICATION OF  
3 THE AUGUST 4TH, 2021, EXECUTIVE ORDER AND DIRECTIVE TO THE  
4 C.E.O. REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANDATORY C.O.V.I.D.-19  
5 VACCINATION POLICY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHICH I HELD. SO I  
6 WILL GO AHEAD AND BEGIN. COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU  
7 TODAY, NOT JUST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT ALSO  
8 AS A COUNTY RESIDENT MYSELF. AND AS YOU KNOW, IT IS WELL NOTED  
9 THAT 18 MONTHS SINCE OUR FIRST CONFIRMED CASES APPEARED IN THE  
10 COUNTY, AND ON TO JANUARY 26TH, 2020, IT HAS BEEN AN  
11 EXHAUSTING 18 MONTHS FOR, I THINK, ALL OF US HERE IN LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY. IN THAT YEAR AND A HALF ALONE, WE HAVE SEEN  
13 MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION RESIDENTS TEST POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.,  
14 AND WE LOST WELL OVER 25,000 RESIDENTS, LEAVING BEHIND MANY  
15 FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL DEARLY MISS THEM. AND ON  
16 TOP OF ALL THAT, WE HAVE SEEN OUR BUSINESSES MODIFY THEIR  
17 PRACTICES TO KEEP CUSTOMERS SAFE, AND SOME CLOSE THEIR  
18 BUSINESSES ALTOGETHER, AND SOME MAY NEVER OPEN UP AGAIN. BUT  
19 THIS YEAR, WITH THE HOPE OF THE THREE VACCINES, I, LIKE MANY,  
20 SAW HOPE. WE SAW AS RESIDENTS, WEARY FROM THE LOCKDOWN, SHOWED  
21 UP IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, EAGERLY  
22 ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES TO GET A SHOT. OUR NURSES, OUR  
23 DOCTORS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR GROCERY WORKERS, OUR ESSENTIAL  
24 EMPLOYEES AND NURSING HOME WORKERS, RETIREES, AND EVEN  
25 STUDENTS, WHEN THEY WERE ELIGIBLE, SO MANY CAME FORWARD TO GET

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1 THOSE SHOTS. TO THEM AND TO THOSE WHO GOT VACCINATED, I  
2 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. YOU  
3 NOT ONLY SAVED LIVES, BUT YOU ALSO LIKELY SAVED LIVES OF OTHER  
4 PEOPLE FROM GETTING SICK. BUT THOSE WHO REMAIN UNVACCINATED  
5 ARE VULNERABLE, AND AS WE HAVE SEEN, THE HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE  
6 DELTA VARIANT WAS ALL TOO WILLING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE. NOW WE'RE  
7 REGULARLY SEEING DAILY CASES UPWARDS OF 3,000, AND EVEN 4,000,  
8 DRIVEN LARGELY BY THOSE UNVACCINATED, AND A FAR CRY FROM THE  
9 LOW 200S WE SAW JUST IN MID-JUNE. WE HAVE FOUND OURSELVES IN  
10 THE MIDST OF A TERRIBLE SURGE ONCE AGAIN-- THE FOURTH IN OUR  
11 COUNTY. UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS THREE SURGES, HOWEVER, WE HAVE  
12 HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO US TO SHUT DOWN THE  
13 SPREAD, WITH THESE THREE VACCINES. AND ALTHOUGH 72% OF OUR  
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE, OVER 2.2 MILLION  
15 RESIDENTS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED. AND THAT'S NOT EVEN  
16 CONSIDERING THE OVER 1 MILLION RESIDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 12  
17 THAT ARE NOT YET ELIGIBLE, AND WILL SOON BE RETURNING TO THEIR  
18 CLASSROOMS, AS WE KNOW, AND SOME HAVE ALREADY BEGUN. WE MUST,  
19 IN MY OPINION, TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTIONS TO PROTECT THEM. THE  
20 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE SAID, TIME AND  
21 TIME AGAIN, THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS IS TO GET  
22 VACCINATED YOURSELF. AND WE'VE HEARD THAT AGAIN TODAY,  
23 RESOUNDINGLY. I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH, THE TIME TO GET  
24 VACCINATED IS RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER. WE HAD  
25 EDUCATION EFFORTS. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE MOBILE UNITS GOING

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1 DIRECTLY TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE, INCLUDING THEIR HOMES,  
2 CHURCHES, SWAP MEETS, PARKS, MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES. WE EVEN SET  
3 UP HUNDREDS OF POP-UP SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND WE HAVE  
4 DONE OUR JOB IN HELPING TO EDUCATE AND PROVIDE INCENTIVES--  
5 MONETARY INCENTIVES AND OTHERS. AND YET, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE  
6 ARE STILL HESITANT AND HAVE REFUSED TO DO THEIR PART  
7 ALTOGETHER. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, MANY REASONS FOR THAT. SOME  
8 OF IT IS CONFUSION, SOME OF IT IS FEAR, SOME OF IT IS  
9 MISINFORMATION, AND SOME ARE IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSED. BUT OVER  
10 THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE VACCINE ADMINISTRATION, I DON'T  
11 THINK WE CAN WAIT ANY LONGER. MANY OF THE 24,000 RESIDENTS WHO  
12 HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, IN SOME  
13 WAYS, TO GET VACCINATED. I WILL FOREVER BE HAUNTED BY THOSE  
14 LIVES LOST, WHO NEVER HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY, OR COULD EVEN SAY  
15 GOODBYE TO THEIR LOVED ONES. AS A CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS, EACH LIFE LOST WEIGHS HEAVILY ON ME, AND I KNOW  
17 ON SOME OF YOU, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS MORE WE CAN DO TO SAVE  
18 LIVES. AND AS I HAVE SEEN CASES INCREASE DRAMATICALLY, LARGELY  
19 PREVENTABLE, HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE INCREASED, AND SADLY, DEATH  
20 IS SLOWLY RISING. INACTION, IN MY OPINION, IS NO LONGER AN  
21 OPTION. AND THAT IS WHY LAST WEEK, I EXERCISED MY AUTHORITY AS  
22 CHAIR OF THE BOARD, AND ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING  
23 ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE FULLY VACCINATED BY OCTOBER THE  
24 FIRST. HERE IN THE COUNTY, WE HAVE OVER 110,000 EMPLOYEES, AND  
25 AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING TO

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1 SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH OF OUR WORKFORCE, WHO ARE AT THE HEART  
2 AND SOUL OF EVERYTHING WE DO. BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, OUR  
3 EMPLOYEES PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO SOME OF THE MOST  
4 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN OUR COUNTY. BY GETTING VACCINATED, OUR  
5 EMPLOYEES NOT ONLY PROTECT THEIR OWN LIVES AND THAT OF THEIR  
6 FAMILIES AND COWORKERS, BUT ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE RISK  
7 OF TRANSMISSION TO RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE. AND AS A COUNTY  
8 AND AS A BOARD, OUR PANDEMIC RESPONSE HAS BEEN AND MUST  
9 CONTINUE TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY BOLD, PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP, TO  
10 KEEP OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS SAFE. WE SHOULD SHOW OUR  
11 LEADERSHIP, ISSUING-- AND WE DID. WE ISSUED A MASKING  
12 REQUIREMENT IN PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES. WE WERE THE FIRST TO DO  
13 THAT, IF NOT IN THE COUNTRY, DESPITE SIGNIFICANT PUSHBACK. BUT  
14 WE SAW THAT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND WITH OUR  
15 LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE SEEN EVEN THE C.D.C. AND THE STATE OF  
16 CALIFORNIA AND OTHER LOCALITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOLLOW OUR  
17 EXAMPLE, AND HAVE IMPLEMENTED AND RECOMMENDED MASKING GUIDANCE  
18 EMULATING OURS IN VARYING DEGREES. NOW, I BELIEVE WE MUST BE  
19 PREPARED TO LEAD ONCE AGAIN. BY REQUIRING VACCINATIONS FOR OUR  
20 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WE ARE SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR EMPLOYERS  
21 ACROSS OUR COUNTY, AND TO OTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WHO WATCH  
22 WHAT WE DO. WITH THIS MOTION, WE CAN DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A  
23 SAFE AND EFFECTIVE PATH FORWARD, IN CONSULTATION, OBVIOUSLY,  
24 WITH ALL OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS, TO HELP KEEP OUR COUNTY SAFE.  
25 AND WITH AN OCTOBER 1ST DEADLINE, WE GIVE OUR EMPLOYEES AMPLE

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1 TIME TO MEET AND CONFER WITH THEIR HEALTH PROVIDERS, TO ANSWER  
2 ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE. COLLEAGUES, THIS IS SIMPLY  
3 THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION. IT  
4 WILL SAVE LIVES, WILL MAKE BUSINESSES SAFER, AND WILL FINALLY  
5 HELP US PUT THIS TERRIBLE PANDEMIC BEHIND US, ONCE AND FOR  
6 ALL. AND IT IS NOT UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN SOME  
7 PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT ARE LARGE IN SIZE, AS WELL, LIKE  
8 MICROSOFT, FACEBOOK, KAISER PERMANENTE, AND UNITED AIRLINES  
9 STEP FORWARD AND DO THIS. AND EVEN YESTERDAY, THE PENTAGON  
10 ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRING THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES  
11 FOR ALL TROOPS BY SEPTEMBER THE 15TH. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
12 FOLLOWED SUIT WITH A VACCINE MANDATE FOR ALL STATE EMPLOYEES,  
13 AS WELL. AND I AM PLEASED THAT ONE OF MY FRIENDS AND FORMER  
14 COLLEAGUES, GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE'S STAFF AND OURS, HAVE BEEN IN  
15 TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE. COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO RESPECTFULLY AND  
16 HUMBL Y ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO MEMBERS  
17 WHO WANT TO SPEAK, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS OF OUR  
18 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O., PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DEPARTMENT  
19 OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND MY FIRST QUESTION GOES TO OUR COUNTY  
20 COUNSEL. AS YOU KNOW, THIS PROCESS WAS SET IN MOTION BY THE  
21 EXECUTIVE ORDER I ISSUED ON AUGUST 4TH, AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD,  
22 AND IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF  
23 WHAT AUTHORITY I MIGHT HAVE AS CHAIR. CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN  
24 THAT AUTHORITY THAT IS PROVIDED, AND HOW IT IS ISSUED,  
25 ESPECIALLY IN AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO INITIATE A C.O.V.I.D.-19

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1 VACCINATION POLICY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES? THAT'S MY FIRST  
2 QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.

3

4 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.

5 WITHOUT WAIVING THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE HERE WITH THE

6 BOARD, WHAT I AM COMFORTABLE SAYING IS THAT, UNDER THE

7 CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, DURING A PROCLAIMED

8 EMERGENCY, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ORDERS OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY

9 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. IN THE LOS

10 ANGELES COUNTY CODE, THE BOARD DELEGATES THIS AUTHORITY IN THE

11 FIRST INSTANCE TO THE CHAIR. IN ORDER FOR AN EMERGENCY ORDER

12 ISSUED BY THE CHAIR TO REMAIN IN EFFECT, IT MUST BE RATIFIED

13 AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE-- THIS ISN'T THE

16 FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY APPROVED EXECUTIVE ORDERS,

17 CORRECT?

18

19 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT. YOU HAVE ISSUED OTHER

20 EXECUTIVE ORDERS IN THE PAST, ONE EXAMPLE BEING THE EVICTION

21 MORATORIUM.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CORRECT. AND THIS IS ALL BASED ON THE

24 C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC. IS THAT CORRECT?

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1    **COUNTY COUNSEL:** CORRECT. ALL OF THESE EMERGENCY ORDERS, OR  
2    EXECUTIVE ORDERS, WERE ISSUED DURING THIS PROCLAIMED  
3    EMERGENCY.

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5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COUNTY COUNSEL. NEXT, I WOULD  
6    LIKE TO ASK FESIA DAVENPORT IF SHE COULD PLEASE OUTLINE HER  
7    PLAN TO ENGAGE OUR LABOR PARTNERS, AND TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE  
8    IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS THAT IS INCLUSIVE.

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10   **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE KNOW AND  
11   UNDERSTAND THAT, IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PROCESS, THAT WE'RE  
12   GOING TO HAVE TO WORK WITH LABOR. WE HAVE, IN THE C.E.O.'S  
13   OFFICE, ENGAGED OUR FULL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM. THEY HAVE  
14   ALREADY STARTED REACHING OUT TO LABOR, AND WE STAND AT THE  
15   READY TO PARTNER WITH THEM ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROCESS.  
16   WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION, WE, OF COURSE, WILL REPORT BACK  
17   TO YOUR BOARD WITH THE DETAILS OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND  
18   WE HAVE ESTABLISHED, BASICALLY, A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM  
19   COMPRISED OF COUNTY COUNSEL, HUMAN RESOURCES, DEPARTMENTAL  
20   ADMINISTRATORS, TO HELP US WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF WHAT WOULD  
21   BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN.

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23   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MY NEXT QUESTION IS FOR DR.  
24   BARBARA FERRER. COULD YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THE BENEFITS OF

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1 HAVING A VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND DO YOU  
2 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE MOST EFFICIENT PATH FORWARD?

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4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND,  
5 AS I NOTED EARLIER, THE FASTEST WAY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SLOW  
6 TRANSMISSION IS THROUGH VACCINATIONS. IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL  
7 TOOL, BECAUSE IT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL, AND IT IS TAKING  
8 US A VERY LONG TIME TO GET ENOUGH PEOPLE VACCINATED TO REALLY  
9 REAP THE BENEFITS THAT THESE VACCINES OFFER. GIVEN THE, AT  
10 THIS POINT, AMPLE HISTORY AND EVIDENCE OF SAFETY AND EFFICACY,  
11 WE DO SUPPORT A MANDATE THAT WOULD ALLOW EVERYBODY TO COME IN  
12 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET VACCINATED; OF COURSE, OFFERING  
13 MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS, AS REQUIRED BY  
14 LAW.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. FERRER, JUST TO FOLLOW UP, CAN YOU  
17 EXPLAIN MANDATES OF OTHER TYPES OF VACCINES THAT ARE ON THE  
18 BOOKS?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, EVERYBODY IS  
21 FAMILIAR. I MEAN, MANY CHILDREN, IN ORDER TO GO TO SCHOOL, ARE  
22 REQUIRED TO BE VACCINATED. MANY HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FOR  
23 EXAMPLE, THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO GET VACCINATED FOR  
24 INFLUENZA, AS WELL AS, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE WORKING AND  
25 WHAT YOUR POPULATION IS, YOU MAY HAVE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR

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1 DIFFERENT VACCINES. WE HAVE REQUIREMENTS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE  
2 WORKING IN SOME CLINICS NEED TO, IN FACT, GET REGULAR T.B.  
3 TESTING. SO I THINK, IN MANY PLACES, THERE IS LOTS OF  
4 EXPERIENCE WITH THERE BEING REQUIREMENTS, AND THEY'RE THERE TO  
5 ENSURE EVERYBODY'S SAFETY; YOU KNOW, REALLY, IN THIS CASE,  
6 PRIMARILY THE WORKFORCE SAFETY.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CORRECT. THANK YOU. MY LAST QUESTION IS FOR  
9 DR. CHRISTINA GHALY. CAN YOU SPEAK TO HOW REQUIRING ALL OUR  
10 COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE WORKERS TO BE VACCINATED WOULD IMPACT THE  
11 PATIENT EXPERIENCE?

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13 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION,  
14 SUPERVISOR. I AM APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS ON THIS, AND  
15 THAT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS,  
16 INCLUDING IN D.H.S., SHOULD BE PLACES OF HEALTH AND HEALING,  
17 WHERE PATIENTS ARE PROTECTED, AND THEY COME TO OUR SITES IN  
18 D.H.S., AS WELL AS TO A VARIETY OF OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTY,  
19 WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO RECEIVE HIGH-QUALITY  
20 SERVICES THAT ENHANCE THEIR HEALTH, PROTECT THEIR HEALTH, AND  
21 DOESN'T PUT THEIR HEALTH AT RISK. AND PART OF BEING ABLE TO  
22 PROVIDE THEM WITH THAT CONFIDENCE, TO OUR PATIENTS, AND  
23 HELPING TO IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL EXPERIENCE IS HAVING A STAFF  
24 THAT IS FULLY VACCINATED: STAFF THAT WON'T PRESENT A RISK TO  
25 THEMSELVES, AS PATIENTS, OR TO OTHER STAFF AND COLLEAGUES, OR

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1 TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF STAFF, WHETHER IT IS  
2 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED FAMILY MEMBERS OR CHILDREN, WHO EITHER  
3 AREN'T ABLE TO BE VACCINATED OR CAN'T MOUNT A RESPONSE TO  
4 VACCINATION. AND AS YOU'VE MENTIONED, MANY PRIVATE HEALTHCARE  
5 SYSTEMS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THIS IMPORTANT STEP, INCLUDING  
6 KAISER, SUTTER, AND OTHERS. ALREADY, OVER 1500 HOSPITALS IN  
7 THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS OVER A QUARTER OF ALL OF THE  
8 HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY, HAVE NOW MANDATED THE C.O.V.I.D.  
9 VACCINE. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OF OUR UNIQUE ROLE AS A  
10 SAFETY NET, THE VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT WE SERVE, AND OUR  
11 ROLE AS THE PUBLIC-SECTOR ENTITY THAT RELIES ON TAXPAYER FUNDS  
12 TO DELIVER THE SERVICES THAT WE DO TO THE PUBLIC, WE HAVE THIS  
13 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE TO OUR  
14 PATIENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS  
15 THROUGH A VACCINE.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, AND THANK ALL OF YOU  
18 FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. AND AGAIN, MEMBERS, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST  
19 YOUR AYE VOTE AND SUPPORT ON THE MATTER. I'D LIKE TO NOW TURN  
20 TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. SO  
21 I WILL RECOGNIZE, FIRST, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE  
24 YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING THESE VERY TRYING TIMES. AND I'D LIKE  
25 TO THANK MY BOARD COLLEAGUES, THE C.E.O., AND THE DEPARTMENTS

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1 FOR TRYING TO SORT THROUGH THE CONSTANTLY SHIFTING RULES,  
2 FRANKLY, ABOUT WHO GETS VACCINE, WHO IS EXEMPTED, WHO MUST GET  
3 TESTED, WHO MUST SHOW PROOF, AND WHAT TYPE OF PROOF IS  
4 ACCEPTED. I AM CLEAR THAT THIS ISN'T EASY, AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY  
5 CONFUSING. AND I AGREE, FUNDAMENTALLY, THAT IT'S TIME TO DO  
6 MORE; THAT WE MUST CONTINUE, AS A BOARD, TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. I  
7 ALSO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY CLEAR,  
8 CRYSTAL CLEAR. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CREATE CONFUSION AMONG OUR  
9 HARDWORKING AND DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THAT IS WHY I  
10 THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT THE  
11 APPROVAL OF THE TWO ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US TODAY: THIS  
12 MOTION, MADAM CHAIR, 73-A, AND ITEM 21, THAT WILL FOLLOW. IT  
13 MEANS WE ARE REQUIRING-- AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR-- THAT THE  
14 PASSAGE OF BOTH MEANS THAT WE ARE REQUIRING ALL COUNTY  
15 EMPLOYEES TO SHOW FULL VACCINATION BY OCTOBER 1, UNLESS THEY A  
16 FALL UNDER A LEGITIMATE EXEMPTION. WHILE IT MAY BE TEMPTING TO  
17 PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR PEOPLE NOT TO BE VACCINATED, AND  
18 GET TESTED INSTEAD, THIS WILL JUST DELAY THE INEVITABLE, AT  
19 SIGNIFICANT HUMAN AND FINANCIAL COST TO THE COUNTY. THE  
20 FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL COSTS, AS WELL AS THE HUMAN LIVES  
21 THAT COULD BE LOST BY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO OPT OUT OF VACCINES,  
22 AND GETTING TESTED INSTEAD, IS IMMENSE. I LISTENED TO PUBLIC  
23 COMMENT TODAY. I HAVE REVIEWED THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT IS  
24 COMING TO MY OFFICE, AND I HAVE TO JUST MAKE A COUPLE  
25 COMMENTS. I DON'T BELIEVE THE NUREMBERG CODE IS RELEVANT IN

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1 THIS SITUATION. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE VACCINE CAN BE  
2 COMPARED TO HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION. I AM NOT A PAWN OF BIG  
3 PHARMA. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IMPOSING VACCINES FOR COUNTY  
4 WORKERS WHO PERFORM OUTWARD-FACING WORK TO THE RESIDENTS OF  
5 THE COUNTY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IMMORAL. I AM SORRY THAT SOME  
6 OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FEEL THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING THEIR BEST  
7 INTERESTS AT HEART. THAT COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.  
8 WE ARE BEING CHALLENGED TO, QUOTE, "FOLLOW THE SCIENCE," AND  
9 BASED ON THE PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE TODAY BY THE CHIEF MEDICAL  
10 OFFICERS OF L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., OLIVE VIEW, THE TEXTS I'VE  
11 RECEIVED FROM THE C.E.O. OF M.L.K. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, WHO  
12 MANDATED THAT HER STAFF ALL BE VACCINATED, AND SO MANY OF THE  
13 OTHER COMMENTS WE RECEIVED, I BELIEVE WE ARE INDEED FOLLOWING  
14 THE SCIENCE. COMMUNICATIONS THAT SUGGEST THAT S.A.R.S.-  
15 C.O.V.I.D.-2 DOES NOT EXIST, AND THAT IT'S A FRAUD? THERE ARE  
16 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE NATIONWIDE, AND FAR TOO MANY  
17 PEOPLE WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME, AND THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
18 DISTRICT HOME, WHO WOULD QUESTION THAT ASSERTION. THIS IS FAR  
19 FROM A FRAUD. WE ARE LIVING AND ATTEMPTING TO GOVERN AND LEAD  
20 THROUGH A PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC OF A MAGNITUDE I COULD HAVE  
21 NEVER IMAGINED. THAT'S WHY I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS ACTION  
22 TODAY. I SUPPORT THE RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO  
23 MANDATE VACCINES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF L.A. COUNTY, AND HOPE  
24 THAT MANY OF OUR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERS WILL FOLLOW,  
25 BECAUSE I FUNDAMENTALLY BELIEVE IT IS THE ONLY OPTION

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1 AVAILABLE TO US, TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO KEEP RESIDENTS OF  
2 L.A. COUNTY SAFE FROM HARM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR  
5 JANICE HAHN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND WHILE I AGREE WITH  
8 EVERYTHING WE ARE SAYING, BEFORE I VOTE TO RATIFY THIS  
9 EXECUTIVE ORDER, I HAD A QUESTION FOR OUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
10 OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT. AND THE QUESTION IS, SO, SUPERVISOR  
11 KUEHL AND I HAVE A MOTION THAT ALSO SAYS COUNTY WORKERS ARE  
12 MANDATED TO GET VACCINATED OR HAVE REGULAR TESTING, AND ALSO  
13 THAT WE LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING OUR CONTRACTORS  
14 AND OUR VENDORS WHO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY, AND WHO  
15 INTERACT WITH THE PUBLIC, GET VACCINATED. THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER  
16 DOES NOT ADDRESS TESTING, EVEN FOR THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE A  
17 MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS REASON TO BE EXEMPTED. CLEARLY, I BELIEVE  
18 WE ALL HAVE THE COMMON GOAL OF, YOU KNOW, GETTING AS MANY  
19 PEOPLE AS WE CAN VACCINATED IN THE COUNTY, IN OUR COUNTY  
20 EMPLOYEE GROUP, AND TO KEEP OUR WORKPLACE SAFE, BECAUSE WE'RE  
21 GOING TO START BRINGING PEOPLE BACK. SO MY QUESTION IS, FESIA,  
22 HOW DO WE RECONCILE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER WITH SUPERVISOR  
23 KUEHL'S AND MY MOTION, WHICH IS COMING UP TO BE DISCUSSED?

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR THE  
2 QUESTION, AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE SEE THIS, IN  
3 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AS A TWO-STEP PROCESS. THE FIRST PART OF  
4 THE PROCESS IS THE "WHAT," AND THE "WHAT" REALLY SPEAKS TO,  
5 WHAT IS THE BOARD REQUIRING OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES? AND WE  
6 BELIEVE THAT THAT QUESTION IS ANSWERED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
7 ORDER. THE BOARD IS REQUIRING THAT COUNTY STAFF BE VACCINATED  
8 BY OCTOBER 1ST. THEN THERE IS A SECOND PART OF THIS PROCESS,  
9 WHICH IS THE "HOW." HOW WILL WE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THAT, AND  
10 HOW WILL WE ACTUALLY ENSURE COMPLIANCE? WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY  
11 LOOK LIKE? AND I BELIEVE THAT THE "HOW" COMPONENT, SUPERVISOR,  
12 IS ANSWERED BY YOUR MOTION, WHICH DIRECTS THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE  
13 TO COME BACK WITH A POLICY OF WITHIN 15 DAYS. WE UNDERSTAND  
14 THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX AND A DIFFICULT ISSUE. WE HAVE ALREADY  
15 PUT TOGETHER A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER,  
16 INCLUDING COUNTY COUNSEL AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE MANAGERS,  
17 THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS FOR DEPARTMENTS. AND SO WE KNOW  
18 THAT ANY IMPLEMENTATION POLICY WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE A PROCESS  
19 TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED,  
20 AND EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED. THAT WAS ONE OF  
21 THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS ASKED EARLIER DURING A SET ITEM. WE  
22 KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME EXCEPTIONS THAT  
23 MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW. AND THEN THE QUESTION BECOMES, WELL,  
24 WHAT DO WE DO WITH THAT GROUP OF STAFF? WE KNOW THAT THERE  
25 WILL BE EMPLOYEES WHO SIMPLY DO NOT WANT TO BE VACCINATED, AND

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1 SO THE QUESTION BECOMES, WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR THOSE  
2 EMPLOYEES? BECAUSE THIS WORK IS DYNAMIC AND IT IS ONGOING, WE  
3 HAVE NOT FIGURED IT OUT GET. IT IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS.  
4 BUT WE WANT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HONOR THE MANDATE. WE  
5 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME ROLE FOR TESTING, AS STATED  
6 IN YOUR MOTION, BUT WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT ROLE IS  
7 GOING TO BE. WE DON'T THINK THAT IT'S, AT LEAST IN THE  
8 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, FISCALLY FEASIBLE TO HAVE UNLIMITED TESTING.  
9 AND SO THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ROLE DOES TESTING PLAY, HOW  
10 LIMITED IS IT, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT THAT APPLY, AND  
11 UNDER WHAT SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES? BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
12 THE OVERALL GOAL IS TO REACH THE POLICY MANDATE. BUT WE  
13 UNDERSTAND THAT, OFTENTIMES, THE IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS  
14 REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE CALLED OUT  
15 IN THE MOTIONS. AND SO WE NEED TO RETURN TO YOUR BOARD WITH A  
16 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING THE  
17 BOARD'S VISION BY HAVING THIS MANDATORY VACCINATION  
18 REQUIREMENT, AND WORK OUT ALL OF THE LOGISTICAL DETAILS THAT  
19 ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROGRAM, COUNTYWIDE.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND AGAIN, YOU'RE RIGHT.  
22 I THINK OUR OVERALL GOAL IS TO GET COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
23 VACCINATED. I DO BELIEVE THAT, EVEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A  
24 RELIGIOUS OR MEDICAL REASON TO BE EXEMPTED, I DO BELIEVE THEY  
25 NEED TO GET TESTED BECAUSE, STILL, OTHERWISE, THEY ARE NOT

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1 VACCINATED, AND THEY ARE STILL IN OUR WORKPLACE. AND I REALLY  
2 BELIEVE THAT WHEN WE BEGIN TO BRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES BACK,  
3 THEY NEED TO FEEL SAFE THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE SITTING NEXT  
4 TO SOMEBODY IN A CUBICLE, AND THAT THEY EITHER, YOU KNOW, HAVE  
5 A NEGATIVE TEST, OR THEY HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. I THINK THAT'S  
6 FAIR FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES COMING BACK. AND I ALSO HOPE THAT WE  
7 HAVE SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AND MY MOTION, IN TERMS OF  
8 EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF LOOKING AT OUR CONTRACTORS AND  
9 OUR VENDORS, IF WE CAN ALSO BRING THEM UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF  
10 BEING VACCINATED. SO YOU ARE BASICALLY SAYING, THE EXECUTIVE  
11 ORDER IS THE "WHAT," WHICH IS, "WE WANT EVERYBODY VACCINATED."  
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AND MY MOTION IS, "HOW ARE WE ACTUALLY  
13 GOING TO DO THIS?" AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE LOOKING AT THE  
14 POSSIBILITY OF TESTING. IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID, SORT OF?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. AND  
17 I DIDN'T SPEAK TO THE CONTRACTOR ISSUE, BUT WE WILL ALSO  
18 INCLUDE-- WE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THAT IN OUR POLICY.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, FESIA. AND THANK YOU,  
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN, ALSO, FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,  
24 YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, STRONGLY  
2    SUPPORT THE RATIFICATION OF YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND THE  
3    REQUIREMENT OF VACCINATION FOR EVERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE. YOU  
4    KNOW, IT IS INTERESTING. THE WHOLE JOB OF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE--  
5    I DON'T CARE WHICH OF THE 37 DEPARTMENTS THEY SERVE IN-- IS  
6    ESSENTIALLY SERVING THE PUBLIC. AND SINCE THE BASIC JOB OF THE  
7    COUNTY HAS BEEN NOT JUST SERVING THE PUBLIC, BUT SERVING THE  
8    MOST VULNERABLE, THE MOST NEEDY, THE MOST UNABLE TO CARE FOR  
9    THEMSELVES PART OF THE PUBLIC, THEY ARE ALSO THE MOST  
10    VULNERABLE TO THIS PANDEMIC. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE MUST BE  
11    EXTRA RESPONSIBLE ABOUT OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO COME IN  
12    CONTACT EVERY DAY WITH ALL OF THESE VULNERABLE PEOPLE. THEY  
13    ARE PUTTING RECOVERY AT RISK IF THEY ARE NOT VACCINATED. THEY  
14    ARE PUTTING THE PUBLIC AT RISK IF THEY ARE NOT VACCINATED;  
15    CERTAINLY, THEIR CO-WORKERS. AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY  
16    NEED TO DO SOME TOWN HALLS, LIKE WE DO FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS,  
17    FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, JUST TO REALLY EDUCATE THEM ABOUT ANY FEARS  
18    THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT FESIA MIGHT  
19    LOOK AT IN THE REPORT-BACK IS THE QUESTION OF EDUCATION, NOT  
20    JUST REQUIREMENTS AND ELEMENTS. I KNOW THAT WE MUST MEET AND  
21    CONFER, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE CAN PUT A POLICY IN PLACE  
22    IMMEDIATELY, WHICH I APPROVE, THE "HOW" OF IT, AS WE'VE TALKED  
23    ABOUT, RELATES TO IMPACTS ON OUR WORKERS, AND THAT HAS A  
24    REQUIREMENT OF MEET AND CONFER. AND I THINK THAT MUST START  
25    RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THAT TO SLOW DOWN THE

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1 IMPACT. I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR MOTION,  
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S, WHICH I AM VERY PLEASED TO CO-AUTHOR, WAS,  
3 WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOW, AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN AFTER OCTOBER  
4 1ST? I WOULD SIMPLY POSIT TO THE C.E.O. IN THE REPORT-BACK, MY  
5 PREFERENCE WOULD BE THAT WE MIGHT START IMMEDIATELY LEARNING  
6 WHO IS VACCINATED AND WHO IS NOT; ALLOWING PEOPLE TO TEST, IF  
7 THEY ARE NOT VACCINATED, THROUGH THE NEXT 8 OR 9 WEEKS, UNTIL  
8 THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. BUT THEN, AFTER THE DEADLINE IN  
9 OCTOBER, I WOULD FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE ONLY ALLOWING TESTING  
10 FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A VALID EXEMPTION, NOT JUST, "OH, I DON'T  
11 WANT TO DO IT." BECAUSE TESTING'S FREE TO PEOPLE, BUT IT IS  
12 NOT FREE TO THE COUNTY. AND IF YOU'RE TALKING 1/3 OF THE  
13 COUNTY THAT MAY NOT BE-- COUNTY WORKERS THAT MAY NOT BE  
14 VACCINATED, THAT IS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF NOT ONLY TESTING,  
15 BUT CHECKING, AND PERSONNEL, AND ALL OF THE ACCOUTREMENTS  
16 THAT WE WOULD NEED TO DO IT. SO THE TIGHTER, THE BETTER, AFTER  
17 OCTOBER 1ST, I THINK. BUT THE REASON THAT JANICE'S MOTION IS  
18 SO IMPORTANT IS REALLY KIND OF TWO THINGS. ONE IS ASKING FESIA  
19 TO COME BACK AND TELL US, "HOW DO WE DO THIS," INCLUDING, I  
20 THINK, THE QUESTION OF MEET AND CONFER; THE QUESTION OF OUR  
21 CONTRACTORS, BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE  
22 PUBLIC ON OUR BEHALF, AND THEREFORE WE ARE PUTTING THEM IN  
23 DANGER IF WE DON'T REQUIRE IT, BUT WE WANT TO KNOW, CAN WE DO  
24 THAT? SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RATIFICATION OF YOUR EXECUTIVE  
25 ORDER. OF COURSE, I STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR MOTION, AND SEE THEM

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1 AS BEING HARMONIZED, WHICH I TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO K.N.X.  
2 YESTERDAY, AND HOPE I DID A FAIRLY DECENT JOB [LAUGHTER].  
3 DIFFICULT AS IT IS, BECAUSE I SEE THEM AS HARMONIZABLE. SO  
4 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I THINK  
5 THIS IS A MAJOR, BIG STEP, AND ONE THAT WE MUST TAKE. THANK  
6 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT,  
9 I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
12 TOUCHED ON WHAT I WAS GOING TO MENTION, AND THAT IS THE ISSUE  
13 OF CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I  
14 APPRECIATE THAT THE MOTION'S WORKING IN HARMONY. I THINK THAT  
15 HAVING LABOR INVOLVED IS VITAL FOR THE CLARITY AND THE  
16 CONSISTENCY TO THEIR MEMBERS, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR LABOR  
17 PARTNERS, AND THEY REPRESENT A MAJORITY OF OUR WORKFORCE. AND  
18 I'M PLEASED THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO TALK, AND I THINK SOME  
19 ARE ALREADY IN DISCUSSIONS-- CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, FESIA--  
20 IN TERMS OF REACHING OUT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE.  
21 HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING WITH ANY OF THE LABOR PARTNERS?

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23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE IN  
24 FACT ALREADY STARTED DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS, AND

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1 WE HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY ESTABLISHED SCHEDULES FOR WHEN  
2 CONVERSATIONS WILL OCCUR WITH OUR VARIOUS BARGAINING UNITS.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WHEN  
5 WE ROLL THIS OUT, WE DO RECOGNIZE THE RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL  
6 EXCLUSION. AND THE DEVIL IS GOING TO BE IN THE DETAILS, AS IT  
7 RELATES TO THE TESTING COMPONENT. I THINK THAT I AM A LITTLE  
8 CONFUSED OVER WHETHER ONCE A WEEK IS SUFFICIENT, AND/OR TWICE  
9 A WEEK. I DON'T KNOW, AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
10 REALLY DEPEND UPON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH, TO HELP GUIDE US IN THAT  
11 DIRECTION. BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD STEP IN THE RIGHT  
12 DIRECTION, AND WE ARE TALKING IT, BUT WE'RE NOW WALKING IT.  
13 AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US, AS A COUNTY, WHEN WE ARE  
14 PUSHING OUT THE NEED TO GET VACCINATED, WE ARE DOING IT IN OUR  
15 OWN HOME. AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO OUR COMMITMENT TO  
16 NOT ONLY OUR COUNTY FAMILY, BUT ALSO TO THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY  
17 RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND  
20 TO ALL THE MEMBERS AND OUR STAFF, OUR C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL,  
21 AND ALL OF OUR 110,000 EMPLOYEES THAT WE REPRESENT, AND  
22 CONTACTORS, AS WELL. AS WAS MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS EXECUTIVE  
23 ORDER IS THE "WHAT." THE NEXT ITEM THAT WE WILL HEAR WILL BE  
24 THE "HOW," AND I THINK THERE IS HARMONY HERE. SO, AGAIN, I  
25 WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE. SO, SEEING NO OTHER



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1 COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, ITEM 73-A IS BEFORE  
2 US. I WILL MOVE THE ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO  
3 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
4 ROLL.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 73-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
7 MITCHELL?

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
12 KUEHL?

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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3    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
4    0.

5

6    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MEMBERS, AND TO ALL THE  
7    FOLKS THAT CALLED IN EARLIER TODAY, AS WELL, AND SUBMITTED  
8    THEIR E-MAILS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT. NEXT, MEMBERS, WE'RE  
9    GOING TO TURN NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 21, AND THIS IS THE  
10   C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHICH  
11   WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE  
12   UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN.

13

14   **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THIS IS THE  
15   "HOW," AS WAS SO GRACIOUSLY EXPLAINED BY OUR C.E.O. SO IT IS  
16   CLEAR THAT I THINK WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE, THAT WE'VE HIT  
17   A WALL WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED. WE'RE,  
18   AGAIN, PROVIDING VACCINES AT SPORTING EVENTS, GROCERY STORES,  
19   PUBLIC SPACES. OUR PUBLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AS WELL AS SOME  
20   OF OUR SUPERVISORS, ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR TRYING, TO GET  
21   PEOPLE VACCINATED. BUT STILL, 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF PEOPLE ARE  
22   NOT VACCINATED, OR SOME OF THEM AREN'T EVEN GOING BACK TO GET  
23   THEIR SECOND DOSE, AND WE KNOW THAT THAT'S A PROBLEM. BUT I  
24   BELIEVE WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE, THAT WE NEED TO LEAN IN  
25   WHEN IT COMES TO OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, AND WE WANT TO MAKE

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1 SURE THAT OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE IS PROTECTED, AND THE PUBLIC  
2 THAT THEY SERVE IS PROTECTED. IT IS ESTIMATED ABOUT 35 PERCENT  
3 OF OUR COUNTY WORKERS ARE NOT VACCINATED, BUT I THINK, AS  
4 KATHRYN SAID, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT NUMBERS  
5 THERE. AND THAT'S WHY, A WEEK AND A HALF AGO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
6 AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO REQUIRE ALL OF OUR COUNTY WORKERS  
7 TO GET VACCINATED OR GET TESTED, AND FOR US TO LOOK AT  
8 INCLUDING COUNTY CONTRACTORS, AS WELL. AND I WANTED TO  
9 UNDERSCORE, WHICH I THINK WE'VE ALSO TALKED ABOUT TODAY IN  
10 MANY CONVERSATIONS, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK WITH OUR  
11 LABOR PARTNERS ON THIS. WE WANT TO BRING EVERYONE ALONG  
12 TOGETHER. I KNOW I HAVE HEARD OVER THE WEEKEND FROM SOME OF  
13 OUR LABOR PARTNERS, WHO WERE CONCERNED GOING FORWARD ON HOW  
14 THIS WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO WORK, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
15 WE BRING THEM ALONG. NOW, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, IN  
16 THIS MOTION, I'VE REMOVED, WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S APPROVAL, I  
17 THINK, THE THIRD DIRECTIVE, WHICH TALKS ABOUT HEALTHCARE  
18 WORKERS; YOU KNOW, ADDING C.O.V.I.D.-19 TO THE LIST OF  
19 VACCINES THAT OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE TO GET BEFORE THEY  
20 WORK IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. I REMOVED THAT, BECAUSE THE  
21 STATE HAS MANDATED THAT, SO THERE WAS NO NEED FOR US TO PUT  
22 THAT INTO OUR MOTION. AND THEN, SINCE IT MENTIONED THE FIRE  
23 DEPARTMENT, WE ARE NOW GOING TO TREAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS  
24 PART OF OUR LARGER COUNTY EMPLOYEE POOL, AND THEY WILL BE  
25 TREATED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. ACCORDING TO THIS MOTION, IT WOULD

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1 BE, "GET VACCINATED OR GET TESTED," BUT WE'RE GOING TO WORK  
2 OUT THE DETAILS ON THAT. AND I THINK THIS "HOW" IS GOING TO  
3 BE, REALLY, THE NITTY-GRITTY. LIKE, HOW ARE WE REALLY GOING TO  
4 DO THIS? HOW WILL TESTING WORK? HOW WILL THOSE MEDICAL AND  
5 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS WORK? AND I APPRECIATE, FESIA, ALL THE  
6 WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING, AND YOUR STAFF IS GOING TO BE WORKING  
7 OVERTIME IN FIGURING THIS OUT. AND I DO KNOW THAT-- SUPERVISOR  
8 KUEHL, YOU BROUGHT UP, YOU KNOW, TESTING IS NOT CHEAP. IT IS  
9 NOT FREE. I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED WITH SOME OF OUR INSURANCE  
10 PROVIDERS, AND I WOULDN'T MIND US, AS A BOARD, PUTTING A  
11 LITTLE MORE PRESSURE ON THEM TO COVER TESTING. IT SEEMS TO BE  
12 UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY HAVE IMMEDIATELY SORT OF SAID, "WELL,  
13 THAT'S NOT COVERED UNDER THIS PLAN." IT REMINDS ME, SUPERVISOR  
14 SOLIS, OF WHEN YOU ALL WERE WORKING ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE  
15 ACT, RIGHT? I MEAN, THAT'S WHY THAT LAW EXISTS, BECAUSE  
16 INSURANCE COMPANIES WERE TRYING TO PUT THEIR OWN FEELINGS ON  
17 WHAT WAS AND WHAT WASN'T COVERED. THIS IS CLEARLY A HEALTH  
18 ISSUE, TO BE TESTED. IT IS CLEARLY A WORKPLACE SAFETY ISSUE,  
19 TO BE TESTED. SO LET'S MAYBE FIGURE THAT OUT, AS A SUBSECTION  
20 OF WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY, TO FIGURE OUT A WAY-- MAYBE A  
21 5-SIGNATURE LETTER OR SOMETHING THAT WE PUSH BACK A LITTLE  
22 BIT-- BECAUSE I THINK TESTING IS KEY TO KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT  
23 SOMEONE IS SAFE TO COME BACK TO WORK. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 KUEHL. APPRECIATE YOU WORKING WITH ME ON THIS ONE. I THINK  
25 THIS IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD, AS WELL, AS WE

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1 JUST RATIFIED THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, SO THAT THE WHOLE PACKAGE  
2 IS WELL THOUGHT OUT AND IMPORTANT. OVERALL GOAL-- I KNOW I  
3 BELIEVE IT-- WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES VACCINATED.  
4 WE'RE GOING TO SEND A HUGE MESSAGE, AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN  
5 THE REGION, THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, AND I HOPE THAT I  
6 CAN GET YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE  
9 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A CO-AUTHOR?

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I ONLY HAVE TO SAY THIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** [LAUGHTER] OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ANY  
14 OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WANTING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** IF WE WERE IN A COURT OF LAW, MS. KUEHL, THE JUDGE  
17 WOULD SAY, "CAN YOU PLEASE BE VERBAL, IN CASE SOME PEOPLE  
18 CAN'T SEE THE SCREEN?"

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DID SAY, "VOTE YES," AT THE END, BEFORE I MUTED  
21 AGAIN.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. VERY GOOD. SEEING NO OTHER  
24 REQUESTS TO SPEAK, THEN THIS ITEM, 21, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE

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1 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE  
2 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU. SORRY ABOUT THAT.  
5 ITEM 21, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
10 KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
2 0.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE WILL MOVE  
5 ON TO ITEM NUMBER 73-B, WHICH IS THE EVALUATION OF C.O.V.I.D.-  
6 19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES, WHICH WAS  
7 HELD BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE UNMUTE  
8 YOUR MIC AND BEGIN YOUR--

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AGAIN, I FEEL LIKE  
11 WE'RE AT A PLACE NOW THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT ACTIONS TO  
12 CORRECT COURSE. I THINK ALL OF US HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY  
13 FRUSTRATED AND DISAPPOINTED AT WHAT WE ARE SEEING AS A NEW  
14 SURGE. AND AS WE'RE ENTERING THE WINTER AND FALL, FALL AND  
15 WINTER, WE'VE HEARD THAT THINGS COULD GO IN THE WRONG  
16 DIRECTION. THE FACT THAT WE ARE SEEING 3,000 NEW CASES PER DAY  
17 IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE TO US. AND SO I THINK, TO PREVENT FUTURE  
18 SURGES AND NEW VARIANTS FROM CIRCULATING, ESPECIALLY AS WE  
19 APPROACH THIS SEASON, WE, I THINK, NEED TO TAKE A GOOD HARD  
20 LOOK AT WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TO PUT INTO PLACE ADDITIONAL  
21 MEASURES, LIKE REQUIRING PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR CERTAIN  
22 SETTINGS. AND I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE EXPLORE THE  
23 POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING PEOPLE TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION  
24 FOR CERTAIN INDOOR SPACES. SO THIS MOTION BEFORE US DOESN'T DO  
25 ANYTHING TODAY. I KNOW MY E-MAIL BOX HAS GOTTEN OVERRUN WITH



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1 PEOPLE CRYING "TYRANNY" AND CALLING ME ALL SORTS OF NAMES, BUT  
2 TODAY IS NOT AN ACTION THAT ANYTHING-- IT BEGINS TO HAPPEN,  
3 BESIDES ASKING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR LAWYERS, AND  
4 REALLY IMPORTANTLY, OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
5 AFFAIRS TO REPORT BACK TO US, ADVISE US, AS COUNTY  
6 SUPERVISORS, ON WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE IF WE DECIDE TO LOOK AT  
7 PROOF OF VACCINATION IN CERTAIN SPACES. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS  
8 THAT I HAVE, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BACK IN THIS REPORT:  
9 SHOULD THIS APPLY TO ALL PUBLIC SPACES, OR MAYBE WE LOOK AT  
10 JUST NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES TO REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION.  
11 IN OTHER WORDS, SHOULD WE JUST MAKE SURE THAT GROCERY STORES  
12 ARE ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE, NO MATTER WHETHER OR NOT THEY  
13 ARE VACCINATED, AS LONG AS THEY WEAR A MASK? SHOULD WE LOOK AT  
14 THE IDEA OF PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR ONE DOSE, OR DO WE WANT  
15 TO LOOK AT, NO, IT IS GOING TO BE TWO DOSES, OR YOU CAN'T  
16 ENTER THIS FACILITY? SHOULD WE LOOK, OF COURSE, AT CHILDREN 12  
17 AND UNDER, WHO RIGHT NOW CAN'T BE VACCINATED? WHAT HAPPENS TO  
18 THEM, IF WE DID AN INDOOR VACCINATION REQUIREMENT? AND HOW  
19 WOULD THIS BE ENFORCED? WOULD WE LEAVE THAT UP TO THE  
20 INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES TO STAND AT THE DOOR AND CHECK PROOF OF  
21 VACCINATION, OR WHAT? AND THEN, HOW DOES THE AVERAGE PERSON  
22 KNOW-- HOW DO THEY VERIFY THEIR VACCINATION? IS IT THAT WHITE  
23 CARD? IS IT A DIGITAL RECORD? IS IT A Q.R. CODE? HEALTHVANA, I  
24 KNOW, HAS CIRCULATED E-MAILS TO PEOPLE, SAYING, "THIS ALREADY  
25 EXISTS. THIS DIGITAL PROOF ALREADY EXISTS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

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1 IS SIGN UP FOR IT." SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW AN AVERAGE  
2 PERSON VERIFIES THEIR VACCINATION, AND HOW DOES A BUSINESS  
3 KNOW WHETHER A PERSON IS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN THEY SHOW  
4 THAT. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I HAVE PEOPLE ASKING ME, "OKAY, IF  
5 YOU REQUIRE THAT EVERYBODY THAT COMES INTO THIS PARTICULAR  
6 FACILITY-- LET'S SAY, A GYM-- IS VACCINATED, THEN WOULD YOU  
7 RELAX THE INDOOR MASKING POLICY?" AND THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD  
8 WANT TO BE ADVISED ON. YOU PROBABLY ALL HAVE QUESTIONS, TOO,  
9 THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET ANSWERED. AND THIS MOTION WOULD  
10 SAY, HEY, THERE'S A BUNCH OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE  
11 DOING THIS NOW, RIGHT? THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS PROPOSING  
12 ONE. I THINK PALM SPRINGS IS PROPOSING ONE. WE KNOW NEW YORK  
13 CITY HAS DONE IT. THE COUNTRY OF FRANCE BEGAN TELLING PEOPLE  
14 THEY COULDN'T TRAVEL, OR GO TO RESTAURANTS OR THEATERS, UNLESS  
15 THEY COULD SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION. SO I WANT OUR FOLKS TO  
16 LOOK AT SOME OF THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE DONE IT.  
17 WHAT WERE SOME OF THEIR CHALLENGES? WHAT WERE SOME OF THE  
18 PUSHBACKS? WHAT WERE SOME MISTAKES THAT THEY MADE, THAT WE  
19 MIGHT LEARN FROM? I MEAN, FOR ME, COLLEAGUES, MY GOAL IS THAT  
20 WE CAN KEEP BUSINESSES OPEN, AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO RESORT  
21 BACK TO WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR, WHERE WE LIMITED CAPACITY, AND  
22 WE MANDATED PEOPLE HAD TO PICK UP THEIR FOOD FROM THE CURB, OR  
23 JUST OUTDOOR DINING. I DON'T WANT TO GET IN A PLACE WHERE WE  
24 SHUT DOWN BUSINESSES, BECAUSE WE ARE JUST STARTING TO RECOVER  
25 FROM LAST YEAR'S ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM THIS PANDEMIC. SO I WANT

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1 TO KNOW, DOES A STEP LIKE THIS GET US TO THE GOAL OF KEEPING  
2 OUR BUSINESSES OPEN? AGAIN, WE'RE NOT MANDATING ANYTHING  
3 TODAY. I HOPE YOU WOULD SUPPORT THE IDEA OF OUR COUNTY EXPERTS  
4 LOOKING AT THIS, AND THEN IN TWO WEEKS, YOU KNOW, ADVISING US  
5 OR GIVING US OUR OPTIONS IF, IN FACT, WE WANT TO DO THIS. AND  
6 WHEN WE COME BACK FROM RECESS AFTER LABOR DAY, OR BEFORE LABOR  
7 DAY, WE CAN DECIDE IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO. MAYBE  
8 THE CASES ARE GOING TO DROP DRAMATICALLY IN THE NEXT FEW  
9 WEEKS, BECAUSE OF WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING, AND MAYBE WE WON'T  
10 MAKE THIS DECISION. BUT I WANT TO BE INFORMED, AND I WANT THE  
11 PUBLIC TO HEAR US DEBATE THIS PUBLICLY, AND TALK ABOUT IT  
12 PUBLICLY, SO THEY KNOW HOW WE THINK, HOW WE MAKE DECISIONS,  
13 AND THE THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS THAT WE ASK AND GET ANSWERED  
14 BEFORE WE INSTITUTE SOMETHING LIKE THIS. AND THE OTHER THING,  
15 COLLEAGUES, I KNOW I WANT TO KNOW: NOW, IF WE DECIDE TO PASS  
16 AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES PROOF OF VACCINATION IN INDOOR  
17 PUBLIC SPACES, IT WOULD ONLY APPLY TO UNINCORPORATED COUNTY,  
18 VERSUS WHETHER OR NOT DR. DAVIS DECIDES THAT A HEALTH ORDER IS  
19 MORE APPROPRIATE, IT WOULD THEN APPLY TO THE WHOLE COUNTY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES. SO I'M HOPING, DR. FERRER AND DR. DAVIS, YOU WILL  
21 LOOK AT THIS REPORT, AND BE A PART OF IT, AND THEN BE WILLING  
22 TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK IS OUR BEST PATH FORWARD. MADAM  
23 CHAIR, I THINK YOU HAD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT YOU WANTED TO  
24 PROPOSE TO THIS, BUT AGAIN, JUST A REPORT BACK. I WANT TO GET  
25 A FEW MORE FACTS ON HOW THIS WOULD ACTUALLY WORK IN THE COUNTY

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1 OF LOS ANGELES, BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION. THANK YOU, MADAM  
2 CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I  
5 THINK THE OPERATIVE WORD HERE IS MAKING SURE THAT WE GET THE  
6 WORD OUT, AND WE HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AS YOU UNDERScoreD  
7 HERE. AND I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR  
8 ACCEPTING MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT  
9 IN, IF POSSIBLE. "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
11 AFFAIRS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TO  
12 REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD IN 14 DAYS ON BARRIERS  
13 THAT SMALL AND MICROBUSINESSES WITH LESS THAN 10 EMPLOYEES AND  
14 \$100,000 IN ANNUAL REVENUE COULD FACE IN IMPLEMENTING A  
15 VACCINATION MANDATE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDRESSING THOSE  
16 BARRIERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LEVERAGING EXISTING  
17 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT  
18 THESE BUSINESSES WITH AN INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE. SO, IN  
19 THE DAYS LEADING UP TO JUNE 15TH, COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION  
20 RATES, AS YOU KNOW, IN THE COUNTY WERE LOW. NOW WE KNOW THEY  
21 HAVE GONE UP IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT  
22 MANY OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL VENUES  
23 AND SMALL MOM-AND-POP STORES DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD, AND  
24 THEY WEATHERED A LOT. SO I THINK THIS AMENDMENT WILL HELP  
25 PROVIDE US WITH SOME GOOD INFORMATION AS TO HOW WE CAN

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1 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR DIRECTIVE, AND ALSO MAKE SURE  
2 THAT WE HELP THOSE VULNERABLE SMALL BUSINESSES AND MICRO-  
3 ENTERPRISES, MANY OF WHOM REPRESENT PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN,  
4 DISABLED, AND FOLKS THAT REALLY HAVE BEEN OUT ON A LIMB DURING  
5 THE PANDEMIC. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ACCEPTING THE  
6 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU. AND NOW WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR  
7 MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK  
10 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR THE MOTION THAT I WILL BE  
11 SUPPORTING. I'M GLAD IT'S A REPORT-BACK, BECAUSE I AGREE WITH  
12 YOU, WE NEED TO COLLECT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. I  
13 THINK, IN ADDITION TO THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES THAT MADAM  
14 CHAIR'S MOTION INCLUDES, I HOPE THAT, IN THE REPORT-BACK, THAT  
15 WE CAN SOLICIT INPUT FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
16 IMPACTED BY PRE-DISCLOSURE: HOUSES OF WORSHIP, OTHER NONPROFIT  
17 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT WERE  
18 CLOSED DOWN, AND WE PREVENTED THEIR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO  
19 PROVIDE SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED. SO I HOPE THAT,  
20 THROUGH THE FACT-GATHERING PROCESS, THAT THOSE KINDS OF  
21 ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE SOLICITED THEIR INPUT, AND FEEDBACK  
22 WOULD BE SOLICITED, AS WELL. I HAVE BEGUN TO USE THE TERM  
23 "EMPLOYER," BECAUSE I THINK SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE HEAR "SMALL  
24 BUSINESS," THEY THINK "BUSINESS," BUT THEY DON'T THINK OF  
25 OTHER KINDS OF EMPLOYERS, LIKE, AGAIN, FAITH-BASED

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1 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. SO I HOPE THAT  
2 THEY COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING US  
3 FEEDBACK, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE COULD DO TO ALLEVIATE ANY  
4 FURTHER STRAIN ON THOSE SECTORS AS WE GO FORWARD, PARTICULARLY  
5 IN TERMS OF COST BURDENS TO THOSE SECTORS, IF WE HAVE TO GO  
6 FURTHER, IN TERMS OF CLOSURES. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE  
7 MOTION TODAY, AND JUST HOPE THOSE SECTORS CAN BE INCLUDED IN  
8 THE REPORT-BACK, AS WELL. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE  
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I, TOO, WILL BE  
14 SUPPORTING THIS REPORT-BACK. BUT I WANT TO OFFER THIS  
15 SUGGESTION, FESIA: SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I, OR CHAIR SOLIS NOW,  
16 CREATED THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, WHICH HAD  
17 DIFFERENT INDUSTRY LEADERS, TO HELP DO A ROAD MAP FOR OUR  
18 RECOVERY, AND I THINK THIS WOULD BE IDEAL. I HAVE REACHED OUT  
19 TO RESTAURANTS IN MY DISTRICT, AND I HAVE BEEN GETTING MIXED  
20 MESSAGES. ONE OF THE COMMON QUESTIONS IS ENFORCEMENT, AND  
21 CONCERNS ABOUT HOW TO DO THE ENFORCEMENT. BUT THEN I'VE HAD  
22 OTHER RESTAURANTS SAY THEY WANT THE COUNTY TO MANDATE IT,  
23 BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, IT IS A UNIFORM POLICY ACROSS THE  
24 BOARD, AND IT IS CLEAR, TO DO IT THAT WAY. AND SOME OF THEM  
25 ARE EVEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUSHBACK THEY MAY GET IF THEY

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1 MANDATE VACCINATIONS, AND THE RESTAURANT DOWN THE STREET  
2 DOESN'T. SO I'M HEARING VARYING DEGREES OF CONCERN, BUT NONE  
3 OF THEM INSURMOUNTABLE. BUT I THINK THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY  
4 TASK FORCE IS ALREADY A BUILT-IN MECHANISM WHERE YOU HAVE  
5 INDUSTRY LEADERS THAT ARE READY TO ASSIST, AND THAT MIGHT BE A  
6 GOOD PARTNER TO KIND OF REACH OUT TO, TO MAYBE HELP DRAW  
7 TOWARD THE REPORT-BACK. SO THAT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION. THANK  
8 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, FESIA, WHAT SHE SAID.

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** WE'RE ON IT, SUPERVISORS.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER  
15 QUESTIONS FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD, THEN HEARING NO OTHER  
16 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, 73-B, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED  
17 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE  
18 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, 73-B, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE  
21 YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

24



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
2 KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

19 0.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE'LL

22 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 4, INCREASING PERMANENT HOUSING BY

23 EXPANDING THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL, WHICH I HELD. AND

24 I WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ALSO JOINING ME ON

25 THIS MATTER, AS WELL. SO, COLLEAGUES, IN ORDER TO RESOLVE

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1 HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION, L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO REALLY CREATE  
2 A BALANCED REHOUSING SYSTEM, AND WE KNOW THAT IT IS NO SECRET  
3 THAT BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE HOMELESS REHOUSING SYSTEM IS OUR  
4 TOP PRIORITY HERE AT THE COUNTY. WHILE INTERIM HOUSING AND  
5 SHELTER ACCESS ARE IMPORTANT, PERMANENT HOUSING IS THE MOST  
6 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THAT SYSTEM. WITHOUT A BALANCED RATIO  
7 OF INTERIM TO PERMANENT HOUSING, PEOPLE PLACED IN INTERIM  
8 HOUSING STAY THERE FOR MUCH LONGER THAN INTENDED, AND CAN BE  
9 COSTLY. ACCORDING TO THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS,  
10 PUBLISHED BY LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, BACK IN  
11 MARCH OF 2020, THE REGION, AS WE KNOW, STILL NEEDS AROUND  
12 22,000 UNITS OF PERMANENT HOUSING. SO WE NEED TO INCREASE THE  
13 COUNTY'S ACCESS TO PERMANENT HOUSING TO INCREASE TURNOVER IN  
14 THE INTERIM HOUSING, AND ENSURE THAT MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE  
15 STREETS CAN ACCESS THIS IMPORTANT INTERIM RESOURCE. THERE ARE  
16 SEVERAL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS ALREADY IN THE  
17 WORKS, WHICH IS GOOD, BUT THESE PROJECTS TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP.  
18 WE NEED SOLUTIONS NOW, TO QUICKLY EXPAND ACCESS TO PERMANENT  
19 HOUSING ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND FORTUNATELY, THE COUNTY HAS ITS  
20 OWN REGIONAL HOUSING SUBSIDY PROGRAM THAT HAS HOUSED WELL OVER  
21 9,000 INDIVIDUALS SINCE 2015, AND IT IS KNOWN AS THE FLEXIBLE  
22 HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. FLEX POOL IS A SUPPORTIVE RENTAL SUBSIDY  
23 PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THAT  
24 PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN HOUSING RETENTION TO SUPPORT  
25 AND ENSURE LONG-TERM STABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

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1 EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. THE FLEX POOL SUPPORTS CLIENTS IN  
2 APARTMENT UNITS ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS  
3 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS. AND EVERY MONTH, THE  
4 PROGRAM MOVES APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS  
5 INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. TENANTS AND LANDLORDS HAVE PROVIDED  
6 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR BOTH  
7 PARTIES. THE FLEX POOL IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT FOR OUR  
8 REHOUSING SYSTEM, AND WITH THE FLEX POOL, WE DON'T HAVE TO  
9 WAIT FOR A COMPLETION OF A NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
10 DEVELOPMENT. WE CAN QUICKLY CONNECT CLIENTS TO HOUSING AND  
11 RENTAL UNITS ACROSS THE COUNTY. WITH NEW FEDERAL AND STATE  
12 DOLLARS COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE, WE SHOULD BE PRIORITIZING  
13 QUICK SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS, AND UTILIZING THE FLEX  
14 POOL. THAT'S WHY I'VE INTRODUCED THE MOTION TO LOOK AT WAYS TO  
15 PIECE TOGETHER EXISTING COUNTY RESOURCES WITH STATE AND  
16 FEDERAL FUNDS TO CREATE 1,000 NEW FLEX POOL SLOTS. THE MOTION  
17 DIRECTS THE C.E.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR HOMELESS  
18 INITIATIVE, H.I., AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT  
19 AUTHORITY, TO REPORT BACK TO US IN OCTOBER, OUR SUPPLEMENTAL  
20 BUDGET TIME, WITH A STRATEGY TO CREATE THOSE 1,000 ADDITIONAL  
21 FLEX POOL SLOTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS INVESTMENT WILL HELP  
22 ACCELERATE EXIT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, AND WILL RELIEVE THE  
23 PRESSURE ON OUR SHELTER AND INTERIM HOUSING SYSTEMS. SO, MORE  
24 IMPORTANTLY, I BELIEVE IT WILL CREATE A MORE BALANCED  
25 REHOUSING SYSTEM TO BETTER SERVE THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE

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1 RESIDENTS. AND I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE, RESPECTFULLY, AND WOULD  
2 LIKE TO NOW ASK FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO  
3 MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU  
6 FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. IT COMES AT  
7 A PERFECT TIME, BECAUSE WE ARE CONSTANTLY TALKING ABOUT MORE  
8 AND VARIED THINGS THAT WE MIGHT DO FOR OUR HOMELESS  
9 POPULATION, AND IT'S, YOU KNOW, A CONTINUING CRISIS. THIS IS A  
10 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL THAT ALLOWED US TO QUICKLY HOUSE  
11 THOUSANDS OF REALLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
12 HOMELESSNESS, BY PAIRING LOCALLY FUNDED RENTAL SUBSIDIES WITH  
13 INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS TENANT AND LANDLORD  
14 SERVICES. AND WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE A FEW THOUSAND EMERGENCY  
15 HOUSING VOUCHERS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, BUT WE  
16 STILL NEED SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE  
17 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON THE STREETS AND IN OUR  
18 SHELTERS. IN 2020, A SYSTEM ANALYST IDENTIFIED WE'D PROBABLY  
19 NEED MORE THAN 20,000 NEW PERMANENT HOUSING SLOTS. WE  
20 CURRENTLY FUND 5200 FLEX POOL SLOTS, AND THIS MOTION ASKS OUR  
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLORE EXPANDING BY A THOUSAND MORE.  
22 THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL AND  
23 STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES, AND REALLY MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL,  
24 GET ANOTHER THOUSAND PEOPLE HOUSED. IT IS A BIG NUMBER,  
25 ESPECIALLY ONE BY ONE, AND TO THOSE PEOPLE. AND, YOU KNOW,

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1 THESE FLEX POOL VOUCHERS SERVE POPULATIONS THAT CAN'T ACCESS  
2 FEDERAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND  
3 THOSE WHO'VE HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM,  
4 WHICH, AS WE KNOW, IS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
5 LIVE IN OUR COUNTY. SO, OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WE'VE  
6 REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED THAT WHEN THE COUNTY CAN MARSHAL AND  
7 BRING TOGETHER ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND HOUSING, WE CAN REHOUSE  
8 A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRETTY QUICKLY. SO THIS IS A VERY  
9 IMPORTANT COMPONENT, AND I URGE AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE THERE ANY  
13 MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, MEMBERS, THEN  
14 THIS ITEM, 4, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
16 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
23 KUEHL?

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, I'M TRYING TO MOVE

18 QUICKLY HERE. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 6, ENSURING

19 ACCESS TO THE CHILD TAX CREDIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL RELIEF,

20 WHICH I HELD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT

21 IN: THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AS YOU KNOW, PRESENTED

22 UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES, BUT IT ALSO HAS PRESENTED SOME

23 OPPORTUNITIES FOR US. AND IN FACT, THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF

24 PRESIDENT BIDEN, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INCLUDED THE LARGEST

25 CHILD TAX CREDIT IN HISTORY. AND THESE PAYMENTS CAN AMOUNT UP

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1 TO \$4,600 A YEAR PER CHILD, DEPENDING ON THE CHILD'S AGE. IT  
2 ALSO EXTENDS ELIGIBILITY TO FAMILIES WHO PREVIOUSLY EARNED TOO  
3 LITTLE TO QUALIFY FOR THE FULL CREDIT. CREDIT. THE PROGRAM IS  
4 SURE TO LIFT MILLIONS OF CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY. IN FACT, ONE  
5 STUDY ESTIMATES THAT IT CAN CUT CHILD POVERTY BY 45 PERCENT  
6 NATIONWIDE. BUT THAT REQUIRES THAT FAMILIES KNOW THAT THE  
7 OPPORTUNITY EVEN APPLIES; THAT IT IS AVAILABLE, AND THEY NEED  
8 TO APPLY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT FILE  
9 TAX RETURNS. THEY NEED TO UTILIZE THE I.R.S. NON-FILER TOOL,  
10 BUT MANY DO NOT EVEN KNOW THAT. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN CONFUSION  
11 ABOUT WHO QUALIFIES, AND YES, THAT INCLUDES IMMIGRANT  
12 FAMILIES, UNFORTUNATELY. AND THAT IS WHY, AS A COUNTY, WE HAVE  
13 A RESPONSIBILITY, IN MY OPINION, TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO. THERE  
14 ARE ALSO OTHER PROGRAMS, LIKE THE STATE'S GOLDEN STATE  
15 STIMULUS, THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM. A RECENT REPORT RELEASED  
16 BY THE CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB FOUND THAT AMONG 950,000  
17 CALIFORNIA HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVE CALFRESH, ONLY 53 PERCENT  
18 CLAIMED THE CALE.I.T.C., DESPITE THE MAJORITY BEING ELIGIBLE.  
19 THIS MEANS THAT THEY DID NOT GET THE GOLDEN STATE STIMULUS,  
20 AND IT ALSO MEANS THEY VERY LIKELY DID NOT CLAIM THE CHILD TAX  
21 CREDIT. THE REMAINING 400,000 CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS WHO DID NOT  
22 CLAIM THE CALE.I.T.C. MISSED OUT ON AN AVERAGE CREDIT OF \$172,  
23 TOTALING ABOUT \$76 MILLION IN UNCLAIMED STATE CLAIMS. WE ALSO  
24 KNOW THAT THERE IS FEAR AMONG OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES THAT  
25 CLAIMING THESE CREDITS WILL SUBJECT THEM TO THE PUBLIC CHARGE



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1    RULE, BUT THESE PAYMENTS DO NOT COUNT AS INCOME AND DO NOT  
2    IMPACT A PERSON'S IMMIGRATION STATUS OR ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY  
3    OTHER BENEFITS. SO THE COUNTY, I BELIEVE, IS WELL SITUATED TO  
4    EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ON THE PROGRAMS. IN FACT, OUR OFFICE OF  
5    IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS IS STANDING UP A PROGRAM TO DISPEL FEARS  
6    ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE, AND INFORM THEM ABOUT SERVICES. THESE  
7    INDIVIDUALS WHO INVOLVED IN THIS, IN HELPING US PROVIDE  
8    INFORMATION, ARE KNOWN AS THE PROMOTORAS, AND THEY CAN ALSO  
9    HELP INFORM OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THESE TAX CREDITS AND OTHER  
10    FINANCIAL RELIEF. AS WE KNOW, OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
11    SERVICES IS WELL SITUATED TO DO THE SAME, AND I'M VERY PLEASED  
12    TO HEAR THAT THEY ARE ALREADY MARKETING THE OPPORTUNITY IN  
13    MANY FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT  
14    OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS PULLED SOME VERY HELPFUL  
15    INFORMATION FOR US, ANALYZING THE I.R.S. DATA TO IDENTIFY THE  
16    LOCATION OF CHILDREN WHO SHOULD BE A PART OF THE NEW CHILD TAX  
17    CREDIT, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN CLAIMED ON A RECENT TAX RETURN.  
18    THESE ARE EXACTLY THE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WE SHOULD DO  
19    OUTREACH TO, AND THEY ARE PREDOMINANTLY IN THE FIRST AND THE  
20    SECOND DISTRICT, AND EVEN PLACES LIKE BELL, CUDAHY, WESTLAKE,  
21    SOUTH CENTRAL, BUT ALSO PACOIMA, LANCASTER, AND PANORAMA CITY.  
22    OUTREACH IN THESE COMMUNITIES, AS YOU KNOW, IS KEY, AND I AM  
23    PLEASED THAT THE MOTION WILL ENSURE JUST THAT. ADDITIONALLY AS  
24    WE RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC, WE NEED TO WORK TO ADVOCATE FOR  
25    A 5-YEAR EXPANSION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, AND FULLY KNOW

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1 THAT THIS HAS TO BE A MATTER THAT OUR NEXT LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE  
2 INCLUDES. AN EXTENDED PROGRAM, AS YOU KNOW, WILL BOOST OUR  
3 LOCAL ECONOMIES AND ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY. THANK YOU,  
4 COLLEAGUES, AND I URGE YOUR AYE VOTE. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS  
5 WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? NO? HEARING NONE, ITEM  
6 6 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO  
7 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
8 ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
15 KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
7 0.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON  
10 TO ITEM NUMBER 14, ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE INEQUITY, WHICH  
11 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAVE  
12 THE FLOOR.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I AM TRYING TO SWALLOWING MY SANDWICH, I AM  
15 RUSHING THROUGH. EXCUSE ME, MADAM CHAIR. SO THANK YOU, MADAM  
16 CHAIR, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
17 TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE INEQUITY. I'D  
18 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WITH  
19 ME. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE MY COLLEAGUES JUST A BRIEF BIT OF  
20 BACKGROUND, IF I MAY, ON WHY I FELT THIS MOTION WAS IMPORTANT  
21 TO INTRODUCE, ACTUALLY, TODAY. THE \$550 BILLION NATIONAL  
22 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL HAS A CLEAR PATH FOR SIGNATURE, HOPEFULLY  
23 AS EARLY AS THIS MONTH, AS IT PASSED OFF THE FLOOR OF OUR U.S.  
24 SENATE JUST A FEW HOURS AGO. THIS BILL HAS BEEN LONG DELAYED,  
25 AND IS GREATLY NEEDED. THE LAST TIME WE SAW THIS KIND OF

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1 INVESTMENT IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE WAS UNDER PRESIDENT  
2 EISENHOWER'S LEADERSHIP IN 1956, WHEN HE SIGNED THE FEDERAL  
3 AID HIGHWAY ACT. THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT INTENDED TO SOLVE  
4 A WORTHY PROBLEM, BUT IN ITS PATH, IT ERASED-- SOME WOULD SAY  
5 BIFURCATED-- COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND DECIMATED HOME  
6 OWNERSHIP AMONG THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT CREATED  
7 GENERATIONAL POLLUTION IN THE SURROUNDING MAJORITY BLACK AND  
8 BROWN COMMUNITIES, AND HAS ACCELERATED OUR CLIMATE CRISIS. AS  
9 WE LOOK TO A \$550 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AT THE  
10 FEDERAL LEVEL, THE QUESTION FACING OUR REGION IS HOW WE CAN  
11 ENSURE WE BUILD BACK BETTER THAN BEFORE. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAYS  
12 A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ENSURING HEALTHY OUTCOMES FOR OUR  
13 COMMUNITIES, BUT ONLY IF WE MAINTAIN OUR FOCUS ON ELIMINATING  
14 DISPARITIES. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS CAN HELP PREVENT  
15 TRAFFIC DEATHS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY KILL RESIDENTS OF THE  
16 SECOND DISTRICT AND BLACK ANGELENOS EVERY YEAR. INFRASTRUCTURE  
17 INVESTMENTS CAN CATALYZE HIGH ROAD JOB CREATION AND ACCESS TO  
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS  
19 CAN HELP ENSURE SAFE AND RELIABLE PASSAGE TO SCHOOL, TO WORK,  
20 AND TO OPEN SPACE, WHICH IS HARDER WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS  
21 TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION, AND DEMONSTRATIVELY HARDER IN  
22 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAN IN WHITE COMMUNITIES. AND  
23 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS CAN HELP REPAIR ENVIRONMENTAL HARM,  
24 IMPROVE OUR AIR QUALITY, AND HELP REDUCE CO2, WHICH HAS A  
25 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

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1 THIS IS NOT NEW INFORMATION TO THIS BOARD, OF COURSE, OR TO  
2 THE COUNTY. ALMOST EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO, THIS BOARD VOTED  
3 UNANIMOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING AN ANTIRACIST LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY POLICY AGENDA, WHICH CALLED ON EACH DEPARTMENT  
5 TO EVALUATE EXISTING COUNTY POLICIES, PRACTICES, OPERATIONS,  
6 AND PROGRAMS THROUGH A LENS OF RACIAL EQUITY, TO PRIORITIZE  
7 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, PUBLIC  
8 SAFETY, AND JUSTICE IN AN EQUITABLE WAY. THIS KIND OF ANALYSIS  
9 IS COMPLEX AND REQUIRES SPECIALIZED TRAINING, SUPPORT, AND  
10 STAFF RESOURCES TO DO WELL. SO, ACKNOWLEDGING THIS, MY STAFF  
11 WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THIS  
12 MOTION, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK DIRECTOR PESTRELLA AND HIS TEAM  
13 FOR THEIR CANDOR AND CREATIVITY. THIS MOTION SEEKS TO ENSURE  
14 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS THE STAFF AND  
15 RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO FULFILL OUR COUNTY PRIORITIES,  
16 PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT CALIFORNIA  
17 AND OUR COUNTY WILL LIKELY YIELD AS A RESULT OF THE PASSAGE OF  
18 THIS NEW FEDERAL ACT. FOLLOWING THE REPORT-BACK ON RESOURCING,  
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
20 WORKS TO DEVELOP SEVERAL KEY DELIVERABLES TO ACCELERATE OUR  
21 COUNTY'S PROGRESS ON INFRASTRUCTURE EQUITY, WHICH INCLUDE BEST  
22 PRACTICE RESEARCH, A SET OF GOALS AND METRICS, A COUNTYWIDE  
23 MAP OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN A SINGLE PLACE, AND AN  
24 EVALUATION OF CURRENT ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES. COLLEAGUES, THIS  
25 IS JUST THE FIRST STEP, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL

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1 OF YOU-- THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE C.E.O., AND  
2 OTHERS-- TO DISMANTLE INEQUITABLE OUTCOMES, AND TO SET A  
3 NATIONAL EXAMPLE OF INFRASTRUCTURE JUSTICE THAT ENSURES THAT  
4 EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY CAN AND WILL THRIVE. THANK YOU, MADAM  
5 CHAIR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MOTION.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE  
8 RECOGNIZED.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
11 MITCHELL, FOR ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. AND IT IS  
12 SO TIMELY, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, BECAUSE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 BILL THAT LOOKS LIKE IT HAS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT TO ACTUALLY GET  
14 PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. AND I HEARD A SPEECH ON  
15 THE SENATE FLOOR YESTERDAY TALKING ABOUT JUST WHAT YOU'RE  
16 TALKING ABOUT ON UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES: MAKING SURE THAT WE,  
17 AS A COUNTRY, ARE INVESTING IN THEM. AND WE ARE TAKING IT  
18 LOCALLY, BY SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THE SAME THING HERE  
19 IN THE COUNTY. AND THIS BOARD, THIS IS JUST IN LINE WITH WHAT  
20 THIS BOARD HAS BEEN DOING, IN TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT WE  
21 ARE RIGHTING WRONGS, WE ARE CORRECTING THE COURSE, WE ARE  
22 LEADING WITH EQUITY IN MIND. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR  
23 ANTIRACISM AGENDA, WE MUST TAKE A LOOK AT INEQUITIES FROM ALL  
24 ANGLES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING HOW WE INVEST IN  
25 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THIS MOTION, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID,

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1 WILL DIRECT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REASSESS THE WAY  
2 WE INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR UNDER-DESERVED-- IN OUR  
3 "UNDERSERVED"; THEY ARE DESERVING, THEY ARE UNDERSERVED-- AND  
4 OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND OUR HOPE IS THAT OUR  
5 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE EQUITABLE AND INTENTIONALLY  
6 PLANNED IN A WAY THAT WILL BENEFIT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES,  
7 ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN OVERLOOKED. AND  
8 THIS INCLUDES WHERE WE ARE GOING TO INVEST IN, FOR INSTANCE,  
9 ROAD MAINTENANCE, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, AQUATIC  
10 CENTERS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIKE HOSPITALS AND LIBRARIES, AND  
11 SO MUCH MORE. AND WE ARE ASKING OUR C.E.O. TO HELP PUBLIC  
12 WORKS WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO CARRY OUT WHAT I BELIEVE  
13 WILL BE THE WILL OF THIS BOARD. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT  
14 NOT ONE AREA OF OUR COUNTY IS OVERLOOKED OR FORGOTTEN. AND  
15 REALLY, ALMOST AS IMPORTANT, IS THAT THERE'S NOT ONE AREA OF  
16 THE COUNTY THAT FEELS LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN OR  
17 OVERLOOKED OR UNDERSERVED. WE JUST DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT  
18 ANYMORE FROM ANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE WANT THEM TO KNOW AND  
19 BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTY IS FOCUSING ON MAKING SURE THAT WE  
20 ARE IMPLEMENTING THIS DIRECTIVE TO BE MORE EQUITABLE IN HOW WE  
21 INVEST IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. LET'S WORK TOGETHER ON  
22 DELIVERING MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS IN OUR UNDERSERVED  
23 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THIS  
24 MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE  
2    SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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4    **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
5    MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.  
6    OBVIOUSLY, WE, AS A COUNTY, STRIVE TO MAKE EQUITY A CENTRAL  
7    FOCUS OF POLICY DISCUSSIONS, TO HELP ADDRESS HISTORIC  
8    INEQUITIES AND UNDERINVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE HERE  
9    TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR DISTRICTS, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TO BRING  
10   RESOURCES TO THEM. THE FIFTH DISTRICT IS THE COUNTY'S LARGEST,  
11   SPANNING FIVE VALLEYS, WITH 22 UNINCORPORATED CITIES-- I'M  
12   SORRY, INCORPORATED CITIES, AND NEARLY 70 UNINCORPORATED  
13   AREAS. EACH CITY AND COMMUNITY IS UNIQUE IN ITS GEOGRAPHY,  
14   CHARACTER, DIVERSITY, RACIAL BACKGROUND, AND SOCIOECONOMIC  
15   STATUS, WITH GREAT DIFFERENCES AND NEEDS IN EACH ONE OF THOSE  
16   AREAS, AS IT RELATES TO INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT.  
17   HISTORICALLY, THE FIFTH DISTRICT HASN'T ALWAYS RECEIVED ITS  
18   FAIR SHARE OF INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY  
19   WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION. THE FIFTH DISTRICT HAS ROUGHLY  
20   55% OF THE COUNTY'S CENTER-LINE ROAD MILES. HOWEVER, PUBLIC  
21   WORKS ALLOCATES CERTAIN ROAD FUND REVENUES THROUGH A FORMULA  
22   THAT ALLOCATES 25% TO EACH DISTRICT ON THE BASIS OF CENTER-  
23   LANE MILES OF ROADS, AND THE REMAINING 75% IS DISTRIBUTED  
24   EVENLY ACROSS ALL FIVE DISTRICTS. OTHER LOCAL RETURN FUNDS  
25   FROM LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURES APPROVED BY L.A. COUNTY VOTERS,

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1 SUCH AS PROP A, PROP C, MEASURE R, AND MEASURE M, ARE  
2 DISTRIBUTED ON THE BASIS OF UNINCORPORATED POPULATION TO  
3 SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE  
4 COUNTY. THESE CHOICES HAVE LED TO VERY DIFFERENT OUTCOMES. THE  
5 PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX, A METRICS UTILIZED BY PUBLIC WORKS  
6 TO ASSESS ROADWAY CONDITIONS, FOR THE NORTH COUNTY IS  
7 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THAT OF THE SOUTH COUNTY. THEREFORE,  
8 AS WE LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT THROUGH A LENS OF  
9 EQUITY, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT EQUITY IS PROPERLY DEFINED, AND  
10 THAT POLICIES WE ADOPT HELP ADDRESS INEQUITIES THAT EXIST  
11 TODAY. I REALLY DO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPORT-BACK, AND I  
12 WOULD SAY THAT WHEN I LOOK AT ESPECIALLY THE NORTH VALLEY,  
13 58.4% OF THOSE LIVING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ARE PEOPLE OF  
14 COLOR. 23.8 LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL. SO I THINK THE  
15 ASSUMPTION THAT THE POCKETS ARE LOCATED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF  
16 THE COUNTY, I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE SURPRISED AT ACTUALLY  
17 WHAT WE ARE GOING TO FIND, IN TERMS OF INEQUITIES, AND  
18 HISTORICAL INEQUITIES. I HAVE FOUGHT LONG AND HARD FOR THE  
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY. MANY UP THERE FEEL THAT THEY ARE THE  
20 FORGOTTEN GROUP IN L.A. COUNTY. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS  
21 REPORT-BACK, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS GOING TO HIGHLIGHT THAT TO  
22 DIVIDE BY FIVES REALLY DOESN'T WORK, WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT  
23 INEQUITIES ACROSS THE BOARD, AS IT RELATES TO THE RESOURCES.  
24 THANK YOU. AND I WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BECAUSE I DO THINK  
25 IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION TO BRING FORWARD.

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2   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I ALSO WANT  
3   TO CHIME IN AND THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HAHN FOR  
4   INTRODUCING THIS VERY CRITICAL MOTION. WE ALL KNOW THAT  
5   INEQUITIES EXIST ALL AROUND US, AND WE'VE SEEN THOSE  
6   INEQUITIES WORSEN DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT THESE INEQUITIES  
7   ARE MOST VISIBLE WHEN YOU LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURE. YOU SEE IT  
8   EVERY TIME YOU STEP OUT ONTO THE SIDEWALK, OR WHENEVER YOU  
9   DRIVE DOWN THE FREEWAY, OR ANY FREEWAY. RACISM,  
10   DISCRIMINATION, HAVE BEEN SHAPING OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT FOR  
11   MANY DECADES. FREEWAYS, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE DIVIDED AND  
12   DESTROYED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
13   ANGELES. JUST LOOK AT THE 710 FREEWAY, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH,  
14   THE 5 FREEWAY, THE 10 FREEWAY, AND OTHERS. LATINX COMMUNITIES  
15   ALSO FACE LIMITED ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY INTERNET SERVICES.  
16   OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES OFTEN EXPERIENCE HIGHER LEVELS  
17   OF POLLUTION, LIKE THE CITIES OF BELL AND CUDAHY, WHICH ARE  
18   LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE 710 SOUTH CORRIDOR. BUT DESPITE THESE  
19   INEQUITIES BEING SO VISIBLE, THE COUNTY DOES NOT PRIORITIZE  
20   INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS FOR THESE COMMUNITIES. FOR EXAMPLE,  
21   PUBLIC WORKS ROAD FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE NOT  
22   DISTRIBUTED ON A NEED BASE. 25% OF THE ROAD FUNDS FOR CAPITAL  
23   PROJECTS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON ROAD MILES, AND THE OTHER  
24   75% IS DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. BUT  
25   WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE

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1 COUNTY THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL DISINVESTMENT. THESE  
2 COMMUNITIES NEED MORE ATTENTION AND INVESTMENT. WE NEED TO  
3 CORRECT THE PAST WRONGS. THAT'S WHY AND HOW EQUITY WORKS. IN  
4 MY DISTRICT, I SEE SO MUCH NEED, BUT WE LACK THE RESOURCES TO  
5 ADDRESS IT. DENSE COMMUNITIES, LIKE EAST L.A. AND WALNUT PARK,  
6 OFTEN SEE SERIOUS QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES, SUCH AS ILLEGAL  
7 DUMPING AND TRASH IN THE ROADWAY, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MAJOR  
8 PARKING IMPACTS. MY DISTRICT ALSO HAS SO MANY FREEWAYS THAT  
9 CUT THROUGH DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOODS, AS I SAID, AND  
10 YET WE LACK ADEQUATE SOUND WALLS TO MITIGATE THE POLLUTION AND  
11 SOUND THAT ACCOMPANIES THOSE FREEWAYS. I HOPE THAT THE MOTION  
12 PUSHES PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO THINK ABOUT  
13 HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF INEQUITY WITHIN  
14 INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND  
15 HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION, AND I DO INTEND ON  
16 SUPPORTING THE MOTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK.  
17 THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE  
18 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? HEARING AND SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS,  
19 THEN, ITEM 14 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
24 MITCHELL?

25

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1 SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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3 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
4 KUEHL?

5

6 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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8 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

11

12 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE, SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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14 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

15

16 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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20 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
21 0.

22

23 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, MEMBERS, THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED. NOW  
24 WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 16, TRANSFORMING MEASURE J REIMAGINE  
25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTO THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY

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1 INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND ITEM 73-E, CARE FIRST AND  
2 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET POLICY; AND 73-F, CARE FIRST  
3 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
4 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN YOUR  
5 COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. NOBODY IS GOING TO  
8 SAY WE DIDN'T TACKLE THE BIG ISSUES TODAY. IT'S BEEN FUN, AND  
9 IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL, REALLY. I'M NOT QUITE READY TO SEE  
10 YOU ALL IN PERSON, BUT I LOVE SEEING YOU UP ON MY SCREEN. I'M  
11 REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST YEAR  
12 ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. AND AS YOU REMEMBER, A LITTLE  
13 UNDER A YEAR AGO, WE ADOPTED THE MEASURE J CHARTER AMENDMENT  
14 TO THE BOARD, APPROVING IT TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT. BECAUSE  
15 FOR ME, IT HAD BEEN CLEAR FOR A VERY LONG TIME THAT OUR  
16 COMMUNITIES WANTED CHANGE, NEEDED CHANGE, WANTED US TO INVEST  
17 IN THE COMMUNITY, AND NOT IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE  
18 TALKED A LOT ABOUT HOW LONG WE HAVE BEEN PUNISHING VULNERABLE  
19 POPULATIONS, DISPROPORTIONATELY, BUT WE ALREADY KNEW THAT  
20 PUNISHMENT REALLY DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH, EXCEPT FOR  
21 PERPETUATING CYCLES OF INCARCERATION, POVERTY, AND JUST DOING  
22 IT OVER AND OVER AND OVER, NOT CREATING ANY OPPORTUNITIES OR  
23 ANY DIFFERENCES. MEASURE J'S SUCCESS AT THE BALLOT BOX SHOWED  
24 US THAT OUR COMMUNITIES, THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT, REALLY  
25 UNDERSTOOD THIS, TOO, ACROSS ALL FIVE DISTRICTS. AND THEY WERE

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1 INSISTING THAT THE COUNTY BUDGET REFLECT THESE PRIORITIES, AND  
2 RATIFIED OUR CHOICE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. SO, IN ESSENCE,  
3 WHAT DID THEY AGREE WITH? THAT WE SHOULD PUT OUR MONEY WHERE  
4 OUR MOUTHS ARE. AND WE DID JUST THAT. WE ESTABLISHED THE  
5 MEASURE J REIMAGINE L.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE ASKED  
6 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP ALL OF THE  
7 SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS YEAR, AND TO DEVELOP  
8 PRIORITIES THAT REFLECT A COMMITMENT TO DIRECT COMMUNITY  
9 INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE ALSO LEANED  
10 VERY HEAVILY ON THE C.E.O., TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF  
11 ANALYZING THE COUNTY'S LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE, IDENTIFYING  
12 THE UNRESTRICTED PARTS, CALCULATING A 10% SET-ASIDE, AND  
13 TURNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S SPENDING PRIORITIES INTO THE  
14 VERY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO US TODAY. SO I  
15 WANT TO PROVIDE SORT OF AN INTRODUCTION, AND THEN, AFTER FESIA  
16 PRESENTS THE INVESTMENT FUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE NEW  
17 BUDGET POLICY, TO COME BACK AND TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT  
18 THE NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE ASKED THE  
19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ALL OF THEIR WORK IN SIX SHORT  
20 MONTHS, AND IT WASN'T AN EASY TASK. WE RECOGNIZE YEAR ONE WAS  
21 A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT, BUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE IT WAS FAR FROM  
22 PERFECT, AND THAT'S OKAY. WE DON'T EXPECT PERFECTION IN THE  
23 FIRST YEAR, AS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ALL ALONG, IN TRYING  
24 TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT VACCINATIONS. SO THAT'S WHY I  
25 AM PLEASED TO BRING A MOTION TODAY, AND VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE



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1 OUR CHAIR AS THE CO-AUTHOR, TO APPLY LESSONS LEARNED FROM YEAR  
2 ONE TO A NEW AND HOPEFULLY MUCH SMOOTHER PROCESS FOR YEAR TWO.  
3 YOU KNOW, WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE MEASURE J  
4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR, VERONICA LEWIS,  
5 WHO LED WITH GRACE AND PATIENCE, I MIGHT SAY; TO THE COMMITTEE  
6 MEMBERS, WHO SELFLESSLY DEDICATED SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY,  
7 WHEN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC ALREADY HAD THEM STRETCHED TO THE MAX;  
8 AND ALL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,  
9 ADVOCATES, STAKEHOLDERS, SO MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN SO  
10 MANY MEETINGS, AND LISTENING SESSIONS, AND DISCUSSIONS. WE  
11 THANK YOU. THE COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING DECEMBER 16TH,  
12 2021-- NOPE, COULDN'T BE, BECAUSE THAT'S THIS YEAR; 2020-- AND  
13 DELIVERED ITS FINAL PRIORITIES ON JUNE 3RD, 2021. AND DURING  
14 THAT SIX-MONTH PERIOD, THEY HELD 19 MEETINGS AS A BODY, 25  
15 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND WELL OVER 100 PEOPLE AND 225  
16 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED TWO LISTENING SESSIONS. SO THEY DID A  
17 LOT. TODAY'S MOTION BUILDS ON THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE  
18 YEAR-ONE PROCESS, TO MAKE IT A TRUE FOCAL POINT FOR THE YEAR-  
19 TWO PROCESS. THE NEW PROPOSED COMMITTEE DIRECTS A NEWLY  
20 ESTABLISHED CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY BODY  
21 TO DEVELOP AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN-- A BIG  
22 ONE, A ROBUST ONE. THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT'S JUSTICE EQUITY  
23 NEEDS INDEX WILL BE USED AS A TOOL TO POINT THE COMMITTEE IN  
24 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING COMMUNITIES WITH  
25 THE MOST NEED, FOCUSING WHERE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEEDS TO

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1 TAKE PLACE. WE ARE SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR DIRECT ENGAGEMENT  
2 TO TAKE PLACE IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IN FACT, THERE  
3 SHOULD BE MULTIPLE EVENTS IN EACH DISTRICT. WE ARE ALSO ASKING  
4 THE COMMITTEE TO LEAN ON THE EXPERTISE OF OUR ANTIRACISM  
5 INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVE, TO BRING AN EQUITY  
6 FRAMEWORK TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PLAN. WE ARE  
7 INCREASING THE ADVISORY BODY MEMBERSHIP FROM 17 TO 24, ADDING  
8 RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE DEEPLY ENGAGED IN MAKING  
9 SURE THAT THIS MONEY GOES WHERE IT IS SUPPOSED TO GO-- PARKS  
10 AND REC, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
11 AFFAIRS, SPECIFICALLY THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS,  
12 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AGING COMMUNITY, AND THE LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. EACH OF THEM WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE  
14 THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE. WE'LL CONTINUE TO CALL ON OUR LABOR  
15 PARTNERS, MEMBERS OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, YOUTH VOICES. BUT  
16 IN YEAR TWO, WE WILL LOOK TO BE INTENTIONALLY INCLUSIVE. THE  
17 MOTION PROPOSED TO YOU TODAY ADDS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE  
18 FAITH COMMUNITY, LOOKS TO COMMUNITIES TO SELECT MEMBERS FROM  
19 THEIR OWN RANKS, WHO WILL BRING CAREFULLY DELINEATED  
20 EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE TO THE WORK. AND FINALLY, A.T.I.,  
21 WHICH WILL BE A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, WILL  
22 CONTINUE TO SERVE IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE, AND ONCE AGAIN  
23 LOOK TO LEVERAGE THE EXPERIENCE OF A PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR.  
24 SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE OUR C.E.O. PRESENT THE FUNDING PLAN  
25 TO US, AND THE NEW BUDGET POLICY, AND THEN MAYBE JUST COME

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1 BACK AND LET ME WRAP UP. I KNOW WE TAKE SEPARATE VOTES, BUT--  
2 AND THEN, YOU KNOW, MEMBERS, AND THEN LET ME WRAP UP, IF  
3 THAT'S OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
6 HEAR FROM OUR C.E.O. RIGHT NOW?

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HEAR, BECAUSE THESE  
9 ARE THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS BUDGET AND THE NEW  
10 BUDGET POLICY, AND THEN I'LL WRAP UP WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING  
11 ABOUT THE COMMITTEE A LITTLE BIT MORE, AND THEN HOPEFULLY  
12 EVERYBODY WILL VOTE FOR EVERYTHING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** SOME OF US HAVE ALSO ASKED TO SPEAK, BUT YOU WANT  
15 US TO DO IT AFTER THE PRESENTATION?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, AFTER THE PRESENTATION. AND THEN, AS  
18 CO-AUTHOR, I WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT, AND THEN I WILL TURN TO  
19 YOU, JANICE. OKAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO, OUR  
20 C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, YOU ARE ON.

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD  
23 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE PREPARED A POWERPOINT. I AM NOT  
24 SURE IF IT IS GOING TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN. BUT IF NOT,  
25 I WILL WALK YOU THROUGH. OKAY, HERE WE GO. OKAY. SO, THANKS

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1 AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE ADVISORY  
2 COMMITTEE'S PROCESSES, AND BASICALLY THE DOWNRIGHT HARD WORK  
3 THAT DROVE AND INFORMED THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE C.E.O.'S  
4 OFFICE, REGARDING THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
5 SPENDING PLAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE MEASURE J SPENDING PLAN. THIS  
6 PRESENTATION IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OVERVIEW OF  
7 THE PROCESSES, THE CHALLENGES, THE LESSONS LEARNED, AND WHAT  
8 IS ON THE HORIZON FOR THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
9 SPENDING PLAN. BEFORE I START, SUPERVISORS, I SHOULD PROVIDE  
10 SOME CONTEXT FOR THE NAME "CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT,"  
11 BECAUSE IT IS NEW. MANY OF YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN JUNE OF THIS  
12 YEAR, THE SUPERIOR COURT ISSUED A RULING FINDING THAT THE  
13 MEASURE J BALLOT PROCESS WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE COURT ALSO  
14 RULED, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR BOARD COULD STILL MAKE THE SAME  
15 INVESTMENTS, THE SAME AS THOSE CONTEMPLATED BY THE MEASURE J  
16 BALLOT MEASURE, UNDER ITS OWN AUTHORITY. AND WE KNOW THAT THAT  
17 COURT RULING IS BEING APPEALED. IT IS THIS RULING, HOWEVER,  
18 THAT HAS CAUSED MY OFFICE TO PROPOSE A DIFFERENT NAME FOR THE  
19 BUDGET UNIT, THAT WILL BE USED TO ADMINISTER FUNDS TO SUPPORT  
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND DIRECT COMMUNITY  
21 INVESTMENTS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY HAPPEN WITH  
22 THE LITIGATION AROUND MEASURE J, BUT WE KNOW THAT WE MUST MOVE  
23 FORWARD. SO WE DEVELOPED THE NAME "CARE FIRST COMMUNITY  
24 INVESTMENT" AS THE NAME FOR THE BUDGET UNIT, TO BE INCLUDED IN  
25 THE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS, TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD

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1 AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE IN COUNTY DOCUMENTS, REGARDLESS OF  
2 THE OUTCOME OF THE APPEAL. HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
3 DISCUSSION, I WILL SOMETIMES USE THE PHRASE "MEASURE J,"  
4 BECAUSE IT IS VERY FAMILIAR TO THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN  
5 INVOLVED IN THIS WORK, AND SOMETIMES I WILL USE "CARE FIRST  
6 AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT" WHEN REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE  
7 BUDGET UNIT. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? SO, I WON'T  
8 SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THIS SLIDE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SLIDE  
9 IS TO ESSENTIALLY POINT OUT THE THREE MAJOR MILESTONES THAT  
10 WERE INVOLVED WITH GETTING US TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE TODAY,  
11 WHICH SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS ALSO ADDRESSED. ONE WAS THE  
12 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP.  
13 WE KNOW THAT THEY WERE ESTABLISHED IN 2019, AND I SUBMITTED  
14 THEIR REPORT TO THE BOARD IN MARCH OF 2020. THEN WE HAVE THE  
15 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION OFFICE THAT  
16 IS HEADED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD.  
17 AND THEN WE HAVE THE BALLOT MEASURE, WHICH VOTERS APPROVED IN  
18 NOVEMBER OF 2020. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? SO, THE  
19 MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SO, ONCE THE BALLOT MEASURE WAS  
20 PASSED, THE BOARD ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY-- I'M SORRY. ONCE  
21 THE MEASURE WAS PASSED, THE BOARD ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY  
22 COMMITTEE, AND THE BOARD CHARGED THE COMMITTEE WITH DEVELOPING  
23 SPENDING PROPOSALS FOR MEASURE J INVESTMENTS, USING A  
24 TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PROCESS. THE ADVISORY  
25 COMMITTEE BEGAN MEETING PUBLICLY IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND

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1 AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL POINTED OUT, THE ATTENDANCE AT THE  
2 MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS WAS CONSISTENTLY ROBUST.  
3 JUST A NOTE ON THE TIME FRAMES. AND THE TIME FRAMES WAS AN  
4 ISSUE THAT WAS CLEARLY CALLED OUT IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S  
5 REPORT THAT WAS RECEIVED BY MY OFFICE ON JUNE 4TH OF THIS  
6 YEAR. WHEN THE COMMITTEE STARTED MEETING, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT  
7 THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A  
8 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN IN TIME FOR THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET  
9 PHASE, WHICH OCCURS IN APRIL OF EACH YEAR. BUT WE THOUGHT THAT  
10 THE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET  
11 PHASE, WHICH OCCURS IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR. IN ORDER TO MEET  
12 THIS TIME FRAME, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES MET  
13 FAITHFULLY, SOMETIMES PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS LASTING HOURS.  
14 THIS TIME CONSTRAINT IMPACTED THE PLANNING PROCESS, AND AS I  
15 PREVIOUSLY STATED, IT WAS CALLED OUT IN THE ADVISORY  
16 COMMITTEE'S REPORT AS A CONDITION THAT WAS LESS THAN IDEAL.  
17 BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE COMMITTEE WAS ULTIMATELY ABLE  
18 TO SUBMIT THEIR PROPOSED PLAN ON JUNE 4TH, AFTER RECEIVING A  
19 30-DAY EXTENSION FROM MY OFFICE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS  
20 SLIDE DETAILS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WERE CALLED OUT IN  
21 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT. I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL OF  
22 THEM, BUT I WILL HIGHLIGHT SOME. THE CHALLENGES INCLUDED  
23 LIMITED OUTREACH, WHICH IN TURN LIMITED OUR ABILITY TO HAVE  
24 BROAD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WE KNOW THAT THERE WERE TECHNICAL  
25 GLITCHES THAT OCCURRED DURING SOME OF THE MEETINGS, AND THAT

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1 IMPACTED THE ABILITY OF SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO FULLY  
2 PARTICIPATE IN THE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS. WE KNOW THAT THE  
3 SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE, WHICH IS WHERE A LOT OF THE WORK WAS  
4 DONE, WAS VERY ROBUST, BUT THERE WAS LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL  
5 INPUT, WHICH LIMITED OUR ABILITY TO ESSENTIALLY LEVERAGE  
6 EXPERTISE IN OUR DEPARTMENTS. AND THEN THERE'S THE PROPOSAL  
7 SUBMISSION PROCESS. THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS WAS  
8 CUMBERSOME, AND FOR SOME, IT WAS ACTUALLY NOT AS CLEAR AS IT  
9 COULD BE. I AM GOING TO GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,  
10 ALTHOUGH THESE CHALLENGES WERE CLEAR, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL,  
11 WE VIEW EACH OF THESE CHALLENGES AS A SETUP TO DO BETTER,  
12 RATHER THAN A SETBACK FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RECOVERY. AND SO  
13 THIS SLIDE IDENTIFIES THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT. THE  
14 FIRST IS TO ENGAGE A LARGER ARRAY OF STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING  
15 THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHO  
16 SIMPLY FELT THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE A VOICE. MY OFFICE RECEIVED  
17 A NUMBER OF LETTERS AND E-MAILS FROM BLACK-LED ORGANIZATIONS,  
18 FROM FAITH ORGANIZATIONS, AND FROM AT LEAST ONE NATIVE  
19 AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, ALL OF WHOM WERE AWARE OF THE PROCESS,  
20 BUT THEY FELT THAT THEY HAD BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE PROCESS.  
21 NEXT, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STREAMLINE THE PROPOSAL  
22 SUBMISSION PROCESS SO THAT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE  
23 COMMUNITY, AND BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ARE CONSISTENT. AND  
24 THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR  
25 BOTH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOR THE C.E.O.'S STAFF TO



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1 EVALUATE SPENDING PROPOSALS. IN ADDITION, WE CAN AVOID THE  
2 COMPRESSED TIME FRAME. AND THE WAY THAT WE CAN DO THAT IS BY  
3 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MILESTONES ACHIEVED FROM THE YEAR-ONE  
4 PROCESS, WHERE THE FUNDING IS ALLOCATED IN APRIL, BUT THE  
5 SPENDING PLAN IS SUBMITTED LATER IN THE YEAR, IN JUNE. AGAIN,  
6 IF WE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROCESS FOR YEAR TWO, THAT WOULD GIVE  
7 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALMOST ANOTHER YEAR, 12 MONTHS, TO  
8 DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND VET THE YEAR-TWO SPENDING PLAN. IT WOULD  
9 ALSO CONTINUE TO ALLOW THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO MAKE THE SECOND  
10 INSTALLMENT OF THE DOWN PAYMENT IN OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET  
11 PHASE, WHICH OF COURSE HAPPENS IN APRIL OF EACH YEAR. AND  
12 THEN, FINALLY, WE KNOW THAT WE CAN BE MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT  
13 ACQUIRING INFORMATION ABOUT EXISTING SERVICES, WHETHER THOSE  
14 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OR BY COMMUNITY-BASED  
15 PROVIDERS, AND USE DATA TO HELP DEVELOP AND VET PROPOSALS.  
16 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, ON THIS SLIDE, IT JUST GIVES YOU A  
17 REALLY HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN THAT  
18 WAS SUBMITTED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE ADVISORY  
19 COMMITTEE DIVIDED THE SPENDING PLAN INTO THREE TIERS. TIER ONE  
20 WAS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TIER, AND IT CONTAINED 32 PROGRAMS.  
21 THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE TIER-ONE PROPOSALS, THOSE 32  
22 PROGRAMS, WAS \$170.9 MILLION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, WHAT DID  
23 THE C.E.O. RECOMMEND? OF THE 32 PROPOSALS, THE C.E.O. IS  
24 RECOMMENDING THAT 29 OF THE PROPOSALS BE FUNDED IN YEAR ONE.  
25 AND THE 29 PROPOSALS, THE FUNDING FOR THOSE, TOTAL \$187.7

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1 MILLION. I AM GOING TO EXPLAIN IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL HOW WE  
2 GOT THERE, BUT THAT \$187 MILLION IS COMPRISED OF \$100 MILLION  
3 OF CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DOLLARS, AND THEN THE OTHER  
4 \$87.7 MILLION IS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. THERE ARE  
5 THREE PROPOSALS THAT ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING AT THIS  
6 TIME, BECAUSE THEY'RE EITHER EXISTING EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO  
7 ADDRESS THE AIM OF THE PROPOSAL, AND/OR WE NEED ADDITIONAL  
8 INFORMATION. THESE THREE PROPOSALS ARE IDENTIFIED IN  
9 ATTACHMENT 3 OF THE BOARD LETTER THAT IS BEFORE YOU, WITH  
10 DETAILED INFORMATION, AND A DETAILED EXPLANATION, REGARDING  
11 WHAT EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY, OR WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS  
12 NEEDED. THERE ARE SEVEN PROPOSALS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH  
13 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$88  
14 MILLION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE ARE ONE-TIME  
15 DOLLARS IN NATURE, AND GENERALLY MUST BE SPENT BY 2024. AS  
16 SUCH, FUNDING THESE MEASURE J PROPOSALS WITH AMERICAN RESCUE  
17 PLAN FUNDING, IT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO INFUSE FUNDING INTO  
18 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS  
19 SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER. THE CAVEAT IS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE  
20 THEY ARE ONE-TIME, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST WATCH THESE  
21 SEVEN PROGRAMS VERY CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE  
22 PROGRAMS THAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PRIORITIZED  
23 WITH FUNDING WITH CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DOLLARS.  
24 BECAUSE ONCE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS EXPIRE, THERE  
25 WOULD BE NO FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE SEVEN

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1 PROPOSALS. IF WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS CHART  
2 BASICALLY JUST SHOWS YOU A VISUAL CONTEXT OF WHERE WE LANDED  
3 ON THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, RELATIVE TO THE ADVISORY  
4 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SPENDING PLAN. UNDER THE  
5 C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, 91% OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S  
6 PROPOSALS ARE BEING FUNDED, AND THEY ARE BEING FUNDED AT A  
7 LEVEL THAT IS 110% OF THE REQUESTED AMOUNT. AND AS I STATED  
8 EARLIER, THAT 110% IS COMPRISED OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN  
9 RESCUE PLAN, AS WELL AS FUNDS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED  
10 BY THE BOARD-- THE \$100 MILLION FOR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY  
11 INVESTMENT FUNDS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, I'VE MENTIONED THE  
12 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN A COUPLE OF TIMES. JUST A FEW WORDS ON  
13 THAT. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, ON JULY 27, YOUR BOARD APPROVED  
14 PHASE ONE OF THE COUNTY'S \$975 MILLION AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.  
15 MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACTUALLY  
16 COMPLEMENT THE INVESTMENTS PROPOSED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
17 AS WELL AS BY THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP.  
18 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS ARE KEY TO BUILDING RESILIENT  
19 COMMUNITIES, AND SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO RELY ON THE  
20 COUNTY SAFETY NET. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE BOARD HAS  
21 APPROVED \$390 MILLION FOR HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR  
22 HOMELESSNESS, \$314 MILLION FOR DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS,  
23 AND \$47.1 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP REDUCE RELIANCE  
24 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT REALLY SHOULD BE  
25 PROVIDED BY OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I

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1 WON'T GO THROUGH THESE AMOUNTS, BUT THESE ARE ADDITIONAL  
2 ALLOCATIONS THAT THE BOARD APPROVED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE  
3 PLAN, THAT WE BELIEVE GO DIRECTLY TO COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS.  
4 AND THESE AMOUNTS, SUPERVISORS, THEY ARE OVER AND ABOVE THE  
5 \$87.7 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN USED TO FUND THE SEVEN MEASURE J  
6 PROPOSALS THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. LET'S MOVE TO SLIDE NUMBER  
7 11, PLEASE. SO, WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON? ON THE APPROVAL OF  
8 THIS SPENDING PLAN, WE WILL THEN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO  
9 BASICALLY GETTING THESE FUNDS OUT THE DOOR, AND WE WANT TO DO  
10 THAT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL LAUNCH A  
11 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR A THIRD-PARTY  
12 ADMINISTRATOR, OR ADMINISTRATORS. WE WILL WORK WITH THE  
13 DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE A MAJORITY OF THEIR FUNDS TO  
14 COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STREAMLINED  
15 CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT WE WILL BE PILOTING IN YEAR ONE. THE  
16 \$187.7 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE APPROPRIATE CARE FIRST  
17 BUDGET UNITS DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE IN OCTOBER.  
18 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, AS I BRING MY PRESENTATION TO A CLOSE-  
19 - I THINK I HAVE TWO MORE SLIDES-- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
20 POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO LEVERAGE FUNDS  
21 WHERE POSSIBLE, AND WHERE IT MADE SENSE TO DO SO. WE KNOW THE  
22 PROCESS WAS NOT PERFECT, BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING IT  
23 BETTER FOR EVERYONE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN EQUITY TOOL TO GUIDE  
24 OUR INVESTMENTS. AND FINALLY, WE WILL PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS  
25 TO YOUR BOARD, AND TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ON WHERE WE ARE

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1 WITH DEPLOYING THESE DOLLARS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND BEFORE I  
2 MOVE ON TO THE SUMMARY, I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
3 BUDGET PHASE, WHERE WE WILL ACTUALLY MOVE THIS FUNDING INTO  
4 THE VARIOUS BUDGET UNITS. I'VE TALKED ABOUT THE COMPETITIVE  
5 SOLICITATION PROCESS. I WANTED TO JUST SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE  
6 METHODOLOGY, AND THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 73-E ON THE AGENDA. SO,  
7 WE'VE DEVELOPED A METHODOLOGY TO ALLOCATE THE CARE FIRST  
8 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS EACH YEAR. THE METHODOLOGY, IN A  
9 NUTSHELL, IS A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA, AND WHAT IT DOES IS IT  
10 PROVIDES A STANDARD FORMULA FOR OUR OFFICE TO FOLLOW EACH  
11 YEAR, AS WE BUILD UP TO THE THREE-YEAR SET-ASIDE IN 2024, AND  
12 BEYOND. THE METHODOLOGY WILL HELP TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY, BY  
13 DEPLOYING A STANDARD PROCESS THAT CAN BE RELIED UPON TO  
14 DETERMINE THE FULL SET-ASIDE AMOUNT IN FUTURE YEARS,  
15 NOTWITHSTANDING CHANGES IN REVENUE AND OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL  
16 IMPACT THE COUNTY BUDGET. WITH THAT SAID, SUPERVISORS, I WILL  
17 CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION. I WANT TO THANK OUR A.T.I. EXECUTIVE  
18 DIRECTOR, JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD, WHO, ALTHOUGH SHE HAS BEEN  
19 WITH THE COUNTY FOR LESS THAN A YEAR, HAS REALLY JUMPED IN AND  
20 ROLLED UP HER SLEEVES TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS. I ALSO WANT TO  
21 THANK MY ENTIRE BUDGET TEAM, WITHOUT WHOM THE METHODOLOGY,  
22 POLICY, AND THE CALCULATION OF THE SET-ASIDE WOULD NOT BE  
23 POSSIBLE. AND FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK YOUR BOARD AND YOUR  
24 STAFF FOR THEIR INSIGHT AND FEEDBACK PROVIDED DURING THIS

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1    PROCESS. AND WITH THAT, SUPERVISORS, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY  
2    QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

3

4    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR THAT GREAT  
5    PRESENTATION AND WALKING US THROUGH IT. I THINK THERE'S A LOT  
6    TO BE SAID ABOUT THE DECK, AND THE HARD WORK THAT GOES BEHIND  
7    IT, AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU ALL DID. AND IF I MIGHT, I JUST  
8    WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-  
9    AUTHOR THIS MOTION ALONGSIDE WITH YOU. AS YOU CAN RECALL, WE  
10   PUT THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD LAST YEAR, TO COMMIT AND  
11   PRIORITIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT FUNDS WENT DIRECTLY  
12   TO COMMUNITY, TO ADDRESS ISSUES AROUND MASS INCARCERATION,  
13   HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
14   DEPENDENCIES. WITH THE CONTINUED AND SUSTAINED SUPPORT FROM  
15   THE RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, MEASURE J RECEIVED  
16   ALMOST 60% OF THE VOTES. AND TODAY, THE C.E.O. AND THE HARD  
17   WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUT  
18   FORWARD A PLAN, TOTALING ALMOST \$188 MILLION FOR THE FIRST  
19   YEAR. ORIGINALLY, REMEMBER, IT WAS ONLY GOING TO BE 100  
20   MILLION. AND THIS IS TREMENDOUS, I BELIEVE, AND I REALLY DO  
21   WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE C.E.O., THE  
22   BOARD, AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT THIS FUNDING WILL HELP TO  
23   SUPPORT. BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, AND IT IS GOING  
24   TO DEPEND ON US, ON HOW WE GET THERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
25   CONSISTENTLY CONTINUE TO REFINE THE PROCESS, AND MAKE SURE

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1 THAT WE CAN FIX IT THE NEXT TIME AROUND. MEASURE J, NOW KNOWN  
2 AS THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, WILL NOW BE PART OF  
3 HOW WE BUDGET, AND HOW WE THINK ABOUT EQUITY, AND HOW WE  
4 CONTINUE TO BE INCLUSIVE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I AM  
5 PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE SPENDING PLAN ADDRESSES MANY OF THE  
6 INITIATIVES THAT I AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE BEEN  
7 FIGHTING FOR, DEDICATING 50 MILLION OF THE 100 MILLION IN THE  
8 CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND TO FURTHER SOME OF THESE  
9 GOALS: 42 MILLION TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BY PROVIDING  
10 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; 8 MILLION FOR  
11 PRETRIAL SERVICES. THE SPENDING PLAN ALSO INCLUDES 600,000 FOR  
12 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY DOULA  
13 PROGRAM, THROUGH A MOTION I PRESENTED BACK IN 2020; \$1.4  
14 MILLION FOR THE A.T.I. INCUBATOR ACADEMY, TO HELP SMALL  
15 C.B.O.S AND ORGANIZATIONS BECOME COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
16 WHICH I CO-AUTHORED ALONGSIDE WITH YOU, SUPERVISE KUEHL; AND 1  
17 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE MEASURE J ADVISORY  
18 COMMITTEE; AND \$3 MILLION FOR REENTRY PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN.  
19 ADDITIONALLY, THE C.F.C.I. SPENDING PLAN INCLUDES INITIATIVES  
20 THAT WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH A.R.P. DOLLARS, WHICH I ADVOCATED  
21 FOR; \$3.5 MILLION FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND  
22 UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS; AND 24.2 MILLION FOR HOME VISITATION  
23 AND OTHER PROGRAMS. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO  
24 HIGHLIGHT WHY THE MOTION THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY  
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I IS IMPORTANT, AS IT GIVES US, I



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1 BELIEVE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK OF THE LESSONS THAT WE  
2 LEARNED, AND HOW WE MAKE THINGS BETTER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
3 MOTION EXPANDS THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE MORE  
4 COUNTY EXPERTISE ON AREAS THAT INTERSECT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY  
5 AND PUBLIC HEALTH, LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
6 RECREATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,  
7 THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AGING COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
8 SERVICES, AND THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. IT WILL  
9 ALSO INCLUSIVELY ENSURE THAT VOICES THAT SHOULD BE A PART OF  
10 THE PROCESS CONTINUES AND REMAINS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH LIVED  
11 EXPERIENCES FROM DIVERSE GROUPS AND BACKGROUNDS. HOWEVER, I  
12 KNOW THAT WE CAN'T DO MUCH BETTER ON THIS PIECE, AND THE  
13 MOTION HAS INTENDED US TO GET THERE. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO  
14 PUSH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CREATE SPACES FOR ALL OF OUR  
15 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE LATINX COMMUNITY, AND HELP  
16 TO ADDRESS THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS AND UPLIFT THEM. AFTER ALL,  
17 THEY MAKE UP 48% OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THEY ARE  
18 ONE OF THE SECOND LARGEST NUMBER OF LATIN-OWNED BUSINESSES.  
19 AND, OF THE 10 MILLION VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, 4 MILLION HAPPEN  
20 TO BE LATINX. THE MOTION ALSO REINFORCES THE BOARD'S  
21 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST BY REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE  
22 COUNTY'S BUDGET POLICIES TO PROPERLY REFLECT THE COURAGEOUS  
23 AND BRAVE DECISIONS THAT INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY MAKE UP  
24 AND COMPLETE OUR COMMUNITIES, TO MAKE THEM WHOLE. SUPPORTING  
25 THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET PLAN, AND OTHER

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1 CARE FIRST MOTIONS, ARE NOT ONLY A REFLECTION OF MY VALUES,  
2 BUT MY ONGOING COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AS THIS IS HOW WE  
3 WILL KEEP OUR COUNTY SAFE AND HEALTHY. I'D LIKE TO THANK,  
4 ESPECIALLY, THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD  
5 WORK AND DEDICATION IN BRINGING FORTH THESE PROPOSALS THAT  
6 WERE COLLECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY, THAT WE'RE ALSO CONSIDERING  
7 FOR APPROVAL TODAY. BELIEVE ME, THIS WAS NOT AN EASY TASK, BUT  
8 YOU ALL STOOD UP TO THE CHALLENGE AND WORKED WITH THE  
9 COMMUNITY AND DELIVERED A STARTING POINT FOR THE COUNTY, AND  
10 FOR THAT, WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL. TO OUR RESIDENTS, OUR  
11 SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND OUR ADVOCATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE  
12 PROCESS AND PUT IN LONG, LONG HOURS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
13 YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A  
14 PLAN FOR THE C.E.O. TO REVIEW, AND ULTIMATELY HAVE IT PROPOSED  
15 TO THE BOARD, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US THAT WE CREATED A SPACE  
16 FOR YOUR VOICES TO BE HEARD, AND I KNOW YOU SPENT MANY LONG  
17 HOURS DOING THAT. SO I WANT TO THANK OUR COLLEAGUES, AND I  
18 WOULD LIKE TO ASK JUST ONE QUESTION OF FESIA, IF I MIGHT. AND  
19 YOU HAVE KIND OF TOUCHED ON THIS IN YOUR PRESENTATION, FESIA,  
20 AND THAT WAS WITH RESPECT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S JUNE 4,  
21 2021, REPORT. IT CALLED OUT TIME PRESSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE  
22 OPERATED UNDER. THE TIME CONSTRAINTS FORCED COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
23 TO HAVE FREQUENT MEETINGS, AS YOU STATED, SOMETIMES FOR AS  
24 LONG AS FIVE HOURS. THIS SCHEDULE, IN MY OPINION, IS NOT  
25 SUSTAINABLE. HOW CAN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ASSIST WITH RELIEVING

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1 SOME OF THE TIME PRESSURE, MOVING FORWARD, AS WE DEPLOY THE  
2 C.F.C.I. YEAR-ONE FUNDS, AND BEGIN THE JOURNEY TOWARDS  
3 DEVELOPING THE SPENDING PROPOSALS FOR YEAR TWO?

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIR.  
6 AND SO I THINK THE KEY HERE, SUPERVISOR, IS TO ALLOW THE  
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE THAT THEY  
8 ARE ALREADY ON. THE SCHEDULE THAT THEY ARE ON CURRENTLY IS NOT  
9 WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED. IN FACT, WE WANTED IT TO ALIGN  
10 MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR TRADITIONAL BUDGETING TIMELINES. BUT IN  
11 RETROSPECT, IT TURNS OUT THAT THAT'S NOT NECESSARY. WHAT THE  
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS HELPFUL FOR  
13 THEM TO KNOW IS HOW MUCH MONEY IS GOING TO BE ALLOCATED BEFORE  
14 THEY ACTUALLY DEVELOP THE SPENDING PLAN. AND SO MY  
15 RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOCATE THE DOWN PAYMENTS IN  
16 SUCCESSIVE YEARS, IN APRIL OF EACH YEAR, AND THAT WOULD ALIGN  
17 WITH OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET PROCESS, AND THEN CONTINUE TO  
18 ALLOW THEM TO SUBMIT THEIR SPENDING PLAN IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR.  
19 AND SO WE'RE ALREADY IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, BUT WHEN THEY  
20 START MEETING AGAIN, THEY WOULD HAVE UNTIL JUNE TO SUBMIT THE  
21 YEAR-TWO SPENDING PLAN, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO SUBMIT THAT  
22 SPENDING PLAN IN APRIL. SO THAT'S A LONG ANSWER, BUT I THINK  
23 THE SHORT OF IT IS TO CONTINUE ON THIS SCHEDULE THAT WE ARE ON  
24 FOR YEAR ONE, CONTINUE THAT INTO YEAR TWO.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. WITH THAT, I WILL  
2    RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN BARGER, AND THEN MITCHELL.  
3    GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

4

5    **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS  
6    KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANKS,  
7    FESIA, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, AND FOR PUTTING SO MUCH THOUGHT  
8    AND HARD WORK INTO LOOKING AT THESE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS. I DO  
9    BELIEVE THAT I CAN SEE THAT YOU HAVE WORKED REALLY HARD TO  
10   STAY TRUE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AND  
11   THANK YOU, AS WE ARE ALL SAYING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR  
12   THE COUNTLESS HOURS AND DEDICATION YOU PUT INTO THESE  
13   RECOMMENDATIONS. A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO MY APPOINTEE, VERONICA  
14   LEWIS, WHO WAS, EVEN AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED IN HER  
15   COMMENTS, SUCH A GOOD, FORMIDABLE CHAIR OF THIS ADVISORY  
16   COMMITTEE. I THINK WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM THIS MEASURE J  
17   PROCESS. THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WENT REALLY WELL, AND  
18   THERE WERE ALSO SOME THINGS, I THINK, WE WOULD AGREE THAT  
19   THERE CAN BE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. SO I THINK IT IS REALLY  
20   IMPORTANT, AND I LIKE THE FACT THAT THIS MOTION TAKES INTO  
21   ACCOUNT ALL THE LESSONS LEARNED, AND DESIGNS A PROCESS MOVING  
22   FORWARD THAT WILL BE MORE INCLUSIVE AND EVEN MORE  
23   REPRESENTATIVE. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THERE WILL BE SPOTS,  
24   GOING FORWARD, RESERVED FOR YOUTH ON THIS NEW AND IMPROVED  
25   COMMITTEE, AND THAT THERE WILL BE A SPOT FOR THE FAITH

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1 COMMUNITY, AND I DEFINITELY THINK THOSE ARE SOME VOICES THAT  
2 WERE MISSING FROM THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEE. I ALSO THINK THAT IT  
3 IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NEW MODEL CALLS FOR A MORE PROACTIVE  
4 APPROACH TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WE KNOW L.A. COUNTY IS THE  
5 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, MORE POPULATED THAN MANY  
6 STATES, AND THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE THAT JUST WEREN'T ABLE TO  
7 CONTRIBUTE THEIR THOUGHTS AND PERSPECTIVE TO THE MEASURE J  
8 PROCESS, EITHER BECAUSE THE VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT DIDN'T WORK  
9 FOR THEM, OR THEY SIMPLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MEETING. SO A  
10 MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE REACH ALL THE  
11 CORNERS OF THE COUNTY, AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH IDENTIFYING  
12 YEAR-TWO AND -THREE SPENDING. AS FAR AS YEAR-ONE SPENDING  
13 GOES, I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU, FESIA. NUMBER  
14 ONE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE  
15 IDENTIFIED AS RECEIVING A.R.P. FUNDING, INSTEAD OF THE MEASURE  
16 J FUNDS? BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT A.R.P. FUNDING IS SHORT TERM.  
17 THEY ARE NOT ONGOING FUNDS, UNLIKE THE SPIRIT BEHIND MEASURE  
18 J. SO, HOW WILL THESE PROGRAMS CONTINUE WHEN THE A.R.P.  
19 FUNDING ENDS? THAT'S NUMBER ONE.

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THAT IS A  
22 VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION, ONE THAT I DISCUSSED WITH THE  
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHEN I MET WITH THEM ON THURSDAY,  
24 AUGUST 5TH. SO, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE A.R.P.-FUNDED  
25 PROGRAMS, OF WHICH THERE ARE SEVEN, CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS.

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1 THAT WOULD TAKE US FROM '21/'22 TO '22/'23. DURING '22/'23, I  
2 THINK IT COULD BE INCUMBENT UPON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO  
3 START LOOKING AT THOSE PROGRAMS, THE DATA, THE CATCHMENT AREA,  
4 THE SERVICE LEVELS. YOU KNOW, BASICALLY DO AN EVALUATION OR AN  
5 ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE, ONE, ARE THESE THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY  
6 STILL BELIEVE SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED AS A TIER-ONE PROPOSAL;  
7 TWO, IF NOT, SHOULD THEY BE DISCONTINUED OR MODIFIED IN SOME  
8 WAY? THREE, WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO REALLY RIGHT-  
9 SIZE THE BUDGET. AND THEN, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE  
10 INCUMBENT UPON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH  
11 OF THE YEAR-THREE ALLOCATION THEY WOULD WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
12 WHATEVER PROGRAMS THEY FELT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PRIORITIZED  
13 AS A TIER-ONE PROGRAM.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. AND HERE IS MY SECOND QUESTION. I KNOW THAT I  
16 HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED A COUPLE TIMES TO SEE IF WE COULD FIND  
17 ANOTHER \$50 MILLION TO ADD TO THIS INITIAL INVESTMENT, AND I  
18 UNDERSTAND THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE FOR THIS YEAR. BUT WE HEARD  
19 FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE OVER THE WEEKEND, ABOUT-- AND THERE WERE  
20 CALLERS THAT CALLED IN TODAY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HARM  
21 REDUCTION, AND HOW WE NEED TO FULLY FUND THAT LINE ITEM. SO,  
22 I'M JUST GOING TO ASK, CAN WE AT LEAST FIND THE EXTRA \$9  
23 MILLION TO FUND THE EXPANSION OF THE HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM?

24

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE WILL  
2 CERTAINLY LOOK. WE DO HAVE ONE MORE BUDGET PHASE, WHICH IS  
3 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, IN ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF OR SO. SO,  
4 ONE OF THE THINGS FOR THE HARM REDUCTION BUDGET, THE REQUEST  
5 FOR \$15 MILLION FOR A FULL YEAR, WE KNOW THAT AFTER WE DO OUR  
6 SOLICITATION AND AWARD CONTRACTS OR GRANTS, THAT WE WILL BE  
7 WELL INTO THE FALL, AND THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT SIX  
8 MONTHS LEFT FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN FISCAL YEAR '21/'22. AND SO  
9 WE WILL TAKE THAT COMPRESSED IMPLEMENTATION TIME PERIOD INTO  
10 CONSIDERATION WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO IDENTIFY FUNDING IN  
11 OCTOBER, IN SUPPLEMENTAL.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AGAIN, BECAUSE I THINK 9 MILLION WOULD BE THE MAGIC  
14 NUMBER TO FULLY FUND HARM REDUCTION, AND THE TESTIMONY THAT WE  
15 HEARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENT WAS PRETTY COMPELLING, ABOUT HOW  
16 IMPORTANT THAT PROGRAM IS. SO, THANK YOU FOR LOOKING FOR THE  
17 EXTRA 9 MILLION. THANK YOU AGAIN. THIS IS TO EVERYONE WHO WAS  
18 INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. WHEN THIS BOARD VOTED TO PUT MEASURE  
19 J ON THE BALLOT, IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST ENGAGING AND BEST  
20 CONVERSATIONS THAT I THINK THIS BOARD HAS EVER HAD, ABOUT HOW  
21 WE WANT OUR FUTURE TO LOOK IN L.A. COUNTY. AND ULTIMATELY,  
22 MANY OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF, WERE MOVED TO TAKE ACTION BY THE  
23 PASSION AND INVOLVEMENT THAT WE SAW FROM L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS  
24 FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WHO BELIEVE THAT INVESTING IN THE  
25 FRONT END OF PEOPLE'S LIVES, THROUGH THINGS LIKE YOUTH ART



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1 PROGRAMS, CAREER SUPPORT SERVICES, JOB TRAINING, HARM  
2 REDUCTION PROGRAMS, WILL ULTIMATELY SAVE LIVES AND  
3 MEANINGFULLY REDUCE OUR JAIL POPULATION. SO, NO MATTER WHAT WE  
4 CALL IT, THAT PASSION AND THAT INVOLVEMENT HAS NOT DIMINISHED  
5 SINCE THEN, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE TO  
6 MOVE TOWARDS A MORE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS, IN ORDER  
7 TO ENSURE THAT THIS COUNTY'S BUDGET IS TRULY REFLECTIVE OF OUR  
8 VALUES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE  
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK MY  
14 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDE KEY COUNTY  
15 DEPARTMENTS, LABOR, AND COMMUNITY INPUT IN THE FORMATION OF  
16 THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CRITICAL TO INCLUDE PARTIES  
17 WHO ARE FACING A DIRECT IMPACT BY THE DECISIONS OF THE  
18 C.F.C.I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE CONVERSATION. I  
19 ALSO WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEE, GEORGE ANDREWS, AND ALSO BOB  
20 [INAUDIBLE], WITH 721, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS, AS WELL. AS  
21 THE COUNTY WORKS TOWARD FULLY RECOGNIZING A CARE-FIRST, JAILS-  
22 LAST VISION, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND OFFER MY SUPPORT TO MY  
23 COLLEAGUES THAT REQUESTED THE USE OF THE JUSTICE EQUITY NEEDS  
24 INDEX, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS A SIGNIFICANT NEED TO INVEST EQUITY  
25 RESOURCES TO THE NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY IN THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THIS INDEX MAKES A POINT TO HIGHLIGHT THE  
2 NEEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND EXPAND FURTHER THAN THE LOS  
3 ANGELES BASIN, AND DRAWS UPON THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE WE, AS  
4 BOARD MEMBERS, HAVE IN OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN DEVELOPING POLICY  
5 AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SERVE ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. AS A  
6 WHOLE, I THINK THE PROPOSED C.F.C.I. ALLOCATION OF \$100  
7 MILLION, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF  
8 DOLLARS FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, IS TRULY GOING TO MAKE A  
9 DIFFERENCE. IT IS ESSENTIAL, AS WE PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO  
10 INSTITUTE A PROCESS FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION, SO THAT THE BOARD  
11 AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS WILL KNOW WHAT THE MOST AND LEAST  
12 EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS ARE. THIS WILL ENABLE OUR BOARD IN THE  
13 FUTURE TO FUND THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS, AND TO ENSURE THE  
14 GREATEST AMOUNT OF DIVERSION FROM OUR JAILS. I ALSO WANT TO  
15 POINT OUT THAT THE C.F.C.I. RECOMMENDATION ALSO PROPOSES \$42  
16 MILLION ALLOCATED TO FUND THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.  
17 UNFORTUNATELY, I AM UNABLE TO SUPPORT THIS ALLOCATION WITHOUT  
18 REPLACEMENT BEDS. I, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES, AGREE THAT  
19 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SHOULD BE CLOSED. BUT I AM NOT CONVINCED,  
20 TO DATE, THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE A DIVERSION  
21 PROGRAM ON THE OUTSIDE TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE THAT ARE BEING  
22 HOUSED AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HOWEVER, I CANNOT SUPPORT THE  
23 DIVERSION OF PEOPLE FROM OUR JAILS WITHOUT A PLAN TO SUPPLY  
24 BEDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM  
25 MENTAL ILLNESS. I ALSO BELIEVE THERE'S A NEED FOR A CERTAIN

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1 NUMBER OF BEDS NECESSARY IN THE COUNTY FOR VIOLENT OFFENDERS.  
2 WITHOUT THESE BEDS IN PLACE OR IDENTIFIED, I AM UNABLE TO  
3 SUPPORT THE ALLOCATION TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH IS  
4 SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH WHEN WE WERE HAVING THIS  
5 DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD LEVEL. IT IS MY HOPE THAT A PROGRAM  
6 EVALUATION COMPONENT CAN BE ADDED TO THIS YEAR'S C.F.C.I.  
7 ALLOCATION, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE ARE MOSTLY NEW  
8 PROGRAMS, REQUIRING TIME TO RAMP UP. ACCOUNTABILITY OF  
9 TAXPAYER DOLLARS IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFULLY RUNNING THE NEW  
10 PROGRAMS, AND COULD BE USED AS A TOOL FOR DIVERSION AND  
11 EFFECTIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, WE HAVE  
12 PEOPLE CALL IN, AND I HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS ABOUT, "PLEASE, DO  
13 NOT DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT." THERE ARE THOSE THAT SEE THIS AS  
14 A MECHANISM TO DEFUND. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. I KNOW  
15 THAT WE ARE TAKING \$100 MILLION, AND THEN WE'RE ADDING ON SOME  
16 OF THE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT WE GOT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS, BUT  
17 DIVERSION WAS SOMETHING THIS BOARD HAS WORKED ON LONG BEFORE  
18 THE "DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT" CAME TO BE. OUR D.A., PRIOR TO  
19 GASCON, WORKED TOWARD A DIVERSION PROGRAM, RECOGNIZING THAT  
20 THERE WERE MANY THAT WERE IN OUR JAILS, AND THAT WERE IN OUR  
21 JUSTICE SYSTEM, THAT, IF NOT FOR PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY,  
22 WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO I  
23 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS REALLY PUTTING IT INTO HIGH GEAR AND  
24 ADDRESSING DIVERSION, BUT AT NO POINT WILL I SUPPORT DEFUNDING  
25 IN PLACE OF THIS. I DON'T THINK IT IS AN EITHER/OR. I THINK

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1 THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE BOTH, IN ORDER TO HAVE A SAFE COMMUNITY  
2 AND BE RESPONSIBLE. SO WITH THAT, I WILL SUPPORT THIS, BUT  
3 WOULD ASK THAT MY VOTE FOR THE MEN'S CENTRAL BE RECORDED AS A  
4 NO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE  
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU  
10 TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS  
11 IMPORTANT ISSUE, IN OUR TRANSITION AS A COUNTY TO CARE FIRST  
12 AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK. I ALSO WANT  
13 TO JOIN IN THE CHORUS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF THE REIMAGINE  
14 L.A. COALITION; YOU KNOW, COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO FEEL AS  
15 PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS WORK AS WE DO, AND CONTRIBUTED COUNTLESS  
16 HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME-- THEIR TIME-- TO REIMAGINE JUSTICE  
17 FOR ALL 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. MILLIONS OF ANGELENOS, AND  
18 PERHAPS ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE,  
19 THOSE WHO WORK MINIMUM-WAGE JOBS, OUR SENIORS, YOUNG PEOPLE  
20 WHO ARE TRYING TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO  
21 STABLE, CONSISTENT HOUSING, HEALTHCARE SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH  
22 SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, THOSE WHO ARE OFTEN  
23 EXCLUDED FROM A FAIR AND HUMANE, OPEN BUDGET PROCESS; THOSE  
24 WHO ARE NOT SERVED WHEN WE HAVE A STATUS QUO BUDGET PROCESS;  
25 THOSE WHO OFTEN FEEL LEFT OUT AND VOICELESS IN A PUBLIC

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1 BUDGETING PROCESS. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WE ARE ATTEMPTING  
2 TO GIVE VOICE TO AND ENGAGE THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT WE HAVE  
3 ENGAGED IN THIS YEAR. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT WE MUST  
4 CONTINUE TO INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, JAIL-  
5 BASED DIVERSION, AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE  
6 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.  
7 SO, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE SHOULD ALL REALLY BE CLEAR, I  
8 THINK, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF, THAT THE COURT'S RULING  
9 REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF MEASURE J HAS NO BEARING ON  
10 THE ROLE AND POWER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENGAGE IN A  
11 BUDGET PROCESS. IT HAS NO BEARING ON OUR AUTHORITY TO DIRECT  
12 FUNDS AS WE SEE FIT. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE AUTHORITY TO  
13 DIRECT FUNDS AND TO DEVELOP BUDGETS, AND TO DIRECT FUNDS TO  
14 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IS  
15 FULLY WITHIN OUR POWER TO DO SO, AND WE ARE DOING JUST THAT.  
16 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THAT AUTHORITY,  
17 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING TO ENSURE A COMMUNITY-CENTERED,  
18 TRANSPARENT PROCESS. IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND  
19 ACKNOWLEDGE THE C.E.O. FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THE  
20 CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VISION, A VISION THIS  
21 BOARD SHARES, A VISION SHARED BY MILLIONS, AGAIN, OF  
22 ANGELENOS. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR DELEGATED  
23 AUTHORITY, IN ORDER TO QUICKLY MOVE THIS FUNDING INTO OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES, I BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE AN  
25 OVERSIGHT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPENDING PLAN. SO

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1 I APPRECIATE THE C.E.O.'S COMMENT IN HER PRESENTATION THAT  
2 WE'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THAT FEEDBACK. AN  
3 IMPORTANT PART OF THIS IS RECEIVING TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT,  
4 AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTRACTING DECISIONS. THIS BOARD MUST AND  
5 WILL REMAIN FULLY ENGAGED, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT  
6 AND FEEDBACK, SINCE WE ARE ULTIMATELY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE  
7 ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. I AM GLAD TO SEE AND HEAR THE  
8 GROUP'S CONCERN ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE APPROPRIATELY  
9 FUNDING HARM REDUCTION. I THINK THAT THERE WILL BE AN  
10 OPPORTUNITY, AS WE GO THROUGH THE MULTIPLE PHASES OF OUR  
11 BUDGETING PROCESS HERE AT THE COUNTY, TO REEVALUATE THAT, AND  
12 I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE MULTIPLE MOTIONS THAT WE'LL  
13 ENGAGE IN TO EFFECT THESE POLICY CHANGES. THANK YOU, MADAM  
14 CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.  
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A CLOSING STATEMENT  
18 HERE?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT TO, BECAUSE I FEEL REALLY  
21 PROUD TO BE PART OF WHAT THIS WHOLE MOVEMENT HAS REPRESENTED  
22 OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T START WITH  
23 GEORGE FLOYD'S MURDER, BUT IT REALLY CAME TO A LOT MORE  
24 PEOPLE'S ATTENTION ABOUT THE HARM TO SO MANY COMMUNITIES. AND  
25 LOOKING AT THE INCARCERATION OF BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE, YOUNG

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1 PEOPLE, MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS, IT JUST, I THINK,  
2 TICKED EVERYBODY'S CONSCIENCE UP A GRAVE NOTCH. AND WHEN THIS  
3 MEASURE WAS BROUGHT TO US FOR CONSIDERATION, AND WE ALL SAID,  
4 "YOU BETCHA," AND THEN THE COURT SAID, "NO, THE BOARD HAS TO  
5 MAKE THE FINAL DECISION." AND SO WE SAID, "OKAY, BUT WE MADE  
6 THIS PROMISE. WE ARE GOING TO KEEP THIS PROMISE." AND I AM  
7 VERY PLEASED THAT, NOT ONLY DID WE LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL \$100  
8 MILLION THAT WE WERE GOING TO MAKE WHAT WE CALLED THE DOWN  
9 PAYMENT, BUT ALSO TO ADD THE A.R.P. MONEY THAT WILL MAKE IT GO  
10 SO MUCH FURTHER. SO WITH THAT, I THANK EVERYONE THAT HAD SO  
11 MUCH TO DO WITH THIS OVER THE LAST YEAR: ALL THE COMMUNITY  
12 PEOPLE, ALL THE ADVOCATES. ADVOCATES ARE THE ONES THAT GET  
13 THIS DISCUSSION STARTED, AND THEY REALLY DID. I AM JUST REALLY  
14 PROUD OF WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL  
15 BE ABLE TO APPROVE. I UNDERSTAND THAT KATHRYN WISHES THE  
16 FUNDING MOTION, 73-F, TO BE BIFURCATED, SO THAT SHE MAY BE  
17 RECORDED AS A NO ON THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FUNDING. AND, MADAM  
18 CHAIR, THAT'S UP TO YOU, OF COURSE, BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO  
19 THAT. I THINK, OVER THE YEARS, WE ALL VOTE OUR CONSCIENCE, AND  
20 IT IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO DO. BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT  
21 EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD BE A ROBUST AYE ON THE NEW COMMITTEE, ON  
22 THE NEW BUDGET PRIORITY, AND ON THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF THIS  
23 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MONEY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24



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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SO,  
2    MEMBERS, WE WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER: 16, 73-E,  
3    73-F. AND WE WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY  
4    SUPERVISOR BARGER. SHE WANTS TO BIFURCATE [INAUDIBLE]. SO,  
5    FIRST, LET'S GO THROUGH THE FIRST SERIES, AND THAT'S ITEM  
6    NUMBER 16. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS, MOVED BY  
7    SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WILL SECOND THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
8    OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 16 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
11   MITCHELL?

12

13   **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

15   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
16   KUEHL?

17

18   **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22   **SUP. HAHN:** A ROBUST AYE.

23

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

25

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1     **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

3     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?  
4     SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

5

6     **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON  
7     TO ITEM NUMBER 73-E, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY ME  
8     TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
9     ROLL.

10

11    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 73-E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

12

13    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

15    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
16    KUEHL?

17

18    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

3    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

8    0.

9

10    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO NOW WE WILL MOVE TO BIFURCATE THE  
11    FIRST LINE ITEM OF THE C.F.C.I. RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN THAT  
12    IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. DO I HAVE A SECOND?

13

14    **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL SECOND IT.

15

16    **SUP. HAHN:** I WILL SECOND.

17

18    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY HAHN. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
19    BARGER, SECONDED BY HAHN. OKAY. THIS ITEM WILL THEN BE  
20    BIFURCATED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

22    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS ITEM IS JUST TO BIFURCATE 43-F.  
23    SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

24

25    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
3 KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
20 0.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THE FIRST LINE ITEM OF THE C.F.C.I.

23 RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN, UNDER RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE, IS

24 BEFORE US. MOVED BY-- DO I HAVE A MOTION?

25

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** I'LL MOVE IT, MADAM CHAIR-- KUEHL.

2

3    **SUP. HAHN:** SECOND.

4

5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KUEHL, SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE  
6    THE LINE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

8    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FIRST LINE ITEM, THE RECOMMENDED  
9    SPENDING PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND DIVERT PEOPLE  
10    WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER INTO  
11    TREATMENT, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

12

13    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

15    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
16    KUEHL?

17

18    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1     **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

2

3     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5     **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-

8     1.

9

10    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THE REMAINING ITEMS OF THE  
11    C.F.C.I. RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN, AND THE REMAINING C.E.O.'S  
12    RECOMMENDATION UNDER ITEM 73-F, ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
13    SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE. MADAM  
14    EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE REMAINING LINE ITEMS OF THE C.F.C.I.'S  
17    RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN, AND THE REMAINING ITEMS RECOMMENDED  
18    UNDER ITEM 73-F ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20    **SUPERVISOR MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

22    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
23    KUEHL?

24

25    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW  
18 MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 73-C, AND THIS IS IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
19 FINE-FREE LIBRARY FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS,  
20 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
21 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC, AND YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, THIS IS  
24 ABOUT IMPLEMENTING A FINE-FREE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY. AS I  
25 BELIEVE, FINES FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS PLACE



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1 AN UNNECESSARY BARRIER TO THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT OUR  
2 LIBRARY FACILITIES, AND MANY TIMES ARE A FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT  
3 KEEP THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST RELIANT ON LIBRARY SERVICES  
4 FROM ACCESSING THEM FREELY. OVERDUE FEES DISSUADE PATRONS FROM  
5 RETURNING TO THE LIBRARY, AND PREVENT THEM FROM USING ALL THE  
6 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. WHILE OVERDUE FEES WERE  
7 INITIALLY INTENDED TO INCENTIVIZE LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS TO  
8 RETURN BOOKS AND MATERIALS, THE THREAT OF FINES AND FEES  
9 ADDING UP BECAME A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO CARDHOLDERS FROM  
10 RETURNING TO THEIR LOCAL LIBRARIES. THE LIBRARY HAS PUT FINE  
11 FORGIVENESS AND FINE REDUCTION PROGRAMS IN PLACE, LIKE THE  
12 GREAT READ AWAY, WHICH ALLOWED CARDHOLDERS 21 AND UNDER TO  
13 REDUCE THEIR FINES BY USING LIBRARY SERVICES AND A STUDENT  
14 LIBRARY CARD, WHICH PROVIDE A FINE-FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR  
15 STUDENTS 17 AND UNDER. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO READ AWAY THEIR  
16 FINES. THIS MOTION WILL EXTEND THESE BENEFITS PERMANENTLY TO  
17 ALL LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS. WE ARE NOT MAKING EVERYBODY READ AWAY  
18 THEIR FINES. IT IS NOT A BAD IDEA. AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY,  
19 JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MORE THAN 50 LIBRARY SYSTEMS HAVE  
20 IMPLEMENTED THE FINE-FREE MODEL. IN CALIFORNIA ALONE, 23  
21 LIBRARY SYSTEMS HAVE ADOPTED THIS MODEL, INCLUDING SOME HERE  
22 IN L.A. COUNTY, LIKE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, SOUTH  
23 PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ALTADENA LIBRARIES. THESE  
24 LIBRARIES HAVE REPORTED AN INCREASE IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION,  
25 AND HIGHER LIBRARY USE. I WILL JUST MAKE A MOMENT TO SAY, THIS

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1 WILL PROBABLY COST OUR LIBRARY, I THINK, AROUND \$900,000, BUT  
2 THEY HAVE TOLD US THAT THE STAFF TIME OF TRYING TO GO AFTER  
3 THESE FINES, AS WELL AS THE INCREDIBLE DISINCENTIVE THAT IT  
4 CREATES FOR PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO THE LIBRARY, ARE JUST NOT  
5 WORTH IT. SO I WILL PUT A BUG IN FESIA'S EAR, THAT LET'S HELP  
6 THE LIBRARY RECOVER THIS IN OUR BUDGET CYCLE, BECAUSE I THINK  
7 IT IS WORTH IT TO ALL OF US. TODAY, THE L.A. TIMES ACTUALLY  
8 DID AN EDITORIAL ON WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY, AND THEY  
9 SAID IT BEST IN THEIR EDITORIAL SUPPORTING THIS MOTION:  
10 "LIBRARY FINES ARE DOING NEITHER THE PUBLIC NOR THE PUBLIC  
11 LIBRARIES MUCH GOOD. OUR SOCIETY SHOULDN'T ALLOW 25 CENTS A  
12 DAY TO STAND BETWEEN FAMILIES AND FREE ACCESS TO BOOKS." THANK  
13 YOU. I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON EVERYBODY'S SUPPORT THIS MORNING.  
14 THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY. WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY,  
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I SUPPORT YOU IN BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD.  
18 I KNOW THAT THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO GO A LONG  
19 WAY FOR KIDS AND PARENTS IN MY DISTRICT, ONE OF THE POOREST IN  
20 THE COUNTY, AND REALLY KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO HELP THE  
21 VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED. AND WHY DO WE NEED TO CONTINUE  
22 TO MULTIPLY FEES AND FINES, AND THEN CREATE A RECORD FOR THESE  
23 YOUNG CHILDREN? YOU ARE ALREADY PUTTING A [INAUDIBLE] IN THEM,  
24 THAT THIS IS A BURDENSOME THING THAT WE REALLY DON'T NEED TO  
25 DO. SO I HOPE, ALSO, OUR C.E.O. WILL LOOK FOR THE \$900,000

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1 THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH. I AM CERTAIN WE CAN DO IT. SO I  
2 SUPPORT YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINING THE MOTION. SUPERVISOR  
3 MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO  
6 LEND MY VOICE IN SUPPORT TO THE MOTION, AS WELL. MULTIPLE  
7 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THIS BODY, ARE BEGINNING TO  
8 LOOK AT THE ROLE FINES AND FEES IN THE DELIVERY OR LIMITING  
9 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND HOW [INAUDIBLE] THAT REALLY  
10 IS, RECOGNIZING THAT IT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS CERTAIN  
11 COMMUNITIES OVER OTHERS. WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR  
12 AMAZING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM IS MORE THAN ABOUT JUST BOOKS.  
13 AND THE POPULATIONS WHO RELY ON THE SERVICES AVAILABLE AT OUR  
14 LIBRARIES THE MOST, ARE ALSO THE POPULATIONS WHO CAN'T AFFORD  
15 THE FINES AND FEES THE MOST. AND SO I THINK IT IS REALLY  
16 IMPORTANT THAT WE PASS THIS MOTION TODAY. BUT I WOULD REMIND  
17 US ALL, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT REPLACING THESE LOST FUNDS, THE  
18 MOST OF WHICH I AM SURE THE LIBRARY HAVE FOUND ARE  
19 UNCOLLECTIBLE ANYWAY, SO THAT \$900,000 FIGURE IS PROBABLY A  
20 LITTLE SQUISHY, TO USE A TECHNICAL TERM. BUT WE HAVE TO  
21 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS AN EXISTING STRUCTURAL  
22 DEFICIT. SO, WHILE I COMPLETELY SUPPORT ELIMINATING THE FINE  
23 SYSTEM, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T WORK, WE HAVE TO BE HONEST THAT OUR  
24 LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS AN EXISTING STRUCTURAL DEFICIT THAT WE HAVE  
25 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO OVERCOME IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. OUR LIBRARY

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1 STAFF STOOD UP LIKE THE HEROES THAT THEY ARE DURING THIS  
2 PANDEMIC, AND WORKED OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM WHEN THE  
3 LIBRARIES ARE CLOSED. THEY REOPENED. WE KNOW THAT THE HOTSPOTS  
4 THAT OUR LIBRARIES PROVIDED TO PEOPLE IN THE PARKING LOTS WERE  
5 A LIFESAVER FOR FAR TOO MANY IN OUR DISTRICTS, AROUND CHILDREN  
6 HAVING ACCESS TO ONLINE SCHOOLING SO, AGAIN, OUR LIBRARIES ARE  
7 MORE THAN BOOKS. IT IS COMPUTER SERVICES TO ACCESS PUBLIC  
8 BENEFIT PROGRAMS. IT IS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, IN THAT WE  
9 STILL HAVE A HUGE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO THE PEOPLE  
10 WHO NEED IT THE MOST SHOULDN'T BE RESTRICTED TO ACCESSING  
11 THOSE SERVICES BECAUSE OF FINES, AND IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US  
12 TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM IS ADEQUATELY RESOURCED.  
13 PROUD TO JOIN IN AND SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY, MS. HAHN.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM OTHER  
16 BOARD MEMBERS, 73-C IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 73-C IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR  
21 MITCHELL?

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
2 KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-

19 0.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, CONGRATULATIONS. MEMBERS, WE ARE

22 NOW MOVING ON TO ITEM 9, SPECIAL ITEMS, AND NUMBER 74. THERE

23 ARE NO SPECIALS, SO WE WILL MOVE RIGHT ON. WE WILL GO RIGHT

24 INTO ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE WILL START WITH DISTRICT ONE--

25 THAT'S MY DISTRICT-- AND THEN WE'LL MOVE ACCORDINGLY. SO, AT

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1 THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD TRUMKA. RICHARD WAS A PRESIDENT  
3 OF THE A.F.L.-C.I.O., A LEGENDS WITHIN THE LABOR MOVEMENT, AND  
4 A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE FOR MANY YEARS. WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN,  
5 AT THE AGE OF 33, RICHARD WAS ELECTED THE YOUNGEST PRESIDENT  
6 OF UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, AND LED ONE OF THE MOST  
7 SUCCESSFUL STRIKES IN RECENT HISTORY AGAINST A COAL COMPANY  
8 THAT TRIED TO CHEAT EMPLOYEES OUT OF THEIR BENEFITS. SINCE  
9 THEN, HE HAS DEDICATED EVERY DAY TO WORKERS AND ORDINARY  
10 PEOPLE, WHO DESERVE TO WORK WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AND I AM  
11 SURE, IF YOU ASKED ANYONE IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT, THEY WOULD  
12 HAVE HAD A SIMILAR STORY OF A TIME WHEN RICHARD TRUMKA STOOD  
13 WITH THEM AND ADVOCATED FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS. I HAVE MANY OF  
14 THOSE STORIES WITH RICHARD, ESPECIALLY WHEN I WORKED ALONGSIDE  
15 WITH HIM DURING MY TIME AT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT. HE WAS THERE  
16 EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS' VOICES WERE  
17 ELEVATED AND HONORED. FROM THE MINES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA  
18 TO THE HELM OF AMERICA'S LARGEST FEDERATION OF UNIONS, RICHARD  
19 NEVER WAVERED ON HIS PURPOSE TO PROTECT AND FIGHT FOR WORKERS  
20 EVERYWHERE. THE LABOR MOVEMENT LOST A LEADER AND A LEGEND LAST  
21 WEEK, AND I LOST A DEAR FRIEND AND A BROTHER. RICHARD WAS  
22 AMONG THE BEST THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER. MAY HE REST IN  
23 PEACE.

24

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR,  
2    TOO.

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4    **SUP. KUEHL:** ME, TOO.

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6    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU. I  
7    MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF     GILDA BOJORQUEZ  
8    GJURICH. SHE WAS RAISED IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND GILDA  
9    GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND WOODBURY UNIVERSITY IN  
10   BURBANK, WHERE SHE MAJORED IN ACCOUNTING. FOLLOWING  
11   GRADUATION, SHE PUT HER EDUCATION TO WORK PURSUING A CAREER AS  
12   A GENERAL CONTRACTOR, AND BECOMING A PARTNER AT A CONSTRUCTION  
13   FIRM. SHE WAS AHEAD OF HER TIME. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A  
14   SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR, REFLECTING HER KEEN BUSINESS SENSE AND  
15   HER ABILITY TO BREAK THROUGH THE GLASS CEILING AS A WOMAN OF  
16   COLOR IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. SHE CONTINUED TO BREAK  
17   BARRIERS IN THE BUSINESS INDUSTRY, AND CONTRIBUTED EXTENSIVELY  
18   TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, BECOMING A FOUNDING MEMBER OF HISPANAS  
19   ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY, OR H.O.P.E., WHICH I WAS  
20   ALSO A MEMBER OF, WORKING WITH THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN  
21   OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATIONS NATIONAL HISPANIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE,  
22   AS WELL. SHE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WIDELY FOR HER LEADERSHIP  
23   ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS LOCALLY.  
24   MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.   THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. NEXT, WE  
25   WILL TURN NOW TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER ADJOURNMENTS.



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2   **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE GOT  
3 TWO TODAY, AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALL JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING  
4 IN THE MEMORY OF ESERA, ALSO KNOWN AS "SELA," MAMOE. MR. MAMOE  
5 WAS BORN ON APRIL 9TH, 1953, IN AMERICAN SAMOA, AND PASSED  
6 AWAY JUST THIS PAST 6TH OF JULY, AT THE AGE OF 68. HE  
7 RELOCATED TO THE STATES AT A YOUNG AGE, WHERE HE ATTENDED  
8 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BELL, CALIFORNIA. HE LATER ATTENDED AND  
9 GRADUATED FROM STEVEN M. WHITE JUNIOR HIGH AND CARSON HIGH  
10 SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF CARSON. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED  
11 IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. AFTER LEAVING THE MILITARY,  
12 MR. MAMOE BECAME VERY ACTIVE WITHIN THE POLITICAL ARENA OF THE  
13 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, AND SERVED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT  
14 OF THE SAMOAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA. HE WAS ALSO MONUMENTAL IN  
15 ENSURING THAT THE SAMOAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES WERE  
16 INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN LOCAL AND STATE POLITICS, AND  
17 ADVOCATED FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS, WHICH  
18 IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION.  
19 MR. MAMOE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY  
20 HIS LOVING WIFE, HELPING OTHERS, AND PLAYING POKER. HE WILL BE  
21 REMEMBERED FOR HIS THOUGHTFUL AND KIND PERSONALITY, AND AS A  
22 PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR THE SAMOAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
23 COMMUNITIES. MR. MAMOE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, TWO  
24 BROTHERS, A SISTER, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
25 WHO WILL ALL CHERISH HIS MEMORY.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CAN I JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE? I  
3 KNEW SELA.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PLEASE.

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

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, TOO, ON THAT ONE.  
10 THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE YOU ALL JOINING ME, ABSOLUTELY.  
13 THE SECOND PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU HELP ME JOIN IN  
14 MEMORY IS SOMEONE ELSE MANY OF YOU, I'M SURE, KNOW, AS WELL.  
15 HE WAS A REGULAR IN THE HALLS OF SACRAMENTO, OF THE 10 YEARS I  
16 WAS THERE, AND THAT WAS MALCOLM BENNETT. I WAS SHOCKED TO  
17 LEARN OF HIS PASSING, BECAUSE HE JUST APPEARED ON THE COVER OF  
18 THE APARTMENT OWNERS' MAGAZINE JUST A MONTH OR SO BEFORE HE  
19 PASSED. MR. BENNETT WAS BORN ON JUNE 29TH, 1947, IN SELMA,  
20 ALABAMA, AND PASSED AWAY JULY 21ST, AT THE AGE OF 74. IN THE  
21 EARLY '50S, HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HIS FAMILY. AFTER  
22 GRADUATING FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S ALMA MATER, DORSEY HIGH  
23 SCHOOL, HE ATTENDED L.A.C.C. AND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS  
24 ANGELES. HE WAS A SECOND-DISTRICT-APPOINTED COMMISSIONER TO  
25 THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD, AND ALSO PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON

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1 THE L.A. COUNTY TAX APPEALS BOARD. MR. BENNETT WAS THE CHIEF  
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND BROKER FOR INTERNATIONAL REALTY &  
3 INVESTMENTS. HE FOUNDED THE MINORITY APARTMENT OWNERS  
4 ASSOCIATION IN 1987, AND ALSO SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF SEVERAL  
5 REAL-ESTATE ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
6 FORUM FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS AND PROPERTY  
7 MANAGEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT HOUSING COMMITTEE FOR THE  
8 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE  
9 CONGRESSIONAL HALL OF RECORDS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY  
10 SERVICE IN 1994, AND RECEIVED THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
11 IN 2014 FROM THE BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. MR. BENNETT WILL  
12 BE REMEMBERED AS AN EXPERT IN THE REAL-ESTATE FIELD, AND A  
13 TRAILBLAZER WHO ADVOCATED FOR NOT ONLY APARTMENT OWNERS'  
14 RIGHTS, BUT TENANTS' RIGHTS, AND INCREASING HOME OWNERSHIP FOR  
15 MINORITIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
16 COLLEAGUES, AND EMPLOYEES, AND ALL WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I ASK  
17 THAT YOU ALL JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN HIS MEMORY.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THAT  
22 ONE, TOO. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, NEXT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO  
25 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

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2     **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM SORRY TO  
3     REPORT THAT I AM ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF 8 PEOPLE FROM THE  
4     THIRD DISTRICT TODAY, WHO WE WANT TO HONOR. SO I ASK THAT WHEN  
5     WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARKIE POST. BEFORE  
6     SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS AN ACTRESS, SHE WORKED ON THE  
7     PRODUCTION CREW OF THE GAME SHOWS "DOUBLE DARE" AND "CARD  
8     SHARKS." HER T.V. CAREER BEGAN IN THE ADVENTURE SERIES "THE  
9     FALL GUY," IN WHICH SHE WAS A REGULAR FROM 1982 TO 1985. THEN  
10    HER CAREER TOOK OFF, AND SHE APPEARED IN POPULAR SHOWS FROM  
11    "CHEERS" TO "SCRUBS," AND WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HER 7-SEASON RUN  
12    AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER ON N.B.C.'S "NIGHT COURT." SHE IS  
13    SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND MICHAEL, AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS. AND  
14    I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
15    SAGINAW GRANT, WHO DIED AT THE END OF JULY. HE WAS A U.S.  
16    MARINE CORPS VETERAN, NATIVE AMERICAN CHARACTER ACTOR, AND  
17    HEREDITARY CHIEF AND MEDICINE MAN OF THE SAC & FOX NATION OF  
18    OKLAHOMA. HE BEGAN ACTING IN THE LATE 1980S. HE PLAYED  
19    CHARACTER ROLES IN DOZENS OF MOVIES AND T.V. SHOWS OVER THE  
20    LAST THREE DECADES, INCLUDING "THE LONE RANGER," "THE WORLD'S  
21    FASTEST INDIAN," AND "BREAKING BAD." GRANT WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR  
22    BEING A NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATOR. FOR YEARS, HE WAS ACTIVE IN  
23    THE POWWOW CIRCUIT IN CALIFORNIA, AND TRAVELED AROUND THE  
24    GLOBE TO SPEAK TO PEOPLE ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND  
25    TRADITIONS. AS A VETERAN, HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR NATIVE

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1 AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS  
2 VETERANS. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS  
3 COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATED FOR YEARS IN THE NATIONAL  
4 GATHERING OF AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
5 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNARD LAX, AN  
6 ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST. HIS ENTREPRENEURSHIP BEGAN IN  
7 COLLEGE, WHEN HE INVENTED "FUNKY THE CLOWN." THE COSTUMING,  
8 COMBINED WITH HIS INFECTIOUS PERSONALITY, FOLLOWED HIM FOR THE  
9 REST OF HIS LIFE. AFTER GRADUATION, HE WENT TO WORK WITH HIS  
10 PARENTS AT CLASSIC CREATIONS, A WOMEN'S CLOTHING MANUFACTURER.  
11 IN 1996, BERNARD TOOK HIS BUSINESS LIFE IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT  
12 DIRECTION. ALONG WITH HIS WIFE LYNDA, HE STARTED PULP STUDIO,  
13 WHICH, TO THIS DAY, IS A DOMINANT FORCE IN THE GLASS  
14 FABRICATION INDUSTRY. HIS INTERESTS RANGED FROM CLASSIC CARS  
15 TO FINE WINES. HE ALSO HAD A KEEN INTEREST IN THE PEOPLE  
16 AROUND HIM, AND WAS MORE THAN WILLING, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND  
17 FINANCIALLY, TO HELP OUT WHENEVER HE COULD. HE WAS ALWAYS ON  
18 TO THE NEXT PROJECT. OFTEN, HIS HOBBIES CREATED HIS NEXT  
19 BUSINESS PROJECT, AND LIKE HIS FATHER, HE LOVED TO BUILD AND  
20 WATCH THE PROGRESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LYNDA, THEIR  
21 SON TAYLOR, AND HIS MOTHER, SIDONIA LAX. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN  
22 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL WOMAN I  
23 HAVE KNOWN SINCE I WAS 17 YEARS OLD, MY FRESHMAN YEAR AT  
24 U.C.L.A., DARLENE DWYER LASHER. DARLENE WAS A SKILLED SOCIAL  
25 WORKER AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN WITHOUT HOUSING.

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1 DURING HER COLLEGE YEARS AT U.C.L.A., SHE WORKED AT UNICAMP,  
2 WHERE IS WHERE I MET HER, AND AT THE UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS  
3 CONFERENCE. AFTER RECEIVING HER MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK, SHE  
4 WORKED AS A COUNSELOR IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND FOR THE  
5 SUPERIOR COURT, SUPERVISING CHILD ADVOCACY. SUBSEQUENTLY, SHE  
6 WORKED AT THE OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, THE LARGEST SOCIAL  
7 SERVICE PROVIDER ON THE WEST SIDE OF L.A.-- CHAIRED THE BOARD,  
8 FILLED A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS THERE. AND AS YOU  
9 KNOW, THEY ARE NOW CALLED THE PEOPLE CONCERN. IN 1987, SHE  
10 HELPED FOUND AND RUN DAYBREAK, WHICH WAS A SHELTER FOR  
11 HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL WOMEN. SHE LATER JOINED THE BOARD OF  
12 DIRECTORS OF THE PEOPLE CONCERN, AND TOGETHER WITH HER HUSBAND  
13 AL, SHE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE DWYER FUND. THERE WAS SOME  
14 MONEY IN HER FAMILY, AND SHE PLEDGED A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE  
15 WESTSIDE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER TO BUILD A NEW CLINIC IN A NEW  
16 BUILDING. SHE WAS ALSO SKILLED IN LETTERPRESS PRINTING, AN  
17 ACCOMPLISHED PUBLISH POET WHOSE POEMS AND HANDMADE BOOKS  
18 REFLECT HER COMPASSIONATE IMAGINATION, AS WELL AS HER LOVE OF  
19 THE ARTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, SUSAN AND MICHAEL.  
20 AND BELIEVE ME, SHE IS GOING TO BE DEEPLY MISSED. AND I MOVE  
21 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GARY NASH,  
22 AN HISTORIAN AND LEADING U.C.L.A. SCHOLAR, REVERED FOR HIS  
23 ROLE IN SHAPING K-12 AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULA. AS FOUNDING  
24 DIRECTOR OF U.C.L.A.'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR HISTORY IN THE  
25 SCHOOLS, WHERE HE WORKED FOR 20 YEARS, HE SPEARHEADED EFFORTS

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1 TO DIVERSIFY AMERICAN HISTORY COURSES, AND CHAMPIONED THE  
2 STORIES OF NONWHITE GROUPS WHO WERE EXCLUDED FROM HISTORY TEXT  
3 BOOKS. WHILE AT U.C.L.A., HE CODIRECTED THE NATIONAL HISTORY  
4 STANDARDS PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDED 4 YEARS' WORTH OF INPUT FROM  
5 TEACHERS, HISTORIANS, PARENTS, AND EDUCATORS, TO PROPOSE A  
6 NATIONAL HISTORY CURRICULUM FOR U.S. STUDENTS. GARY AND HIS  
7 COLLEAGUES WERE ENSNARED IN A POLITICAL FIRESTORM AFTER THE  
8 STANDARDS WERE PUBLISHED. LYNNE CHENEY, WIFE OF THEN-VICE  
9 PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY, LED A CRUSADE ALONGSIDE CONSERVATIVE  
10 CRITICS ATTACKING THE STANDARDS AS POLITICIZED HISTORY. BUT  
11 GARY STUCK WITH IT, BECAME THE FACE OF THE PROJECT, AND WAS  
12 DETERMINED TO HOLD HIS GROUND. AND IF YOU KNEW GARY, THAT WAS  
13 REALLY HOLDING YOUR GROUND. MORE THAN 70,000 COPIES OF THE  
14 STANDARDS WERE SOLD, AND WERE USED BY STATE SCHOOL LEADERS IN  
15 DESIGNING CURRICULA. HE RETIRED FROM U.C.L.A. IN '94, BUT HE  
16 WROTE MORE THAN 30 HISTORY BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS FOCUSED ON  
17 AMERICAN HISTORY, RACE AND CLASS, AND CONTINUED TO PUBLISH  
18 ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND OP-EDS. IN ADDITION TO BEING AN  
19 HISTORIAN AND SCHOLAR, HE WAS AN OPTIMISTIC ACTIVIST, WHO  
20 BELIEVED THAT THE U.S., WITH ALL ITS FLAWS AND SUCCESSES,  
21 COULD MOVE TOWARD A BETTER SOCIETY. HE HELPED INTEGRATE--  
22 INSISTED ON INTEGRATING-- BUSINESSES, BANKS, AND MARKETS. AND  
23 WHEN U.C.L.A. TRIED TO FIRE ANGELA DAVIS-- AND I WAS THERE ON  
24 THE STAFF AT THE TIME-- HE LED THE ANGELA DAVIS DEFENSE  
25 COMMITTEE, WHICH PROMPTED THE F.B.I. TO COME TO HIS HOME TO



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1 INVESTIGATE HIM. HE ALSO POSED AS A HOMEBUYER OVER AND OVER  
2 AND OVER AGAIN, TO HELP BLACK FAMILIES WHO WERE BEING  
3 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HIS SISTER,  
4 HIS BROTHER, AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN. AND I DOUBT THAT HE WOULD  
5 WANT TO REST IN PEACE, BUT WE COULD SAY, "MAY HE REST IN  
6 PEACE." AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
7 MEMORY OF INVENTOR RON POPEIL, WHO DIED ON JULY 28TH. HE WAS  
8 KNOWN AS THE INFOMERCIAL KING. HIS ENTHUSIASTIC STYLE AND  
9 UNFORGETTABLE PHRASES, LIKE, "SET IT AND FORGET IT," AND, "BUT  
10 WAIT, THERE'S MORE," PAVED THE WAY FOR FUTURE PITCHMEN LIKE  
11 THE LATE BILLY MAYS. POPEIL BEGAN HIS SALESMAN CAREER AS A  
12 KID, HAWKING KITCHEN GADGETS THAT WERE INVENTED BY HIS OWN  
13 FATHER. IN THE EARLY '50S, HE TOOK HIS ACT TO TELEVISION,  
14 BROADCASTING WHAT IS CREDITED AS THE FIRST-EVER INFOMERCIAL,  
15 FOR THE CHOP-O-MATIC. HE WENT ON TO FORM HIS OWN COMPANY,  
16 RONCO, IN 1964. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUANNE WELLS, WHO JOINED THE BOARD OF  
18 DIRECTORS OF THE WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING  
19 ARTS, WHICH WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BEVERLY HILLS CULTURAL  
20 CENTER FOUNDATION, IN 1998, AND SERVED AS A DIRECTOR AND  
21 MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 23 YEARS. OUTSIDE OF THE  
22 WALLIS, LUANNE AND HER LATE HUSBAND, FRANK WELLS, FORMER  
23 PRESIDENT OF THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY, ESTABLISHED ENVIRONMENT  
24 NOW, WHERE SHE SERVED AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN. SHE WAS A MEMBER  
25 OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE

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1 GETTY CONSERVATION COUNCIL, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES,  
2 BLUE RIBBON OF THE LOS ANGELES MUSIC CENTER, AND ON THE BOARDS  
3 OF THE BRAVO COLORADO VAIL VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL, THE  
4 HEREDITARY DISEASE FOUNDATION, THE AMERICAN DIABETES  
5 ASSOCIATION, AND SHAMBALA, A RESCUE PROGRAM FOR WILD ANIMALS.  
6 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON KEVIN, AND HER FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,  
7 CASSIDY, TYLER, LUKE, CARSON, AND SAM. AND FINALLY, MEMBERS, I  
8 AS THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH  
9 PEARL. RUTH PEARL WAS THE MOTHER OF DANIEL PEARL. DANIEL WAS A  
10 REPORTER FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, WHO WAS BRUTALLY  
11 MURDERED BY EXTREMISTS IN PAKISTAN IN 2002, WHICH THRUST RUTH  
12 AND HER HUSBAND, JUDEA, INTO THE GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT. SHE  
13 DEDICATED THE REST OF HER LIFE TO FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM. IN  
14 2003, THE PEARLS PUBLISHED "I AM JEWISH: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS  
15 INSPIRED BY THE LAST WORDS OF DANIEL PEARL," WHICH INCLUDED  
16 ESSAYS BY RUTH BADER GINSBERG, KIRK DOUGLAS, AND THE NOBEL  
17 LAUREATE NADINE GORDIMER. MR. PEARL SAID THAT HIS WIFE, WHO  
18 DID MOST OF THE EDITING AND CONTRIBUTED AN ESSAY, CONSIDERED  
19 IT HER GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT. SHE HAD RETIRED BY THE TIME OF  
20 HER SON'S MURDER, AND AFTERWARD THREW HERSELF INTO RUNNING  
21 THE DANIEL PEARL FOUNDATION. HER GRIEF DROVE HER, SHE SAID,  
22 BUT SO DID HER MEMORIES OF GROWING UP IN IRAQ, AND HER DESIRE  
23 TO COUNTER THE HATRED BOTH SHE AND HER SON HAD ENCOUNTERED.  
24 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JUDEA, HER SISTER CARMELLA, AND

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1 DAUGHTERS MICHELLE AND TAMARA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE  
2 ARE OUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
5 NEXT, WE WILL TURN TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I HAVE THREE TODAY, AND I MOVE THAT WHEN  
8 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. EDWARD HENRY  
9 BLOOMFIELD, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARTESIA, WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HIS FAMILY WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF  
11 THE CITY OF ARTESIA. HE WAS A MINISTER OF MANY DIFFERENT  
12 CHURCHES IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. DR. BLOOMFIELD  
13 WAS ALSO A DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBER OF CERRITOS COLLEGE.  
14 DURING HIS 35 YEARS OF TEACHING PHILOSOPHY THERE, HE GUIDED  
15 AND NURTURED THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS,  
16 AND HIS LOVE FOR TEACHING CONTINUES TO BENEFIT HIS STUDENTS.  
17 UPON HIS RETIREMENT IN 2003, HE ESTABLISHED THE DR. EDWARD  
18 BLOOMFIELD PHILOSOPHY SCHOLARSHIP, AND DONATED HIS EXTENSIVE  
19 LIBRARY TO THE CERRITOS COLLEGE LIBRARY. EDWARD IS SURVIVED BY  
20 HIS WIFE, VERONICA LITTLE BLOOMFIELD, DAUGHTER VERONICA  
21 ELIZABETH BLOOMFIELD, AND GRANDSON HENRY CANALES. I ALSO MOVE  
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GLENN  
23 KLIPP, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF MY SENIOR TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY,  
24 LUKE KLIPP, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS A LOVING  
25 FATHER AND HUSBAND, WITH A LIFE DEVOTED TO MUSIC, TEACHING,

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1 AND SPIRITUALITY. GROWING UP IN A FAMILY OF 7 IN UPSTATE NEW  
2 YORK, HE WENT TO SEMINARY TO BECOME A PRIEST BEFORE HE LEFT TO  
3 BE WITH HIS FUTURE WIFE, MARY. TOGETHER, THEY MOVED IN 1970 TO  
4 RURAL MISSISSIPPI, TO WORK IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL DEDICATED TO  
5 EDUCATING BLACK CHILDREN, WHILE GLENN ALSO WORKED TO GET MORE  
6 BLACK POLITICIANS ELECTED TO OFFICE. GLENN'S WORK EVENTUALLY  
7 TOOK HIM THROUGH INCREASING LEVELS OF LEADERSHIP, UNTIL HE  
8 BECAME THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DETROIT ARCHDIOCESE OF  
9 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, THE NATION'S 10TH LARGEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
10 DISTRICT. AFTER GLENN CAME OUT AS GAY, HE DIRECTED HIS  
11 ENERGIES TOWARDS SUPPORTING L.G.B.T. YOUTH, GETTING HIS  
12 EDUCATION DOCTORATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOCUSED ON  
13 THE RESILIENCE OF QUEER YOUTH, AND MANAGING THE JIM TOY  
14 COMMUNITY CENTER, TO CREATE AND SUPPORT SAFE SPACES FOR  
15 L.G.B.T.Q. YOUTH. WHILE HE IS NO LONGER WITH US, HIS LEGACY  
16 LIVES ON WITH THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE IMPACTED  
17 THROUGH DECADES OF TEACHING, ADMINISTRATING, AND MINISTERING  
18 WHEREVER HE WENT. GLENN IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN: AMY,  
19 JOSHUA, LUKE, AND JOSEPH. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE  
20 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM DAVIS JR. BILL, WHO WAS A  
21 RESIDENT OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, PASSED AWAY WHEN HE WAS 98.  
22 BILL SERVED IN THE NAVY FOR 24 YEARS. HE BEGAN HIS SERVICE  
23 DURING WORLD WAR II, THEN WENT ON TO WORK IN THE FIELD OF  
24 ATOMIC WEAPONS. AT ONE POINT IN HIS STORIED CAREER, HE SERVED  
25 AS SENIOR WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

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1 AFTER RETIRING FROM THE NAVY, HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO THE SOUTH  
2 BAY, WHERE HE BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS  
3 A MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB, THE ROLLING HILLS UNITED  
4 METHODIST CHURCH, AND A.Y.S.O. HE ALSO ENJOYED WORKING ON HIS  
5 PASSION PROJECT, AN INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO REDUCE  
6 TRAFFIC AND IMPROVE SAFETY. THE BIMODAL GLIDEWAY WOULD ENABLE  
7 CARS TO DRIVE ON SURFACE STREETS AND TO ENTER AN ELEVATED  
8 HIGH-SPEED RAIL NETWORK. BILL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GEORGIA;  
9 HIS CHILDREN CHRISTOPHER, ERIC, REBECCA, AND STUART; 8  
10 GRANDCHILDREN; AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM  
11 CHAIR. THOSE ARE MINE.

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

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
17 DO SO IN MEMORY OF KARL BOECKMANN, A LIFELONG SAN FERNANDO  
18 VALLEY RESIDENT AND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF FORMER 5TH-DISTRICT  
19 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER JANE BOECKMANN, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY  
20 AT THE AGE OF 85, AFTER AN 8-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. KARL WAS  
21 BORN IN GLENDALE. HE ATTENDED GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND  
22 U.S.C. HE PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1958  
23 TO 1960, AFTER WHICH HE WORKED AT AN ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 5  
24 YEARS. HE JOINED HIS BROTHER BERT AT GALPIN MOTORS IN 1965,  
25 AND EVENTUALLY BECAME THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ALL GALPIN

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1 DEALERSHIPS. KARL WAS A PROMINENT CIVIC LEADER WHO WAS  
2 RECOGNIZED FOR HIS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND CHARITABLE  
3 SUPPORT, AND WAS KNOWN AS A MOVER AND A SHAKER THAT WORKED  
4 BEHIND THE SCENES TO PROMOTE PHILANTHROPY. KARL WAS A FOUNDING  
5 DIRECTOR OF THE L.A.P.D. VALLEY FOUNDATION, AND WAS VERY  
6 INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE ARMAND ARABIAN LEADERS IN PUBLIC  
7 SERVICE AWARDS. HE EARNED NUMEROUS HONORS AND AWARDS,  
8 INCLUDING THE ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR, ONE GENERATION  
9 HEARTS ACROSS THE VALLEY AWARD, THE PHILANTHROPIST OF THE  
10 YEAR, AND THE 2004 FERNANDO AWARD. KARL IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
11 WIFE THYRA, BROTHER BERT, AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO, THAT  
12 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD GRIECO--

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE WITH YOU, KATHRYN, FOR  
15 KARL.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** SURE, JANICE. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
18 RICHARD GRIECO SR., THE FATHER OF ACTOR RICHARD GRIECO JR.,  
19 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. RICHARD WAS AN ALL-  
20 STATE ATHLETE IN BASKETBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, FOOTBALL, AND  
21 WRESTLING. HE ATTENDED TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY ON A  
22 FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP. HE WENT ON TO WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
23 ENGINEERING IN WATERTOWN, NEW YORK, AND LATER, THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF STATE CODES DIVISION. RICHARD SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
25 CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE

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1 LARGEST PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION IN THE COUNTRY. RICHARD MARRIED  
2 CAROLYN O'REILLY ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1963, AND THEY HAD FOUR  
3 CHILDREN. UPON RETIRING IN 1990, HE SPENT MORE TIME WITH HIS  
4 FAMILY, AND ENJOYED TRAVELING THE WORLD WITH HIS WIFE, WHO  
5 PASSED AWAY IN 2001. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE  
6 CAROLYN, HIS PARENTS, HIS BROTHER LOUIS, AND NIECE ALICIA.  
7 RICHARD IS SURVIVED BY HIS GIRLFRIEND LINDA, SON RICHARD JR.  
8 AND HIS GIRLFRIEND MICHELLE, SON DAVID AND WIFE WIFE KIO,  
9 DAUGHTERS ELIZABETH AND LAURA, AND 5 GRANDCHILDREN: CADE,  
10 DYLAN, RUBY, LULU, AND ROCCO. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
11 OF HUGH C. MCDONALD, JR., A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA  
12 CLARITA. HE WAS BORN IN CULVER CITY AND ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
13 IN SANTA MONICA, WHERE HE RAN TRACK. HE JOINED THE UNITED  
14 STATES NAVY, IN WHICH HE SERVED AS THE FIRE-CONTROL TECHNICIAN  
15 ON THE DESTROYER U.S.S. MACKENZIE DD-836. HE EARNED A  
16 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CAL STATE LOS ANGELES, AND SPENT 30  
17 YEARS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RETIRING  
18 AS CAPTAIN IN 1994. HE THEN JOINED HIS SONS IN STARTING A  
19 COMPANY THAT INTRODUCED THE INTERNET TO MANY RESIDENTS OF THE  
20 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANTA CLARITA  
21 OPTIMIST FOUNDATION, WHERE HE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS IN  
22 LEADERSHIP, AS PRESIDENT AND TREASURER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
23 WIFE CATHERINE, HIS 7 CHILDREN, JOSEPH, KATIE, PATRICK, JOHN,  
24 THOMAS, MAUREEN, AND MOLLY, AND THREE SISTERS, AND ONE  
25 BROTHER. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TERESA ANN



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1 MATHIS SAVAIKIE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. SHE WAS  
2 A DECADES-LONG CIVIL ACTIVIST, AND A CHAMPION FOR LOCAL  
3 ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES. HER LOCAL ACTIVISM BEGAN WHEN SHE  
4 CONTACTED WILDLIFE AGENCIES ABOUT CONSTRUCTION INTERFERING  
5 WITH RARE NESTING BIRDS. TERESA HAD A DREAM OF RESTORING  
6 BOUQUET CANYON, AND SECURED DONATIONS TOWARD RESTORATION  
7 PLANNING. SHE ADVOCATED FOR CLEAN WATER WHEN AMMONIA WAS FOUND  
8 IN A SANITATION OUTFLOW IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, AND HELPED  
9 PROTECT THE HABITAT OF THE ARROYO TOAD. TERESA RAISED HER  
10 CONCERNS ABOUT TREE TRIMMING THAT DISTURBED THE NESTING  
11 SEASON, AND CONVINCED THE CITY TO ALTER THEIR SCHEDULE AND  
12 LOOK FOR NESTS BEFORE CUTTING. SHE ALSO FOUGHT FOR TRAFFIC  
13 SAFETY, TO LOWER SPEED LIMITS AND PROVIDE BETTER SIGNAGE.  
14 TERESA IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER TIANA, HER SON RYAN, AND  
15 HER EVER-PRESENT COMPANION PATRICK. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I THANK  
18 ALL OF YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE  
19 IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION.  
20 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED  
21 SESSION NOW?

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
24 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD  
25 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM

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1 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED  
2 LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
3 EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 10, 2021

### CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section  
54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (20-2580)

**No reportable action was taken.**

### CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

**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 August 10, 2021,  
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  
16 17th day of August 2021, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
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20 JENNIFER A. HINES  
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