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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON FEBRUARY 17, 2009 BEGINS ON PAGE 100.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE RISE.
7 WE WILL BE LEAD IN THE INVOCATION BY RABBI MOSHE BRYSKI,
8 CONEJO CHABAD AGOURA HILLS. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY
9 JOE JUAREZ, COMMANDER OF POST NO. 2, CULVER CITY, AM VETS.
10 RABBI?

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12 **RABBI MOSHE BRYSKI:** OUR GOD, AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, WE
13 BESEECH YOU IN YOUR ABUNDANT MERCY, BLESS THE MEMBERS OF THIS
14 DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES AND ALL THE STAFF THAT SUPPORT THEIR WORK. BLESS THEIR
16 TIRELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF
17 LOS ANGELES. MAY THE THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS THAT COME FORTH
18 FROM THIS BODY OF GOVERNMENT ALWAYS LEAD TO GOODNESS, TRUTH
19 AND JUSTICE. MAY THEIR TOIL BE A LABOR OF LOVE, ROOTED IN
20 SELF-DEDICATION AND DEVOTION. MAY THEY BE ENDOWED WITH
21 PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE TO FACE THE CHALLENGES THAT COME
22 BEFORE THEM. MAY THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR SPOUSES AND THEIR
23 LOVING CHILDREN BE BLESSED AND REWARDED BY YOU, GOD ALMIGHTY,
24 FOR THEIR SACRIFICE OF PRECIOUS TIME WITH THEIR LOVED ONES IS
25 GREAT AND THEIR SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES IS WHAT



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1 ALLOWS THESE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE. OUR SAGES TEACH
2 US THAT THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ARE
3 GRANTED STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION FROM ON HIGH. MAY THE
4 ALMIGHTY THUS GRANT THEM STRENGTH AND CROWN THEIR NOBLE
5 EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS. WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HURT
6 BY THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND RECESSION. WE HOPE THAT THESE
7 DIFFICULT DAYS ARE SHORT AND THAT PROSPERITY AND GROWTH ONCE
8 AGAIN ARE FELT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY, OUR STATE, OUR COUNTY
9 AND OUR COMMUNITIES. DEAR GOD, THE FACILITY IN WHICH WE STAND
10 BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A FACILITY OF GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT
11 THAT HAS BEEN BUILT UPON A FOUNDATION OF GOODNESS, A
12 FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM, A FOUNDATION OF LIBERTY, A FOUNDATION
13 OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. INDEED, THIS IS A BLESSED LAND. AND WE
14 PRAY FOR YOUR CONTINUED WATCHFUL EYE FOR ITS CITIZENS, FOR ITS
15 LEADERS AND FOR ITS ARMED FORCES WHO RISK THEIR LIVES DAILY TO
16 PROTECT THE IDEALS THAT YOU, DEAR GOD, HAVE BESTOWED UPON MAN.
17 WE PRAY THAT ALL WHO SEEK TO ADVANCE THE CAUSES OF PEACE,
18 GOODNESS AND GODLINESS BE ENDOWED WITH THE WISDOM, STRENGTH
19 AND COURAGE TO PREVAIL IN EVERY WAY. I STAND HUMBLY BEFORE
20 THIS BODY OF GOVERNMENT AS A TESTIMONY TO THESE IDEALS AND AS
21 A TESTIMONY TO THE GREATNESS OF THIS LAND WE LIVE IN, THE
22 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I STAND BEFORE YOU A JEW, WHOSE
23 FATHER ESCAPED THE ASHES OF THE HOLOCAUST, A JEW WHOSE FATHER
24 KNEW NO SUCH FREEDOM, WHO KNEW NO SUCH LIBERTY, WHO KNEW NO
25 SUCH JUSTICE, WHO WAS DENIED HIS FREEDOM TO PRACTICE HIS



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1 RELIGION. AND IT WAS THIS COUNTRY THAT GAVE HIM SAFE HAVEN,
2 THIS COUNTRY THAT WELCOMED HIM IN, THIS COUNTRY THAT GAVE HIM
3 THE FREEDOM TO SERVE GOD IN THE WAYS OF HIS HERITAGE. INDEED,
4 GOD, I BESEECH YOU TO BLESS AMERICA. I CONCLUDE WITH THE
5 PRIESTLY BLESSINGS. MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND GUARD YOU. MAY
6 THE LORD MAKE HIS COUNTENANCE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS
7 UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD TURN HIS COUNTENANCE TOWARD YOU AND
8 GRANT YOU PEACE. AMEN.

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10 **JOE JUAREZ:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART
11 AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WERE
16 LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI MOSHE BRYSKI, WHO
17 IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHABAD OF THE CANEJO AND DEAN OF
18 THE CANEJO ACADEMY IN AGOURA HILLS. RABBI BRYSKI GREW UP IN
19 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WHERE HE ATTENDED YESHIVA. HE ALSO STUDIED
20 AT THE RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF GREATER NEW ENGLAND AND THEN AT
21 THE RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF CANADA. RABBI BRYSKI IS OVERSEEING
22 THE OPENING OF THE NEW CHABAD CENTERS IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE,
23 CALABASAS, OAK PARK, CAMARILLO, AND THOUSAND OAKS, WHERE OVER
24 3,500 STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CLASSES, LECTURES, STUDY
25 GROUPS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS. RABBI BRYSKI LIVES IN AGOURA



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1 HILLS WITH HIS WIFE OF 22 YEARS. THEY HAVE EIGHT CHILDREN. AND
2 HE'S THE PROUD GRANDFATHER OF A ONE YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER.
3 AND HE'S A GOOD FRIEND OF OUR OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY AT
4 LARGE. THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY ELOQUENT INVOCATION THIS
5 MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. LADIES
10 AND GENTLEMEN, I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT MR. JUAREZ. JOE JUAREZ
11 IS CURRENTLY A COMMANDER AT THE POST NO. 2, IN CULVER CITY. HE
12 SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FROM 1974 UNTIL 1998 AS A MASTER
13 SERGEANT. HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS DECORATIONS, INCLUDING A
14 MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL, AIR
15 FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, AIR FORCE CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL
16 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, ARMED SERVICE EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, AND
17 KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT HE'S
18 MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN AND A PHOTOGRAPHER IN THE 61ST
19 COMMUNICATIONS SQUAD FOR THE AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
20 AND SO, MR. JUAREZ, WE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE TODAY AND
21 CONGRATULATIONS YET AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR
3 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
4 THROUGH 4-D.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR
7 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
10 AUTHORITY ON ITEM 1-H, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
11 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
16 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
19 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON
22 ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
23 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS 2 THROUGH 7, THEY ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO

6 ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS 8

9 THROUGH 43. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF

10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 13, THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL

15 CONTRACTOR FEE SHOULD BE \$224,000 INSTEAD OF \$244,000 FOR

16 YEARS ONE AND TWO. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST

17 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A

22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 17, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
2 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
3 BE REFERRED BACK--

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REFERRED BACK, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** --TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 17.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
12 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
13 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 24. ON ITEM NO. 36, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
18 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38,
19 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
20 ITEM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD. THE OTHER WAS 36?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 36. 38. ON ITEM NO. 41, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
25 WOULD LIKE THE SETTLEMENT APPROVED TODAY BUT CONTINUE THE



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1 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 24TH, 2009.
2 CORRECTIVE ACTION CONTINUED ONE WEEK. SETTLEMENT'S BEFORE US.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT
5 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS PRESENTED, THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED
8 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 27, ORDINANCE FOR
12 INTRODUCTION. ITEM NO. 44. ON THIS ITEM, WE WILL HOLD FOR A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORTS HELD.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEMS 45 AND 46. AND I'LL
18 READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM 45, THIS IS A
19 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ALHAMBRA
21 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT
22 DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION 2008, SERIES A, IN
23 AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 46, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND
5 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
6 THIS ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
7 DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION 2004, SERIES C, IN
8 AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,000,0000.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
11 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS. ITEMS 47 AND 48. ON ITEM
14 NO. 47, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 48, AS
15 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
17 FEBRUARY 24, 2009.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
20 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
21 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
22 NO. 49-A, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
23 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 49-B, THERE ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF
24 THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON 49-C,



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
2 THIS ITEM BE HELD. 49-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 49-E.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
13 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
14 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE I WILL START THE
17 PRESENTATIONS. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE INTRODUCE TODAY
18 THE HONORABLE [LANDAGE] ANANDA, BOY, I'M GOING TO TRY MY BEST,
19 WICKRAMASINGHE, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA. THE CONSUL
20 GENERAL GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA WITH A
21 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE. HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM
22 THE UNIVERSITY OF CRANFIELD IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL
23 ENGINEERING. DURING THE FIRST 15 YEARS OF HIS CAREER, HE
24 SERVED AS AN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST IN THE MINISTRY
25 OF AGRICULTURE IN SRI LANKA. WHILE THERE, HE PARTICIPATED IN



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1 THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTED SOCIOECONOMIC
2 DEVELOPMENT IN A NUMBER OF RURAL AREAS. HE THEN MADE AN ALMOST
3 COMPLETE TURNAROUND IN HIS LIFE AND CAREER PATH. HE MOVED TO
4 CANADA. TRAINED HIMSELF IN THE I.T. AREA. WAS AN INFORMATION
5 TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL AT CALGARY UNTIL SEPTEMBER OF 2008. HE
6 WAS THEN APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA IN LOS ANGELES
7 WITH A JURISDICTION IN 10 OTHER WESTERN STATES, AS WELL. HE IS
8 A HUSBAND AND FATHER. HIS TWO CHILDREN ARE UNIVERSITY
9 STUDENTS. I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT CONSUL GENERAL HOLDS DUAL
10 CITIZENSHIP BOTH IN SRI LANKA AND CANADA. SO ON BEHALF OF THIS
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR 10.3 MILLION RESIDENTS, WE ARE
12 HONORED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL WICKRAMASINGHE TO LOS
13 ANGELES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM AND HIS NATION.
14 WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **CONSUL GENERAL WICKRAMASINGHE:** CHAIR OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR
17 HONORABLE DON KNABE, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR
18 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. SUPERVISOR MARK
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS, MRS. SANDARA OSHMAN, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MRS.
20 LUTZAB, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. ON
21 BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA, TOGETHER
22 WITH THE SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY LIVING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES, I EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO YOU FOR ARRANGING THIS
24 WELCOME CEREMONY AND RECOGNIZING ME AS THE SRI LANKAN ENVOY TO
25 YOUR ESTEEMED COUNTY. I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT IN ADDITION TO



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1 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MY CONSULATE JURISDICTION EXTENDS TO
2 COVER 10 OTHER WESTERN STATES. I AM SO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT MY
3 OFFICE HAS BEEN MAINTAINING VERY CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS
4 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
5 GENERAL AND THE PROTOCOL OFFICE IN PARTICULAR. I AM IMPRESSED
6 TO NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS WELCOMED THE
7 PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA, WHO WAS IN LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR. I
8 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE COOPERATION BEING EXTENDED. AS YOU ALL
9 MAY KNOW, SRI LANKA IS A BEAUTIFUL, SMALL TROPICAL ISLAND WITH
10 ABOUT 19 MILLION PEOPLE. THE GOVERNMENT LED BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
11 PRESIDENT MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA, IS LEADING THE COUNTRY TOWARDS A
12 NEW ERA. BY DEFEATING ONE OF THE BRUTAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN
13 THE WORLD AND PROVIDING EVERLASTING PEACE TO THE MULTIETHNIC
14 AND MULTIRELIGIOUS SOCIETY, WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, I AM
15 CONFIDENT THAT THE EXISTING CURRENT BILATERAL RELATIONS
16 BETWEEN SRI LANKA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY COULD BE FURTHERED
17 TOGETHER FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. I'M ALSO AWARE THAT SEVERAL
18 THOUSAND OF SRI LANKAN PROFESSIONALS HAVE SELECTED THE COUNTY
19 OF LOS ANGELES AS THEIR HOME AND HAVE BEEN LIVING IN HARMONY
20 WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES AND CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS A DEVELOPMENT
21 AS A PEACE LOVING, HARD WORKING AND FRIENDLY COMMUNITY, THEY
22 WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND THEIR BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO ITS
23 PROGRESS. I ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME THIS
24 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE
4 MOCK TRIAL WINNERS TO JOIN ME UP HERE. TODAY, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD, WE HAVE THE HONOR OF WELCOMING LAWYERS AND JUDGES OF
6 TOMORROW, THE WINNERS OF THE 31ST ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. BEATING NEARLY 70 SCHOOLS THIS YEAR IN
8 THE SENIOR DIVISION WAS GABRIELINO HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF
9 SAN GABRIEL. AND IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION THE HONORS WENT TO
10 CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CHATSWORTH. THIS YEAR'S CONTEST
11 FOCUSED ON FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES AND INVOLVED MORE THAN 10
12 TEACHERS AND SOME 450 VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY. THE WINNERS FROM GABRIELINO HIGH NOW MOVE ON
14 TO THE STATEWIDE COMPETITION. SPONSORED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL
15 RIGHTS FOUNDATION, THE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION WAS CREATED TO
16 HELP STUDENTS GET A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM,
17 DEVELOP ANALYTICAL ABILITIES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS WHILE
18 GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND
19 RESPONSIBILITIES AS PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. IN
20 THE PROCESS, ACCORDING TO SURVEYS OF TEACHER SPONSORS, THE
21 SELF-ESTEEM OF THESE COMPETITORS IMPROVED AS WELL. I ALSO WANT
22 TO CONGRATULATE THIS YEAR'S RUNNER UPS, MONROE HIGH SCHOOL AND
23 GARVEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO LAURA
24 WESLEY, THE MOCK TRIAL DIRECTOR, AND JONATHAN ESTREN,
25 PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION. LET'S WISH



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1 ALL OF THESE STUDENTS WELL AS THEY MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PHASE
2 OF THEIR COMPETITION, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY OF THEIR LIVES.
3 GIVE THEM A GREAT HAND. [APPLAUSE.] SO FIRST OF ALL, MIKE, IF
4 YOU'LL JOIN ME, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SINCE THESE SCHOOLS ARE
5 IN YOUR DISTRICT, ACTUALLY. BUT MANY OF THE STUDENTS COME FROM
6 ALL OVER THE PLACE. FIRST TO CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL. IS THAT
7 YOU GUYS? GREAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING THIS IN
8 ORDER. THEY ARE THE JUNIOR DIVISION LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOCK
9 TRIAL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS. 31ST ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONS
10 FROM CHAMINADE. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. I GIVE THESE PROCLAMATIONS WITH
13 GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE BECAUSE MY SON WAS A
14 MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANT AT MONROE, WHO WE'RE GOING TO HONOR IN
15 A MOMENT. LET ME ASSURE YOU YOUNG FOLKS AND THE PARENTS, THE
16 TIME FLIES. THEY'LL BE IN LAW SCHOOL IN NO TIME, AND SAVE ALL
17 YOUR MONEY NOW. BECAUSE IT AIN'T CHEAP. BUT IT'S WORTH IT.
18 GABRIELINO HIGH SCHOOL. THERE YOU ARE. ALL RIGHT. GABRIELINO
19 HIGH SCHOOL FROM SAN GABRIEL ARE THE 31ST ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY
20 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS IN THE SENIOR DIVISION, AND
21 THEY WILL BE GOING ON TO THE STATEWIDE CHAMPIONSHIP, IS THAT
22 RIGHT? AND WE WISH YOU WELL. EXPECT GREAT THINGS OUT OF YOU
23 BOTH IN THE COMPETITION AND IN THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID WANT TO MENTION THAT THE RUNNER UP WAS
2 MONROE HIGH SCHOOL FROM NORTH HILLS IN THE SAN FERNANDO
3 VALLEY. AND WE CONGRATULATE THEM AND THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN
4 THIS GREAT PROGRAM. THANKS TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
5 FOUNDATION FOR THE WORK THEY DO IN THIS PROGRAM. I HAVE ONE
6 MORE PRESENTATION, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THAT IS TO THE AUTO CLUB
7 SPEEDWAY. CAN I ASK GILLIAN ZUCKER AND OTIS GREER TO COME
8 FORWARD? THE AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY IN FONTANA IS HOME TO THE
9 NASCAR AUTO CLUB 500, ONE OF THE LARGEST SPORTING EVENTS IN
10 CALIFORNIA. ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS RESIDES WITHIN THE
11 THIRD DISTRICT IN CENTURY CITY AND IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO HIGHLIGHT THE BENEFITS OF NASCAR
13 RACING BRINGS TO THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY AND ITS MANY RACING
14 FANS. THE AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY WAS PROVEN IN AN ECONOMIC IMPACT
15 STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.C.L.A. ANDERSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
16 TO BE A POWERFUL ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR LOS ANGELES AND THE
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION AS A WHOLE, GENERATING SIGNIFICANT
18 REVENUE AND JOBS IN THIS AND OTHER RACING MARKETS. THE AUTO
19 CLUB SPEEDWAY, THROUGH ITS WEBSITE, IS PROMOTING LOS ANGELES
20 AS A MAIN DESTINATION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, NIGHT LIFE AND
21 SIGHTSEEING AND PARTNERING WITH METROLINK TO ENCOURAGE RAIL
22 TRAVEL BETWEEN LOS ANGELES TO FONTANA. THE AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY
23 AND NASCAR WILL HOST AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY DAY IN LOS ANGELES TO
24 SHOWCASE THE NASCAR EXPERIENCE AND THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS
25 OF NASCAR AND ITS DRIVERS, CULMINATING THE WEEK OF FESTIVITIES



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1 AT AUTO CLUB -- SOMEBODY DIDN'T DO THIS RIGHT. FESTIVITY AT
2 THE AT AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY WITH THE AUTO CLUB 500, AN
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR RACING FANS STATEWIDE TO PATRONIZE AND ENJOY
4 THE SPORT THEY LOVE. I BELIEVE THAT THAT RACE WILL TAKE PLACE
5 THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT THE AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY NASCAR
6 500. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL FIVE OF US, WANTED TO
7 RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 19TH, DECLARE AND PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 19TH,
8 2009, AS AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY DAY IN LOS ANGELES AND RECOGNIZE
9 THIS YEAR'S NASCAR AUTO CLUB 500 EVENT ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY
10 22ND. IT'S GOING TO BE VERY EXCITING. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF
11 NASCAR FANS IN THIS COUNTY AND IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA
12 IN GENERAL. AND WE HOPE THE WEATHER COOPERATES AND THAT YOU
13 HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL RACE. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN HERE
14 THIS MORNING AND FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR NASCAR FANS AND
15 BEYOND. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK GILLIAN TO SAY A COUPLE
16 WORDS.

17

18 **GILLIAN ZUCKER:** THANKS VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS
19 OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE ALL OF LOS ANGELES TO COME JOIN US IN
20 CENTURY CITY AT THE CENTURY PARK PLAZA, WHERE WE'LL HAVE THE
21 WINNER OF THE DAYTONA 500, MATT KENSETH, TO KICK OFF ALL OF
22 THE FESTIVITIES THIS WEEK FOR NASCAR. AND ALSO HOPE TO SEE YOU
23 AT THE TRACK THIS WEEKEND AT THE AUTO CLUB 500.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GREAT, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ZEV. NEXT I'D WOULD ASK
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HAVE A
4 PRESENTATION, AS WELL? YOU HAVE ONE BEFORE THAT. OKAY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST WE HAVE GENERAL JAMES COMBS OF THE
7 CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND COLONEL PETE SITES,
8 CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE. THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A
9 PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME. GENERAL COMBS?

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11 **GENERAL JAMES COMBS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FRIENDS, GUESTS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
13 THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT IS MY DISTINCT
14 PLEASURE ACTUALLY TO BE HERE TODAY. AND I MEAN THAT SINCERELY
15 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN A COMRADE IN ARMS. HE
16 HAS ALSO BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO THOSE IN MILITARY UNIFORM. SO
17 I FEEL PARTICULARLY HONORED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA,
18 AS WELL AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAJOR, GENERAL WADE II, HAS
19 BESTOWED UPON ME THE HONOR OF COMING DOWN HERE TODAY TO
20 RECOGNIZE HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE. MYSELF AND COLONEL PETE
21 SITES, MEMBERS OF THE STATE DEFENSE FORCE, ARE PARTICULARLY
22 PROUD OF WHAT IT REPRESENTS. SHORTLY AFTER 9/11, IN THE
23 BEGINNING MONTHS OF 2003, WE BEGAN THE LARGEST CITIZEN SOLDIER
24 MOBILIZATION IN THIS STATE'S HISTORY SINCE WORLD WAR II. THAT
25 MOBILIZATION WOULD ULTIMATELY ENCOMPASS OVER 28,000 CITIZEN



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1 SOLDIERS OUT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH
2 CAME FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO BE INVOLVED IN A DEPLOYMENT
3 FOR A GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. WHEN THIS OCCURRED, IT BECAME
4 OBVIOUS THAT WITH THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS LEAVING THEIR
5 COMMUNITIES AND TAKING UP ARMS, THAT OUR STATE DEFENSE FORCE
6 NEEDED TO BE REINFORCED RAPIDLY SO THAT WE WOULD NOT DROP THE
7 BALL FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS AND WOULD SUSTAIN THE FORCES WE HAD
8 DEPLOYED WORLDWIDE. WHILE IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO ME THAT AT
9 THAT MOMENT IN 2003 THAT SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH WOULD STEP
10 FORWARD AND SEEK AN APPOINTMENT IN THE STATE DEFENSE FORCE,
11 WHICH WAS GRANTED AT THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. AS A
12 LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE LOGISTICS FIELD HE WOULD IMPACT US.
13 BUT WHAT WAS INTERESTING ABOUT THIS, WHEN HE BROUGHT HIS GREAT
14 WEALTH AND HIS SERVANT'S HEART TO THE BUSINESS OF THE
15 MILITARY, TEACHING, MENTORING, GUIDING AND SUSTAINING OUR
16 FORCES HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SO THAT WE COULD
17 ACCOMPLISH ALL TASKS THAT WERE TOSSED OUR DIRECTION. AND AS
18 YOU MIGHT WELL IMAGINE, HERE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF
19 CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED OVER 19 TIMES FOR STATE
20 EMERGENCIES. MANY OF THOSE HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED BY THE STATE
21 DEFENSE FORCE AND THE STATE MILITARY RESERVE. SO AT THIS TIME,
22 ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
23 I WOULD LIKE TO BESTOW UPON HIM THE LEGION OF MERIT.
24 [APPLAUSE.] ADJUTANT, READ THE CITATION.

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1 **COLONEL PETE SITES:** THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA. THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT BY DIRECTION OF THE
3 GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, THE CALIFORNIA LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL
4 IS PRESENTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL, CALIFORNIA RETIRED,
5 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE. FOR
6 MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 1 JANUARY, 2003, TO 1 JULY, 2008,
7 WHILE ASSIGNED AS LOGISTICS OFFICER FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE
8 MILITARY RESERVE INSTALLATION SUPPORT GROUP, THE JOINT FORCES
9 TRAINING BASE, LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA. DESPITE HIS EXTREMELY
10 BUSY SCHEDULE AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR, LIEUTENANT
11 COLONEL ANTONOVICH WAS ABLE TO VOLUNTEER HIS TIME AND SERVE
12 WITH DISTINCTION. DURING THIS PERIOD, LIEUTENANT COLONEL
13 ANTONOVICH TIRELESSLY WORKED TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF
14 THE SOLDIERS. HIS ACTIONS BRING GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS
15 UNIT, THE CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE, THE CALIFORNIA
16 NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SIGNED, EMERY J.
17 HAGEN, BRIGADIER GENERAL, CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE
18 COMMANDING GENERAL.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST THANK GENERAL COMBS AND COLONEL
21 SITES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HIGH HONOR AND TO THE
22 GOVERNOR OF OUR STATE. I FIRST WENT INTO THE MILITARY WHEN I
23 WAS 17 YEARS OLD RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. AND I WOULD SAY
24 THAT WAS THE BEST PROGRAM THAT I HAD TO PUT MY FEET ON THE
25 GROUND AND TO GO FORWARD IN MY CAREER BECAUSE IT DID TEACH ONE



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1 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND I KNOW THAT MANY MEN AND WOMEN
2 OUT THERE WOULD HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY IF THEY WOULD JOIN THE
3 MILITARY. TODAY THE MILITARY HAS EXPANDED AND NOW THEY HAVE
4 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR
5 COLLEGE, UNIVERSITIES, AND IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE
6 INDIVIDUALS WHO REALLY ARE IN BETWEEN AS TO WHAT THEY WANT TO
7 CHOOSE AS A CAREER. GENERAL COMBS WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY,
8 BUT HE'S GOING TO SPEND TIME AS A VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR
9 VETERANS GET BACK INTO MAINSTREAM IN EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER
10 OPPORTUNITIES COMING DOWN TO SPEND TIME IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
11 TO HELP OUR VETERANS. AND THAT'S THE TYPE OF MEN AND WOMEN
12 THAT WE HAVE SERVING US TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS TO HONOR. TWO OF
16 THOSE ARE HERE TODAY. JERRY EPSTEIN AND RUSTY DOMS. AND NICK
17 PATSAOURAS, WHO IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS GROUP, IN AN
18 ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS COMING FORWARD, PUBLIC-PRIVATE
19 PARTNERSHIP. THESE THREE MEN, JERRY, RUSTY, AND NICK
20 PATSAOURAS WERE ABLE TO SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS AND
21 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA IN HER DISTRICT HAD THE
22 NEW U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER THAT WAS BEING BUILT. ALL THREE OF
23 THESE INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED VALUABLE LEADERSHIP, GUIDANCE AND
24 OVERSIGHT IN THAT CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE
25 COSTLY OVERRUNS. THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY IS THE LARGEST



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1 BUILDING PROJECT EVER UNDERTAKEN IN OUR COUNTY. IT WILL ASSIST
2 IN ENHANCING OUR COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM. IT'S 1.5
3 MILLION SQUARE FOOT STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY WILL IMPROVE
4 OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AND MEDICAL RESIDENT EDUCATION AND
5 VITAL PATIENT CARE SERVICES. FOR THEIR HARD WORK, THEY WERE
6 ABLE TO OVERVIEW ALL OF THE CHANGE ORDERS SO THAT THE FAT WAS
7 TAKEN OUT. JERRY EPSTEIN, WHO IS A RETIRED MILITARY COLONEL IN
8 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, WHO SERVED THIS COUNTRY SO WELL,
9 HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN HELPING US NOT JUST WITH THE U.S.C.
10 MEDICAL CENTER BUT WITH THE REAGAN BUILDING DOWNTOWN AND
11 OTHERS TO WEED OUT THE INEFFICIENCIES AND THE COST OVERRUNS
12 THAT EAT UP VALUABLE TAX DOLLARS. SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO JOIN
13 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO RECOGNIZE
14 THEM FOR SAVING OUR COUNTY AND THE U.S.C. MEDICAL REPLACEMENT
15 FACILITY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?
16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH IN COMMENDING THESE THREE GENTLEMEN. NICK, JERRY
19 AND RUSTY, FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE. THEY
20 HAVE SERVED ON THIS PANEL THAT HAS HAD OVERSIGHT OF THE
21 BUILDING OF L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. THE END RESULT WAS NOT ONLY
22 UNBELIEVABLE ASSISTANCE TO US, THEIR OVERSIGHT, THEIR PAST
23 EXPERIENCE, THEIR KNOWLEDGE, WAS ABLE TO QUERY MANY OF OUR
24 PEOPLE, MANY OF OUR CONTRACTORS SO THAT THIS FACILITY, WHICH
25 IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPLICATED FACILITIES THAT'S EVER BEEN



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1 BUILT BY THE COUNTY, WAS BUILT AS EFFECTIVELY AND OF COURSE AS
2 BEAUTIFULLY AS IT IS TODAY. WE'RE ALL VERY PROUD OF IT. I
3 THINK WHAT ALSO HAPPENED IS WE PROBABLY HAVE SET A STANDARD
4 NOW AS TO HOW WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD ON FUTURE CAPITAL
5 PROJECTS. I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO HAVE A PANEL TO
6 THE EXTENT THAT WE HAD AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. THESE THREE
7 GENTLEMEN SPENT UNBELIEVABLE TIME, HOURS, THEIR WEALTH OF
8 EXPERIENCE, THEIR COMBINED EXPERTISE WAS AMAZING. BUT YET
9 THEIR KIND OF SECOND SET OF EYES WERE VERY, VERY HELPFUL, NOT
10 ONLY ON EVERY CHANGE ORDER BUT EVERY ASPECT AS TO HOW THIS
11 BUILDING WAS ERECTED. AND SO I WANT TO JOIN WITH THEM IN
12 CONGRATULATING THEM AND LETTING THEM KNOW HOW BENEFICIAL THEY
13 WERE TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. IN ADDITION, I THINK IT'S JUST
14 IMPORTANT TO THANK, AS WELL, WE HAD SOME WONDERFUL PEOPLE AT
15 PUBLIC WORKS THAT ASSISTED US. AND I WANT TO THANK THEM, AS
16 WELL. AND OF COURSE THAT'S DAVE HOWARD, KAMEL YOSEF, AND JACOB
17 WILLIAMS WERE A BIG PART OF THAT TEAM, AS WELL. AND ALSO THE
18 C.A.O. STAFF WAS VERY HELPFUL WITH JOHN EDMISON AND DON
19 MCDIVITT. AND I WANT TO THANK THEM AS WELL, BECAUSE THEY WERE
20 PART OF MEETING, I GUESS THEY USED TO MEET IN THE MORNING VERY
21 EARLY, SEVEN IN THE MORNING I'M REMINDED, TO GO OVER IT. AND
22 THEY HAD AN AGENDA THAT HAD A LIST OF ISSUES ALL OF THE TIME.
23 AND BECAUSE OF THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS, THE KINDS OF ISSUES
24 THAT WERE RAISED BY THESE THREE GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE A MUCH
25 BETTER PROJECT. SO I DO HOPE IT SORT OF SETS THE STANDARD AS



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1 TO HOW WE BUILD BUILDINGS IN THE FUTURE. BUT I'M VERY PROUD TO
2 JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN ACKNOWLEDGING THEM AND
3 THANKING THEM FOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO US. THANK
4 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **JERRY EPSTEIN:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. IT REALLY IS A GREAT
7 HONOR FOR US TO HAVE DONE THIS. AND, AGAIN, AS SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA SAID, THE COOPERATION THAT WE HAD FROM THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE C.A.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES WAS OUTSTANDING. AND WE REALLY FEEL THAT THE COUNTY
11 HAS DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE
12 WELL-SPENT. TALKING OUT OF SCHOOL A LITTLE BIT I CAN, BUT THIS
13 HOSPITAL WAS PRODUCED WITH VERY, VERY LITTLE EXCESS FUNDS WHEN
14 COMPARED TO THE CITY THAT JUST OPENED THE REAGAN BUILDING. SO
15 EVERYBODY SHOULD REALLY CONGRATULATE SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH
16 AND MOLINA FOR ASKING US TO BE THERE. AND IT WAS OUR PLEASURE.
17 AND WE HOPE THAT THE HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO DO THE WONDERFUL
18 THINGS THAT IT'S BEEN DOING SINCE 1917, I BELIEVE IS WHEN IT
19 WAS OPENED. COUNTY U.S.C. IS A MONUMENTAL HOSPITAL FOR OUR
20 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL
23 OF US TODAY JUST TO JOIN WITH THE COMMISSION, THE COUNTY
24 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN IN SOME VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY
25 EACH BOARD MEMBER. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN



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1 HAS HOSTED AN ANNUAL 5 K RUN/WALK 10-K RUN AND WELLNESS EXPO
2 FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. PROCEEDS FROM THE RACE ARE USED TO
3 PROVIDE COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AT-RISK GIRLS
4 GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE
5 AND THEIR FUTURES. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE COMMISSION HAS
6 OFFERED 223 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG WOMEN THROUGHOUT
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EACH YEAR, THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS
8 AWARDED SEEMS TO GROW, AND TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION. IF I COULD
9 HAVE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION, PLEASE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS
10 HONORED TO PRESENT 30 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SIX YOUNG LADIES
11 FROM EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, FIVE TIMES SIX IS 30. YOU
12 SEE THAT? C.E.O., DID YOU HEAR THAT? [LAUGHTER.] IN ADDITION,
13 THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HAS ADDED A NEW CATEGORY FOR YOUNG
14 LADIES THAT ARE PURSUING A CAREER IN NURSING. AND I'M GOING TO
15 BE HONORED TO PRESENT FIVE OF THOSE \$2,000 NURSING
16 SCHOLARSHIPS. BUT BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH THE AWARDING OF THE
17 SCHOLARSHIPS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME VERY IMPORTANT
18 PARTNERS IN THIS PROJECT. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE NORTHROP
19 GRUMMAN CORPORATION. REIKO DUBA, WHO IS THE COMMISSION
20 PRESIDENT, IS HERE GOING TO JOIN ME. NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S
21 HEADQUARTERED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I MIGHT ADD IN
22 THE FOURTH DISTRICT, HAS A VERY LONG HISTORY OF COMMUNITY
23 INVOLVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF SUPPORTING EDUCATION
24 AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY WERE THE TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE
25 COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOMEN'S TENTH ANNUAL RUN/WALK. THEY



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1 COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY. BUT REIKO'S GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT
2 THEY GET THEIR PRESENTATION. [APPLAUSE.] WE WILL DO 30 OF
3 THESE. REIKO, WHY DON'T YOU COME UP NOW AND SAY A FEW WORDS?

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5 **REIKO DUBA:** MY NAME IS REIKO DUBA, I AM PRESIDENT OF COUNTY
6 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. AND I'D LIKE TO EXTEND A SINCERE
7 APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR STRONG CONTINUOUS
8 SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMISSION'S PROGRAMS. ALL OF THE PROGRAMS,
9 BUT PARTICULARLY THESE 5K RUN/WALK PROGRAMS, WHICH NOW WE
10 CELEBRATED THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY LAST SEPTEMBER. AND WE HAVE
11 RAISED 223 SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY INCLUDING
12 NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. SO I'M VERY PROUD. SO WE THANK
13 NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION AS WELL AS THE SUPERVISORS' HELP
14 AND SUPPORT, THIS COULDN'T BE POSSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO PRESENT THE NURSING
17 SCHOLARSHIPS RIGHT NOW. THESE ARE \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS. WE'LL
18 HAVE THE OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE, IF THEY'D
19 JOIN US FOR EACH OF THESE PRESENTATIONS. YOU CAN MOVE FROM
20 DISTRICT TO DISTRICT. WE'RE GOING TO DO THE NURSING FIRST, AND
21 THEN WE'LL DO IT BY DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE NIELI
22 FELIX. NIELI IS CURRENTLY -- OKAY, YEAH. GIVE IT UP.
23 [APPLAUSE.] LOOK AT THAT FAMILY OUT THERE. YOU BROUGHT YOUR
24 OWN CROWD. SHE IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING U.C. SANTA BARBARA. SHE
25 IS PURSUING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE, WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO THE



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1 COMMUNITY AS A NURSE. WHILE IN COLLEGE, SHE PLANS TO VOLUNTEER
2 BY PARTICIPATING IN PREVENTIVE HEALTH EFFORTS THAT OUTREACH TO
3 THE COMMUNITY. SO WE HAVE A SCROLL. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT WE
4 HAVE MYRA HERNANDEZ. SHE IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING SANTA MONICA
5 COLLEGE. SHE IS A CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT AND IS WORKING
6 TOWARDS BECOMING AN L.V.N. HER NURSE IS TO BECOME AN R.N. AND
7 WORK AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, WHITE MEMORIAL, OR CESAR
8 CHAVEZ HOSPITAL. I DON'T SEE ANY L.A. COUNTY HOSPITAL -- OH,
9 OKAY. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE ZYRA CRUISE.
10 CURRENTLY ATTENDING SANTA MONICA COLLEGE. SHE ATTENDED THE
11 CALIFORNIA HEALING ARTS COLLEGE AND IS A LICENSED MASSAGE
12 THERAPIST. SHE IS DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE. AND HER GOAL IS
13 TO BECOME AN R.N. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE
14 ARCIEL JUAREZ. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN THE NURSING BACHELOR'S
15 PROGRAM AT CAL STATE L.A. ONCE SHE OBTAINS HER BACHELOR'S
16 DEGREE, SHE WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN LOS
17 ANGELES. SHE ALSO PLANS TO USE HER EXPERTISE IN NURSING TO
18 PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO HELP THOSE IN POVERTY.
19 VERY NICE. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT WE HAVE HEIDI MORALES. HEIDI
20 IS CURRENTLY WORKING TOWARDS OBTAINING HER A.A. IN PRE-HEALTH
21 WITH A NURSING EMPHASIS FROM MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE. HER
22 GOALS INCLUDE OBTAINING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AND A
23 MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING IN ORDER TO BECOME A NEONATAL
24 NURSE. WOW. THAT'S GREAT. [APPLAUSE.] GROUP PICTURE WITH ALL
25 THE COMMISSIONERS? DID YOU GET THE BACK OF HIS HEAD? OKAY. NOW



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1 WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND AGAIN EACH
2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD HAS SIX SCHOLARSHIPS TO PRESENT. I JUST
3 WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE. THE NURSING STUDENTS ARE GOING TO GET
4 A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP. THESE NEXT 30 SPECIAL YOUNG LADIES ARE
5 GOING TO RECEIVE \$1,000 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP.
6 FIRST OF ALL, AS I SAID FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, KIMBERLY
7 FRANKLIN. KIMBERLY GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH WITH A
8 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION. GO BEACH. SHE
9 IS NOT HERE. GEE, I PRACTICED GO BEACH ALL DAY. SHE'S IN
10 COLLEGE BACK EAST. HER NEXT GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A MASTER'S
11 DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION. HER LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO
12 GRADUATE FROM PENN STATE. WOW, AS A PEDIATRICIAN, AND BECOME A
13 FACILITATOR OF HER OWN CLINIC. SO LET'S GIVE KIMBERLY A BIG
14 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE CRYSTAL JOHNSON.
15 CRYSTAL IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE.
16 SHE IS WORKING TOWARD HER ALCOHOL AND DRUG CERTIFICATE AND
17 WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN AN A.A. DEGREE IN HUMAN SERVICES.
18 ULTIMATELY HER GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
19 PSYCHOLOGY AND BECOME AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR FOR TEENS.
20 VERY WORTHY. [APPLAUSE.] JUST ABOUT TIME FOR NEW BATTERIES.
21 NEXT WE HAVE ERICA MCBRIDE, ERICA IS A SENIOR AT NARBONNE HIGH
22 SCHOOL. HER PLAN IS TO OBTAIN HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND BECOME
23 A PEDIATRICIAN. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE KEYSTONE
24 CLUB AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF HARBOR CITY. GREAT BOYS AND
25 GIRLS CLUB. YES. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS.
3 NEXT WE HAVE LINDA MOY. LINDA IS A SENIOR AT POLY HIGH SCHOOL
4 IN LONG BEACH. POLY HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH. SHE WOULD LIKE
5 TO PURSUE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND A MASTERS' DEGREE IN
6 PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY. SHE IS AN AVID VOLUNTEER WITH THE KHMER
7 GIRLS IN ACTION ORGANIZATION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] HOW
8 ABOUT "GO JACK RABBITS?" I KNOW THAT ONE, TOO. NEXT WE HAVE
9 MARLA OWEN. MARLA WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
10 SHE'S NOT HERE, EITHER. IS SHE HERE? EARN AN A.A. DEGREE IN
11 NURSING. HER GOAL IS TO TRANSFER TO A MAJOR UNIVERSITY, OBTAIN
12 HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING. SHE'D LIKE TO SPECIALIZE IN
13 FORENSIC NURSING. A LITTLE C.S.I., HUH? ALLOW HER TO WORK WITH
14 VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND VIOLENCE, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND TRAUMATIC
15 ACCIDENTS. SO LET'S GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
16 [APPLAUSE.] I'M READING MY SCRIPT. I'VE GOT THE SCRIPT, OKAY?
17 NEXT WE HAVE TYRE GRAVES. TYRE IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT CAL
18 STATE FULLERTON. SHE IS PURSUING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
19 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN SERVICES. HER GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A
20 MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND TO BECOME A SOCIAL WORKER
21 AND ADVOCATE FOR FOSTER YOUTH. WOW. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
22 MOLINA, YOU'RE NEXT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THEN SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ZEV AND MIKE. HOW'S THAT?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THESE YOUNG WOMEN. I
2 AM JOINED BY MY COMMISSIONER, MICHELLE PINEDO IS HERE. COME UP
3 AND JOIN ME. YOU KNOW, THE COMMISSION WORKS VERY HARD IN NOT
4 ONLY RAISING THESE DOLLARS, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT
5 THEY DO, BUT ALSO IN SELECTING SOME OF THE MOST DESERVING
6 YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE STRUGGLING EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND I THINK
7 THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF INSPIRATION THAT THEY NEED. WHILE
8 \$1,000 MAY BE A SMALL AMOUNT, BUT TO THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS, I
9 HOPE THAT THEY REALIZE THAT IT REALLY REPRESENTS MUCH MORE
10 THAN DOLLARS. IT ALSO REPRESENTS KIND OF A WHOLE GROUP OF
11 PEOPLE HAVING AN AWFUL LOT OF FAITH THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE
12 ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION. AND HERE'S AN ADDITIONAL
13 BOOST. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. LET ME BRING
14 UP FIRST OF ALL AND ANGELICA BAUTISTA. ANGELICA ATTEND CAL-
15 STATE SAN BERNARDINO SHE PLANS TO OBTAIN HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE
16 IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. AND SHE CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE
17 REALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. CONGRATULATIONS, ANGELICA.
18 THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE ARCELIA ISLAS. ARCELIA IS CURRENTLY
19 PURSUING CHICANO STUDIES AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. SHE IS
20 ALSO INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING. SHE PLANS
21 TO OBTAIN HER BACHELOR'S AS WELL AS HER MASTER'S DEGREE.
22 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE TO
23 BRING UP MARIA GUERRERO. MARIA CURRENTLY STUDIES PSYCHOLOGY AT
24 CAL POLY POMONA. SHE PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED HER A.A. DEGREE AND
25 SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A MASTER'S DEGREE AND BECOME A FAMILY



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1 COUNSELOR. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, MARIA. AND I'D LIKE TO
2 BRING UP MELODY. MELODY ROBINSON. MELODY TODAY IS ATTENDING
3 THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND U.S.C. SHE WANTS TO STUDY AT
4 U.S.C. TO STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIOLOGY AND SHE MAY
5 PURSUE A CAREER WITH OUR OWN PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THESE ARE THE YOUNG WOMEN
7 THAT WERE PRESENT TODAY. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW
8 THAT JULIANA DESTELLUM, WHO ATTENDS U.C.L.A. AND IS PURSUING
9 AGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING WITH MINOR IN BUSINESS AND
10 PRESENTLY SERVES AT THE SALESIAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AS A
11 MENTOR IS ALSO RECEIVING A \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP. AND ALSO IS
12 CYNTHIA FELIX, WHO COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY. SHE HAS ALREADY
13 GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. WITH DEGREES IN SPANISH LITERATURE AND
14 ENGLISH, BUT IS CONTINUING HER EDUCATION AT COLUMBIA
15 UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE IS GOING TO BE RECEIVING A MASTER'S
16 DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. AND SO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THESE
17 OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN. AND I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU KNOW THAT
18 WE'RE BEHIND YOU AND THAT YOU DO WELL. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
19 OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE THEY'RE DOING THAT GROUP PICTURE,
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ARE UP NEXT. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MAY, I'D
25 LIKE TO ASK THE COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING THE SECOND



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1 DISTRICT, YOLANDA BECERRA-JONES, DR. RUTH CREARY AND RUTH
2 JERNIGAN IF THEY WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO JOIN ME AS WE MAKE
3 THESE PRESENTATIONS TO THESE TWO WORTHY YOUNG LADIES. I BEGIN
4 WITH DANTAVIA HOWARD, WHO HAS ASPIRATIONS TO ATTEND INITIALLY
5 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE. AND THERE SHE WILL STUDY COSMETOLOGY AND
6 SOCIAL WORK. FROM THAT POINT, SHE WILL PURSUE A BACHELOR'S
7 DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM, WHERE? U.S.C. HER DREAM IS TO OWN
8 HER OWN, THAT IS TO SAY SHE IS AN ENTREPRENEUR, MR. CHAIRMAN.
9 AND SHE WANTS TO OWN HER OWN HAIR SALON AND COMBINE HER LOVE
10 FOR SOCIAL WORK AND STYLING HAIR AND TO SET A NEW MARK AND
11 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. SO
12 DANTAVIA, WE WISH TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE
13 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COMMISSION.
14 [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE ALSO PLEASED TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO
15 SUSAN ARGAREJO, WHO COMES TO US WITH A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM. SHE
16 GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. WITH A A BACHELOR'S IN MATHEMATICS. IN
17 ADDITION, SHE'S CURRENTLY ATTENDING U.C.L.A.'S SCHOOL OF
18 EDUCATION. SHE'S WORKING TOWARD HER MASTER'S DEGREE AND
19 PURSUING A DEGREE AND/OR A CAREER IN TEACHING. SO, SUSAN, WE
20 WANT TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU WITH EVERY GOOD WISH
21 THAT YOU PURSUE THOSE GOALS AND REACH THEM WITH ALL OF THE
22 IMAGINATION THAT'S REQUIRED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'RE
23 DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] WE THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.
25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WANT TO DO A GROUP PHOTO? YOU'RE UP,
2 ZEV.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME INVITE UP OUR THIRD DISTRICT
5 RECIPIENTS. FIRST, RAQUEL SIERRA. RAQUEL HAS COMPLETED THE
6 MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE
7 FIELD. SHE IS PURSUING A CAREER AS A PHLEBOTOMIST. HER GOAL IS
8 TO OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S IN NURSING SPECIALIZING IN OBSTETRICS.
9 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS NATALIE ALVARADO. NATALIE
10 IS A SENIOR AT MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL. HER GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING. SHE IS
12 PASSIONATE ABOUT IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND IS PRESIDENT OF
13 THE GREEN TEENS AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU.
14 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS VERONICA JIMINEZ, 2007 SCHOLARSHIP
15 RECIPIENT. VERONICA IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING LOS ANGELES VALLEY
16 COLLEGE. SHE IS PURSUING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL
17 SCIENCE. HER LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO OPEN UP HER OWN LAW FIRM AND
18 BECOME ONE OF THE BEST LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY. VERONICA
19 JIMINEZ. VERONICA IS NOT HERE BUT WE'LL MAKE SURE SHE GETS THE
20 CERTIFICATE. NIELI AREZA ANTIVEROS, 2005 AND 2006 SCHOLARSHIP
21 RECIPIENT. NIELI IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING CAL POLY POMONA AND IS
22 WORKING TOWARDS HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY WITH A
23 MINOR IN FRENCH. THE LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A DOCTORATE
24 IN MEDICINE AND PHYSICAL THERAPY. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE
25 VOLUNTEERS AT A PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC AND A FAMILY FOSTER



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1 CARE AGENCY. NIELI ANTIVEROS. ALSO NOT HERE. SHE'S IN SCHOOL.
2 ALL RIGHT. CHENERA S. JONES. 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.
3 CHENERA IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING SANTA MONICA COLLEGE. SHE WOULD
4 LIKE TO OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. HER LONG TERM
5 GOAL IS TO HAVE A CAREER THAT WILL ALLOW HER TO HELP THE
6 PUBLIC AND GIVE BACK TO OTHERS. SHE'S ALSO NOT HERE. THEY'RE
7 ALL IN SCHOOL, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. AND LAST, IS VANESSA
8 HERE? ALL RIGHT. VANESSA VICTORIAN. REPRESENTING BIG BROTHERS
9 AND BIG SISTERS. VANESSA IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING HER FIRST YEAR
10 IN MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE. SHE IS PURSUING A BACHELOR'S
11 DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS. HER ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO OBTAIN HER
12 MASTER'S DEGREE AND WORK IN MARKETING, JOURNALISM, NEWS
13 REPORTING, OR PUBLIC RELATIONS. VANESSA VICTORIAN. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING
18 STUDENTS FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. FIRST IS
19 BRIANA ELLIOTT, WHO IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT SIMI HIGH. SHE
20 WANTS TO ATTEND EITHER U.C.L.A. AND MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY. HER
21 LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO RECEIVE A LAW DEGREE AT THE PEPPERDINE
22 UNIVERSITY. SO BRIANA? OUR NEXT STUDENT IS CHRISTINA SINGER
23 WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CITRUS COLLEGE. SHE'S INTERESTED IN
24 STUDYING CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR NURSING. AND HER GOAL IS TO
25 TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.



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1 CHRISTINA? CHRISTINA IS NOT HERE. SO REIKO'S GOING TO TAKE IT.
2 THANK YOU. NEXT WILL BE DIANA VASCOS, WHO IS CURRENTLY
3 ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE. SHE PLANS TO
4 ATTEND U.S.C. RIVERSIDE'S MEDICAL SCHOOL AND BECOME A
5 PEDIATRICIAN. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE VOLUNTEERS AT OUR OWN
6 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER IN THE BIOMED DEPARTMENT AND A
7 VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFICE. SO DIANA? [APPLAUSE.] OUR NEXT
8 STUDENT IS -- IS VANESSA HERE? NO, OKAY. SHIHOMARA PENA IS
9 CURRENTLY ATTENDING PIERCE COLLEGE PURSUING A BACHELOR'S
10 DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PLANS TO TRANSFER TO
11 C.S.U.N., CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE. AND SHE IS LOOKING
12 FORWARD TO ACCOMPLISH HER GOALS IN PURSUING A BACHELOR'S
13 DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. [APPLAUSE.] AND OUR LAST
14 STUDENT IS YOSELI ROJAS, WHO IS A SENIOR AT OSCAR DE LA HOYA
15 NINO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND U.C.L.A.
16 MAJORING IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND JOHNS
17 HOPKINS MEDICAL SCHOOL AND BECOME A PEDIATRICIAN HELPING
18 CHILDREN IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE THEY ARE POSING FOR THAT GROUP
21 PICTURE OVER HERE FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, I THINK ONCE AGAIN
22 WE'D LIKE TO JUST SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO 35 VERY SPECIAL YOUNG
23 LADIES ON THEIR AWARDS THAT THEY RECEIVED AND THE
24 SCHOLARSHIPS, BUT ALSO A HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR COUNTY
25 COMMISSION ON WOMEN FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO EACH AND EVERY



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1 YEAR, EACH AND EVERY DAY, NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF WOMEN BUT
2 THESE YOUNG LADIES, TO GIVE THEM A GOOD POSITIVE START. SO WE
3 WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN. AND WE WANT TO THANK
4 OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF
5 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, OUR CLEAN UP THIS, ARCHIE, WHO
8 IS A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX. SHE'S NINE WEEKS OLD. THIS IS
9 LITTLE ARCHIE. ARCHIE WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME WITH ONE OF YOU.
10 OR SOMEBODY WHO IS WATCHING ON TELEVISION LIKE TO ADOPT
11 ARCHIE? YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, BOTTOM OF YOUR
12 SCREEN, 562-728-4644. LITTLE ARCHIE WILL BE VERY HAPPY. AWE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AWE DOESN'T BUY FOOD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY ARCHIE. AWE. OKAY. HE'S VERY NERVOUS.
17 WANT TO BE AN ARMY MASCOT? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECOND
18 DISTRICT IS UP FIRST TODAY IF YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS OR ANY
19 ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO BRING FORWARD, PLEASE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE
22 FOLLOWING ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST, JAMES EARL LAWLER, SR., A
23 40-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED ON JANUARY
24 THE 29TH AFTER A VERY LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS AN ORIGINATING
25 MEMBER AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE ARLINGTON AVENUE BLOCK



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1 CLUB. AND STRONGLY PARTICIPATED IN L.A.P.D.'S OPERATIONS SOUTH
2 BUREAU'S 77TH PRECINCT. MR. CHAIRMAN, HE WAS COMMITTED TO
3 COMMUNITY POLICING AND LEAVES QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO
4 MOURN HIS PASSING, INCLUDING HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS A HOST OF
5 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SECONDLY, LAVELL BURNS, A LONG-
6 TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR OVER 60
7 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY THE 2ND. SHE RECENTLY LOST
8 HER DAUGHTER, ZELDA JONES, AFTER A LONG ILLNESS AND HER SON,
9 LEON BURNS. SHE IS THE GRANDMOTHER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER VERLETTA
11 ROLLINS. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ADJOURN ADDITIONALLY IN MEMORY OF
12 WILLIE FOBBS, AN AVID SPORTS FAN COMMITTED TO THE YOUTH OF HIS
13 COMMUNITY. HE SPENT MANY YEARS COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE
14 BASEBALL. SEVERAL OF HIS LITTLE LEAGUERS BECAME STAR ATHLETES
15 IN COLLEGE. AND THOSE THAT DID NOT CONTINUE IN ATHLETICS
16 REAPED THE BENEFIT OF HIS MENTORSHIP AND GUIDANCE. HE LEAVES
17 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY THREE CHILDREN, ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 EMPLOYEES. BARBARA FOBBS LAVALLE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES, LARRY FOBBS, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND WILLIE RAY FOBBS,
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THREE BROTHERS, ALBERT, FRED AND EDGAR
21 FOBBS; TWO SISTERS, IRENE FOBBS ROBINETT AND BERNICE FOBBS
22 BEAL. HE IS THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF COMMUNITY ACTIVIST GLORIA
23 GRAY. AND FINALLY LUCILLE DOTSON FRANCOIS. SHE PASSED AWAY
24 RECENTLY IN BATON ROUGE LOUISIANA. SHE WAS LOVING MOTHER OF
25 YVONNE WHEELER, SENIOR STAFF AT THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. SHE LEAVES



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1 TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU,
2 MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THOSE ARE THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. AND WITH
3 YOUR PERMISSION, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
4 WE TAKE UP S-1. AND PROCEED FROM THERE WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
5 MR. CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YEAH, WE'RE PAST THE TIME, RIGHT?
8 WE'LL CALL UP S-1. YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK IT'S THE TIME FOR A BIT
11 OF REPORT BACK ON IT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL ASK THE C.E.O. TO GIVE US THE
14 STATUS OF THE ONE-VOTE BUDGET.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT
17 WE CONTINUE TO WATCH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO AS OF -- I
18 THINK WE'RE AT 2:20 RIGHT NOW. THEY STILL HAVE NOT PASSED THE
19 BUDGET. IT'S CAUSING US SERIOUS CONCERN THAT THERE CONTINUES
20 TO BE THIS DELAY. WE KNOW THAT THE STATE CONTROLLER IS STILL
21 IN THE PROCESS OF DEFERRING FUNDS, WHICH ONLY EXACERBATES A
22 SITUATION THAT ALREADY EXISTS WHERE WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT DELAYS
23 IN GETTING PAYMENT FROM THE STATE ON A NORMAL BASIS. OUR
24 COUNTY'S FISCAL SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE -- FIRST I WAS GOING
25 TO SAY A CHALLENGE. BUT NOW I NEED TO SAY IT CONTINUES TO



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1 DECLINE. OUR REGISTER-RECORDER REVENUE IS DOWN ABOUT 35
2 MILLION. IN OUR GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM, WE HAD ABOUT 750,000
3 PARTICIPANTS IN THAT PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR '07/'08. BY NEXT
4 FISCAL YEAR, THIS WILL EXCEED A MILLION. WE KNOW THAT OUR
5 SALES TAX IS DECLINING SIGNIFICANTLY. AT THIS POINT IN TIME
6 WITH 62 MILLION BELOW PLAN FOR SALES TAX AND WE'RE 28 MILLION
7 BELOW PLAN FOR PROP. 172. ON THE ASSESSMENT, OR THE PROPERTY
8 TAX AREA, WE HAVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL
9 HAVE A -1 PERCENT. I WOULD SAY THE FIRST TIME IN MANY, MANY
10 YEARS, PROBABLY OVER 20 YEARS, WE'LL SEE A -1. EARLIER I
11 REPORTED A -.77. BUT THAT NUMBER IS GROWING. AND TO PUT IT IN
12 CONTEXT, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE'VE AVERAGED ABOUT 10,000
13 ASSESSMENT APPEALS. NEXT YEAR IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE IN
14 EXCESS OF 42,000 ASSESSMENT APPEALS. I'M SORRY, SACHI SAID
15 IT'S THIS YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER MANAGES
16 THAT PROGRAM. THAT INCREASE HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
17 HER WORKLOAD. OUR INTEREST EARNINGS ARE ALSO DOWN. WE
18 ESTIMATED \$90 MILLION -- DOWN FROM \$90 MILLION WE ESTIMATED
19 THIS YEAR TO ABOUT \$40 MILLION. WE HAVE SOME SEVERE CHALLENGES
20 AHEAD OF US. AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE'RE WORKING WITH ALL
21 DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY AT MINIMUM A 5 PERCENT CURTAILMENT TO
22 CLOSE THE GAP FOR NEXT YEAR. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THAT 5
23 PERCENT MAY BE INSUFFICIENT. AS A CONSEQUENCE, WE'RE WORKING
24 WITH DEPARTMENTS AND LOOKING AT ALL SPENDING ACCOUNTS,
25 INCLUDING, AS I MENTIONED LAST WEEK, A FREEZE ON HIRING RIGHT



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1 NOW, A FREEZE ON -- NOT QUITE FREEZE BUT REDUCTION IN SERVICES
2 AND SUPPLIES. AND THEN FIXED ASSETS. THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW,
3 THOUGH, CONTINUES TO BE THE DELAYS CAUSED BY THE STATE IN NOT
4 PASSING A BUDGET. WITH THAT UNCERTAINTY, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR US
5 TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE AT. DO YOU HAVE ANY
6 QUESTIONS?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE C.E.O.?
9 MIKE? RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M FINE. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WILL READ
12 IN. BUT PROCEED WITH THE QUESTIONS IF YOU WISH, MR. CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION, THE STIMULUS PACKAGE THAT WAS
15 JUST PASSED IS UNCLEAR AS TO HOW MUCH THE COUNTY WILL BE
16 RECEIVING AND THE CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY WILL BE RECEIVING.
17 ONE WEBSITE I HAD SEEN THAT NO CITIES IN ANTELOPE OR VERY FEW
18 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS WOULD BE
19 RECEIVING PROJECTS EVEN THOUGH PRODUCE MORE NEW JOBS THAN THE
20 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THE QUESTION IS: WHEN WILL WE HAVE A
21 LIST OF THOSE PROJECTS FUNDED WITHIN L.A. COUNTY INCLUDING THE
22 BREAKDOWN FOR EACH OF OUR 88 CITIES? AND HOW CAN WE CLARIFY
23 FOR THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND NOT
24 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT WE HAVE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST,
25 WEST PORTIONS OF OUR COUNTY LARGE SEGMENTS OF POPULATIONS, AND



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1 THE OTHER CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS? IF THE STATE SHIFTS
2 \$227 MILLION FROM M.H.S.A. TO E.P.S.T.T., HOW WOULD THE COUNTY
3 PAY FOR THE M.H.S.A., THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES? AND HOW MUCH
4 DOES THE COUNTY SPEND EACH YEAR ON COVERING THE COST OF GRANT-
5 FUNDED POSITIONS FROM THE STATE?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY. I THINK I GOT ABOUT THREE OF THOSE
8 QUESTIONS SO FAR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNEW YOU WERE SHARP. YOU HAD GREAT
11 RETENTION.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I KNOW. THANK YOU. THE FEDERAL STIMULUS
14 PACKAGE THAT WAS PASSED HAS NOT -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS
15 NOT PROVIDED THE DETAIL YET TO LET US KNOW OR THE SURROUNDING
16 CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF L.A. EXACTLY HOW MUCH WE'LL BE
17 GETTING FOR A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES
18 TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. YOUR M.H.S.A.
19 PROGRAM, A QUESTION IS SOMETHING WE'RE LOOKING VERY VERY
20 CLOSELY. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE F.M.A.P. QUESTION, AND
21 THAT'S THAT FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE UNDERSTAND
22 THAT THE STIMULUS PACKAGE PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FOR
23 BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES. THE QUESTION WE HAVE
24 IS TO WHAT EXTENT THE STATE WILL IMPACT THAT FUNDING? BECAUSE
25 AS YOU KNOW, THE FUNDING FOR BOTH PROGRAMS WILL COME FROM THE



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1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATE AND THEN TO THE LOCAL
2 JURISDICTIONS. NOW, OUR BIGGEST CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY WITH
3 F.M.A.P., IS THAT THE STATE, TO BALANCE THEIR OWN BUDGET, WILL
4 TAKE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THAT INCREASE AND AS A
5 CONSEQUENCE IT WILL REDUCE WHAT WE'LL GET AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.
6 WHEN IT COMES TO GRANT POSITIONS, AT ANY GIVEN TIME, YES, WE
7 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POSITIONS. AND WITH THAT
8 FINANCIAL RESOURCES TIED UP ON GRANT POSITIONS PENDING
9 REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES. AT ANY GIVEN TIME,
10 THAT NUMBER TENDS TO FLUCTUATE BECAUSE THE MONEY COMES IN --
11 IT COMES IN ON THE FLOW BASIS. SO IF YOU'D LIKE, WE CAN REPORT
12 BACK EXACTLY ON THAT NUMBER. AND IN FACT, IN GENERAL, YOU
13 KNOW, EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE STATE DEFERRAL AND THE IMPACT
14 IT WILL HAVE ON US TODAY. WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW IS THAT
15 THE STATE DEFERRAL ONLY EXACERBATES AN ALREADY EXISTING
16 PROBLEM WHERE WE HAVE MONEY COMING FROM EITHER THE FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENT BUT PARTICULARLY THE STATE, AND IT COMES ON A
18 DEFERRED BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT. THE
19 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE
20 FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AND IT WILL TAKE MONTHS AND MONTHS
21 FOR US TO GET REIMBURSED FOR THAT. SO WE HAVE DELAYS AS IT
22 EXISTS NOW. WHAT'S HAPPENING THROUGH THE STATE CONTROLLER'S
23 OFFICE ONLY EXACERBATES DELAYS AND ADDS TO OUR CASH FLOW
24 PROBLEMS.
25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? I KNOW
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE A MOTION YOU'D LIKE TO READ
7 IN?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF, PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S CASH FLOW,
11 RECENT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE BUDGET HAVE INDEED
12 CAUSED THE COUNTY'S CASH FLOW TO COME UNDER SCRUTINY. IN ORDER
13 TO ENSURE A SOLID CASH FLOW IN THE FUTURE, SEVERAL MEASURES
14 COULD AND SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOR FUTURE CASH FLOW
15 PRESERVATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 FIRST DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF
17 ESTABLISHING A RESERVE TO ADDRESS THE CASH FLOW DELAYS THAT
18 OCCUR WHEN THE COUNTY ENTERS INTO GRANTS WITH FUNDING AGENCIES
19 THAT DO NOT REIMBURSE IN A TIMELY MANNER. SECONDLY, TO DIRECT
20 THE C.E.O. TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REIMBURSEMENTS BY OTHER
21 JURISDICTIONS, WHICH MAY EXACERBATE THE COUNTY'S CASH FLOW.
22 AND, FINALLY, TO DIRECT THE TREASURER AND THE TAX COLLECTOR,
23 AS WELL AS THE C.E.O., TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING
24 ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE TRANSFERS OF FUNDS



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1 FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO THE COUNTY. THAT WOULD BE
2 THE MOTION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF MR. ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. QUESTIONS?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THEN, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HOPE THAT WE CAN DO THIS AS PART OF THIS.
14 THIS IS RELATED TO THE STIMULUS PACKAGE WHICH IS KIND OF
15 INDIRECTLY RELATED, MAYBE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS. I WON'T
16 BOTHER READING THE PREAMBLE, BUT I'VE DISCUSSED WITH THE
17 C.E.O. THE ADVISABILITY OF BEING PREPARED TO HIT THE GROUND
18 RUNNING AS QUICKLY, WELL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING ON THE
19 STIMULUS PACKAGE. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE AS AN AMENDMENT
20 TO THIS IS THAT YOU ESTABLISH AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE
21 TO MANAGE AND EXECUTE THE EXPENDITURES OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS
22 PACKAGE FUNDS THAT THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE AND ALSO THAT YOU
23 ESTABLISH WITHIN YOUR SHOP A PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM THAT
24 WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE STIMULUS FUNDS BE
25 SPENT IN A TIMELY FASHION. I DON'T ENVISION THIS AS INCREASING



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1 THE STAFF, BUT TO ESTABLISH WITHIN YOUR STAFF WITH THE
2 RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE A TEAM THAT WOULD BE DEDICATED IN THE
3 MONTHS AHEAD TO THIS PURPOSE. AND I THINK IT RELATES TO THIS
4 IN THAT SOME OF THE STIMULUS ISSUES MAY RELATE TO FEDERAL
5 ISSUES, F.M.A.P. BEING ONE OF THEM. SO I MOVE THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. I DID FORGET TO ADD ONE
12 PIECE OF GOOD NEWS. EARLY ON TODAY THAT WE HAD THE FIRST SAFE
13 SURRENDER OF 2009. BABY GIRL WAS SAFELY SURRENDERED AT
14 MONTEBELLO HOSPITAL TODAY. IT IS SAFE SURRENDER NO. 70 FOR THE
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I JUST SAY "YEA TEAM." SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE YOU GOING TO CALL ANYTHING ELSE UP? DO YOU
17 HAVE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU HAD AUTO E LIKE TO?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE ONE
23 ADJOURNING MOTION, AND THAT'S FOR ROBERT KRUEGER, WHO
24 RECENTLY DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 41 AS A RESULT OF AN
25 ACCIDENT HE SUFFERED IN THE CITY OF TEL AVIV, ISRAEL WHILE



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1 TRAVELING THERE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LIFE PARTNER, FATHER
2 MARK STUART, WHO IS THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR OF ST. THOMAS THE
3 APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD. VERY UNTIMELY PASSING.
4 THAT'S MY ONLY ADJOURNING MOTION. THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN,
5 AGAIN I'M NOT GOING TO READ A THREE-PAGE MOTION, BUT I DO WANT
6 TO ASK FOR A REPORT BACK IN FOUR WEEKS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF -
7 - I'LL JUST READ THE RESOLVE. THIS RELATES TO PROJECT 50 AND
8 EXPANDING IT UP TO 500 OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF. I WANT
9 TO ASK FOR A REPORT BACK THAT WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND
10 APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF
11 EXPANDING PROJECT 50 TO SERVE UP TO 500 VULNERABLE CHRONICALLY
12 HOMELESS PERSONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY BY THE END OF NEXT
13 FISCAL YEAR. AND, TWO, DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK WITHIN
14 FOUR WEEKS AS A SET ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING. I DON'T WANT TO
15 MAKE A BIG PROJECT OUT OF IT, BUT AT LEAST ASSESS THE
16 OVERARCHING FEASIBILITY OF DOING THIS, WHAT IT WOULD TAKE. AND
17 THEN WE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION WHETHER WE WANT TO GO DOWN THAT
18 ROAD.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO KNOW HOW
21 MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST, WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM. WE
22 GOT SAFETY ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSOLUTELY. IT'S GOT TO BE PAID FOR IF WE'RE
25 GOING TO DO IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'VE ALSO HAD A REQUEST FROM
3 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. TO CONTINUE TWO WEEKS ITEM CS-3.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CLOSED SESSION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ONE WAS THAT?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. IT WILL BE CONTINUED
12 TWO WEEKS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU CAN JUST GIVE ME A SECOND, I'M SORRY
15 COULD WE TAKE UP ITEM 1? I THINK YOU HAD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
16 THAT WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THAT. ITEM 1? WHY DON'T WE TAKE UP
17 -- HOW MANY OF THESE ARE -- WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME ALL OF HIS?
18 MR. SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO COME ON DOWN?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP 1-H, 1, 11, 13, 14,
21 24, 36, 38, HIKE.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS HE'S COMING DOWN, IF I CAN ADD A QUICK
24 COMMENT, PLEASE, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE COMMENT IS I'M HAPPY TO
25 ANNOUNCE THAT WITHIN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND IT ALL CAME



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1 TOGETHER THIS MORNING, WE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH OUR PUBLIC
2 SAFETY UNIONS ON A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION, NO CHANGE, NO C.O.L.A.
3 INCREASE. WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT IS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO SIT DOWN
4 WITH OUR SAFETY UNIONS AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE CHALLENGES
5 WE'RE HAVING BOTH AT THE LOCAL AND THE NATIONAL AND THE STATE
6 LEVEL. THEY SAT DOWN WITH US AS PARTNERS. WE WERE ABLE TO
7 REACH AN AGREEMENT THAT RECOGNIZES OUR OWN FISCAL CHALLENGES.
8 BUT WE ALSO -- I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL
9 RECOGNIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR
10 LABOR PARTNERS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. IT'S A VERY, VERY
11 SIGNIFICANT, I'D SAY MUTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR ALL OF US.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST ADD ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US,
14 I KNOW WE APPRECIATE THAT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND
15 OUR COALITION AND OUR UNION MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT'S A
16 TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE, BUT WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE
17 PARTNERSHIP IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE MAY HAVE IN STORE FOR US. WE
18 APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT AND GOOD WILL. SO THANK YOU TO ALL
19 OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ADD MY COMMENTS ON
22 THAT AND THANK MR. FUJIOKA AND HIS TEAM FOR HELPING TO GET
23 THAT DONE. IT'S NO MEAN TASK.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A GOOD THING FOR THIS COUNTY
3 GOVERNMENT, AND I THINK IT HOPEFULLY WILL BE A GOOD THING,
4 SEND A MESSAGE THAT WILL RESONATE BEYOND THE HALLS OF COUNTY
5 GOVERNMENT. ALSO BACK TO THE ITEMS I WAS CALLING, ITEM 44 AND
6 49, BEFORE WE GET TO THAT, IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME -- I THINK
7 YOU MADE A REFERENCE TO IN THE LAST ITEM ON S-1 AND I JUST
8 WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT'S CORRECT BEFORE IT GETS MISQUOTED. THE
9 GENERAL RELIEF POPULATION YOU SAID WAS AT 700,000? I THINK IT
10 MAY BE 70 OR 80,000 GOING TO 100, NOT TO A MILLION IF I'M
11 CORRECT. IF I'M NOT CORRECT, I WANT TO KNOW.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL VERIFY THAT BECAUSE THE INFORMATION I
14 HAVE IS THAT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR IT'S -- I HAVE 750,000.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT 75,000?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, CHECK IT OUT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A BIG SWITCH.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL CHECK THAT OUT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, PLEASE DO.

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT IS A VERY HIGH NUMBER.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE IF IT IS 750,000 THEN MY WINDOW IS
4 OPEN ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL CHECK THAT OUT, I WAS LOOKING AT IT,
7 GIVEN THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY A TENTH --

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU WOULD, CHECK THAT OUT. ZEV AND I
10 WERE SOMEWHAT SHOCKED UP HERE. AND OUR OFFICE IS RIGHT NEXT TO
11 YOU. WE'D JUMP TOGETHER.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIFFERENT MEANING TO SAFE SURRENDER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I TAKE IT 1-H. 1-H IS THE ITEM TO INTRODUCE AN
18 ORDINANCE TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 HOUSING COMMISSION FROM 9 TO 12 BY ADDING TWO TENANT MEMBERS
20 AND ONE HOMELESS OR FORMERLY HOMELESS MEMBER. IN I BELIEVE THE
21 LATEST CENSUS, OR PRIOR TO THE LATEST CENSUS, IT WAS DISCUSSED
22 THAT THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 70,000 HOMELESS IN L.A. COUNTY.
23 SO BY ADDING ONE HOMELESS MEMBER TO THIS BOARD, WHY NOT CREATE
24 A PANEL IN EACH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT THAT CONSISTS OF SOME
25 HOMELESS MEMBERS THAT CAN REPORT TO THIS BOARD? THAT WAY YOU'D



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1 GET A LITTLE BIT MORE INPUT AS TO WHAT NEEDS TO OCCUR. I MEAN
2 FROM THE HOMELESS SIDE, NOT FROM THE COUNTY SUPERVISORY SIDE,
3 BUT FROM THE STREET SIDE, WHAT ISSUES ARE FACED BY THE
4 HOMELESS POPULATION IN EACH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WOULD BE A SEPARATE ISSUE. THIS IS
7 TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL LAW, UNITED STATES
8 WITH H.U.D. THAT'S WHY THIS ACTION IS TAKING PLACE. THAT WOULD
9 BE A SEPARATE PIECE.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO HOW WILL THE APPOINTMENTS BE MADE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS A CRITERIA TO SET UP. THE
14 GUIDELINES FROM HUD. AND THEN --

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHEN IS THE APPLICATION PERIOD? AND WHERE WOULD
17 YOU? WOULD THAT INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE FROM WHAT OFFICE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE
20 AVAILABLE FROM C.D.C. FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. COMMUNITY
21 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU CALL OVER THERE MAYBE THEY'LL
2 RECOGNIZE RAY FORTNER'S NAME. THAT WAS A JOKE.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY USE HIS NAME. MAYBE
5 THEY WOULDN'T. THAT WOULD BE EVEN WORSE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU'VE GOT 1, 11, 13, 14, 24, 36
8 AND 38.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. CHAIR
11 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 1-H IS PASSED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT RELATES TO ITEM 44 AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 44 AS WELL.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE MOST WELCOME.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 1, I JUST QUESTION THE INDEPENDENT
22 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PROPOSITION NEEDING SPECIAL TAX.
23 AND BASICALLY I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT INDEPENDENT
24 CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES IN GENERAL. BUT SINCE THIS IS A
25 SPECIAL TAX, YOU HAVE AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR, I WOULD



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1 WONDER WHY THERE ISN'T AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE PROP A,
2 PROP C AND/OR THE NEW SALES TAX THAT WENT INTO EFFECT, THE
3 PROP R.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THERE IS A COMMITTEE PART OF
6 PROP R. I'M NOT SURE. PROP A AND PROP C, THERE WAS NOT A
7 REQUIREMENT. WHEN THE MEASURE E WAS PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS,
8 THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT
9 COMMITTEE. THAT WAS VOTED ON BY THE VOTING PUBLIC. AND THAT'S
10 WHAT THEY AGREED TO. THEY RENEWED THE RECOMMENDATIONS EACH AND
11 EVERY YEAR.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 1, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** VERY QUICKLY. ON ITEM NO. 11 IS AN AWARD TO THE
19 "WE TIP" FOR WELFARE FRAUD REPORTING. AND SO I WAS WONDERING
20 IS THERE A PHONE LINE OR PLACE THAT YOU CAN CONTACT IF YOU
21 FIND FRAUD IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS? WOULD THAT BE CONSIDERED A WE
22 TIP LINE? OR IS THERE SOMEPLACE ELSE THAT YOU WOULD CONTACT?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S VARIOUS FRAUD HOT LINES. THE
25 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CAN GET YOU ALL THE EXACT NUMBERS.



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1 I DON'T HAVE THEM OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. BUT WE DO HAVE OTHER
2 INDEPENDENT FRAUD HOT LINES, ABUSE HOT LINES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A COUNTY FRAUD HOT LINE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE.
7 THERE'S ALWAYS 211 YOU CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FRAUD HOT LINE.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL I WOULDN'T CALL THEM. THANK YOU. I WOULDN'T
10 CALL 211 BECAUSE THAT'S A FOR-PROFIT PROGRAM.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 11, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
14 ORDERED.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HELD ITEM 13 BECAUSE I DISCOVERED THAT IT
17 INCLUDED A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, WHICH WAS CORRECTED. BUT
18 NEVERTHELESS, AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU ALSO, SUPERVISOR
19 KNABE, FOR YOUR BIT OF MATH WORK WHEN YOU WERE MAKING YOUR
20 PRESENTATIONS FOR THE COUNTY RUN/WALK FOR THE YOUNG LADIES
21 WHERE YOU MENTIONED THAT FIVE TIMES SIX EQUALS 30. I WOULD
22 LIKE TO REMIND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT 6 TIMES
23 12,000 EQUALS 66,000. AND IF YOU'RE UNSURE WHAT I'M REFERRING
24 TO, I REFER YOU BACK TO THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL FIASCO
25 WHICH WAS DOUBLED IN INTAKE AND THE MATH CAME OUT TO 66,100



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1 TONS, OR 66,000 TONS. YOU STILL TO THIS DATE ARE MISSING 6,600
2 TONS OF TRASH A WEEK THAT HASN'T REALLY BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE
3 PUBLIC.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF IT'S ANYTHING LIKE PUENTE HILLS RIGHT
6 NOW, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN TRASH BEING TAKEN
7 TO THE LANDFILLS JUST BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONSTRUCTION AND
8 EVERYTHING ELSE. I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLANATION. BUT I'M SAYING
11 THAT THIS WAS AN INCREASE IN THE INTAKE FROM 6,000 TONS TO
12 12,100 TONS PER DAY. AND FROM 36,000 TONS TO 66,000 TONS PER
13 WEEK. AND WHEN I QUESTIONED ABOUT 12,000 100 TIMES 6 SHOULD BE
14 72,800, IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN WEIGHT OF 6600
15 TONS WAS DIRT THAT WAS SPREAD ON THE LANDFILL. BUT SINCE THE
16 QUESTION ON YOUR AGENDA REFERRED TO INTAKE, THAT EXPLANATION
17 CERTAINLY DOESN'T FLY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. OKAY. THAT'S 13 AND 14.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU FIRST.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
24 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 14?

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 14. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE HALF-FILLED GLASS
2 ROUTINES. BECAUSE, I DON'T KNOW. RECENTLY EARLIER TODAY YOU
3 GAVE AWARD, YOU AWARDED THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THAT WAS IN
4 CHARGE MORE OR LESS --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY WEREN'T IN CHARGE OF ANYTHING. THEY
7 REVIEWED THE CHANGE ORDERS.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THEY REVIEWED THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER
10 BUILDING. AND EXCEPT FOR THAT LITTLE FAUX PAS WITH THE
11 HELICOPTER PAD AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HELICOPTER PAD NEAR
12 THE AIR INTAKE VALVES OR DUCTS, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN
13 LITERATURE FROM AIRLINE PILOTS FOUR YEARS EARLIER, EVERYTHING
14 WOULD BE HUNKY DORY. THE FACT THAT YOU SET A STANDARD, AND I'M
15 QUOTING, AND THE FACT THAT IT'S STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES,
16 AND I'M QUOTING, WHEN I READ THAT IN THE NEWSPAPER AND I CAME
17 BEFORE THE COUNTY LAST WEEK AND EXPLAINED IT TO ME, IT'S
18 ALMOST LIKE NEGLIGENCE. PURE, SIMPLE NEGLIGENCE WHEN THE
19 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND THAT INFORMATION EVIDENTLY WAS
20 AVAILABLE AND IT WAS IGNORED. AND THE COUNTY IS SETTING A
21 STANDARD BY SAYING HEY, THAT'S OKAY. AND IT'S NOT THE FIRST
22 TIME.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S NOT SAYING IT WAS OKAY. IT WAS NOT
25 IGNORED. IT WAS OVERLOOKED. IT WAS A MAJOR MISTAKE.



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1 ABSOLUTELY. NO ONE DENIED IT. NO ONE SAID HEY, THAT'S A GOOD
2 THING, LET'S OVERLOOK THAT. I MEAN, COME ON. WE'RE AGREEING
3 WITH YOU, OKAY? JUST TAKE AN AGREEMENT.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FINE. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE AGREEING
6 WITH IT. IS THERE ANY ACTION THAT'S GOING TO BE TAKEN?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 24?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 24.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 24. I JUST HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
16 FACT THAT AT THIS TIME WITH ALL THE PROJECTS THAT L.A. COUNTY
17 M.T.A. HAS BEFORE IT THAT IT'S GOING TO SPEND ALMOST \$630,000
18 FOR DETAILED DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADVANCED
19 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE INTERSTATE 105
20 CORRIDOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECT. THERE'S
21 TWO CHOKE POINTS IN THAT FREEWAY. ONE IS PRETTY MUCH WESTBOUND
22 IN THE MORNING BY THE L.A.X. AND THE EVENING EASTBOUND WHERE
23 THE 405 FREEWAY TIES INTO THE ROAD. IT'S A THREE-LANE FREEWAY
24 WITH A CAR POOL LANE. IF YOU WANT TO DO INTELLIGENT
25 TRANSPORTATION WORK, YOU COULD DO -- LA CIENEGA FREEWAY WOULD



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1 BE BETTER-SERVED FOR AN INTELLIGENT FREEWAY SYSTEM THAN THE
2 105 FREEWAY. THIS IS A TOTAL WASTE OF FUNDING BY THE M.T.A.
3 AND AUTHORIZATION BY THE COUNTY JUST DOESN'T FLY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 24, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOU ALSO HELD ITEM 36.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 36 WAS FUNDING FOR A REPAVEMENT PROJECT. I
10 LOOKED AT THE REPORT, CENTRAL AVENUE, ET AL, MENTIONS GARDENA
11 AND HAWTHORNE. THAT MUST BE THE ET AL PART. BUT IT DOESN'T
12 INCLUDE WHAT'S GOING TO BE DONE. BECAUSE CENTRAL AVENUE
13 CERTAINLY DOESN'T RUN THROUGH GARDENA AND IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T
14 RUN THROUGH HAWTHORNE. NOT EVEN CLOSE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. I'D
15 ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IS IT POSSIBLE OR COULD I LOOK
16 ONLINE OR GET FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT IS BEING
17 SPENT FOR WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. IS ALLOCATING \$5 MILLION FOR
18 REPAVING PROJECTS TO 13 OR 14 OF ITS DISTRICTS? BUT THAT'S FOR
19 REPAVING. THIS PROJECT INCLUDES CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND
20 DRIVEWAY AND CROSS-GUTTER RAMPS AND BUS PADS. IS IT POSSIBLE
21 TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BREAKDOWN WOULD BE OF THE COSTS OFF THAT?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED. THIS IS A FINAL
24 CONTRACT. WE'RE ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT. WE'RE GETTING A CREDIT



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1 OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS THAT CONTRACT. THE FINAL
2 CONTRACT FOR ALL THAT WORK WAS \$4,809,992.88.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SETTLES THAT. THAT'S A NO. AND MY FINAL ITEM
5 THAT I HELD.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 36 IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 36, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SINCE I HELD IT, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 IDENTITY THEFT PROTOCOLS HAD BEEN ADDRESSED IN THIS BECAUSE
14 THIS IS INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO A THIRD-PARTY. AND ALL TOO
15 OFTEN RECENTLY IN HEADLINES HAS BEEN STORIES WHERE SOMEBODY
16 HAS INADVERTENTLY LOST A COMPUTER THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION OR
17 THAT HOLDS UP PEOPLE'S IDENTITY, WHATEVER PRIVATE INFORMATION.
18 AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW THAT PROTOCOLS THAT WOULD MAKE SURE
19 THAT -- CAN'T SAY THAT MAKE SURE IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN, BUT
20 PROTOCOLS TO ALLEVIATE --

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. IS OUR ACTING
23 C.I.O. HERE? CAN WE HAVE OUR ACTING CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
24 ANSWER THAT QUESTION? ANYBODY HERE FROM THE C.I.O.'S OFFICE?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE ON FURLOUGH.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST IF YOU'D ANSWER THE QUESTION ABOUT
4 THE PROTOCOLS AS IT RELATES TO IDENTITY THEFT?

5

6 **RICHARD SANCHEZ:** RICHARD SANCHEZ, ACTING C.I.O. YES, SIR, THE
7 DATA IS BEING PROTECTED. WE USE ALL SORTS OF SAFEGUARDS AS IT
8 RELATES TO DATA TRANSMISSION. AND WE ARE USING THE PHONE
9 COMPANY, WE ARE USING THE INFORMATION AND STORING IT WITH THIS
10 COMPANY THAT'S BEEN DOING THIS BUSINESS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE INFORMATION IS SECURE. IT'S NOT
13 ON LAPTOPS, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **RICHARD SANCHEZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT'S WHAT THE BOARD LETTER SAID.
18 OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT. MOVED BY
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DO YOU WANT ME TO DO 49-C?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE CAN DO 49-C, ALSO HELD BY
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. GO AHEAD.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 49-C, THE GRAND AVENUE DEVELOPER, THE PENALTY
3 PHASE OF THIS. IN THE CITY COUNCIL IT WAS BROUGHT UP TODAY
4 THAT C.R.A. FUNDS ARE TIED UP. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S
5 COUNTY C.R.A., BUT CITY C.R.A. FUNDS ARE TIED UP. AND WITHOUT
6 THE PENALTY BEING ENFORCED, IF AND WHEN THIS PROJECT GOES
7 TOTALLY BANKRUPT OR TOTALLY KEELS OVER, WHAT'S TO ENSURE THAT
8 -- IT SAID IN THIS ARTICLE THAT CIVIC AGENCIES WOULD ASK FOR A
9 SMALLER PAYMENT CLOSER TO \$100,000 PERHAPS TO BE MADE ANNUALLY
10 TO DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS OF ONGOING WORK ON THE PROJECT BY
11 THE CIVIC COMMITTEE THAT IS OVERSEEING THE PROJECT. METRO HAS
12 A PLAN FOR A DESIGN AND BUILD WHERE THE LOSING BIDDERS GET A
13 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS FOR THE DESIGNS. AND
14 IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME AND I APPRECIATE THAT. WITHOUT A
15 PENALTY PHASE, WITHOUT A PENALTY INCURRED, WHAT IS THE PLAN
16 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE REGARDING THE
17 GRAND AVENUE PROJECT BY THE CIVIC COMMITTEES? THEY HAVEN'T
18 PAID ANYTHING. THE MONEY HAS BEEN TIED UP BY THE REDEVELOPMENT
19 MONEY. NOT ONLY IS IT TIED UP, BUT IT COSTS MORE BECAUSE THAT
20 MONEY IS STILL TIED UP. SO ANY OTHER PROJECTS THAT WANT TO BE
21 MOVED AHEAD NEED TO COME UP WITH MORE MONEY BECAUSE THIS MONEY
22 IS TIED UP IN THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT THAT WE'RE WAITING TO
23 FIND OUT FOR THEM TO FUND FOR THREE YEARS TO DO SOME BUILDING.
24 WHEN DO THEY INCUR A PENALTY?
25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE IN THE REPORT. THAT'S WHAT
2 HE'S ASKING FOR COMING BACK. IF HIS MOTION IS APPROVED, YOU
3 SHOULD GET INFORMATION IN TWO WEEKS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
4 YOU HELD THAT, AS WELL.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST ASKED FOR A REPORT BACK, RIGHT?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA? GOING BACK ON THE HISTORY OF THE
11 PROJECT. BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 12TH IN 2007, THE BOARD HAD
12 APPROVED AN AGREEMENT FOR THAT PROJECT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION
13 WOULD BEGIN IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR, 2007. THEN IN SEPTEMBER
14 OF 2007 THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY GRANTED THE DEVELOPER A
15 TWO-MONTH EXTENSION ON THE START OF CONSTRUCTION. AND THEN IN
16 NOVEMBER OF 2007 THE DEVELOPER INVOKED A CLAUSE TO DELAY IT
17 FURTHER BECAUSE THEY CITED A LAWSUIT BETWEEN THE BONAVENTURE
18 HOTEL AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THEREBY EXTENDING THE START
19 OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL ALMOST A YEAR, 265 DAYS. SO
20 WAS THIS LAWSUIT FINALLY SETTLED THAT THE BONAVENTURE HOTEL
21 HAD BROUGHT?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND IT HAS BEEN SETTLED. THE LAWSUIT
24 WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE BONAVENTURE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN IN JUNE OF 2008, THE GRAND AVENUE
2 AUTHORITY GRANTED ANOTHER ADDITIONAL TWO-MONTH EXTENSION. THEN
3 IN JULY 2008 ANOTHER SEVEN-MONTH EXTENSION WAS GRANTED TO THE
4 DEVELOPER. AND PRIOR TO THAT, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE
5 PROVIDING THE COUNTY WAS IT \$250,000 IF THERE WAS ANY DELAY IN
6 CONSTRUCTION OF BREAKING GROUND AND CONSTRUCTION?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THAT WAS THE PROPOSAL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN WE'VE HAD THREE EXTENSIONS GRANTED BY
11 THE AUTHORITY PLUS THE PROVISION THAT THEY INVOKED BY THE
12 DEVELOPER. AND ALL OF THAT ADD UP TO A DELAY IN THE START OF
13 CONSTRUCTION FROM THE FIRST OF OCTOBER 2007 TO FEBRUARY 15TH
14 OF THIS YEAR, OR ROUGHLY 17 MONTHS. AND IN THAT AGREEMENT FROM
15 LAST JULY, SEVEN MONTHS AGO, THE DEVELOPER AGREED TO START
16 CONSTRUCTION BY FEBRUARY 15TH OF 2008 OR TO START PAYING A
17 PENALTY OF \$250,000 PER MONTH. SO HAS THE CONSTRUCTION
18 STARTED? AND DID THE DEVELOPER PAY THE \$250,000 THAT WAS DUE
19 ON THE 15TH OF THIS MONTH?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE CONSTRUCTION HASN'T STARTED. WHAT'S
22 HAPPENING, I THINK, WE KNOW IN ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, IN ALL OF
23 THE BASIN IS THAT MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE ARE
24 BEING DELAYED. IT'S NOT A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS DEVELOPER NOT
25 MOVING FORWARD IN GOOD FAITH. IT'S A CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT'S



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1 HAPPENING IN THE ENTIRE REGION, IF NOT THE ENTIRE NATION, FOR
2 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. WE'RE PRESENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS
3 WITH THE DEVELOPER ON THE ISSUE OF THE PENALTY THAT SHOULD BE
4 PAID IF CONSTRUCTION IS DELAYED. THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS
5 DEVELOPER HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN THIS PROJECT IN
6 EXCESS OF \$120 MILLION. UNFORTUNATELY THE INDUSTRY ITSELF IS
7 SUFFERING A SEVERE DOWNTURN. THERE'S ALSO DIFFICULTIES GETTING
8 LOANS OF THIS TYPE, CONSTRUCTION LOANS OF THIS TYPE. WE WILL
9 BE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PARK PROJECT, THOUGH. AND THAT WILL
10 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON NOT ONLY OUR IMMEDIATE AREA BUT I
11 THINK FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST MONDAY IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE GRAND
14 AVENUE AUTHORITY HAD NO REPORTABLE ACTION AFTER ITS CLOSED
15 SESSION. AND THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS -- (AUDIO LOST.)

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE YOU GO. WE'RE STILL IN DISCUSSIONS RIGHT
18 NOW. THERE WERE -- WE WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION. WE HAD A VERY
19 MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION BETWEEN OUR LEGAL ADVISORS, THE GRAND
20 AVENUE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND THEN THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.
21 AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE DON'T HAVE A FINAL ACTION. ONCE THE
22 ACTION HAS BEEN FINALIZED THEN WE WILL BE REPORTING OUT AT OUR
23 COMMITTEE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THIS AGREEMENT THEN BE DISCUSSED IN
2 OPEN SESSION OF THE GRAND AVENUE AUTHORITY? AND THEN WOULD
3 SUCH AN AGREEMENT THEN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY
5 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY?
6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M SORRY. I MISSED PART OF THAT QUESTION.
8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THEN SUCH AN AGREEMENT BE BROUGHT
10 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
11 THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY?
12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHAT'S BEING
14 CONSIDERED CURRENTLY FALLS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE JOINT
15 POWERS AUTHORITY. THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE STRUCTURE THAT
16 WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE L.A.
17 CITY COUNCIL AND THIS BOARD.
18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS, PUBLIC REPORTS
20 THAT THEY HAVE NOW RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
21 DUBAI. I UNDERSTAND THREE SOUTH KOREAN INSURANCE COMPANIES
22 HAVE PROVIDED FINANCING. AND THE QUESTION IS: ARE THEY TAKING
23 THIS MONEY AND BUYING PROPERTIES OR INVESTING IN OTHER AREAS
24 IN THIS STATE OR NATION BECAUSE IT'S A NEW YORK FIRM? OR ARE
25 THEY TAKING THESE FUNDS AND PUTTING IN THIS PROJECT AND PAYING



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1 THE \$250,000 MONTHLY FEE THAT THEY AGREED TO IF THEY FAIL TO
2 DEVELOP ON TIME THEIR PROJECT?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT INFORMATION IS TOTALLY
5 ACCURATE, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE KOREAN COMPANIES.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DUBAI I HAD SEEN ONE REPORT, IT WAS A
8 HALF A BILLION DOLLARS OR SO.

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS AN INFUSION OF MANY MILLIONS OF
13 DOLLARS BY DUBAI. IS THAT MONEY BEING USED TO PUT IN THIS
14 PROJECT? OR ARE THEY USING IT TO BUY DEPRESSED PROPERTIES IN
15 OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT. I THINK THAT'S JUST A
18 RUMOR RIGHT NOW. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S BEEN VERIFIED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY DID GET THE MONEY. I MEAN, THAT WAS
21 A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE WAS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A
24 COMMITMENT WAS MADE TO INVEST IN THIS PROJECT ONCE IT WENT
25 FORWARD. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY, THEY



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1 BEING THE DEVELOPERS, ACTUALLY TAKEN RECEIPT OF THIS MONEY. IF
2 THEY USED IT FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN EXPRESS PURPOSE THIS
3 PROJECT, I ACTUALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE
4 PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS
5 ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EFFORT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY PROTECTIONS
8 IN PLACE TO PREVENT -- FROM USING THOSE FUNDS FOR PURPOSES
9 OTHER THAN THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WILL BE HAPPY TO REPORT BACK ON THAT. WE
12 WILL REPORT BACK.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT THIS REPORT IS, ISN'T IT?
15 THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. WE LOOK
22 FORWARD TO YOUR REPORT.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. CHAIR
25 WILL SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. 49-C IS PASSED. ALL RIGHT. I



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1 HAVE A FEW ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND, CARMEN GUILLEN, WIFE IF MANY
3 GUILLEN, FORMER MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN PARAMOUNT
4 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 15TH AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH
5 CANCER. SHE'LL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. A GREAT LADY.
6 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MANNY; THREE CHILDREN, MARK,
7 REBECCA, AND CYNTHIA; SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF JUDY KEMP OF CERRITOS, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
9 SUNDAY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND TOM, A FELLOW MEMBER OF
10 THE CERRITOS OPTIMISTS CLUB; AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND WILL
11 BE MISSED AS WELL, TOO. ALSO ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF DAVID
12 ANDREW GOLZ OF LONG BEACH WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE
13 ACCIDENT ON FEBRUARY 8. HE WAS ONLY 29 YEARS OLD. HE GRADUATED
14 FROM MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, ATTENDED LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE.
15 HE WAS KNOWN AS A FREE SPIRIT, JOKER AND A CARING INDIVIDUAL.
16 LOVED HIS FAMILY, HE LOVED COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND HIS FISH
17 TANK. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. DAVID IS SURVIVED BY HIS
18 PARENTS, HELMUT AND DOROTHY; BY THREE SIBLINGS, STEPHANIE,
19 CHRIS, ERIC; AND THEIR SPOUSES, A NIECE AND A NEPHEW. VERY
20 TRAGIC ACCIDENT. SO ORDERED. I HAD AN ITEM THAT I HELD, BUT
21 BEFORE I DO THAT, I HAVE A MOTION HERE THAT I'D LIKE TO MAKE
22 SURE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL CAN FIND AS AN URGENCY. I HAD MY
23 STAFF PASS IT OUT. IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION DURING THIS PAST
24 WEEKEND THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASED A
25 CONSUMER ALERT NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT COMPANIES USING



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1 OFFICIAL-SOUNDING NAMES LIKE "TAX REVIEW, TAX ADJUSTORS AND
2 TAX REASSESSMENTS" SEEK TO SCAM HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE WORRIED
3 ABOUT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES.
4 THESE COMPANIES ARE SENDING MISLEADING MAILERS THAT LOOK LIKE
5 OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY DOCUMENTS TO TRICK HOMEOWNERS INTO
6 SENDING THEM MONEY AND TRY TO LOWER THE HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY
7 VALUES. THESE COMPANIES USE ADDRESSES LIKE "REGIONAL
8 PROCESSING CENTER" TO MAKE HOMEOWNERS THINK THE MAIL IS COMING
9 FROM A GOVERNMENT AGENCY. SOMETIMES THESE COMPANIES THREATEN
10 TO IMPOSE A LATE FEE IF HOMEOWNERS DO NOT SEND THEM MONEY BY A
11 CERTAIN DATE. THESE ARE VERY CONCERNING SCAMS. I THINK OUR
12 OFFICES, ALL OFFICES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT IT. BUT
13 OBVIOUSLY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ACTIONS OVER THE WEEKEND
14 VALIDATE THAT. THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR HAS CREATED A PUBLIC
15 SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO AS PART OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION
16 CAMPAIGN NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT HOMEOWNERS MAY FILE
17 REASSESSMENT CLAIMS FREE OF CHARGE. THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR
18 HAS POSTED A VIDEO ON THEIR WEBSITE AND DISTRIBUTED IT TO A
19 VARIETY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES TO REACH A WIDER
20 AUDIENCE. THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR WOULD LIKE TO POST THIS
21 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE YOUTUBE WEBSITE. I
22 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THIS BOARD AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE
23 ASSESSOR TO ENTER INTO THE YOUTUBE TERMS OF SERVICE WHEREBY
24 THE COUNTY GRANTS TO YOUTUBE AND ITS USER A NONEXCLUSIVE
25 LICENSE TO USE, REPRODUCE, DISTRIBUTE, DISPLAY, AND PERFORM



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1 THE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE YOUTUBE
2 TERMS OF SERVICE. IT'S BEEN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. AND FIRST OF ALL, I'LL MOVE URGENCY. SECONDED BY
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN SECOND,
5 WE CAN MOVE ON THE MOTION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
6 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I WANT
7 TO THANK THE ASSESSORS' OFFICE FOR THEIR AGGRESSIVE FOLLOW-UP
8 TO THIS. A NUMBER OF OUR OFFICES, I THINK ALL OFFICES PROBABLY
9 HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER RECENTLY. IT'S
10 REALLY SAD THAT IN THIS STATE OF ECONOMIC CONDITION THAT WE'RE
11 ALL FIGHTING AND TRYING TO SURVIVE, THAT A SCAM ARTIST LIKE
12 THIS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANYONE, PARTICULARLY SENIORS. A
13 MOTHER GETS THESE THINGS ABOUT HER WARRANTY ON HER CAR IS
14 EXPIRING, PLEASE SEND MONEY. I MEAN, OUTRAGEOUS. OKAY. I HELD,
15 I BELIEVE, ITEM 18? WAS IT 18? WHAT A GREAT MEMORY I HAVE. I'M
16 FEELING BETTER ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME. [LAUGHTER.] MY POINT
17 HERE. AND I'D LIKE THE C.E.O., IF SOMEONE FROM THE C.E.O.'S
18 OFFICE COULD RESPOND TO THIS. YOU KNOW, THE CONCERN HERE, WE
19 HAVE A LOT OF THESE ON THE AGENDA, WE HAVE THEM COMING UP.
20 IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE OBJECTION OF THE ITEM. BUT THESE ARE
21 GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS. AND OBVIOUSLY WITH DELAY IN PAYMENT,
22 DIFFERENT KINDS OF SITUATIONS THAT ARE DEVELOPING, YOU TALKED
23 ABOUT IT EARLIER, THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS KEEP COMING UP ON
24 OUR AGENDA WHERE WE HAVE A HIRING FREEZE BUT WE'RE DOING
25 GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS. BUT WE MAY BE DELAYED IN GETTING THE



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1 GRANTS. WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT DELAY IS GOING TO BE ONE MONTH,
2 SIX MONTHS, A YEAR. SO I JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF
3 THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS. IT MIGHT BE WELL IF THE C.E.O. SORT
4 OF ISOLATES AND HIGHLIGHTS THAT FOR THE BOARD'S EDIFICATION
5 WHEN THESE COME BEFORE US THAT THEY ARE GRANT-FUNDED
6 POSITIONS. I DON'T HAVE A MOTION OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN -- I
7 DO HAVE A MOTION. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOT TO BE QUICK.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. GOT TO BE QUICK. BOY, THAT STAFF'S
12 QUICK. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE STATE IS DEFERRING SOME OF ITS
13 PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY FOR AN UNKNOWN TIME, WE JUST WANT THE
14 C.E.O. TO REVIEW HIRING ON STATE GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS AND
15 DIRECT YOU TO COME BACK IN ONE WEEK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON
16 HIRING FOR STATE GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS. AND AT LEAST TO
17 HIGHLIGHT THOSE ON THE AGENDA AS THEY COME BEFORE US. SO I
18 WILL MOVE THE ITEM WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION. AND SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH WILL SECOND IT. MR. FUJIOKA, YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK THAT, YES, THIS IS AN
22 ISSUE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE DEFERRALS. WE ALSO HAVE A MOTION
23 FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF WE CAN INCORPORATE THE TWO
24 OF THEM INTO ONE RESPONSE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S DRAG IT OUT. LET'S MAKE AS MUCH AS
2 POSSIBLE WORK FOR YOU. NO, NO. [LAUGHTER.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS, YOU HAVE A MOTION, WE'LL ADJOIN THE TWO.

4
5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO I'LL MOVE ITEM 18 AS AMENDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND MY MOTION, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10
11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, THE SAME PROBABLY IS
14 APPLICABLE WITH RESPECT TO AN EARLIER MOTION IN TERMS OF
15 STREAMLINING THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE THAT WAS INTRODUCED
16 ON JANUARY THE 13TH TO, IN EFFECT, CAUSE THE C.E.O. TO BRING
17 BACK A REPORT TO THE BOARD TO CLARIFY THE WAY IN WHICH WE WILL
18 RESPOND WITH DISPATCH ONCE WE ARE AFFORDED THE RESOURCES OF
19 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MR. FUJIOKA, PERHAPS YOU COULD SPEAK
20 TO CLARIFYING THAT MATTER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
21 ANOTHER MOTION, AS WELL, ON THAT.

22
23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE SEVERAL MOTIONS RELATED TO THE
24 STIMULUS PACKAGE. ONE WAS EARLIER FILED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS THAT SPEAKS TO AN EXPEDITIOUS PROCESS FOR INSURING WE



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1 TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. WE ALSO HAVE ONE
2 FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY THAT ADDS A PROJECT TEAM TO THIS
3 ELEMENT. AND SO JUST LIKE THIS LAST ONE THAT RELATES TO THE
4 STATE GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS THAT WE INCORPORATE THE TWO,
5 BLEND THE TWO, AND SPEAK TO WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
6 FIRST ASKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF INSURING THAT WE TAKE FULL
7 ADVANTAGE OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE MONEY BUT ALSO HAVE
8 THE PROJECT TEAM ELEMENT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN YOUR EARLIER REPORT, MR. FUJIOKA, IF I
11 MAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU DID MAKE REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE
12 REPORT THAT WAS REQUESTED ON JANUARY THE 13TH IS FORTHCOMING.
13 SO MY QUESTION TO YOU WOULD EFFECTIVELY BE THE FOLLOWING: IN
14 LIGHT OF THE ASSEMBLING OF AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE,
15 DOES THAT DELAY THE REPORT BACK? OR WHAT MIGHT WE EXPECT?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK BOTH COULD BE COMBINED. WE'RE WAITING
18 FOR THE DETAIL FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T KNOW
19 EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY WE'LL BE RECEIVING LOCALLY WITHIN THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LET ALONE ON A STATEWIDE BASIS. PUTTING
21 A TEAM TOGETHER TO ASSIST US ON THE CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WILL
22 COME AS PART OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE IS SOMETHING THAT WILL
23 HELP US TRACK THIS EFFORT BECAUSE THERE WILL BE AT LEAST A
24 SEVERAL-YEAR ENTERPRISE, ESPECIALLY FOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE REPORT BACK WILL BE WHEN ON MY
2 MOTION?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL SHOOT FOR TWO WEEKS. IT'S CONTINGENT,
5 THOUGH, ON GETTING DETAILS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN
6 KNOWING EXACTLY HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO GET. BUT LET'S SHOOT
7 FOR TWO WEEKS RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 30 DAYS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? THREE? FIVE?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY? THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 47 IS A DISCUSSION ITEM. WE
20 CAN HAVE A STAFF REPORT, DEPARTMENT REPORT ON ITEM 47? DR.
21 CLAVREUL SIGNED UP, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WANTS THE REPORT
22 FIRST. PARDON ME? I ASKED FOR THE REPORT FIRST. THEN I'LL CALL
23 YOU UP.

24



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** CAROL MEYER, INTERIM CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER. ON
2 JANUARY 13TH, WE CAME TO YOUR BOARD REQUESTING APPROVAL AND
3 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO REDUCE THE OFFICIAL COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE
4 PERCENTAGE FOR THE PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS PROGRAM, A
5 PROGRAM THAT PAYS PRIVATE PHYSICIANS IN PRIVATE EMERGENCY
6 DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE EITHER WORKING IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
7 OR ARE ON CALL TO A RATE OF 27 PERCENT. YOUR BOARD APPROVED
8 THAT. WE ALSO RECOMMENDED FUTURE DELEGATION TO REDUCE THAT
9 RATE TO 25 PERCENT, WHICH YOU HELD. WE ARE ASKING TODAY THAT
10 YOU REFER THAT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE PROVIDED INFORMATION
11 TO YOU WITH REGARDS TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN
12 CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AND ARE ESTIMATED IN THE
13 FUTURE YEARS. ALMOST DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF CLAIMS IN A SEVEN-
14 YEAR PERIOD. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF
15 PHYSICIANS ENROLLED IN THIS PROGRAM. AND ALTHOUGH THE
16 EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS HAVE INCREASED, THE EXPENDITURES
17 WILL EVENTUALLY NOT BE AVAILABLE IF THERE IS THIS CONTINUED
18 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THE NUMBER OF
19 CLAIMS. THERE ARE SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT YOU ASKED. FIRST OF
20 ALL, THE IMPACT ON REDUCING THE P.S.I.P. RATES FURTHER. AND AS
21 YOUR BOARD KNOWS, 11 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS HAVE CLOSED IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY IN LESS THAN SIX YEARS. IN MOST CASES, THEY
23 WERE FULL HOSPITALS. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE OFTEN BEEN
24 CITED ARE THE FACT THAT THESE HOSPITALS ARE UNABLE, BECAUSE OF
25 THE NUMBER OF INDIGENT PATIENTS, TO KEEP ON-CALL PHYSICIANS IN



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1 THE EMERGENCY ROOM TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PATIENTS. RECENTLY A
2 NUMBER OF EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIANS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST
3 THE STATE FOR IMPENDING 10 PERCENT REDUCTIONS IN MEDI-CAL
4 RATES. AND WE BELIEVE THAT REDUCING RATES COULD, IN FACT,
5 FURTHER MAGNIFY THIS PROBLEM. WHAT THE ALTERNATIVES ARE TO
6 REDUCING THE RATES REALLY ARE DIFFICULT TO TELL. THERE ARE SO
7 MANY ECONOMIC CHANGES THAT ARE OCCURRING THAT THAT IS EXACTLY
8 WHY WE ARE REFERRING THIS BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND WE
9 RECOMMEND THAT WE COME BACK TO YOU AT THE END OF THIS YEAR,
10 WHEN WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CLAIMS DO, IN
11 FACT, INCREASE BASED ON THE TRENDS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE
12 PAST. AND THEN, FINALLY, PROCEDURES THAT WE WILL USE IN THE
13 FUTURE TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC AND SPECIFICALLY THE PHYSICIAN
14 PROVIDERS OF ANY REDUCED RATES, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT WE
15 WILL, IN FACT, NOTIFY EACH PHYSICIAN THAT WE HAVE IN OUR
16 PROGRAM CURRENTLY. THERE ARE NEARLY 5,000 PHYSICIANS. WE WILL
17 GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT TO THE E.M.S.
18 COMMISSION, A VERY ACTIVE COMMISSION IN THIS COUNTY. AND THEN
19 WE WILL BRING BACK ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE FACT THAT THE E.M.S. COMMISSION IS
22 GOING TO WEIGH IN ON THIS NOW, WILL THOSE MEETINGS BE OPEN TO
23 THE PUBLIC?

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, THEY ARE OPEN. THEY ARE OPEN BROWN ACT
2 MEETINGS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ABOUT HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE FEDERAL
5 STIMULUS PACKAGE? DO THEY CONSIDER EMERGENCY SERVICES AS ANY
6 PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUE? OR PROBLEM?

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8 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, WE'RE NOT CLEAR ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE
9 DOLLARS, WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE DOLLARS FOR HOSPITALS.
10 SO WE'RE STILL WAITING TO EVALUATE THAT WHEN WE GET THE
11 DETAILS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE'RE GOING TO RELY ON YOU, AS
14 WELL, TOO, FOR US. I MEAN IT COULD BE A DISASTER FOR E.R.S ON
15 THIS WHOLE PROCESS. I REALLY AM GOING TO RELY ON YOU TO LET US
16 KNOW HOW WE CAN WEIGH IN BOTH WITH STATE LEGISLATORS OR
17 FEDERAL, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OR WHATEVER DO WE NEED TO DO TO
18 ALERT THEM TO A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION THAT COULD BE ON THE
19 HORIZON FOR OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO LOWER
20 THIS. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO FORCE PEOPLE OUT OF THE BUSINESS.
21 AND THAT'S NOT GOOD. VOTERS HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING
22 THIS BECAUSE THEY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE FOR MEASURE B. AND
23 THIS WILL BE A HARD ONE FOR THEM TO STOMACH SHOULD THESE
24 DECLINING RATES RUN US INTO PROBLEMS WITH DOCS. AND THEY'RE
25 GOING TO HAVE A VERY GOOD PUBLIC CAMPAIGN VERSUS WHAT WE WOULD



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1 HAVE, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE GETTING THE KICKBACK FROM STATE AND
2 FED, THEY'RE GOING TO POINT THE FINGER AT US. I DON'T SEE ANY
3 OTHER WAY.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I HEARD THE TERM INFRASTRUCTURE. KNOW THAT
6 WITH THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PROJECTS
7 IN OUR HEALTH FACILITIES THAT I THINK WOULD BE OUTSTANDING
8 CANDIDATES FOR THAT MONEY. WE ALSO KNOW -- I HAD MENTIONED THE
9 CONCERNS ABOUT F.M.A.P. AND WHAT'S HAPPENING. SO JUST IN
10 GENERAL, WE DO NEED TO STEP UP OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON
11 HEALTHCARE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE NEED TO. WE WORK OUR TAILS OFF. AND I
14 HAND-CARRIED LETTERS TO WASHINGTON ON THIS F.M.A.P. AND MET
15 WITH MEMBERS. WE HAD OUR CONGRESSWOMAN JANE HARMON,
16 CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN, I MEAN, WENT TO BAT FOR US. AND THEIR
17 INTENTION WAS NOT FOR THE STATE TO CUT INTO OUR F.M.A.P.
18 REIMBURSEMENT. I MEAN THAT WAS CLEARLY, THAT WASN'T THE INTENT
19 OF THE LETTERS, THAT WASN'T THE INTENT OF OUR ADVOCACY. THAT
20 WASN'T THE INTENT OF THEIR FLOOR SPEECHES OR COMMITTEE
21 SPEECHES OR WHATEVER IT WAS. YOU KNOW, IT'S GOING TO MAKE IT
22 DIFFICULT FOR US BECAUSE, ONE, WE EXPECTED MORE AND WE SHOULD
23 GET MORE. BUT THEN HAVING THE STATE -- AND THAT'S OUR CONSTANT
24 BATTLE. WE'RE ALWAYS BACK THERE SAYING WE SHOULD BE TREATED
25 LIKE A STATE INSTEAD OF A COUNTY, ANYWAY. BUT IT'S VERY



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1 FRUSTRATING, THIS F.M.A.P. ISSUE BECAUSE THAT WAS A BIG ONE.
2 AND WE HAD OUR DELEGATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY GO TO BAT
3 FOR US. AND THEN TO HEAR THAT THE MAJORITY OF THAT MAY BE
4 TAKEN BY THE STATE IS NOT GOOD PUBLIC POLICY AND NOT GOOD
5 GOVERNMENT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY. IF NOT, THANK YOU. DR.
6 CLAVREUL, YOU HELD ITEM 47.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO SEE THIS ITEM GOING BACK
10 TO THE DEPARTMENT. I THINK THAT DROPPING THE PAY OF THE
11 PHYSICIAN ANY MORE THAN HAVE BEEN CUT WILL PROHIBIT THEM
12 TAKING CARE OF INDIGENT PATIENTS. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE THING
13 YOU REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT. I ALSO THINK THE INCREASE OF THE
14 UTILIZATION HAS BEEN DUE IN PART OF THE CLOSURE OF KING-DREW
15 MEDICAL CENTER. AND I THINK A LOT OF THOSE PATIENTS WHICH WILL
16 HAVE BEEN SEEN I THINK WHO ARE SEEN NOW IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS.
17 AND I THINK THAT'S YOUR DUTY TO MAINTAIN THE MAXIMUM CARE
18 WHICH CAN BE GIVEN. SO I APPRECIATE YOU SENDING IT BACK. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COULD THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
24 DEPARTMENT, PLEASE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS. THAT WAS THE DIRECTION. REFER
2 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. YOU ALSO HELD,
7 LET'S SEE, 49-A? NO, YOU COULDN'T. DO YOU WANT A MOTION ON THE
8 LAST ONE? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE CHAIR WILL
9 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 49-A? SORRY ABOUT THAT.

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, IT'S ABOUT THE NURSING HOME
12 LETTERS TO ASSESS THE QUALITY OF CARE. I THINK THAT'S A VERY
13 GOOD BEGINNING, BUT THOSE LETTERS ARE JUST NOT A TRUE
14 REFLECTION OF THE QUALITY PROVIDED IN THOSE NURSING HOMES. SO
15 I THINK YOU MIGHT GIVE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY FOR THE
16 PATIENTS' FAMILIES, THE PARENTS, TO ASSESS HOW GOOD THAT
17 NURSING HOME IS PROVIDING CARE. IT'S A LOT OF CRITICISM ON
18 THAT LETTERING. BUT IT'S A GOOD BEGINNING. IT'S BETTER THAN
19 NOTHING.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, I THINK. IT'S
22 A GOOD START. BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
23 EVALUATE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE A RESTAURANT. IT'S AN "A," MAYBE
2 THEY SCREWED UP IN THE KITCHEN THE DAY YOU'RE THERE. BUT AT
3 LEAST YOU KNOW THEY'RE ON TRACK OF BEING A. AND COMING FROM
4 THE HEALTH PROFESSION, YOU KNOW SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE
5 FORGOTTEN SOULS, ESPECIALLY THOSE FAMILIES WHO ARE OUT OF THE
6 STATE, OUT OF THE COUNTY WHO BELIEVE THAT THEIR LOVED ONE'S
7 GETTING CARE ONLY TO FIND OUT THEY ARE BEING ABUSED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS SO HARD. YOU'VE GOT TO CHECK
10 EVERYTHING OUT. YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GO ON.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING. IN SOME
13 STATES IT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF CORRECTION ALREADY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND 49-B? WAIT A MINUTE WE NEED A MOTION
16 ON 49-A. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL
17 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 49-B. GENEVIEVE AND
18 SHELIAH WARD HELD THAT, AS WELL. IF SHEILA WOULD COME FORWARD.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THAT ISSUE AS AN
21 EXPERT IN NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE. I AM A NURSE THAT HAS
22 WORKED MOST OF MY CAREER IN NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE. AND I AM
23 TOTALLY APPALLED BY THIS STORY. BUT I THINK IN CALIFORNIA THE
24 MEDICAL BOARD IS NOT VERY EFFECTIVE. I HAVE DEALT WITH THE
25 MEDICAL BOARD ON MANY ISSUES FOR QUITE SOME TIME. AND I THINK



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1 WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THEIR EFFICIENCY. I MEAN I CANNOT
2 BELIEVE THAT A WOMAN COULD HAVE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SEVEN
3 TIMES IN A ROW. IT IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION. AND ESPECIALLY
4 WHEN IT IS MY TAXPAYER MONEY AT BEST. ALSO, I THINK WE HAVE
5 HAD A LOT OF WRONG INFORMATION. INITIALLY WE GOT INFORMATION
6 THAT WE WERE SPENDING A THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY PER INFANT.
7 THAT'S LOW BALLING. BECAUSE LET ME TELL YOU, I WORKED IN
8 NEONATAL FOR A LONG TIME. AND I'LL TELL YOU, IT IS MUCH MORE
9 THAN A THOUSAND A DAY PER INFANT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, IT'S 25, \$3,500 A DAY.

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13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SOME OF THE IV FLUID THEY ARE GETTING
14 ARE \$795 A DAY. SO THE FIGURES WE ARE GETTING ARE NOT
15 APPROPRIATE. AND I WAS VERY GLAD TO SEE ONE OF THE
16 PSYCHOLOGISTS IS SUING AND KIND OF ASKING THE STATE TO TAKE
17 OVER THE RAISING OF THOSE CHILDREN. I AM FORTUNATE MYSELF. I
18 AM VERY EFFECTIVE AND SO ON. PUT FOUR WAS ALL I COULD MANAGE
19 AND MAINTAIN MY SANITY. BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING SOMETHING
20 ABOUT IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MS. WARD?

23

24 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SHELIAH WARD.
25 AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING ZENITH ASSOCIATION PRODUCTIONS



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1 ENTERTAINMENT INTERNATIONAL TRUST AND -- BLACK CROSS REGARDING
2 THE OCTOMOM. IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION, AND PLUS IN FACT I SAW
3 ON TELEVISION YESTERDAY ANOTHER MOTHER WHOSE 11-DAY OLD CHILD
4 WAS SEPARATED FROM HER. IN THE CASE OF OCTOMOM, THIS IS
5 SOMETHING THAT TOOK PLACE YEARS AGO WHEN A LAW WAS PASSED SO
6 THAT THESE KIND OF ACTIVITIES WOULD HAPPEN IN OUR SOCIETY
7 OPPOSED TO THE NATURAL LAWS OF GOD WITH A MAN AND A WOMAN
8 PROCREATING. THESE WERE ALSO INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE
9 POWERS TO BE IN THOSE DAYS BEFORE THOSE LAWS WERE PUT ON THE
10 TABLES FOR A WOMAN TO BE ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN. AND THE REASON
11 FOR THAT LAW WASN'T SO THAT WE CAN BE WITH MORE THAN ONE CHILD
12 BECAUSE WE'RE LONELY OR ET CETERA, ET CETERA. I'M HERE TO
13 COMPLAIN AGAINST WHAT'S HAPPENING, OKAY, IT'S A DONE DEAL, YOU
14 CAN'T UNDO WHAT'S DONE, IT'S DONE. SHE HAS 14 CHILDREN. BUT IF
15 WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH HER, WE NEED
16 TO ALSO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT \$5,000 IS BEING GIVEN TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FOSTER CHILDREN PARENTS THAT
18 AREN'T THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN, LEAST ALONE 2,800 BEING GIVEN
19 TO A MOTHER FOR 14 CHILDREN. I ALSO WANTED TO BRING UP THE
20 FACT THAT THE PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. AND THAT THIS IS
21 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PLAY GOD. AND NOW THAT THE CHILDREN ARE
22 HERE, WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE THIS MOTHER AND THE
23 CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY STAYS TOGETHER, JUST LIKE ANTS AND
24 BEES AND DOLPHINS AND OTHER SPECIES IN OUR SOCIETY THAT HAVE
25 MORE THAN ONE CHILD. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM 49-B, MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I BELIEVE THAT COVERS THE AGENDA, THAT
5 IS CORRECT? AND WE HAVE JUST PUBLIC COMMENT?

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA'S ADJOURNMENTS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SORRY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR
11 ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE
14 BOARD ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF ESSIE HEARNS WHO RECENTLY
15 PASSED AWAY. GRADUATE OF TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE
16 RECEIVED HER DEGREE AND LATER EARNED HER CALIFORNIA TEACHING
17 CREDENTIAL IN CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS SUPERVISOR FOR THE HEAD
18 START PROGRAM IN THE SUN VILLAGE AREA AND WAS AN ELEMENTARY
19 SCHOOL TEACHER AT WILSONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE RECENTLY
20 RETIRED AFTER 32 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FORMER HUSBAND,
21 FORMER MAYOR, HENRY HEARNS OF LANCASTER AND THEIR SIX
22 CHILDREN.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. MARINA BARBUROV, A
2 COUSIN OF MY JUSTICE DEPUTY, ANNA BABAJIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY
3 SUDDENLY AT AGE 52 FOLLOWING SURGERIES AT KAISER HOSPITAL. A
4 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE. HOMEMAKER, AND SURVIVED BY HER
5 HUSBAND, EDWARD; AND THEIR DAUGHTERS, EDITA; AND TWO SISTERS
6 AND PARENTS. BEULAH CLINE, SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF THE MAYOR OF
7 THE CITY OF CHINO, DENNIS YATES, WHO I SERVE WITH ON THE AIR
8 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. HE HAS BEEN A VERY PHYSICAL PART
9 OF THE A.Q.M.D. AND HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 7TH,
10 2009. EVANGELINE TIBBETTS CREEK PASSED AWAY JANUARY 31ST. A
11 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR OVER 30 YEARS. SHE WORKED
12 AT A REGISTRAR AT ANTELOPE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEN TO
13 PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL IN PALMDALE AND THEN QUARTZ HILL HIGH
14 SCHOOL AS REGISTRAR. SHE WAS ALSO A MASTER KITE MAKER,
15 BUILDING KITES NOW HELD IN THE SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM, THE LOS
16 ANGELES OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL KITE, AND WAS INVITED BY THE
17 CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO TEACH KITE MAKING TECHNIQUES IN BEIJING.
18 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, SUSAN AND SALLY. RUSSELL
19 EARL MEEK, JR., LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO. SERVED IN
20 THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AND HE WORKED WITH HIS FATHER IN THE
21 FOUNDING ECONOMY RENTALS, INC. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND THREE
22 SONS AND HIS SISTER, VIRGINIA SUE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** "GINGER" ROHALEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
2 73. LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LEONA VALLEY. KNOWN FOR BEING
3 INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL LEONA VALLEY CHERRY
4 PARADE AND FESTIVAL. DARREN SILVERSPARRE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT
5 OF LA CRESCENTA. GRADUATE OF CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.
6 AFTER TRAINING AT THE WEST VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL CENTER HE
7 WORKED AS A MECHANIC IN THE LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE UNION STATION
8 ON ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY ON FOOTHILL BOULEVARD FOR 31 YEARS
9 WITH HIS FATHER, WHERE HE ENJOYED THE ART OF MECHANICS,
10 PROVIDED EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMERS, WAS A MEMBER OF
11 THE LOS FELIZ FLYERS AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE
12 CATHOLIC CHURCH. CAPTAIN JAMES WADE KIRSCHNER, LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY FIRE CAPTAIN, RETIRED. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87.
14 SERVED FOR 40 YEARS FOR OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. FORMER
15 DEPUTY SHERIFF TERRENCE S. JACKSON PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY
16 7TH. HE SERVED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 31 YEARS. HIS LAST
17 ASSIGNMENT WAS THE COURT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND MY SPECIALS
18 --

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME. ON THE ADJOURNMENTS, SO
21 ORDERED.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009, THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY
25 \$44,000,000 TO THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL FOR CONSTRUCTION,



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1 REFURBISHMENTS, REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, A.D.A.
2 ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, REINFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN
3 STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS, AND REPLACEMENT OR RENOVATION OF INTERIOR
4 FLOORS AND FINISHES. LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND VARIOUS OTHER VETERANS AGENCIES WERE
6 MOVED OUT OF THAT BUILDING TEMPORARILY. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE
7 BOARD ASK THE C.E.O. TO PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT TO THE BOARD,
8 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND THE
9 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON A TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF
10 THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL. SO THAT'S A REPORT BACK, MR.
11 CHAIRMAN. REPORT BACK.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. REPORT BACK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ANOTHER REPORT BACK, HOMEOWNERS WHO ADD
16 SQUARE FOOTAGE IN RENOVATIONS TO THEIR PROPERTY STIMULATE THE
17 LOCAL HOUSING MARKET, THEY STIMULATE THE ECONOMY BY CREATING
18 OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES, ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, WORKERS
19 AND BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION. THESE IMPROVEMENTS
20 MAKE THE PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO TAX-FREE ASSESSMENTS BY THE
21 COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR. GIVEN THE RECENTLY ECONOMIC REALITIES,
22 ALL EFFORTS TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY OUGHT TO BE EXAMINED. SO
23 I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT
24 BACK ON THE ADVISABILITY OF SUSPENDING TAX REASSESSMENTS AND
25 REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF



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1 ENCOURAGING HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE INTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR
2 REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT BEING TAXED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.
3 SOMEHOW JUST TO GET A REPORT BACK WITH WHAT POSSIBILITIES WE
4 HAVE IN ALLOWING THAT TO OCCUR, WHICH WOULD HELP CREATE SOME
5 JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO A REPORT BACK. THAT'S ALL, MR.
6 CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR
9 ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
12 DAHLIA OLACHEA, A LONG-TIME COUNTY RESIDENT AND A FORMER
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEE. DAHLIA WORKED FOR MANY YEARS AT L.A. COUNTY
14 U.S.C. AS AN R.N. NURSE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
15 CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. IS THAT IT? ANY OTHER ITEMS?

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. DELOREZ
22 RAMOS, SAHU KALI, ALSO KNOWN AS ROBERT RUCKER, JR., ARNOLD
23 SACHS, SHELIAH WARD.

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. FORTNER?



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2 **RAY FORTNER:** WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT ITEM CS-4, THE
3 CLOSED SESSION MATTER, BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONTINUED ONE WEEK, ITEM CS-4? OKAY. SO
6 ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE HAVE NO CLOSED SESSION.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE TWO OTHER ITEMS, CS-1 AND CS-2.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CS-1 AND 2. OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO
13 GO FIRST, JUST GIVE US YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

14

15 **SHELIAH:** GREETINGS. I'M SHELIAH WARD, AND I'M HERE
16 REPRESENTING SAHU. SAHU, THERE WAS A ROARING AND THE CRY IN
17 THE COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE SAHU WENT TO SAN DIEGO AND IT
18 WAS ALLEGED THAT HE PASSED AWAY LAST AUGUST. HIS BODY WAS
19 CREMATED AND DEPOSITED IN THE OCEAN. BY WHOEVER, WE DON'T
20 KNOW. AND THEN THE FAMILY WAS CALLED TWO WEEKS AGO AND TOLD
21 THAT SAHU HAD PASSED AWAY. RIGHT NOW, THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS
22 IN AN UPROAR BECAUSE WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF A PERSON PASSED
23 AWAY AND THEN THE BODY GOT CREMATED BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T FIND
24 THE FAMILY AND THEN YOU THREW THE BODY, THE CREMATION IN THE
25 OCEAN. WHEN WE ASKED WHERE IS THE CREMATION, THEY THREW IT IN



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1 THE OCEAN. AT ANY RATE, WE'RE PREPARING A MEMORIAL FOR SAHU AT
2 SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1509 WEST MANCHESTER ON HALLDALE
3 AT NOON ON THE LAST DAY OF THIS MONTH, THE 28TH, A SATURDAY.
4 THE REPAST WILL BE AT THE POWER OF LOVE COMMUNITY CENTER,
5 DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET WITH BISHOP EDWARD R. TURNER. AND
6 THE FAMILY IS IN HELP. THEY NEED TO KNOW CLOSURE, THE WHOLE
7 COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY SAHU WAS IN AN ACCIDENT. THEY
8 SAID THE BODY WAS BEYOND RECOGNITION, GREAT, GRANTED, OKAY.
9 THEN THEY CREMATE IT AFTER TWO MONTHS, GREAT. BUT WHY DID THEY
10 DEPOSIT THE REMAINS IN THE OCEAN AND THE FAMILY JUST NOW
11 FINDING OUT TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE YEAR 2009? SO WE WOULD LIKE
12 TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD FIRST BEFORE PEOPLE START GETTING ALL
13 IRATE IN THE COMMUNITY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DID THE ACCIDENT TAKE PLACE? IN
16 SAN DIEGO? AND WHERE WAS HE CREMATED? IN SAN DIEGO?

17

18 **SHELIAH WARD:** WE DON'T KNOW. NOBODY KNOWS. NOBODY IS GIVING US
19 INFORMATION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S A CERTAIN PROCEDURE HERE IN THE
22 COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO THERE'S A PERIOD OF TIME, RIGHT? AND
23 CREMATION, BUT THE BODY -- WE HAVE AN ANNUAL BURIAL SERVICE
24 FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN, YOU KNOW, CLAIMED BY A FAMILY
25 MEMBER, BUT CERTAINLY THERE'S NO PROCEDURE WITHIN THE COUNTY



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1 THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT WOULD ALLOW ANY DUMPING OF THE ASHES IN
2 THE OCEAN. SO IF THE CREMATION TOOK PLACE IN SAN DIEGO, THEY
3 HAVE DIFFERENT RULES AND REGULATION, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHECK WITH
4 THEM.

5

6 **SHELIAH WARD:** OKAY, BECAUSE HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY AND A VETERAN IN THE MILITARY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IF THE ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE DOWN
10 THERE AND THERE WAS NO ONE THAT CLAIMED THE REMAINS. AND I
11 WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE CREMATION ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE IN SAN
12 DIEGO COUNTY, NOT HERE.

13

14 **SHELIAH WARD:** OKAY. WE UNDERSTAND, BUT PEOPLE ARE MORE OR LESS
15 OUTRAGED BECAUSE THEY'RE SAYING IF THIS HAPPENED TO HIM, THEY
16 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE THAT THIS HAPPENED TO
17 THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET. SO IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO
18 CONTACT HIS SISTER AT 323-920-6826, KAREEMA, REGARDING FOLLOW-
19 UP ON THAT, SO WE DON'T HAVE --

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES IT GO THROUGH THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN,
22 THOSE ISSUES?

23

24 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS I'M LISTENING TO THIS,
25 PERHAPS WE COULD, THROUGH MY OFFICE, CONTACT THE COUNTY OF SAN



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1 DIEGO AND ASK WHAT THEIR PROCEDURES ARE, AND WE'LL GET THE
2 TELEPHONE NUMBER AND INFORMATION AND FOLLOW UP.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SHELIAH WARD:** I'LL GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE FAMILY.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SHELIAH WARD:** I'M ALSO HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE LAST TIME I WAS
11 HERE LAST YEAR TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MY SITUATION WITH SECTION
12 8. NOW THEY'RE EVICTING ME AND SAYING THAT THEY DON'T WANT
13 SECTION 8 IN MY BUILDING ANYMORE. AND I HAD AN INVESTIGATION
14 DONE TO FIND OUT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN MY BUILDING ON
15 SECTION 8 AND THAT I'M BEING SINGLED OUT TO MOVE AT THIS TIME.
16 AND NO ONE'S TELLING ME WHERE ALL THIS MONEY'S SUPPOSED TO
17 COME FROM THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO MOVE INTO ANOTHER FACILITY, AND
18 WHY I HAVE TO JUST UPROOT MYSELF AND MOVE RIGHT NOW. AND
19 CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO ALSO MENTION THAT MISS RUBY MICHELLE IS
20 IN THE HOSPITAL, HAD A STROKE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SHELIAH WARD:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DELOREZ RAMOS. ARNOLD SACHS.

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3 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. HERE ONCE AGAIN,
4 SINCE MARCH OF 2008. LAST DATE I WAS HERE WAS JANUARY 6TH OF
5 '09. MY COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO BE WITH THE SOCIAL WORKERS AT
6 WEST L.A., WHO HAVE ABUSED THEIR AUTHORITY, CONTINUE ABUSING
7 THEIR AUTHORITY WHICH INCLUDES PERJURY. AS MUCH AS I KNOW,
8 THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT YOU CAN DO, BUT IT'S REALLY FRUSTRATING
9 TO KEEP COMING HERE. EACH TIME I'VE SPOKEN WITH ARMANDO, I
10 HOPE I DON'T BUTCHER HIS NAME, MONTIERE. I HAVE CONTACTED
11 BARBARA BOYD AT THAT OFFICE. HER CHILDISH GAME IS TO RESPOND
12 THE SAME DAY, PROMISE TO CALL WITHIN 24 HOURS, NEVER FOLLOWS
13 THROUGH. AT THIS POINT, STICK A FORK IN ME. I'M DONE WITH
14 PLAYING GAMES WITH D.C.F.S. WEST L.A. I'M REQUESTING SOMEONE
15 FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE ASSIST MY FAMILY. I
16 SPECIFICALLY NEED TO KNOW IF THE COURT ORDERED SOCIAL WORKER
17 JOCELYN PALIN TO ASSIST MY FAMILY WITH HOUSING, WHY HASN'T IT
18 HAPPENED? JOCELYN PALIN CLAIMS COUNTY CANNOT ASSIST. THE SAME
19 IS TRUE WITH REGARDS TO BUS PASSES. I REQUESTED TO BE
20 REIMBURSED FOR JANUARY, I WAS TOLD THE COUNTY DOES NOT
21 REIMBURSE. I'M CONSTANTLY INFORMED, MY CHILDREN ARE KEPT FROM
22 ME DUE TO LACK OF PERMANENT ADDRESS, BUT HAVE DONE NOTHING TO
23 ASSIST ME. GIVEN THE CONDITION OF THE ECONOMY, WITH PEOPLE
24 LOSING THEIR JOBS AND THEIR HOMES, I SOMEHOW, BEING
25 UNEMPLOYED, AM EXPECTED TO HAVE EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING OR MY



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1 CHILDREN ARE KEPT AWAY FROM ME, WHICH IS NOTHING MORE THAN
2 KIDNAPPING. I KEEP BEING TOLD THAT ALL I NEED IS THIS HOUSING
3 AND I HAVE MY CHILDREN. BUT YET ON 2/5, JOCELYN PALIN ASKED ME
4 IF I WANTED THE PRESENT RELATIVE CAREGIVER TO BE MY LEGAL
5 GUARDIAN. WELL, IF I WANT MY CHILDREN, WHY WOULD I WANT THAT
6 TO HAPPEN? IT CAN'T BE BOTH WAYS. TO PLAY ON PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS
7 THE WAY THAT SOCIAL WORKERS DO, OR TELLING ME WHAT I WANT TO
8 HEAR, YET SUBMIT OTHERWISE TO THE COURTS. I KNOW YOU HAVE NO
9 JURISDICTION OVER THE COURTS, BUT IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW, WHERE
10 IS THE AUDITING OR WHATEVER? HOW CAN THESE SOCIAL WORKERS JUST
11 LIE ON PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN AWAY FROM THEM SO THEY
12 CAN END UP IN FOSTER CARE? MY CHILDREN HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE
13 ABUSED -- THEY'VE NEVER BEEN ABUSED, BUT THEY HAVE BEING IN
14 THE SYSTEM AND NOBODY CARES. EVERY TIME I REPORTED MY CHILDREN
15 BEING ABUSED, JOCELYN PALIN PASSED IT OFF AS, OH, WELL, IT
16 NEVER HAPPENED AND, YOU KNOW. BUT THEN I SEE THE PHYSICAL
17 BRUISES AND I AGAIN HAD TO GO FILE A REPORT WITH THE BOY THAT
18 HURT MY CHILD. I HAVE PICTURES OF HER INJURIES, BUT D.C.F.S.
19 COULD CARE LESS, AS LONG AS SHE'S NOT WITH ME, THAT SEEMS TO
20 BE THE THING. I THOUGHT YOUR PURPOSE WAS FOR CHILDREN TO BE
21 WITH PARENTS WHO LOVE THEM. SO WHAT? I DON HAVE A PERMANENT
22 ADDRESS. IS THAT ANY REASON TO KEEP MY CHILDREN FROM ME? MY
23 CHILDREN WERE NEVER ABUSED. THERE IS NO HISTORY OF IT. BUT
24 THEY JUST KEEP PLAYING IT AS IF I AM, TO THE POINT THEY HAVE
25 NOTHING ON ME. JOCELYN PALIN'S TALKING ABOUT I'VE NEVER USED



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1 DRUGS, ALCOHOL, EVEN SMOKED CIGARETTES IN MY LIFE. YET SHE
2 SAYS THEY WANTED TO DRUG TEST ME. SO JUST KEEP PUTTING ME
3 THROUGH ALL THIS NONSENSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO REASON TO KEEP
4 MY CHILDREN AND THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO HELP US. IF FAMILY
5 REUNIFICATION IS BUS PASSES, WHAT IS THAT? THAT'S NOTHING. AND
6 I'M TIRED OF IT. TIRED.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, DO YOU HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO
9 HER?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I THINK THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON IS
12 HERE.

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14 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** YEAH, I KNOW, I'VE TALKED TO THEM, BUT THEY
15 DON'T LISTEN TO THEM. EVERY TIME HE CALLED THEM, THEY CALL ME
16 THE SAME DAY AND THEN I NEVER HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN. WHICH IS
17 WHY I'M HERE AGAIN.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW? I KNOW YOU HAVE A
20 POST OFFICE BOX IN THE 90036, BUT DO YOU LIVE IN THE 90036?

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22 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** EXCUSE ME?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU LIVE IN THE 90036 ZIP CODE? I DON'T
25 WANT YOUR ADDRESS.



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2 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** YES. THAT'S THE WAY OF CONTACTING ME. BUT I'M
3 IN SANTA MONICA.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE IN SANTA MONICA. MY STAFF MEMBER IS
6 ALSO FAMILIAR WITH YOUR CASE, MS. MANDEL, AND SHE WILL ALSO BE
7 IN TOUCH. THE LIAISON WILL TALK TO YOU NOW SO THAT WE CAN GET
8 UPDATED INFORMATION. THANK YOU, MISS RAMOS. APPRECIATE IT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. YOU KNOW , I DO
11 HAVE A CORRECTION HERE. IT WAS NOT MONTEBELLO HOSPITAL, IT WAS
12 BEVERLY HOSPITAL IN MONTEBELLO WHERE THE. SAFE SURRENDER TOOK
13 PLACE. I STAND CORRECTED. ARNOLD.

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17 **>>ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. ARNOLD
18 SACHS. I APPRECIATE THE C.E.O.'S REPORT. I MEANT TO -- ALSO,
19 HE REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING WHEN YOU DISCUSSED THE RELATED
20 FIASCO AT THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, BUT THEY ALSO BOUGHT A
21 HIGH-RISE, I BELIEVE, LAST YEAR ON HILL STREET. SO IF THEY HAD
22 THE FUNDING TO PURCHASE ANOTHER BUILDING, THE PENALTY PHASE
23 SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO. I DID WANT TO MENTION FOR MY M.T.A.
24 TIME, THERE'S NEW SIGNAGE ON BUSES AS YOU GET ON THE BUSES
25 REGARDING THE TAPCARD AND THAT THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED



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1 STARTING ON MARCH 15TH. IF I COULD SUGGEST, AND YOU MIGHT PASS
2 IT ON TO THE M.T.A., THAT THEY ALSO ADD SOME -- THEY HAVE THE
3 CARD THAT THEY PUT ON THE HEADBOARDS FOR USING THE TAP OR
4 MAYBE EVEN ON THE RAIL SYSTEM THAT THE TAPCARDS WILL BE
5 IMPLEMENTED STARTING MARCH 15, NOT JUST WHERE THEY HAVE THEM.
6 RIGHT NOW THEY'RE ON THE FARE BOX AND PEOPLE ARE NOT REALLY
7 GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE FARE BOX,
8 THEY'RE JUST GOING TO BE LOOKING TO PAY THE FARE. I'D SUGGEST
9 THEY PUT THEM THROUGHOUT THE BUS AND ON THE RAIL SYSTEM THAT
10 PEOPLE RIDE SO THEY KNOW THAT THE TAPCARD IS COMING. AND I
11 WOULD JUST LIKE QUICKLY TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE CITY OF L.A.,
12 THEY HAD A REPORT FROM THEIR TRANSIT AND THEIR TRANSPORTATION
13 COMMITTEE REGARDING THE LATE NIGHT SERVICE IN THE DASH LINES,
14 WHICH WAS THREE BUSES RUNNING FOR I BELIEVE SIX HOURS. AND IT
15 WAS \$23,000 TO RUN THOSE THREE BUSES, AND THE RED LINE WAS
16 RUNNING FROM UNION STATION TO NORTH HOLLYWOOD FOR \$4,100 FOR
17 AN ADDITIONAL FOUR HOURS. AND WE GET SO OFTEN NUMBERS THROWN
18 AT US THAT JUST BOGGLE THE MIND. BASED ON THESE NUMBERS AND
19 BASED ON THE HOURS OF OPERATION, IT WOULD REALLY BE NICE TO
20 GET AN AUDIT OF WHY IT WOULD COST AND IF WHY IT COST \$7,100,
21 OVER \$7,000 TO OPERATE A DASH BUS AND OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS
22 PER HOUR TO OPERATE THE RED LINE, JUST WHAT THE COST THE
23 PUBLIC INCURS. I MEAN, IT'S FINALLY GETTING CLOSE TO A
24 BREAKDOWN. THIS WAS MONEY THAT WAS PRIVATELY DONATED SO THAT
25 THEY COULD OPERATE. BUT IT WOULD BEHOOVE THE PUBLIC TO KNOW,



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1 IF IT'S \$4,100 FOR FOUR HOURS, THAT COMES TO OVER \$24,000 A
2 DAY. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY TO RUN THE RED LINE. AND IF IT'S
3 \$23,000 FOR THE DASH BUSES FOR THREE OF THEM, IT'S SIX HOURS,
4 THAT'S, LIKE, \$92,000 FOR THREE BUSES FOR A WHOLE DAY, FOR 24
5 HOURS. AND THEY DON'T OPERATE THAT LONG. IT WOULD BE NICE TO
6 GET SOME FIGURES BASED ON THEIR FIGURES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. IF YOU WILL
10 LEAD US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
14 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
15 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, TWO
16 CASES; ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
17 REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON
18 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 17, 2009

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1 or CS-2.

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7 In Open Session item CS-3 was continued two weeks to March 3,

8 2009. In Open Session item CS-4 was continued one week to

9 February 24, 2009.

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