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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **ON APRIL 14, 2009 BEGINS ON PAGE 141.]**

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6           **[GAVEL]**

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8           **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE  
9 RISE. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND  
10 WILLIAM BRIONES FROM THE LOS ANGELES HONPA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST  
11 TEMPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THE PLEDGE LED BY JULIE DIANE  
12 ARUNDELL, FORMER CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY. REVEREND?

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14           **REV. WILLIAM BRIONES:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
15 MEDITATION. AS WE GATHER HERE THIS MORNING WITH OUR ELECTED  
16 OFFICIALS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF ANGELES, LET US  
17 REFLECT, AND WITH OUR HEARTS AND MINDS AND DEEP GRATITUDE AND  
18 APPRECIATION EXPRESS OUR JOY AND SIMPLE THANKFULNESS TO THE  
19 COUNTLESS CAUSES AND CONDITIONS THAT HAS ALLOWED YOU, THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO EMBARK ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT TASK OF  
21 GOVERNING AND PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
22 OUR LIFE IS FILLED WITH WARMTH AND SHARING LIFE AND HELPING  
23 OTHERS. IT IS SIMPLE TRUTH TO LEARN WHAT A DIFFICULT PRACTICE  
24 DOES FULLY REALIZED. THE PRACTICE OF LIVING IN HARMONY WITH  
25 OTHERS IS BASED ON A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE WHICH IS



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1 ONENESS. IN DEEP GRATITUDE, LET US REALIZE THIS ONENESS OF ALL  
2 LIFE, THE HEART OF WHICH IS COMPASSION. MAY THE PROCEEDINGS  
3 HERE TODAY LAY BARE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE TRUTH THAT ALL  
4 PEOPLE AND NATURE ARE INTIMATELY INTERCONNECTED WITH OTHERS.  
5 TO TRULY REALIZE THIS INTERDEPENDENCE, ONE CAN ONLY MANIFEST A  
6 PROFOUND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS  
7 AND OUR ENVIRONMENT. MAY TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS BE PRODUCTIVE,  
8 AND THE DECISIONS MADE TODAY SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND ITS  
9 PEOPLE IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

10

11 **JULIE DIANE ARUNDELL:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT  
12 HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
13 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? BE SEATED, THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A  
18 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM BRIONES.  
19 REVEREND WILLIAM BRIONES IS ORDAINED IN TOKYO, JAPAN. HE  
20 CURRENTLY LEADS A THRIVING CONGREGATION AT THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
21 IN LITTLE TOKYO, WHERE HE CONDUCTS SERVICES AND TEACHES  
22 CLASSES. IN ADDITION TO HIS LEADERSHIP ROLE AT TEMPLE, THE  
23 REVEREND OFTEN SPEAKS AT OTHER TEMPLES, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS  
24 AND WORKSHOPS. HE ALSO SERVES AS A MINISTERIAL ADVISER TO THE  
25 DHARMA SCHOOL. THE REVEREND'S OTHER COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



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1 INCLUDE SERVING AS AN ADVISER FOR LOCAL SCOUTING TROOPS AND  
2 SERVING ON THE BUDDHIST EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE. WE WANT TO  
3 THANK HIM FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION, AS WELL AS ALL THE  
4 FINE WORK HE DOES IN THE SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.  
5 CONGRATULATIONS SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTAIN JULIE DIANE ARUNDELL IS A UNITED  
10 STATES ARMY VETERAN, FIVE YEARS SERVICE. SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN  
11 AND SERVED WITH THE SECOND FORWARD SURGICAL TEAM, 10TH COMBAT  
12 SUPPORT HOSPITAL. RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR, NATIONAL SERVICE  
13 DEFENSE MEDAL, THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON  
14 TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. SHE MET HER HUSBAND IN AFGHANISTAN.  
15 LIVING IN BURBANK AND WORKING AT THE V.A. OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN  
16 SEPULVEDA. SO JULIE, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
17 COUNTRY. SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
18 WYOMING AND CURRENTLY IS IN THE MASTER'S PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A.  
19 SO CAPTAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE



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1 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
2 2-D.

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

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
8 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM 1-H, THERE ARE SEVERAL  
9 REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 2-H IS  
10 BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1-H, IT WILL BE HELD. ITEM 2-H  
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
17 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
20 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15.  
23 ON ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
24 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 21ST, 2009.

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

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
4 WOULD LIKE HIS MOTION TO BE REVISED TO STATE AT THE VERY END  
5 "AN ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND INVENTORY OF  
6 APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES" INSTEAD OF THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS  
7 POSTED. ITEM NO. 7. ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE IS A REQUEST  
9 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING  
10 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND  
13 ITEM NO. 7 AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR  
14 WILL SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 12. CONSENT CALENDAR.  
17 ITEMS -- YES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE AN ADDITION, WANT TO RECONSIDER  
20 ITEM 9?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL SECOND IT, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
23 RECONSIDERED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THAT CAN WE ADD THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE  
2 VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION BE COPIED ON THE LETTER? I'LL MOVE  
3 IT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT CHANGE TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF  
6 VETERANS' AFFAIRS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR  
7 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
12 ITEMS 16 THROUGH 47. ON ITEM NO. 16, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
13 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
14 TO APRIL 21ST, 2009.

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

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
19 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

20

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

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 21, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

25



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

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM  
4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

5

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

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

10

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

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 42, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 42?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 46, THE SETTLEMENT IS BEFORE  
23 THE BOARD TODAY, BUT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOULD LIKE TO  
24 REFER BACK THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO HIS OFFICE TO REVIEW THE  
25 COUNTY-WIDE APPLICABILITY OF THESE ACTIONS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND WITH THAT, THE REMAINING ITEMS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 46 IS APPROVED THE SETTLEMENT BUT TO  
7 REFER BACK THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** INCLUDING 46.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THE CHANGE TO 46, MOVED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 26, ORDINANCE FOR  
20 INTRODUCTION. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.  
21 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 - SALARIES OF THE LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND OR  
23 CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS, THE NUMBER OF ORDINANCE  
24 POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF  
25 CLASSIFICATION STUDIES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM NO. 49. AND AGAIN  
6 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE  
7 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE MT. SAN  
9 ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,  
10 ELECTION 2008, SERIES A IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
11 EXCEED \$85 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR  
14 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DID YOU DO ITEM  
15 48?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 48, YES.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ABOUT THEN ITEM 47?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 47 WAS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. JUST  
24 CHECKING.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON 27, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO  
2 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
3 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 50-  
4 A.

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

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 50-B.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY  
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 29, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
15 ITEM CS-2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
16 ONE WEEK TO APRIL 21ST, 2009.

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

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM CS-5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

22

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

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
2 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I HAD A REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR  
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE HAS TO DEPART FOR A SECOND OR TWO, AND SO WE  
7 WILL CALL MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, SIR.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN  
10 AND COLLEAGUES. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE C.I.F. 2009  
11 STATE CHAMPIONS TO OUR CHAMBER AND GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
12 APPLAUSE. WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL COMETS IN THE HOUSE.

13 [APPLAUSE.] WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM FOR THEIR PROWESS AND IT  
14 SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED THAT THIS IS NOT AN EXCEPTION IN THE  
15 SENSE THAT THEY HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES NOT ONLY THIS  
16 YEAR AS STATE CHAMPIONS, BUT THIS IS THE FIFTH SUCH TITLE THAT  
17 WESTCHESTER COMETS LAY CLAIM TO, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM FOR  
18 THEIR SKILL ON THE COURT. SO DR. MIMS AND TO THE HEAD COACH,  
19 MR. ZAM, TO ALL OF THE ASSISTANT COACHES AND TO THE TEAM, IT'S  
20 OUR PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE YOU THIS MORNING FOR WHAT YOU HAVE  
21 ACCOMPLISHED. AND IT'S CONSIDERABLE, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.  
22 LET ME JUST SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THE FOLLOWING. WESTCHESTER,  
23 OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES, THIS SCHOOL HAS PRODUCED SIX FORMER  
24 PLAYERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY PLAYING IN THE M.B.A. AND SEVEN  
25 PLAYERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY PLAYING PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL IN



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1 OTHER LEAGUES. 19 ARE CURRENTLY PLAYING AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL  
2 AND 32 HAVE PLAYED ON THE COLLEGE LEVEL IN THE RECENT PAST.  
3 AND FOUR FORMER PLAYERS ARE CURRENTLY COACHING AT THE HIGH  
4 SCHOOL LEVEL. AND THIS IS A STATEMENT OF HOW DEEP AND BROAD  
5 THEIR EXPERIENCES ARE IN TERMS OF ATHLETICS. BUT IT'S UNDER  
6 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN DISPLAYED AT  
7 WESTCHESTER THAT THEY HAVE FOCUSED ON 5 S. ONE IS EXCELLENCE  
8 IN CURRICULUM. TWO IS EDUCATING AS A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
9 COMMUNITY. THREE IS EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL LEARNERS. FOUR  
10 IS THE ENVIRONMENT IS SAFE FOR LEARNING. AND FIVE IS ENGAGING  
11 ALL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND PRODUCING WHAT CAN BE  
12 CELEBRATED ON THAT CAMPUS AND BEYOND. AND SO THIS IS A FOCUS  
13 ON ACADEMICS AS WELL AS ATHLETICS. THESE YOUNG MEN ARE MAKING  
14 THEIR MARK. THIS SCHOOL HAS EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THEM,  
15 AS IS THE CASE WITH US. THEREFORE WE PRESENT THIS TO THESE  
16 CHAMPIONS FOR THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE ON THE COURT, THE  
17 WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING IN THE CLASSROOM. AND WE SAY TO THEM  
18 THAT WE WISH THEM THE VERY BEST AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS  
19 RATHER STELLAR TREATMENT. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
20 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SIR?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MR.  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE  
24 THIS TEAM. THEY'RE WELL-DESERVING IN THEIR ACTIONS THIS YEAR.



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1 THEY'VE WORKED HARD AND PERFORMED AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL. THANK  
2 YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I KNEW MR. YAROSLAVSKY COULDN'T RESTRAIN  
7 HIMSELF. THESE ARE STATE CHAMPIONS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THESE ARE STATE CHAMPIONS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THESE ARE NOT CITY CHAMPIONS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME. NOT FOR THE FIRST  
14 TIME.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE FIFTH TIME STATE CHAMPIONS, TEN TIMES  
17 CITY CHAMPIONS. WESTCHESTER COMETS IN THE HOUSE, LADIES AND  
18 GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS A FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL  
21 ALUMNUS, I KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT TODAY. WE  
22 ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN THE WESTERN LEAGUE. I HOPE THE YOUNG  
23 MEN, I KNOW THE COACH KNOWS IT, BUT THE YOUNG MEN REALIZE THAT  
24 WE HAVE TWO OF THE FINEST PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY, HIGH SCHOOL  
25 PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY THAT NOT ONLY PRODUCE GREAT BASKETBALL



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1 PLAYERS BUT PRODUCE GREAT MEN. AND ED ZAM, YOU HAVE  
2 DISTINGUISHED YOURSELF AND THROUGH YOU, THE SCHOOL. I'M  
3 PROBABLY THE ONLY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD THAT ACTUALLY HAS GONE  
4 TO SEE FAIRFAX-WESTCHESTER BALL GAMES. I DO IT EVERY YEAR.  
5 IT'S A TOUGH TICKET TO GET. ANYONE WHO WANTS THEM CAN SEE ME  
6 PERSONALLY. BUT IT'S A REAL PRIVILEGE TO HAVE TWO GREAT TEAMS  
7 IN THE CITY, AND IN ONE LEAGUE. AND I REALLY WANT TO  
8 CONGRATULATE YOU. I SAW YOU, I SAW THE COACH AT THE SEMIFINAL  
9 GAME AT GALEN CENTER. YOU GUYS DESERVED IT. YOU WERE THE BEST  
10 TEAM IN THE STATE THIS YEAR AND WISH YOU ALL WELL. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT I'VE  
13 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING THESE YOUNG MEN PLAY ON A COUPLE  
14 OF OCCASIONS, TOO. BUT I JUST ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE  
15 HIGH SCHOOL RESIDES IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND SO THEY'RE  
16 FOURTH DISTRICT CHAMPIONS. [LAUGHTER.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BE CAREFUL, MR. KNABE. [LAUGHTER.] WE  
19 BETTER COME ON UP AND TAKE A PICTURE AND RESOLVE YOUR ISSUES.  
20 YEAH. AND MISS MOLINA, WILL YOU JOIN US? LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
21 ONE MORE TIME FOR THESE CHAMPIONS. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN,  
22 IF WE COULD ASK DR. FIELDING IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD TO  
23 REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE MATTER OF  
24 SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK. AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT HE WILL  
25 BE JOINED BY JOAN JACKSON, A BOARD MEMBER OF SAFETYBELTSAFE



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1 U.S.A., I THINK I GOT THAT CORRECT, DID I NOT? ALL RIGHT. UH-  
2 OH. THIS IS THE ONE AND ONLY JOAN JACKSON. AND SHE HAS  
3 MEMORABLE RECOLLECTIONS OF OUR TRAVELS THAT WE WILL KEEP  
4 FOCUSED ON THE PRESENTATION. THE NUMBER ONE PREVENTABLE CAUSE  
5 OF DEATH AND INJURY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS HAPPENS TO BE  
6 AUTOMOBILE COLLISIONS. MORE THAN 150 CHILD PASSENGERS UNDER 16  
7 YEARS OF AGE HAPPEN TO BE KILLED, AND MORE THAN 20,000 INJURED  
8 IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA EACH YEAR. IT IS A VERY  
9 SERIOUS MATTER. UP TO 71 PERCENT OF THESE CHILDREN WOULD STILL  
10 BE LIVING IF THEY HAD BEEN PROPERLY RESTRAINED IN CRASH-TESTED  
11 SAFETY SEAT BOOSTERS OR SAFETY BELTS. WE REALIZE THIS, AND  
12 THIS IS WHY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, FOR AN EXAMPLE, HAS MADE  
13 THIS A BIT OF A PRIORITY OVER THE YEARS TO IN FACT FOCUS ON  
14 THIS WITH GREAT CARE. THIS IS ABOUT PREVENTION. IT ABOUT  
15 SAVING LIVES. AND WE ARE JUST SIMPLY PLEASED THAT WE ARE ABLE  
16 TO ASK DR. FIELDING AND MISS JACKSON TO COME FORWARD TODAY TO  
17 GIVE A WORD AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK IN THE  
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
21 THOMAS. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK.  
22 AND YOU KNOW, OFTENTIMES KIDS ARE PUT IN SAFETY RESTRAINTS AND  
23 SAFETY SEATS AND PARENTS FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT IT. BUT IN MANY  
24 CASES THEY'RE NOT PROPERLY BUCKLED IN, THE SEATS AREN'T  
25 PROPERLY TETHERED, AND CHILDREN ARE THEREFORE PUT AT RISK.



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1 IT'S ESTIMATED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
2 ADMINISTRATION THAT APPROXIMATELY 8,000 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED  
3 BY THE PROPER USE OF CHILD RESTRAINTS. SO HERE IS THE ADVICE  
4 AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE OFFER, AND THAT IS: BEFORE  
5 YOUR CHILD, IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT YET REACHED THE TEENAGE  
6 YEARS, THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE SEATED IN THE BACK SEAT AND  
7 PROPERLY RESTRAINED. IF WE JUST DID THAT ONE THING, WE'D NOT  
8 ONLY SAVE A LOT OF LIVES, WE'D REDUCE THE TOLL OF SO MANY  
9 MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES THAT LEAD TO VERY SERIOUS INJURIES AND  
10 LONG-TERM EFFECTS THAT HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THEIR  
11 OPPORTUNITIES FURTHER IN LIFE. SO IF WE JUST DO THAT ONE  
12 THING, WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. AND I WANT TO THANK  
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS IMPORTANT WEEK.

14

15 **JOAN JACKSON:** I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT APRIL 25TH  
16 IS CHECKUP DAY AT THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM. SO I HOPE TO  
17 SEE ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE HAVE A LABRADOR MIX, LIGHT  
24 HAIR. THIS LITTLE BOY IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD. HIS NAME IS CODY.  
25 LITTLE CODY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. HE LOVES OH'S AND AH'S. SO



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1 ANYWAY, LITTLE CODY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. WOULD ANYBODY LIKE  
2 TO ADOPT CODY? LET US KNOW OR CALL 562-728-4644. HE'S GOT HIS  
3 ARMS ALREADY REACHED OUT FOR YOU. OKAY. YOU LIKE HIM, HUH?  
4 VERY SOFT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S IT, MIKE? SUPERVISOR  
7 MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IN 1991, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
10 APPROVED A FORMAL PROCLAMATION TO ANNUALLY HONOR OUR PUBLIC  
11 SAFETY DISPATCHERS AND NAMED IT NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
12 TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK. EVERY YEAR ACROSS THE NATION, THE  
13 SECOND WEEK IN APRIL IS DEDICATED TO DEVOTED MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
14 SERVE AS PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS. HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY, THE SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SELECTS ONE  
16 DESERVING HONOREE TO BE NAMED AS PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF  
17 THE YEAR. THIS YEAR, ERIC T. PATTON WAS NOMINATED BY HIS PEERS  
18 FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISPATCHING. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ERIC FOR  
20 HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AS A  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER. TODAY WE HONOR AND ACKNOWLEDGE  
22 ERIC'S PUBLIC SERVICE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY,  
23 WHICH GREATLY BENEFITS THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY. ERIC, IT  
24 IS AN HONOR TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. YOU HAVE BEEN HONORED  
25 BY YOUR PEERS. CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL OF US. [APPLAUSE.]



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1 BEFORE I CALL ON YOU TO SAY A FEW WORDS, I GOING TO ASK YOUR  
2 BOSS TO SHARE A FEW WORDS FOR US.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. AS MISS MOLINA SAID, ERIC WAS  
5 SELECTED BY HIS PEERS AND SUPERVISORS AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING  
6 DISPATCHER. DISPATCHERS ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY APPRECIATED BY THE  
7 LINE OFFICERS. THEY ARE THE CALM DURING THE STORM. AND WE  
8 APPRECIATE ALL THEY DO. THEY ARE THAT CALM AND SOOTHING VOICE  
9 THAT WE NEED TO HEAR DURING THAT CRITICAL TIME DURING THAT  
10 EMERGENCY. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT ERIC'S DONE. THANK YOU,  
11 ERIC. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **ERIC PATTON:** FOR EVERYBODY, THIS IS MY WIFE, ANGELICA PATTON.  
14 AND JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE  
15 TODAY ON THIS MORNING TO REPRESENT ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
16 WORK VERY HARD BEHIND THE SCENES KEEPING OUR MEN AND WOMEN ON  
17 THE FRONTLINES SAFE, SOUND AND SECURE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
18 THIS IS A GREAT HONOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS, AS  
21 WELL. BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME  
22 SPECIAL GUESTS THAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY. IN THE AUDIENCE ARE  
23 SOME OF OUR INCREDIBLE CHILDCARE AGENCIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
24 COUNTY THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHILDCARE QUALITY RATING  
25 SYSTEMS KNOWN AS THE STEPS TO EXCELLENCE PROGRAM. THIS



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1 MORNING, WE HAD A VERY NICE BREAKFAST UPSTAIRS TO HONOR THEIR  
2 GOOD WORK. WE JUST WANTED TO THANK THEM AGAIN ON BEHALF OF MY  
3 COLLEAGUES AND THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. I WOULD ASK  
4 THAT ALL OF YOU INVOLVED IN STEPS TO EXCELLENCE TO PLEASE  
5 RISE. WE'LL GIVE YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU.  
6 [APPLAUSE.] THANKS AGAIN. NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK ESTER MONTOYA  
7 AND ADAM TELLER FROM ONE LEGACY TO PLEASE JOIN ME. AS MANY OF  
8 YOU KNOW, ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION IS A LIFE-GIVING ACT  
9 RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE AS THE GREATEST EXPRESSION OF COMPASSION.  
10 NEARLY 100,000 INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE, AND MORE THAN 20,000  
11 HERE IN CALIFORNIA, ARE CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ORGAN  
12 TRANSPLANT WAIT LIST. AND EVERY 90 MINUTES, ONE PERSON DIES  
13 WHILE WAITING FOR A DONATED ORGAN. A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL'S  
14 DONATION OF THE HEART, LUNGS, LIVER, KIDNEYS, PANCREAS AND  
15 SMALL INTESTINES CAN SAVE UP TO EIGHT LIVES. AND A DONATION OF  
16 TISSUE CAN SAVE AND ENHANCE THE LIVES OF UP TO 50 OTHERS. EACH  
17 YEAR, EACH YEAR 30,000 LIVES ARE SAVED, AND THE QUALITY OF  
18 LIFE FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MORE ARE ENHANCED BY ORGAN  
19 AND TISSUE TRANSPLANTATION. NEARLY 3 MILLION CALIFORNIANS HAVE  
20 REGISTERED AS DONORS HERE IN OUR GREAT STATE. THE SOUTHERN  
21 CALIFORNIA DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK SUPPORTS PUBLIC AWARENESS AND  
22 ENROLLMENT FOR THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND TISSUE  
23 DONOR REGISTRY. THEY HOST A FULL DAY OF COMPETITIVE RUNNING,  
24 HONORARY WALKING, FAMILY FESTIVITIES, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
25 PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT DONATE LIFE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS



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1 SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT CAL STATE FULLERTON. SO  
2 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND 10 MILLION RESIDENTS  
3 PLUS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO WISH YOU A  
4 SUCCESSFUL EVENT, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION  
5 TO SUPPORT THIS MOST WORTHY PROGRAM. AND IF YOU'RE NOT SIGNED  
6 UP, PLEASE SIGN UP. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **ESTER MONTOYA:** WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ALL  
9 THE BOARD FOR THIS PRESENTATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION.

10

11 **ADAM TELLER:** WE'D ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE, WHEN THEY  
12 GO TO THE D.M.V. TO RENEW THEIR LICENSE, TO MARK YES TO BE AN  
13 ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AND TO PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 25TH AT  
14 THE DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK. AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.  
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **ESTER MONTOYA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD OUR  
20 DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, MARSHA MAYEDA, CHIEF  
21 DEPUTY DAVID DIJKSTRA, DEPUTY DIRECTORS DEREK BROWN AND  
22 MICHELLE ROACHE, AND SEVERAL OF OUR DEDICATED ANIMAL CONTROL  
23 OFFICERS. TODAY WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND OUR L.A.  
24 COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FOR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE  
25 QUALITY ANIMAL CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY, 7



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1 DAYS A WEEK. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION AND  
2 RECOGNITION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL STAFF BY DECLARING APRIL  
3 12TH THROUGH THE 19TH AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS' APPRECIATION  
4 WEEK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EACH DAY, OUR ANIMAL  
5 CONTROL OFFICERS GO OUT INTO THE FIELD TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS  
6 OF 50 CONTRACT CITIES AS WELL AS THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF  
7 OUR COUNTY. THESE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN PATROL BUSY STREETS,  
8 INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY, CONDUCT HUMANE INVESTIGATIONS WHEN  
9 ANIMAL CRUELTY IS SUSPECTED AND FIND SHELTER FOR THOUSANDS OF  
10 HOMELESS ANIMALS EACH YEAR. THEY ALSO PROVIDE EMERGENCY  
11 RESCUES DURING NATURAL DISASTERS. THEY ENFORCE ALL ANIMAL  
12 CONTROL LAWS, AS WELL AS EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT RESPONSIBLE  
13 PET OWNERSHIP THROUGH OUTREACH AND INTERVENTION. SO WE WANT TO  
14 TAKE THIS MOMENT IN TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND TO THANK OUR ANIMAL  
15 CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
16 AND ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE JUST WANT TO SAY  
17 AS WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE APPRECIATION  
18 WEEK, WE APPRECIATE YOU AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
21 SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR  
22 OFFICERS TODAY. WE HAVE VERY DEDICATED STAFF WORKING 24/7 TO  
23 PROTECT THE ANIMALS AND THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. WE TAKE IN  
24 OVER 90,000 ANIMALS A YEAR, AND WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE  
25 ABLE TO PROVIDE THE CARE AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO THESE



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1 ANIMALS AND TO THE PUBLIC. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK AND  
2 ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE HARD WORKING STAFF IN OUR DEPARTMENT THAT  
3 GIVE IT THEIR ALL EVERY DAY TO MAKE THIS A BETTER COMMUNITY  
4 FOR ALL LIVING CREATURES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR  
7 COMING DOWN. THANKS, MARSHA. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE  
8 YOU'RE FIRST UP.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE  
11 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NICK ADENHART, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY  
12 KILLED IN A TRAFFIC COLLISION BY A DRUNK DRIVER, WHO WAS A  
13 HARD-THROWING PITCHER FOR THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS. AND HE HAD  
14 JUST PITCHED THAT NIGHT AT ANGELS STADIUM AND HAD WENT SIX  
15 INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING ANY RUNS. THIS WAS REALLY HIS BIG  
16 EVENT IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES. HE HAD DONE WELL. HE HAD PLAYED  
17 PREVIOUSLY WITH THE RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES, EARNING A PLACE  
18 ON THE MIDWEST LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM. AND WAS MAJOR LEAGUE  
19 BASEBALL'S "FUTURE GAMES." HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM U.S.A.  
20 AND HE WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED. SO I MOVE THAT WE --

21

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

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. JAN GIBSON WORKED AT THE  
25 LANCASTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN LANCASTER MEDICAL CLINIC AND



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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE BEFORE SHE HAD RETIRED. SHE WAS  
2 INVOLVED WITH THE VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION AND VALLEY OASIS  
3 IN LONG WITH A SUPPORT GROUP FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL ANTELOPE  
4 VALLEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER. SHE PASSED AWAY AND SHE IS  
5 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER. LEON MAYFIELD, RETIRED DEPUTY  
6 SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 26 YEARS.  
7 ANGEL AND ANGELINA POSCA, FATHER AND DAUGHTER, WHO WERE  
8 COMMUTING FROM THEIR HOME IN PALMDALE TO LONG BEACH WHEN A  
9 RUNAWAY TRUCK HIT THEM TRAGICALLY IN LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE.  
10 ANGEL WAS DESCRIBED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ALLIE, AS BEING A FAMILY  
11 MAN WHO ALWAYS PUT HIS CHILDREN FIRST. AND ANGELINA WAS KNOWN  
12 FOR BEING A VERY FUNNY, ATHLETIC, WITTY YOUNG LADY. SHE LEAVES  
13 HER FAMILY, HE AND SHE LEAVE THEIR FAMILY, INCLUDING THE MOM  
14 AND THE SIX BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE, AS WELL.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVELYN SHUBIN WHO HAD BEEN A SHERIFF'S  
19 VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS, WHERE SHE SERVED THE NORWALK STATION  
20 FOR 26 YEARS WITH MORE THAN 10,000 HOURS. TWO OF OUR JUSTICES  
21 HAVE PASSED AWAY. JUDGE JIM SIMPSON PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 31ST,  
22 EARNED HIS DEGREE FROM U.S.C., SPENT 30 YEARS AS A DEPUTY  
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SERVING L.A. COUNTY, BURBANK, PASADENA,  
24 GLENDALE COMMUNITIES. HE WAS ELECTED IN 1994 TO THE MUNICIPAL  
25 COURT JUDGE. HE WAS ACTIVE IN ALL THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS,



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1 INCLUDING THE VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS, THE  
2 SALVATION ARMY, THE KIWANIS CLUB. HE WAS ON THE BOARD OF  
3 DIRECTORS OF VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL AND THE RECREATION  
4 DEPARTMENT AND THE GLENDALE DENTISTS HOSPITAL, AND WAS A  
5 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CRIMINAL COMMITTEE FOR  
6 THE GLENDALE MUNICIPAL COURT. AND ANOTHER STANDING JUDGE WHO  
7 JUST PASSED AWAY WAS JUDGE CHARLES "CHUCK" STOLL. HE WAS AN  
8 L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. HE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL THAT  
9 CREATED THE AWARD-WINNING MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE COURTS  
10 THAT HAD SETTLED HUNDREDS OF CASES AND GENERATED A CALCULATED  
11 SAVES IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE TAXPAYERS. HE WAS A  
12 VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR. SERVED AS A PILOT IN THE UNITED  
13 STATES AIR FORCE. DISCHARGED IN 1955 AS A CAPTAIN, AND WENT ON  
14 TO U.S.C. FOR HIS LAW DEGREE, THEN BECAME A MEMBER OF THE  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. IN 1963, HE JOINED A GLENDALE FIRM.  
16 AND THE GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN APPOINTED HIM TO THE BENCH  
17 IN 1989. HE PRESIDED OVER ALL THE CIVIL LITIGATION IN  
18 GLENDALE. HE SPENT THE LAST 10 YEARS RAISING AND RACING  
19 THOROUGHBRED HORSES. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AS  
20 JUDGE SIMPSON WAS AND VERY GOOD LEADERS. AMBASSADOR PING NAN  
21 CHANG, WHO WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES BETWEEN 1974 AND  
22 1980 FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TAIWAN. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER  
23 AS THE VICE CONSUL AND CONSUL IN SEATTLE, AND THEN WAS  
24 AMBASSADOR TO LESOTHO AND WAS AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS. AND  
25 JANE O'BRIEN DART, WHO WAS THE WIDOW OF JUSTIN DART, WHO



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1 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. AND THE DARTS WERE VERY CLOSE TO  
2 THE REAGAN FAMILY AND QUITE INVOLVED IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL  
3 CAMPAIGNS AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS. AND SHE DONATED HER 70  
4 EXQUISITE PIECES OF ART TO THE MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART. SHE IS  
5 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, STEVEN, JANE, AND GUY. THOSE  
6 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS, FOR MRS. DART.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NO. 1-H?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, CAN WE HOLD 1-H? MR.  
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL BE RIGHT BACK?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. 22.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 22. IS THIS COTO? PHYLLIS  
18 COTO. LORETTA ZACKERY. OSBEE SANGSTER.

19

20 **PHYLLIS COTO:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PHYLLIS COTO. I'M A  
21 CONSUMER THAT HAS RECOVERED SUCCESSFULLY FROM MANY YEARS OF  
22 BEING MENTALLY DISABLED, MENTALLY ILL. AND I'M NOW, FOR THE  
23 LAST 30 YEARS, I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE, A CONSUMER ADVOCATE FOR  
24 PERSONS RECOVERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. AND IT'S BEEN, THE  
25 CONSUMER MOVEMENT HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD AND POSITIVE ONE. BUT A



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1 LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS  
2 THAT ARE HOMELESS NOW, AND ESPECIALLY VETERANS COMING BACK  
3 FROM THE WAR ARE GOING TO BE NEEDING HOUSING. AND I FEEL IT IS  
4 VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE MAINTAIN SOME MONEY IN THE BUDGET AS TO  
5 WHERE WE CAN HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM MENTAL  
6 ILLNESS AND ALSO RECOVERING FROM BEING HOMELESS TO HAVE A  
7 CHANCE TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. ONCE PEOPLE DO GET  
8 WELL AND ON THEIR FEET, THEY WOULD LIKE TO WORK, AND BECOME A  
9 PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND PAY TAXES. AND WE LIKE TO LOOK AT  
10 THAT AS AN INVESTMENT FOR PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13

14 **LORETTA ZACKERY:** HI, I'M LORETTA ZACKERY. I'M ALSO THE FOUNDER  
15 AND OWNER OF A NEW YOU AND GARMENTS OF PRAISE, WHICH ARE  
16 SOCIAL MODELS, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN  
17 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I AM ALSO A CONSUMER. AND I'M HERE IN  
18 REFERENCE TO THE HEALTH AND MENTAL SERVICES. THE DEAL THAT  
19 THEY ARE TRYING TO PASS NOW WILL AFFECT THE MOST VULNERABLE  
20 POPULACE, WHICH IS THE ONES AFFECTED, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.  
21 THEY HAVE A SOCIAL MODEL THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT  
22 WHICH IS WELLNESS CENTERS. RIGHT NOW THEY WERE SAYING THEY  
23 WERE GOING TO HIRE PEER ADVOCATES FOR THESE WELLNESS CENTERS  
24 AND USE CLIENT CONSUMER-BASED PROGRAMS. AS IT STANDS NOW, MOST  
25 OF THE CLINICIANS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE WORKING THERE AND



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1 IMPLEMENTING THEIR THINGS THERE. AND WE'RE ASKING THAT THE  
2 MONIES BE FOUND AND THAT THE CONSUMERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE  
3 TAKEN THE PEER ADVOCACY PROGRAMS BE PUT IN PLACE AND BE HIRED  
4 SO THAT WE CAN GET THESE WELLNESS CENTERS STARTED IN THE  
5 DOWNTOWN COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK DENISE  
8 DRINKARD AND MATTIE COLEMAN TO JOIN US, AS WELL AS BALENCIAGA  
9 MULDREW. I HOPE I DIDN MESS THAT UP TOO BAD. YES GO AHEAD.

10

11 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** I'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY JOIN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. YOU CAN GO AHEAD.

14

15 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND  
16 GUESTS. LET ME JUST GET A LITTLE BIT CLOSER.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU.

19

20 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** I'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY GET SEATED. I THINK IT  
21 WILL BE A LITTLE BIT BETTER. WON'T BE SO MUCH DISTRACTION. I  
22 WANT TO KEEP EVERYBODY FOCUSED.

23

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

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1 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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5 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND  
6 GUESTS. MY NAME IS OSBEE SANGSTER, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
7 B.L.A.C.C.C. BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION,  
8 B.L.A.C.C.C.. I AM OF COURSE PLEASED AND HONORED TO APPEAR  
9 BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY APPEARANCE HERE IS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT AS  
10 URGENT NEEDED MEASURES AND TO COMMENT ON THE PURPOSE OF  
11 PROCLAMATION. B.L.A.C.C.C.'S CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRATEGIC  
12 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH  
13 CONSUMERS ARE INHERENT RIGHTS AND ESSENTIAL BASIC RIGHTS.  
14 WE'RE URGING OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO  
15 ASSIST IN PRIORITIZING INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPARENCY IN THIS  
16 PROCESS, THE "WHATEVER IT TAKES" COMMITMENT. WE ARE DOWN YET  
17 NOT DEFEATED. WE ARE DEVASTATED, NOT DESTROYED. WE ARE  
18 DISHEARTENED, NOT DISCOURAGED. B.L.A.C.C.C.'S CONCERNS FAST  
19 FORWARDED TO YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE LAST YEAR. I/WE STAND HERE  
20 TODAY FOR MANY A REASON. ONE IN PARTICULAR, EXTREME  
21 DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE LACK OF CONSUMER-DRIVEN SERVICES, TO  
22 SAY THE LEAST. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
23 HEALTH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY DIVISION TO DATE HAS NOT, HAS  
24 NOT RELEASED ALLOCATED FUNDING FOR B.L.A.C.C.C., LOS ANGELES  
25 COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, B.L.A.C.C.C.'S CAPACITY BUILDING



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1 DEVELOPMENT SCOPE OF WORK. THE DEBTS OF PROCRASTINATION AND  
2 STAGNATION RUN DEEP, SEPARATING US BY GREAT DISTANCES.  
3 REPRESSED AND SUPPRESSED, BARRIERS RAISE ALWAYS SUSPICION OF  
4 MISTRUST. THE LACK OF EFFORT TO PRIORITIZE SCOPE OF WORK  
5 DEVELOPMENT, I/WE ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH ONLY  
6 EMBELLISH ADORN, THE LACK OF TIMELY ACTION DEFERRED OVER ONE  
7 YEAR PLUS. I/WE ASK TO UNFREEZE, UNFREEZE FUNDING ALLOCATED  
8 FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE'VE ENCOUNTERED DELAY AFTER DELAY. NOT  
9 ONCE, NOT TWICE, BUT TIME AFTER TIME. FROM THE VERY  
10 INSTITUTION OF MENTAL HEALTH WHICH CLAIMS TO PREACH THE TENETS  
11 OF ADVOCACY, EMPOWERMENT AND DEMOCRACY. LAST YEAR'S  
12 B.L.A.C.C.C. SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND RECOVERY  
13 FORUM, VIDEO IS ANOTHER STORY. OUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, OUR  
14 IP MASTER TAPE WAS DESTROYED DUE TO THE LACK OF TIMELY PAYMENT  
15 TO THE VIDEOGRAPHER VIA EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF  
16 B.L.A.C.C.C., NOTWITHSTANDING THE VIDEOGRAPHER'S VINDICTIVE  
17 BEHAVIOR. TODAY I/WE BRING AN AGENDA TO THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS URGING TO RE-VISIT OUR COALITION'S CONCERNS TO  
19 BEAR IN MIND EXPANDED SERVICES AND DELIVERY, MORE EFFECTIVE  
20 OPERATIONS, MORE CLIENT-DRIVEN SERVICES, REWARDING CONSUMERS  
21 AND COMPENSATING OUR CONSULTANT AS AGREED BY CONTRACT  
22 SERVICES. PART 1 IS MY PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF  
23 B.L.A.C.C.C. LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, WE HAVE PUT  
24 TOGETHER A READER OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS ARRANGED IN  
25 CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3

4 **MATTIE COLEMAN:** MY NAME IS MATTIE COLEMAN. YES, SIR, THANK  
5 YOU. MY NAME IS MATTIE COLEMAN AND I'M HONORED TO BE HERE  
6 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME.  
7 AND I AM A MEMBER OF B.L.A.C.C.C. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
8 LOS ANGELES CLIENTS COUNTY COALITION. I AM MANIC DEPRESSIVE  
9 BIPOLAR WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND I HAVE A DRUG HISTORY. I WANT  
10 TO GIVE ACCOLADES TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OTHER  
11 POLITICAL POSITIONS THAT HAVE LOOKED INTO AND DECIPHERED FROM  
12 THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT THAT WE NEED HELP. THE F.S.P. PROGRAM IS  
13 WHAT I AM A PART OF. IT IS FUNDED BY D.M.H. THEY TOOK ME FROM  
14 JAIL. THEY GOT ME A PLACE TO STAY. WHAT I'M SAYING THAT THE  
15 MONIES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR AND FUNDING US WITH AND  
16 WILL FUND US WITH IN THE FUTURE ARE AT WORK. BUT WHILE YOU ARE  
17 CONCERNED WITH THE LICENSING OF THE PROFESSIONALS, REMEMBER  
18 THOSE OF US THAT ARE IN PEER ADVOCACY. I AM NOW A CERTIFIED  
19 PEER ADVOCATE. WE WOULD LIKE THAT THE LICENSING BOARD CERTIFY  
20 US, RECOGNIZE US, PUT US ON THE PAYROLL. BECAUSE WHERE THE  
21 FUNDING AND THE PROVISIONAL THINGS STOP, IN COME THE THINGS  
22 LIKE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH OUR THERAPISTS WHO STILL TALKS DOWN  
23 TO US BECAUSE WE HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS. WE THE PEER ADVOCATES  
24 TAKE CARE OF THINGS LIKE THAT. I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M HONORED,  
25 MORE THAN HONORED TO BE HERE BEFORE THE BOARD, MISS MOLINA,



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1 MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, VERY NICE TO MEET YOU MR. YAROSLAVSKY,  
2 AND MR. ANTONOVICH, AND MR. KNABE. YOUR NAMES ARE ALWAYS IN  
3 THE NEWSPAPERS, AND THEY ALL RING THROUGH OUR HEADS BECAUSE WE  
4 HAVE CONCERNS. WE PLAN TO BE HERE MORE OFTEN. AND THOSE OF US  
5 THAT ARE IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THESE COALITIONS, WE GO TO  
6 MEETINGS. WE TAKE OUR MEDS OR EVERYTHING, WHATEVER WE HAVE TO  
7 DO, BUT WE ARE BEING MORE THAN PRODUCTIVE. WE ARE TRYING TO  
8 ADD DUNAMIS, IT'S A GREEK WORD THAT MEANS DYNAMITE, TO OUR  
9 GOAL. AND US SITTING BEFORE YOU OR EVEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
10 UNITED STATES AND TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO YOU THAT WE'RE HERE TO  
11 HELP, BUT PLEASE GIVE US THE HELP AND RECOGNITION THAT WE  
12 NEED. AND THE ADVENT OF PEER ADVOCACY IS AN ISSUE THAT  
13 CONCERNS ME MOST. BUT NO AND, WE THANK YOU, AS A MATTER OF  
14 FACT. I VOTED YES ON -- I AGREE WITH ITEM NO. 22. THANK YOU  
15 VERY MUCH.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR  
18 TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.

19

20 **DENISE DRINKARD:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE DRINKARD, I'M ALSO THE  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NEW YOU, WHICH IS A WOMEN EMPOWERING  
22 WOMEN. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF B.L.A.C.C.C. AND OF THE LOS  
23 ANGELES COUNTY COALITION. I'M ALSO A MEMBER AND AN ADVOCATE ON  
24 THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD, WHICH IS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I ALSO  
25 AM A RESIDENT OF SKID ROW ROW. I HAVE OVERCOME MY MENTAL



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1 ILLNESS. I'M A CONSUMER. I AM ALSO AN ADVOCATE AS WELL AS A  
2 CLIENT. I CAME UP HERE TO SIT AND SPEAK BECAUSE I HAD THIS  
3 SPEECH ALREADY FOR YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW. AS I SIT HERE AND I  
4 LISTEN TO MY PARTNERS SPEAK OUT, THERE IS MONIES THAT HAVE  
5 BEEN GIVEN TO THE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND  
6 FOR THE HOMELESS, BECAUSE THE HOMELESS AND THE DOWNTOWN MENTAL  
7 HEALTH GO HAND-IN-HAND. AND A LOT OF THEM HAVEN'T SEEN IT. WE  
8 HAVEN'T SEEN NOTHING. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING TO  
9 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES THAT ARE BUYING UP THESE OLD BUILDINGS  
10 AND MAKING LOFTS. OKAY, IF YOU'RE LIVING ON THE STREET IN A  
11 TENT AND YOU COME OUT OF THAT TENT, YOU DON'T HAVE \$1,500 TO  
12 GO RENT A PLACE. THE S.R.O.S THAT ARE DOWNTOWN, THEY ARE ONLY  
13 LIMITED TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT. AND IT FEELS THAT THEY'RE CHERRY  
14 PICKING THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WANT TO GO INTO THESE PLACES AND  
15 THAT SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
16 DOWNTOWN ON SKID ROW WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND  
17 HOMELESSNESS THAT HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE FOR YEARS. AND TO PICK  
18 THE PEOPLE WHO JUST LOST THEIR HOMES, WHO JUST GOT THERE, NOT  
19 STAYING THAT THEY NEED TO STAY DOWN THERE TO FIND OUT WHAT  
20 HOMELESSNESS IS ABOUT, BUT TO PICK THEM OUT OF A BUNCH OF  
21 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE YEARS, OR PEOPLE THAT ARE  
22 LEAVING THESE CONVALESCENT HOMES AND BEING DROPPED IN THEIR  
23 HOSPITAL ROBES AND SITTING DOWN IN THEIR HOSPITAL ROBES,  
24 PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE A DRUG ADDICTION WHO NOW DO HAVE A DRUG  
25 ADDICTION, NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WITH THESE PEOPLE.



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1 YOU HAVE PEOPLE RIDING AROUND DOWNTOWN WITH THE TINTED WINDOWS  
2 AND CONGRESSMEN COMING DOWN HERE SAYING THIS IS WHERE WE NEED  
3 THE MONEY. WE NEED THE MONEY DOWN HERE. LOOK HOW DIRTY IT IS.  
4 LOOK HOW SKID ROW IS. WE NEED HELP, WE NEED THE MONEY. AND  
5 THEY'RE GOING HOME AND WRITING THESE MILLION DOLLAR CHECKS OR  
6 WHATEVER THEY'RE WRITING FOR TO GIVE MONIES TO BRING DOWNTOWN  
7 AND THE MONEY IS NOT BEING SEEN. SOME MONEY IS BEING SEEN.  
8 THERE ARE SOME BUILDINGS THAT ARE COMING UP. THE ABBEY IS ONE  
9 OF THE NEW BUILDINGS THAT SKID ROW HAS, I THINK THE SKID ROW  
10 HOUSING TRUST, THAT HAS JUST OPENED UP AND THE RAINBOW, WHICH  
11 OPENED UP 2-1/2 YEARS AGO, WHICH I AM A PART OF. ONE OF THE  
12 THINGS THAT I WANTED TO SAY SPECIFICALLY IS THAT WE'RE FALLING  
13 THROUGH THE CRACKS. IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THAT NEED  
14 HELP AND THEY REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE HEARD. WE COME OUT  
15 TODAY TO SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T COME AND FOR THOSE WHO  
16 HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR  
17 GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY FEELINGS AND MY  
18 THOUGHTS. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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22 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** MY NAME IS BALENCIAGA MULDEW. AND I WANTED  
23 TO THANK YOU, MR. KNABE, WHEN YOU INTERCEDED FOR ME WHEN I WAS  
24 IN HARBOR U.C.L.A. I AM A VICTIM OF CRIME. AND I'VE BEEN  
25 ASSAULTED MANY A TIMES. AND I WAS HOSPITALIZED. AND WHEN I



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1 WENT INTO THE HOSPITAL, I WENT IN AS A VICTIM BUT THE DOCTORS  
2 HAD ME LISTED AS A SCHIZO-AFFECTIVE DISORDER. BUT I DON'T HAVE  
3 SCHIZO-EFFECTIVE DISORDER. I HAVE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS  
4 SYNDROME DUE TO GROWING UP UNDER PHYSICAL ABUSE BECAUSE OF MY  
5 FATHER AND MY HUSBAND, THEY WERE MILITARY MEN THAT CAME FROM  
6 VIETNAM AND ALL OF THAT. BUT MY THING WAS THAT I DON'T GO TO  
7 JAIL ENOUGH. I DON'T GO TO HOSPITALS ENOUGH. I LOST MY HOUSING  
8 DUE TO ABUSE. I WAS PLACED INTO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER,  
9 WHICH THEY WERE BEING FUNDED BUT THEY DIDN'T PAY THE FUNDING.  
10 I'VE GONE TO PROGRAM AFTER PROGRAM AFTER PROGRAM TO TRY TO  
11 RECEIVE HELP. I'M A MEMBER OF B.L.A.C.C.C. AND I'M ALSO  
12 PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS EMOTIONALLY DISABLED. THERE ARE SO MANY  
13 ARTICLES BECAUSE OF THE CHILDREN AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN ADULT  
14 PROTECTIVE SERVICES. I HAVE ALL OF THESE CARDS WITHIN THE LAST  
15 FOUR YEARS OF HOW MANY PEOPLE I'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AND  
16 HAVE BEEN LEFT ON THE SIDEWALK UNDER ADULT PROTECTIVE  
17 SERVICES. I'M JUST PRAYING AND HOPING TODAY THAT THE MONEY  
18 THAT IS BEING FUNDED FOR THESE PROGRAMS, THAT YOU CAN COMMAND  
19 AND STRICT FOR THEM TO USE THIS MONEY INSTEAD OF BUILDING  
20 LOFTS, INSTEAD OF DOING -- YOU KNOW, THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
21 MENTALLY ILL ALSO, BUT THEY COME FROM A LOT OF DIFFERENT  
22 PHYSICAL THINGS. ONE THING THAT WHEN YOU BECOME A STATE  
23 WITNESS, MY SON WAS SHOT IN FRONT OF ME. AND I TESTIFIED IN  
24 COURT AND POINTED OUT THE SHOOTER. BUT YOU LET THE SHOOTER GO  
25 AND YOU GAVE MY SON 25 YEARS FOR TAKING TWO BULLETS. MY SON IS



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1 NOT A GANG BANGER BUT SINCE HE'S BEEN ACCUSED OF IT -- IT'S  
2 PRISON AND GANG MINISTRIES. AND PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHEN  
3 YOU'RE DEALING WITH SINGLE PARENTS, MENTAL DISABLED PARENTS  
4 FROM THE SERVICE, OUR MEN DON'T GET HELP. SO I'M GOING TO  
5 CLOSE WITH THIS AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE  
6 WHERE THESE FUNDS ARE GOING BECAUSE ALL OF THESE ARE WHERE THE  
7 DOCTORS WERE GETTING PAID THROUGH MEDICARE AND NEVER SEEING  
8 THEM. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING  
11 DOWN. OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, DR. MARV SOUTHARD, WILL  
12 BE GLAD TO VISIT WITH YOU. GO OVER HERE TO THE SIDE. MARV, I  
13 THINK WE'D LIKE A REPORT BACK ON SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED  
14 HERE AFTER YOU VISITED WITH THEM. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
15 OKAY? THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
17 ORDERED. THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.

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19 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE? 24? GENEVIEVE, ITEM 24? DR.  
22 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL?

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AGAIN, WE ARE HAVING A SOLE VENDOR



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1 CONTRACT ON THIS ITEM 24. IT WAS SUCH AN URGENCY, THEY  
2 COULDN'T DO IT? I MEAN WE HEAR THAT ALMOST EVERY TIME. I THINK  
3 WE NEED TO STOP THAT. ESPECIALLY NOW WE ARE PAYING \$700,000 TO  
4 A GROUP WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DONE EDUCATION ON S.T.D.,  
5 H.I.V., ETCETERA. AND ACTUALLY IN THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW WE HAVE  
6 BEEN GOING UP IN SYPHILIS CASES FOR SEVEN YEARS IN A ROW, FOR  
7 SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. WE ARE NOT DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.  
8 WHEN IT COMES TO SYPHILIS AND GONORRHEA, WE ARE THE SECOND  
9 HIGHEST IN THE NATION IN THE INCREASE. ON CHLAMYDIA, WE ARE  
10 THE FIRST. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S A  
11 GOOD COMPETITION WE ARE WINNING RIGHT THERE. AND IT'S THE SAME  
12 GROUP WE HAVE BEEN PAYING. AND YOU KNOW, I MONITOR ALL THE  
13 RESEARCH ON H.I.V. AND AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE.  
14 I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING COMING OUT RECENTLY. AND I MONITOR  
15 BOTH TV, RADIO, EVERYTHING. I THINK THAT FIRM IS NOT DOING  
16 WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING. I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW  
17 WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. BUT THE FACTS ARE THERE. WE HAVE INCREASE  
18 IN ALL THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IN  
19 SOME CASES WE ARE THE FIRST IN THE NATION. THAT DOESN'T LOOK  
20 TOO GOOD. SO I WOULD HIGHLY EMPHASIZE THAT YOU WORK ON THAT  
21 AND REVIEW THEIR CONTRACT. AND I THINK SOMEBODY ELSE SHOULD BE  
22 INVOLVED. AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD RENEW THEIR CONTRACT.  
23 THANK YOU.  
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
2 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. LORETTA-LEILANI  
4 ZACKERY?

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6 **LORETTA-LEILANI ZACKERY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN AND  
7 THANK YOU, LADIES. GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE ON THE ISSUE OF  
8 PUBLIC SAFETY. I HAD A SPEECH PREPARED CONCERNING A LOVED ONE.  
9 ON SUNDAY, ON THE 12TH, WHAT WE CALL RESURRECTION SUNDAY OR  
10 EASTER, A LOVED ONE OF MINE WAS ALLEGEDLY KILLED IN A DOUBLE  
11 HOMICIDE AT SEVENTH AND STANFORD. THIS WAS A MENTAL HEALTH  
12 FACILITY, LAMP LODGE, LOS ANGELES MEN'S PLACE, WHICH WAS  
13 OPENED UP BY A NUN, I BELIEVED. THEY HAVE LAMP LODGE, LAMP  
14 VILLAGE AND LAMP. THESE PLACES WERE TO HOUSE THOSE THAT HAVE  
15 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THAT HAVE H.I.V. OR AIDS. THE SERVICES  
16 THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THERE HAVE NOT BEEN. SAFETY WAS  
17 NOT IMPLEMENTED. THIS WAS A DRUG-DERANGED AREA. THERE IS SO  
18 MUCH DRUG ACTIVITY GOING ON THERE. THE ISSUE OF SAFETY WAS  
19 NEVER A NOTE. THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN -- THEY CHARGED SOMETIMES  
20 \$5 OR SO AT SOME OF THESE S.R.O. HOTELS. ALTHOUGH LAMP LODGE  
21 DIDN'T CHARGE ANYTHING, AND THEY WERE SAYING IT WAS FOR THE  
22 SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE TO PUT SECURITY. SECURITY WAS  
23 NOT THERE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THESE INDIVIDUALS GOT IN. THE  
24 KILLERS ARE STILL AT LARGE. I LIVE NOW IN SKID ROW HOUSING  
25 TRUST. OUR FRONT DOOR IS NOT WORKING. YOU CAN JUST WALK IN AND



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1 OUT. NEXT DOOR, FIVE FEET AWAY, THERE ARE HYPES AND ALL KIND  
2 OF DRUG ACTIVITY GOING ON. THERE HAVE BEEN UNWANTED VISITORS  
3 IN OUR BUILDING. SO I'M SAYING I'M HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU AGAIN  
4 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT. WHY IS THAT  
5 VOICE NOT BEING HEARD? WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE LOOKED AT AS  
6 THEY'RE JUST -- THEY'RE NOT -- THAT THEY'RE INHUMANE, THAT  
7 THEY'RE NOT WORTH THE TIME OR THE EFFORT? MONIES ARE BEING PUT  
8 OUT THERE FOR MENTAL ILL. THEY'RE SAYING THEY'RE DOING SOCIAL  
9 MODELS. OH EXCUSE ME SO MUCH. SOCIAL MODEL SYSTEMS AND  
10 RECOVERY AND THINGS -- I'M SO SORRY. I JUST, I NEED SOMETHING  
11 TO BE DONE. I HOPE YOU ALL ARE REALLY LISTENING TO ME. IF YOU  
12 TAKE TIME AT YOUR LUNCH TODAY OR EVEN AFTER THIS MEETING,  
13 DRIVE TWO BLOCKS EAST AND YOU'LL SEE WHERE YOUR MONIES ARE  
14 GOING. YOU'LL SEE THE TYPE OF DECISIONS THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE  
15 SO THESE THINGS WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT  
16 ARE TOTALLY DISENFRANCHISED, PEOPLE WHO ARE IN TENTS. PEOPLE  
17 WHO DON'T HAVE A VOICE. THEY USED DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AS A  
18 DUMPING SITE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. THERE ARE NO PROGRAMS THAT  
19 ARE PUTTING PEOPLE IN A HIGHER STATUS OF -- STATE OF  
20 MENTALITY. SO PLEASE STOP SOCIALLY RAPING THESE PEOPLE WITH  
21 THESE MEDICATIONS AND STOP THESE PHYSICIANS FROM GIVING  
22 MISDIAGNOSIS. I, TOO, WAS MISDIAGNOSED WITH SCHIZOPHRENIC  
23 AFFECTIVE, AND I HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS  
24 DISORDER. THERE IS RECOVERY IN THESE THINGS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL  
25 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. FUJIOKA, CAN WE ATTACH UP  
3 THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS  
4 THAT ARE BEING MADE? OKAY. GET THE INFORMATION FROM HER, OKAY?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE'LL DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO ITEM 42 IS  
9 BEFORE US? THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
10 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MIKE?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT ONE WAS 21?

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 21, MISS MULDREW, YOU SIGNED UP FOR  
15 THIS ONE, AS WELL?

16

17 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** WHAT IS THIS ONE ON?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS ITEM IS ON ADULT PROTECTIVE  
20 SERVICES.

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22 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** YES. AS I WAS SAYING BEFORE, BEING IN AN  
23 ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CARETAKERS. LIKE IT WAS NOT A  
24 LICENSED BOARDING CARE, BUT THE INSPECTORS CAME OUT. AND WHEN  
25 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CAME OUT, THEY LEFT ME ON THE CURB



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1 IN MY PAJAMAS. THAT WAS IN 2003. IN 2005, THEY CAME TO THE  
2 HOUSE AND TOLD ME THAT MAYBE I NEEDED TO REGISTER WITH THE  
3 CALIFORNIA REGISTRY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS BECAUSE I DO HAVE  
4 DISABILITIES THAT YOU WOULD THINK THAT I'M EITHER UNDER THE  
5 INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, BUT I ALSO HAVE HUNTINGTON'S  
6 DISEASE. AND I'M TRYING TO SPEND OUT THE REST OF MY LIFE, AND  
7 I DON'T NEED TO STAY AT A HOSPITAL. I HAD CARETAKERS THAT  
8 ABUSED ME. THEY CALL A PET TEAM OUT. THE PET TEAM CAN'T DO  
9 ANYTHING BECAUSE I'M NOT MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY INCOMPETENT.  
10 BUT WHEN YOU INTERCEDED FOR ME AT HARBOR U.C.L.A., I HAVE  
11 PAPERWORK AFTER PAPERWORK. AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO  
12 WITH ME. SO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. SAID "THIS IS NOT A HOTEL," GAVE  
13 ME A WHEELCHAIR, SENT ME BACK, WHICH I WAS ON OXYGEN AT THE  
14 TIME, AND DELIVERED BACK INTO THE SAME PLACE THAT THEY HAD TO  
15 COME AND GET ME OUT OF. I AM A FIGHTER BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT  
16 HOMELESSNESS IS. I KNOW THE ABUSE THAT PEOPLE GO THROUGH. THE  
17 PEOPLE THAT WHEN THEY WANT TO PUT YOU IN SOBER LIVINGS AND  
18 STUFF LIKE THAT AND THEN THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND LIKE IF YOU  
19 HAVE THE YUMA VILLAGE, THAT'S TOXIC LAND. SO IS M.L. SHEPPARD  
20 WHICH IS IN WATTS ON SANTA ANA. THEN THERE IS AN ARTICLE WHERE  
21 THEY JUST BUILT SOME HOUSES. THESE ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE AND  
22 SENIOR PEOPLE. I JUST TURNED 57. I HAVE TUBERCULOSIS IN MY  
23 BLOOD DUE FROM GOING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. I'M NOT  
24 CONTAMINATED, BUT IF I'M AROUND PEOPLE THAT ARE SICK, THEN I  
25 BECOME SICK. I'M TRYING TO LIVE OUT AS MUCH TIME AS I CAN



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1 BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE ONE GRANDSON AND IT WAS HIS DADDY THAT WAS  
2 SHOT. I WANT A PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO BE SAFE.  
3 THERE'S AGENCIES. THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING. NEW IMAGE, ALL THE  
4 SHELTERS THEY GIVE YOU, ONLY ONE NIGHT IN A HOTEL AND THAT'S  
5 ONLY FOR A YEAR. SO AGAIN, IT'S STILL THE HOUSING AND STUFF.  
6 SO, I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU'LL SEE SOMEONE, CYNTHIA OVER HERE  
9 ON COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES, RIGHT OVER HERE. RAISE YOUR HAND  
10 AGAIN. THANK YOU.

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12 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL  
15 MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN DO ITEM 12 OR S-1.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL? DR. CLAVREUL ITEM  
21 12? 1? 12?

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
24 I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE ABOUT THE DONOR PROGRAM AND SO ON,  
25 BUT I'M VERY CONCERNED IN THE LACK OF CARING OF THE D.M.V. ON



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1 APRIL 4TH, WE WERE AT THE SAM STORE GETTING SOME GAS. WE GOT  
2 HIT BY A CAR DRIVEN BY A VERY OLD MAN, WHO WAS TOTALLY  
3 OBLIVIOUS. HE DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE HE HAD HIT MY DAUGHTER. HE  
4 LEFT AND SO ON. WE TRIED TO REPORT IT TO THE D.M.V. WE TRIED  
5 TO REPORT IT TO THE PASADENA POLICE. WE TRIED TO REPORT IT THE  
6 THE GLENDORA POLICE, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE IT HAPPENED. HE'S A  
7 PERSON WHO SHOULD BE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE. AND WE HAD THE  
8 NAME. WE HAD THE PICTURE. WE HAD THE PICTURE OF THE CAR. AND  
9 DIDN'T EVEN STOP. AND THAT PERSON, TALKING ABOUT SAVING LIFE.  
10 ANOTHER WAY TO SAVE LIFE IS TO REMOVE LICENSE FROM ELDERLY OR  
11 INCAPABLE DRIVER. SO I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH IF SOMEBODY FROM  
12 THIS COUNTY COULD HELP ME TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE AND GET THE  
13 LICENSE REMOVED IF THAT PERSON IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DRIVE. HE  
14 NEVER STOPPED, EITHER. HE LEFT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DID THE ACCIDENT HAPPEN?

17

18 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** APRIL 4TH AT SAM'S CLUB IN GLENDORA.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE WILL HELP  
21 YOU.

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NONE OF THE POLICE RESPOND, NONE OF  
24 THE D.M.V. THOSE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE. THANK  
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SOMEBODY FROM MIKE'S OFFICE WILL TALK TO  
3 YOU AND GET THE INFORMATION. ALL RIGHT. ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US.  
4 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** S-1.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** QUICK PASS OFF. HEY, GENEVIEVE, GENEVIEVE,  
10 DON'T LEAVE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GENEVIEVE! DON'T LEAVE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** S-1, ARNOLD SACHS AND DR. GENEVIEVE  
15 CLAVREUL. YOU WANT THE HEAR THE REPORT FIRST? THAT'S A UNIQUE  
16 CONCEPT, HUH? ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR THE REPORT FIRST.  
17 THIS IS GOING TO BE DR. SCHUNHOFF AND C.E.O.

18

19 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE BIMONTHLY REPORT  
20 ON THE TRANSITIONING TO THE NEW MEDICAL CENTER. THIS IS NOT  
21 THE FULL MONTHLY REPORT, BUT IT'S SIMPLY AN INTERIM  
22 OPERATIONAL REPORT. THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS FOR THE MONTH OF  
23 MARCH 2009 WAS 572 OUT OF 671 LICENSED BED, WHICH IS AN  
24 ESTIMATED 83 PERCENT UTILIZATION RATE, 85 PERCENT OCCUPANCY.  
25 THIS IS ALSO AN INCREASE FROM FEBRUARY OF 2009. THERE IS



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1 TRENDING INFORMATION HERE ON THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, BOTH  
2 REGISTRATION VOLUMES AND ADMISSIONS, AS WELL AS THE TOTAL  
3 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS, WE'VE EXPERIENCED  
4 TWO SIGNIFICANT SURGES OF PATIENTS PRESENTING BOTH BY  
5 AMBULANCE AND WALK-IN. IN BOTH CASES, THERE WAS A PEAK OF  
6 BOARDING IN THE PENDING ADMISSION AREA. AND IN BOTH CASES,  
7 ACTIONS WERE TAKEN DURING THE SURGES WHICH INCLUDE TRANSFERS  
8 TO RANCHO AND OTHER PRIVATE HOSPITALS. WE HAVE PROVIDED  
9 INFORMATION IN THE REPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR  
10 ANTONOVICH ABOUT THE PATIENT SPECIALTY SERVICES, AND I'D BE  
11 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME --

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD BEFORE WE  
18 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. LET ME JUST THANK THEM FOR THOSE  
21 RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO SPECIALTY SERVICES AND  
22 THE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS. AND IF WE COULD CONTINUE TO  
23 RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THIS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AS A REPORT,  
24 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'LL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN AS L.A.C.+U.S.C. MOVES FORWARD WITH  
4 A COMPREHENSIVE MID-CYCLE REVIEWS OF RESIDENT TRAINING  
5 PROGRAMS, COULD YOU ALSO REPORT ON THOSE FINDINGS?

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7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE STATUS REPORT ON THE  
10 NEGOTIATIONS BY O.M.C. TO ESTABLISH AGREEMENTS WITH THE PLANS  
11 FOR THE TRANSFER AND ADMISSIONS OF THE SPECIALTY SERVICES OR  
12 TO THE SPECIALTY SERVICES?

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14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'LL INCLUDE THAT, AS WELL.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD  
19 SACHS?

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LAST  
22 WEEK I SPOKE ABOUT THE ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE L.A. TIMES  
23 NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE HELICOPTER PADS AT U.S.C. I'M JUST  
24 CURIOUS. I MEAN IT'S PURE NEGLIGENCE. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT  
25 THE AUTHORITIES SENT OUT WARNINGS, NOTICES TO SAY "DON'T BUILD



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1 YOUR AIR INTAKE VALVES BY HELICOPTER PADS." AND IF IT HAD BEEN  
2 SOMETHING ELSE, IF IT HAD BEEN A BRIDGE OR IT HAD BEEN --  
3 LISTEN, IN CHINA WHEN THEY HAD THE EARTHQUAKE AND ALL THOSE  
4 SCHOOL BUILDINGS COLLAPSED, PEOPLE WERE PUT TO DEATH FOR  
5 SHODDY WORKMANSHIP. IT'S NOT HAPPENING HERE. I DON'T EXPECT  
6 THAT.

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

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT I WOULD EXPECT SOME KIND OF RESPONSE TO THE  
11 NEGLIGENCE IN THE BLUEPRINTS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET GO OF IT, ARNOLD, WE'RE GETTING A  
14 REPORT FOR YOU, OKAY? YOU ASK FOR IT EVERY WEEK. THE REPORT'S  
15 NOT BACK. WHEN THE REPORT'S BACK, YOU CAN READ ABOUT IT IN AND  
16 ATTACK IT.

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MR. PRESIDENT, THEY GOT AN AWARD FOR THE  
19 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ONE WEEK AFTER THE ARTICLE APPEARED. THAT  
20 WAS QUICK. WHY CAN'T WE GET A REPORT AS QUICK AS THEY GOT AN  
21 AWARD? AND THEN JUST IN A RELATED MATTER, CAN WE GET AN UPDATE  
22 ON HARBOR-U.C.L.A.? WE HAVEN'T HAD ONE OF THOSE IN A FEW  
23 MONTHS. AND AN UPDATE ON THE HOSPITALS SERVING THE M.L.K.  
24 AREA. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

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3 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE  
4 CLAVREUL. ON THE REPORT, YOU MENTIONED THAT AT SOMETIME THEY  
5 HAD 60 PATIENTS BEING BOARDED IN E.D. THAT'S HUGE AMOUNT OF  
6 PATIENTS. AND THAT'S VERY CONCERNING. AND THEN THE SOLUTION IS  
7 THAT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WILL INCLUDE TEMPORARILY ADMITTING  
8 PATIENTS TO INPATIENT HALLWAY? IS THAT GOING TO BECOME A FAIT  
9 ACCOMPLIS, THERE IS NO AVAILABILITY OF BEDS SO WE'VE GOT TO  
10 ADMIT PATIENTS TO HALLWAY? THAT IS DEFINITELY NOT A GOOD  
11 SOLUTION. SO I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. ESPECIALLY  
12 WHEN YOU WERE NOT IN FULL CAPACITY AT THE HOSPITAL AT ANY  
13 TIME. SO WHY WERE THOSE PATIENTS ARE BEING STAYING IN THE E.D.  
14 OR STAYING IN THE HALLWAY? THAT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD GET  
15 AN ANSWER TO THAT. ALSO ON ITEM 22, IT WAS NO REPORT  
16 ACCESSIBLE EITHER FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT FROM ANYWHERE. AGAIN  
17 THAT'S A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. AND YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL  
18 ABOUT THAT. AND IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE ARTICLE ABOUT WHAT I  
19 THINK OF OUR D.A. AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BROWN ACT, A COPY  
20 OF THE ARTICLE FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** S.-1 DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ACTION. OKAY.  
23 WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE. OKAY. WHAT OTHER ITEMS ARE LEFT?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE OTHER ITEMS S-2 AND S-3. ALTHOUGH YOU  
2 HAVE ITEM 11. AND MARK HAS 1-H.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 11 WAS BEING HELD BY ME.  
5 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF DISTRESSING INFORMATION AROUND ON  
6 WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED THE RISING EPIDEMIC OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY.  
7 I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF CERTAIN MEDICATIONS FOR  
8 THESE CHILDREN THAT OBVIOUSLY COULD LEAD TO EXCESSIVE WEIGHT  
9 GAIN AND DIABETES AND WORSE. SO OUR COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN  
10 AND FAMILIES ESTABLISHED A SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THESE  
11 ISSUES MORE CLOSELY. IT WAS CHAIRED BY MY APPOINTEE, TINA  
12 PARISON. THEY PROVIDED A VERY COMPELLING REPORT. AND I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO ALSO ASK, AS WELL AS NINA SORKIN, CHAIR OF THE  
14 COMMISSION FOR NUTRITION, TO PARTICIPATE. IF YOU'D SHARE A FEW  
15 COMMENTS WITH US, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

16

17 **TINA PARISON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
18 OF SUPERVISORS, AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE'S OFFICE,  
19 FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION TODAY AND FOR HIS SUPPORT  
20 PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND CHILD WELLNESS IN GENERAL.  
21 THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AT ITS ANNUAL  
22 MEETING IN OCTOBER 2007 SET ITS GOAL, BEING ONE OF THE GOALS,  
23 THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY. MEMBERS OF  
24 THE COMMISSION ATTENDED THE NEW BEGINNINGS CONFERENCE, WHERE  
25 WE HEARD FROM DR. REINROD FROM THE COURTS, AND DR. FUENTES



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1 FROM THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL HUB THAT THERE IS A NEED TO  
2 HANDLE CHILDHOOD OBESITY UNDER THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. WE ALSO  
3 RECEIVED THE PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY, THE NEED TO CREATE  
4 HEALTHY PLACES, A CITIES AND COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT,  
5 PUBLISHED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN 2007, AND WAS  
6 ALSO CONCERNED REGARDING THIS RISING EPIDEMIC. THE CHILDHOOD  
7 OBESITY COMMITTEE INVOLVED VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL  
8 AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO RESEARCH THE PROBLEM, ASSESS  
9 AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND GAPS IN SERVICES AND TO COME UP WITH  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION  
11 RESULTED IN THE BOARD MOTION TODAY. INVOLVED IN THE COMMITTEE  
12 WERE THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PARKS  
13 AND RECREATION, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH, CASA AND THE  
14 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES. IN ADDITION,  
15 THE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED ON THE JUVENILE OBESITY COMMITTEE  
16 THROUGH THE JUVENILE COURT. ALREADY WONDERFUL WORK IS BEING  
17 DONE BY THE COURT AND D.C.F.S. HAS BEGUN TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE  
18 THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTHY LIFESTYLES POLICY AND  
19 TRAINING PLAN. AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE NINA  
20 SORKIN, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION, WHO HAS CO-CHAIRLED  
21 THE COMMITTEE WITH ME AND SHE'S GOING TO PROVIDE SOME ENDING  
22 COMMENTS. AND SHE ALSO HAS A VERY INTERESTING PROP THERE THAT  
23 SHE WANTED TO SHARE.

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1 **NINA SORKIN:** THIS IS UP WITH OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE  
2 COMMISSION HAS. THIS HAPPENS TO BE 5 POUNDS OF FAT. THE  
3 CONCERN ABOUT CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS NOT NEW. INDEED, THE LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY 2004 CHILD SCORE CARD INDICATES THAT OVER THE  
5 LAST 30 YEARS, OVERWEIGHT AMONG CHILDREN HAS TRIPLED, CREATING  
6 A NATIONAL EPIDEMIC. OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF  
7 CHRONIC DISEASES LIKE ASTHMA, DIABETES AND HEART DISEASE AS  
8 WELL AS DEPRESSION. RESEARCH ALSO FOUND A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN  
9 GOOD NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. IN  
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 21 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE FIFTH,  
11 SEVENTH AND NINTH GRADE ARE OVERWEIGHT. AN ADDITIONAL 19  
12 PERCENT ARE ESTIMATED AT RISK FOR BECOMING OVERWEIGHT.  
13 GEOGRAPHICALLY SPAS 4, 6 AND 7 HAD THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF  
14 OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY. AMONG THE RACIAL ETHNIC  
15 GROUPS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO CHILDREN FARE THE WORST.  
16 MOST RECENTLY 2008 CHILDREN'S SCORE CARD INDICATED THAT DURING  
17 THE LAST FOUR YEARS, 22.9 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE FIFTH,  
18 SEVENTH AND NINTH GRADES ARE OVERWEIGHT. THIS REPRESENTS A  
19 NINE PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THOUGH THE  
20 FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, THE FIRST FIVE  
21 LOS ANGELES RESEARCH BRIEF REPORT INDICATES THAT THE NUMBER OF  
22 CHILDREN UNDER FIVE WHO ARE CURRENTLY OVERWEIGHT IS EPIDEMIC  
23 AND INCREASING, WITH STUDIES SHOWING THAT CHILDREN AGES TWO TO  
24 FIVE IN CALIFORNIA HAVE A ONE IN FIVE CHANCE OF BEING  
25 OVERWEIGHT. LASTLY, CHILDREN NOW, 2008, CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD



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1 ON THE STATE OF THE STATE OF THE STATE'S CHILDREN GAVE A D-  
2 PLUS GRADE FOR HOW WE FARE WITH RESPECT TO CHILDHOOD OBESITY.  
3 IT IS FURTHER PREDICTED THAT THIS MAY BE THE FIRST GENERATION  
4 THAT WILL NOT OUTLIVE THEIR PARENTS. EFFECTIVELY COMBATING THE  
5 EPIDEMIC REQUIRES COORDINATED POLICY AGENDA THAT ADDRESSES ALL  
6 THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND KEEPS POLICYMAKERS ON ACHIEVING A  
7 COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION THAT INCLUDES CHILDREN FROM AGES 2 TO  
8 21. MANY FACTORS, FROM SAFE PLACES TO EXERCISE, TO ACCESS TO  
9 HEALTHY FOOD, MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED. THE COMMISSION FOR  
10 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LOOKS FORWARDS TO WORKING WITH THE CHIEF  
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND OTHER IDENTIFIED PARTNERS IN THE PROPOSED  
12 CHILD WELLNESS WORKGROUP.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR TAKING THE TIME.  
15 GREAT REPORT. THAT PROP MAKES ME A TAD NERVOUS. [LAUGHTER.] I  
16 COULD PROBABLY ADD TO THAT. ANYWAY, TINA, NINA, WE THANK YOU  
17 BOTH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SORT OF GIVE US AN UPDATE AND  
18 SUMMARY. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK. AND KEEP IT UP.  
19 OKAY. LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANK YOU. TINA SORT  
20 OF WENT AWAY FROM THAT. IT MADE HER NERVOUS. THAT ITEM IS  
21 BEFORE US, ITEM 11. I'D MOVE IT BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO AMEND  
22 MY MOTION TO ADD THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE COMMISSION ON  
23 NUTRITION AS WELL TO THE ITEM. SO WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE IT.  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25 ORDERED. YOU GOT TO APPOINT SOMEBODY. ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED.



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1 WE CAN ALSO, AS I UNDERSTAND -- LET'S DO ADJOURNMENTS FIRST.  
2 AND THEN WE COULD ALSO DO ITEM 18, AS I UNDERSTAND. SUPERVISOR  
3 MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? NO? OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY, ANY ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY. I HAVE A NUMBER OF  
5 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TJAART  
6 SCHIPPER OF BELLFLOWER, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 19TH. SURVIVED  
7 BY HIS WIFE, ROXY; DAUGHTER, SHERRIE; TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND  
8 TWO SISTERS AND TWO STEPBROTHERS. THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
9 TODAY OF SETH BRENDAN ADAM WEISSMAN OF LONG BEACH WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY UNFORTUNATELY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 23. HE HAD  
11 GRADUATED FROM BELLFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED CERRITOS  
12 COLLEGE. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
13 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, BERT AND CANDI; BROTHER, SHEM;  
14 MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, AND COUSINS. ALSO THAT  
15 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THERRIN EDESEL AMUNDSON, WHO PASSED  
16 AWAY ON MARCH 20TH. HE SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE DURING WORLD  
17 WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR. HE MOVED TO LAKEWOOD IN 1952.  
18 WORKED FOR NORTHRUP AIRCRAFT FOR 42 YEARS. WAS VERY ACTIVE IN  
19 HIS COMMUNITY AND CHURCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62  
20 YEARS, MILDRED; DAUGHTER, DEBORAH; GRANDDAUGHTER, SANDRA; AND  
21 FOUR SIBLINGS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RALPH BLUNT, WHO  
22 PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS A 29-YEAR EMPLOYEE  
23 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WORKED AS A LABORATORY  
24 TECHNICIAN HIS ENTIRE CAREER. HE ALSO SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH  
25 THE KOREAN WAR AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CATHERINE; TWO SONS, JAMES AND DANIEL;  
2 AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
3 ANGELINE HARRIET COX, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 6TH. SHE WAS 89  
4 YEARS OLD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN; GOOD FRIEND,  
5 JIM, RANDY, KAREN, 7 GRANDCHILDREN AND 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.  
6 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RENA HOEKSTRA, PASSED AWAY  
7 ON MARCH 26TH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, ED,  
8 ADRIANN, JENNIE, DAWN AND THEIR SPOUSES, 10 GRANDCHILDREN,  
9 EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO SISTERS. ALSO THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OMARIA JEFFERSON, AN INSPIRATION TO MANY  
11 WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE WORKED FOR OUR COUNTY FOR OVER  
12 47 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF GERONTOLOGY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, RANCHO. SERVED AS A MEMBER OF OUR LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE PLANNING COUNCIL. SHE IS  
15 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, SIX SIBLINGS, TWO COUSINS, HER  
16 NIECE AND SISTER-IN-LAW. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
17 MARY SAAVEDRA, CHERISHED MOTHER AND BELOVED GRANDMOTHER WHO  
18 PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT HOME APRIL 8TH SURROUNDED BY FAMILY.  
19 SHE WAS BORN IN CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
20 HERMOSA BEACH. SHE WAS A PASSIONATE, CARING, STRONG AND LOVING  
21 WOMAN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR SONS, TONY, ELOY, PAUL, AND  
22 JOSE; THREE DAUGHTERS, SYLVIA, ESTHER, CARMEN; AND MANY  
23 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE  
24 HAVE ARNOLD SACHS HELD CS-5, A CLOSED SESSION ITEM, BUT FOR  
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD, IF YOU COME FORWARD, PLEASE?



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. GOOD  
3 MORNING. VERY QUICKLY. I JUST WANT TO KNOW, AS I REITERATED  
4 LAST WEEK WHEN YOU HAD THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, WHY THE --  
5 AND I ASKED THIS QUESTION, WHY THE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
6 ISN'T INVOLVED IN THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, WHEN THE CITY HAS  
7 THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE  
8 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE COUNTY ALL SIT ON THE OVERSIGHT  
9 COMMITTEE FOR THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, BUT THE COUNTY  
10 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DOES NOT SIT THERE. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE  
11 SENSE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM 18, WE'RE GOING TO  
14 GO AHEAD AND TAKE ITEM 18. MISS MULDREW, YOU SIGNED UP FOR  
15 ITEM 18, AS WELL, ARE YOU STILL HERE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE COMMENTS]. I WILL SPEAK WITH HER AND GET  
18 HER TO POSTPONE THAT AND THEN I'LL COME BACK RIGHT AWAY AND  
19 LET YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S IN REGARDS TO THE SAME ISSUE,  
22 SO SHE MAY NOT. IT'S BASICALLY HER SPEECH IS ON THE SAME ISSUE  
23 THAT SHE SPOKE TO EARLIER. CHECK WITH HER QUICKLY. S-3, OR IS  
24 THAT TOO EARLY? GO AHEAD AND START PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE  
25 WAITING TO SEE IF SHE WANTS TO SPEAK, THEN WE'LL TAKE CARE OF



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1 18. ALL RIGHT. LET ME CALL UP LORETTA LORETTA-LEILANI ZACKERY,  
2 ALFRED GARICA, ERIC JOHNSON, SHARON LYLE. ALL RIGHT, WHOEVER  
3 WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN, GO AHEAD. JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE  
4 RECORD.

5

6 **ERIC JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS ERIC JOHNSON.  
7 AND I'M HERE TODAY TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION THAT INVOLVED A  
8 CHILD SUPPORT CASE THAT WAS FILED AGAINST ME THAT WAS PROVEN  
9 LATER TO NOT BE MY RESPONSIBILITY. MEANWHILE, FUNDS WERE  
10 GARNISHED FROM MY INCOME OVER THE YEARS. AFTER THE OVERTURN OF  
11 THE CASE, I DID NOT RECEIVE THE FUNDS BACK, AND I WAS  
12 WONDERING WHO WOULD I DISCUSS THIS WITH? I SENT SEVERAL  
13 LETTERS TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
14 OFFICE AND NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE ME ANY KIND OF CLARITY  
15 ON WHO SHOULD BE REIMBURSING ME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I  
16 NEED TO DO TO GET THE MONEY BACK WHEN IT WAS CLEARLY  
17 OVERTURNED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WELL FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE NO  
20 CONTROL OVER THAT. WE SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE -- I MEAN THE BOARD  
21 DIRECTLY. IS THERE SOMEONE FROM CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES HERE  
22 THAT HE CAN TALK TO? PARDON ME? OKAY. WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE. IF  
23 YOU'LL STEP RIGHT DOWN THERE, WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE THAT CAN TALK  
24 TO YOU FROM CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. SHOULD GET YOU CLARITY.  
25 THANK YOU. NEXT? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD, GO AHEAD.



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1  
2 **SHARON LYLE:** OKAY. MY NAME IS SHARON LYLE, I'M A D.M.H.  
3 CONSUMER, AND BEING A D.M.H. CONSUMER, I END UP WITH  
4 MEDICATION. I ENDED UP WITH A GANGLION CYST AND OTHER HEALTH  
5 COMPLICATIONS. BECAUSE GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS, IT'S A NOT  
6 EASY PROCESS BECAUSE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICE  
7 WITHIN A TIMELY MANNER. I WAS REFERRED FOR AN EXTERNAL  
8 TRAINING FOR RAPE TRAUMA VICTIM. THAT WAS IN 2004. THEN IT HAD  
9 BEEN OVER FROM 2004 GOING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION  
10 FOR THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING I WOULD NEED. SINCE THAT TIME,  
11 I'VE BEEN THROUGH THREE CASE MANAGERS, TWO SUPERVISORS, FOUR  
12 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, ONE REGIONAL MANAGER IN SOUTHERN  
13 CALIFORNIA, ONE DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGIST, TWO DIRECTORS, ONE  
14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR UP AT SACRAMENTO, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE  
15 ASSISTANT, FOUR FAIR HEARING BOARD MEMBERS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN  
16 THROUGH THE REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD, OFFICE OF CIVIL  
17 RIGHTS, CLIENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WEST SIDE CENTER FOR  
18 INDEPENDENT LIVING, THE DALE MACINTOSH CENTER. I'VE BEEN  
19 THROUGH 31 DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
20 HEALTH. I MET WITH DR. SOUTHARD ON APRIL 24TH, I AM TRYING TO  
21 SHOW THAT CONSUMERS NEED A PARTNERSHIP TO WORK WITH THEIR  
22 CLINICIANS. IF IT'S NOT A PARTNERSHIP, SOMEONE CAN FALL  
23 THROUGH THE GAP. MYSELF, I WENT IN FOR A MEETING ON MARCH 2ND  
24 WITH THE CHIEF OF EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY. I ENDED UP GOING  
25 TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE NEITHER THE CHIEF OF EMPOWERMENT



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1 ADVOCACY OR THE POLICY DIRECTOR OF D.M.H. WERE ABLE TO ATTEND  
2 THE MEETING. BUT THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING, ONGOING, ONGOING. I'VE  
3 BEEN AT MANY MEETINGS, STAKEHOLDERS, I'VE BEEN THROUGH A  
4 DELEGATE, I'VE BEEN TO AD HOC MEETINGS, I'VE BEEN TO  
5 COMMISSION. SERVICES ARE NEEDED FOR CONSUMERS WITHIN A MANNER  
6 OF TIMELINESS. I MYSELF GOING THROUGH THE SYSTEM SAY SEVEN  
7 YEARS NOW. STILL FINDING OUT WITH A YEAR OF CRITERIA,  
8 UNDERSERVED, UNREPRESENTED ETHNIC POPULATION. WE'RE ACROSS-  
9 THE-BOARD OF INDIVIDUALS NOT RECEIVING THE SERVICES THAT WE  
10 NEED. I'M FINDING OUT THERE'S REALLY NOT AN OVERSIGHT OR  
11 ACCOUNTABILITY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU START DOING THE RESEARCH,  
12 DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT NAMES OR BOARD MEMBERS  
13 ETCETERA, ARE ALL ON THE SAME DIFFERENT COMMITTEES. WE DON'T  
14 HAVE LEGAL ADVOCACY. WE'RE NOT RECEIVING THE SERVICES IN A  
15 TIMELY MANNER. WE CAN BE MISDIAGNOSED, AND ESPECIALLY AS AN  
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN, I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY  
17 REGARDLESS TO WHATEVER IS GOING ON HERE, I HAVE TO. NOT ONLY  
18 ME TAKING CARE OF MY CHILDREN, MY GRANDCHILDREN, MY NIECES,  
19 NEPHEWS. I'VE BEEN BLESSED TO BE A GREAT, GREAT AUNT. I HAVE A  
20 HISTORY NOW THAT I WANT TO ENSURE. BUT FOR ME GOING IN FOR  
21 MEETINGS, I END UP ON NITROGLYCERIN. THAT'S NOT A FAIR THING.  
22 SO I'M HOPING THAT THE BOARD WILL IMPLEMENT OR WILL ALL WORK  
23 TOGETHER IN A PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES. ESPECIALLY  
24 WHEN THE CRITERIA FOR THE -- CRITERIA HAS BEEN ALREADY PUT  
25 FORTH, AS CAME DOWN FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL NEW FREEDOM



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1 COMMISSION, WENT INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT. THERE'S  
2 OTHER PROGRAMS THAT SHOULD BE BUT WE'RE NOT GETTING THE  
3 SERVICE. YOU HEAR FROM THESE LADIES AND THE PRESIDENT OF  
4 B.L.A.C.C.C. IF I HADN'T HAVE MET WITH THEM, AS OF LAST APRIL,  
5 AS OF APRIL 14TH LAST YEAR, I WOULD HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE. SO  
6 I'M SAYING, I'M BEGGING FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR THESE LADIES'  
7 CONCERNS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE HEARING. AND DR. SOUTHARD'S OVER  
10 HERE.

11

12 **SHARON LYLE:** DR. SOUTHARD HAS BEEN WORKING-- I'VE STARTED TO  
13 WORK WITH DR. SOUTHARD, AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS. I HAVE  
14 BEEN WITH B.L.A.C.C.C. NOW FOR TWO YEARS. AND IT'S NOT -- I  
15 MEAN IT NEEDS MORE THAN TALK, WHAT WE NEED.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL --

18

19 **SHARON LYLE:** I'M SORRY?

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO REFER YOU  
22 TO DR. SOUTHARD. I MEAN THERE'S NO ACTION THAT'S GOING TO BE  
23 TAKEN HERE TODAY. I MEAN OBVIOUSLY WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE  
24 ISSUES BEING RAISED HERE TODAY. BUT WE WOULD INVITE YOU TO  
25 MEET WITH DR. SOUTHARD.



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2 **SHARON LYLE:** YEAH, I HAVE. I MET WITH DR. SOUTHARD. I SAID,  
3 I'M IN THE PROCESS. BUT I'M BACKING UP TO WHAT THESE LADIES  
4 ARE SAYING. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO LIVE OFF OF.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

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8 **SHARON LYLE:** AND THIS IS A REALITY FOR ME EACH DAY. AND IT'S  
9 CREATED OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS BECAUSE, AGAIN I SAY I'VE BEEN  
10 THROUGH 31 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
11 HEALTH AND SAY 35 DIFFERENT ENTITIES WORKING WITH THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT WITH DR. SOUTHARD  
15 AND FOLLOW-UP WITH THAT. WE'RE ALSO ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK  
16 ON YOUR SITUATION AND THE OTHERS. YES, SIR?

17

18 **ALFRED GARCIA:** YES. MY NAME IS ALFRED GARCIA. I WORK FOR  
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO  
20 WORK TODAY. THE REASON I DID NOT SHOW UP IS I DECIDED TO COME  
21 AND SPEAK TO THE BOARD SINCE YOU OVERSEE. TODAY I WAS SUPPOSED  
22 TO GET MY LAYOFF NOTICE. THEY'RE LAYING OFF ABOUT CLOSE TO 10  
23 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE. OUR JOBS ARE BEING OUTSOURCED.  
24 THEY'RE GOING TO CONTRACT EMPLOYEES ALSO. I BELIEVE THERE'S NO  
25 FAIRNESS AND POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROCESS THAT



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1 THEY'RE USING TO LAY OFF. AND I WAS WONDERING IF THEY'VE  
2 SUBMITTED A PROCESS, OR DO THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT ANYTHING TO THE  
3 BOARD FOR THIS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BEING LAID OFF?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL ASK MR. FUJIOKA. CHECK IT OUT.  
6 THEY DO NOT HAVE TO COME AS WELL AS THE LAYOFF. THEY HAVE A  
7 BUDGET THAT THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH AND THAT'S THE PROCESS. SO  
8 WE'LL CHECK IT OUT, BUT MR. FUJIOKA WILL GET US AN ANSWER.  
9 THANK YOU.

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11 **ALFRED GARCIA:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **LORETTA-LEILANI ZACKERY:** GOOD MORNING.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND.

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17 **LORETTA-LEILANI ZACKERY:** OKAY, I'M SORRY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WILLIAM LEGERE, I BELIEVE IT IS. SHELLIE  
20 BARNES, ARNOLD SACHS? OKAY. YES, MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

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22 **LORETTA-LEILANI ZACKERY:** GOOD MORNING AGAIN. IT'S LORETTA-  
23 LEILANI ZACKERY. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO EACH  
24 AND EVERYONE THIS MORNING AGAIN. AND JUST TO REITERATE OR JUST  
25 EMPHASIZE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING. IT



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1 PROBABLY WASN'T THE RIGHT FORUM WHERE I CAME TO EXPRESS  
2 MYSELF. BUT I THANK YOU FOR THE QUICKNESS AND ADHERENCE TO  
3 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER. SO I JUST  
4 WANT TO SAY AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU, PLEASE LOOK INTO THESE  
5 MATTERS EXPEDITIOUSLY. AND LIKE I SAID, IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE  
6 THIS AFTERNOON, DURING LUNCH, GO DOWN TWO BLOCKS AND SEE WHERE  
7 YOUR DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. YOU GUYS HAVE THE DECISION  
8 MAKERS AND THE POLICYMAKERS. AND SO YOU'RE THE MOVERS AND THE  
9 SHAKERS. AND I EXPECT THINGS FROM YOU. GOD BLESS YOU AND HAVE  
10 A NICE DAY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

13

14 **WILLIAM LEGERE:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. I  
15 AM WILLIAM LEGERE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY, I TRIED. GO AHEAD, SIR.

18

19 **WILLIAM LEGERE:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. WILLIAM LEGERE. HONORED TO  
20 BE HERE TODAY, TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT AN ISSUE I HAVE,  
21 AND THAT IS EDUCATION. THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT HAS A  
22 SECTION THAT DEALS WITH EDUCATION OF CONSUMERS. I AM A MENTAL  
23 HEALTH CONSUMER. I'M WITH THE B.L.A.C.C.C. COALITION OF LOS  
24 ANGELES. AND I'VE BEEN TRYING SEVERAL TIMES TO GET A MASTER OF  
25 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE. I HAVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



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1 IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET A MASTER'S  
2 OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. I WOULD TRY TO DO IT ON MY OWN,  
3 BUT I WAS STIFLED. I WAS HELD BACK. I TRIED TO APPROACH THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, BUT THEY SAID NO, WE  
5 WON'T FUND YOU FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE, ONLY FOR A BACHELOR'S  
6 DEGREE, UNLESS YOU'RE GOING INTO SOCIAL WORK OR DRUG AND  
7 ALCOHOL COUNSELING. AND I'VE BEEN STIFLED. I EVEN SOUGHT LEGAL  
8 HELP THROUGH A.C.L.U. A.C.L.U. WOULDN'T HELP ME. SO I'VE BEEN  
9 STIFLED THERE. AND THERE ARE PROBABLY MANY PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO  
10 WANT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION, WHO WANT TO GET ADVANCED  
11 DEGREES, BUT THEY CANNOT BECAUSE THE COST OF GOING TO SCHOOL  
12 RIGHT NOW IS SO EXPENSIVE, EVEN AT THE STATE UNIVERSITIES IT  
13 IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO GO TO SCHOOL. AND U.S.C., FORGET ABOUT  
14 U.S.C., IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, \$35,000 A YEAR TO GO TO U.S.C. AND  
15 SO WHAT I ASK YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS THAT MAYBE YOU  
16 SHOULD GO TO THE CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HERE IN  
17 THIS L.A. COUNTY AND SEE WHAT SOME OF THIS TAXPAYER MONEY  
18 GOING TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE ARE BEING  
19 EDUCATED THERE, BUT WHEN I WENT TO APPLY, I HAD NO HELP. I HAD  
20 NO MONEY TO PAY THE G.M.A.T. C.A.T. EXAM TO GET INTO GRADUATE  
21 SCHOOL. AND SO I ASK THAT YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD  
22 CONSIDER MAKING CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN FURTHER OUR EDUCATION.  
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK MARY TIEDEMAN AND  
2 MELINDA BIRD TO JOIN US. YES, GO AHEAD.

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4 **SHELLE BARNES:** I 'M SHELLE BARNES.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW SHELLE, I 'M ASKING MORE PEOPLE TO  
7 JOIN US UP HERE.

8

9 **SHELLE BARNES:** OKAY. APRIL 1ST, 2009, I WAS SENT A LETTER --

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND YOU 'RE SHELLE BARNES?

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13 **SHELLE BARNES:** YES, I 'M SHELLE BARNES. APRIL 1ST, 2009, I WAS  
14 SENT A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SAYING  
15 THIS. DEAR MISS BARNES, ON MARCH 25TH, 2009, YOU WERE ELECTED  
16 TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL COUNCIL FOR PACIFIC  
17 VIEW GUEST HOME. THE RESIDENTS AGREED THAT YOU WOULD BRING THE  
18 GROUP'S CONCERNS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FACILITY, ROMEL  
19 DUNKA, WHICH I HAVE AND OF COURSE I 'M CONTINUING WITH THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS WELL. THE RESIDENTS AGREED THAT YOUR  
21 RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL COUNCIL WOULD  
22 INCLUDE ORGANIZING THE RESIDENTS IN THE FACILITY TO HAVE  
23 MONTHLY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS EVERYONE'S CONCERNS AND INTERESTS  
24 IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH YOU LIVE. IT'S A  
25 BOARD AND CARE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ROMEL DUNKA TO



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1 HELP YOU POST UP THESE MEETING TIMES SO THAT RESIDENTS WILL  
2 KNOW WHEN TO ATTEND. NOW THESE ARE THE CONCERNS EVERYONE  
3 WANTED YOU TO DISCUSS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. THE HEATER  
4 DOESN'T WORK, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER 2, THE BIRDS IN THE VENT  
5 WHICH MAKE NOISE AND BOTHER THE RESIDENTS, SEEMING LIKE  
6 THEY'RE DYING IN THERE. NO. 3, THERE ARE ROACHES CRAWLING IN  
7 THE DRAWERS. NUMBER 4, THERE IS RUST ON THE TABLES IN THE  
8 DINING ROOM OF WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY PAINTED OVER IT. NO. 5,  
9 THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES GOING ON EXCEPT FOR BINGO, NO  
10 EXERCISING OR ANYTHING, ALTHOUGH WE DO GET \$2 A GAME. NO. 6,  
11 THE NEW CHEF HAS SERVED COLD VEGETABLES, OPENED UP THE CAN AND  
12 JUST Poured THE VEGETABLES ON THE PLATE. NO. 7, THERE IS NO  
13 OTHER FRUIT BESIDES ORANGES, HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE NOW APPLES.  
14 NO. 8, THERE ARE WATER LEAKS NEAR ROOM 37, THAT HAS NOT BEEN  
15 FIXED, AS WELL. NO. 9, ONE OF THE RESIDENTS DID NOT GET HIS  
16 LIGHT BULB CHANGED IN HIS BATHROOM FOR THREE MONTHS. HE'S BEEN  
17 THERE FOR 30 YEARS. NO. 10, THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE  
18 HOUSEKEEPERS MOVING RESIDENTS' BELONGINGS AROUND AND TAKING  
19 PERSONAL BELONGINGS. AND NO. 11, THERE WAS A PROBLEM DURING  
20 THE HOLIDAYS IN GETTING MONEY. AND THERE NEEDS TO BE EXTRA  
21 MONEY DISTRIBUTED FOR THE WEEKENDS THAT THE RESIDENTS AGREE TO  
22 HANDLE JUDICIOUSLY. NOW, IF YOUR CONCERNS ARE NOT HANDLED  
23 APPROPRIATELY, YOU CAN CALL ME AT 213-738-2714, AND I WILL TRY  
24 AND MEDIATE A RESOLUTION WITH ADMINISTRATION. THE OWNER OF THE  
25 FACILITY EXPRESSED TO ME THAT HE WANTS TO WORK WITH YOU AND



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1 THE RESIDENTS TO RESOLVE YOUR CONCERNS. PLEASE GIVE THEM TIME  
2 TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS. SINCERELY, SIGNED,  
3 JESSICA PAUL MARTINEZ, M.A., PATIENTS RIGHTS ADVOCATE, C.C.:  
4 JOSE REYES, SUPERVISOR ROMEL DUNKA, ADMINISTRATOR. SINCE THEN,  
5 AS OF APRIL 2009, THERE HAD BEEN--

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. GO AHEAD AND JUST  
8 FINISH UP.

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10 **SHELLE BARNES:** OH, OKAY. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE TO ME AS  
11 INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION. THE WORD PET TEAM ARE CALLED. BUT  
12 WHEN THE PET TEAM ARE CALLED, THEY ARE NOT TAKING AWAY  
13 ANIMALS, THEY ARE TAKING AWAY HUMAN BEINGS. SO THIS TERM IS A  
14 LEGAL TERM, THE PET TEAM OF SOME CLINICIANS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S PART OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.  
17 WHERE IS THIS FACILITY LOCATED?

18

19 **SHELLE BARNES:** IN SAN PEDRO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SOMEONE FROM MY STAFF WILL VISIT WITH  
22 YOU. OKAY? THEY WILL TALK TO YOU OVER HERE.

23

24 **SHELLE BARNES:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THANK  
25 YOU. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS? WHAT? WHATEVER,  
3 OKAY. WHOEVER.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. YOU MIGHT  
6 HAVE READ IN THE L.A. TIMES YESTERDAY, THE HEADLINE FRAUD  
7 INFECTS STATE IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM. MY CONCERN, AFTER READING  
8 THIS ARTICLE, THIS WAS IN YESTERDAY'S L.A. TIMES, THE PROGRAM  
9 IS VERY EASY TO ABUSE, SAID MICHAEL RAMSEY, THE DISTRICT  
10 ATTORNEY IN BUTTE COUNTY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. PRIOR TO THAT  
11 PARAGRAPH, IT STATES BUT GOVERNMENT FUNDS ARE FLOWING IN SO  
12 QUICKLY THAT SUCH LIMITED OVERSIGHT, WITH SUCH LIMITED  
13 OVERSIGHT, THAT PROSECUTORS SAY IT IS COMMON FOR THE STATE TO  
14 SEND PAYCHECKS -- BASICALLY IT'S COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO GET  
15 INVOLVED IN A SCAM. HERE'S MY CONCERN. THERE'S A  
16 TRANSPORTATION ISSUE COMING UP THAT'S GOING TO HAVE BUCKETS OF  
17 MONEY FLOWING INTO THE COUNTY. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE HALF  
18 CENT SALES TAX. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE FUNDING COMING FROM  
19 WASHINGTON FOR THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE  
20 PROP 1-P FUNDING COMING IN. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME  
21 LEADERSHIP FROM M.T.A. BOARD. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN SOME OF THOSE  
22 RESULTS. LOOK AROUND ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE M.T.A., AND  
23 THE FACT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE CUTTING MORE SERVICES AND  
24 MORE SERVICES. WHERE'S THE OVERSIGHT THERE? THE NEW TAP CARD  
25 PROGRAM THAT JUST WAS INITIATED. GOT ON A BUS TODAY, ONE, TWO,



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1 THREE STEPS. GIVE YOUR MONEY TO THE DRIVER. NO MORE DAY  
2 PASSES. BUT BUSES AREN'T SELLING ANYMORE TAP CARDS. SO WHAT'S  
3 THE SYSTEM? HOW IS THAT SYSTEM GOING TO WORK? WITHOUT RAISING  
4 THE FARES, IT NOW GOT MORE EXPENSIVE TO TAKE THE BUS IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY. IF YOU HAVE TO DO THREE TRANSFERS, GOING AND COMING TO  
6 WHEREVER YOU ARE GOING TO HEAD, THAT'S 7.50, \$1.25 EACH TIME  
7 BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET A TAP CARD FROM A DRIVER. INSTEAD OF A  
8 \$5 DAY PASS. THE IDEA OF THE TAP CARD WAS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF  
9 THE DAY PASS. BUT THEY ELIMINATED GIVING OUT TAP CARDS ON THE  
10 BUSES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW DOES THAT WORK?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT TO LOAD THE TAP CARDS. THERE'S  
17 ALL KINDS OF LOCATIONS. ARNOLD, YOU KNOW THERE'S ALL KINDS OF  
18 LOCATIONS FOR TAP CARDS.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SIR, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE  
21 THAT USE THE BUS ONE TIME. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT COME TO VISIT  
22 AND CAN'T GET A TAP CARD FROM THE BUSES ANYMORE. AND YOU CAN'T  
23 GET A DAY PASS. THE TAP CARD WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF  
24 THE DAY PASS. BUT IF YOU ELIMINATE IT, IT IS NOT TAKING THE  
25 PLACE OF ANYTHING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE FACT THAT ALL THIS MONEY IS COMING INTO  
5 METRO, THE PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC IN A HALF  
6 BAKED PIE. AND THEN THE PUBLIC ENDS UP PAYING. THANK YOU, AS  
7 ALWAYS, FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARY TIEDEMAN, MELINDA BIRD,  
10 MARGARET WINTER AND LORIE M.

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12 **MARGARET WINTER:** I'M MARGARET WINTER. I'M THE ASSOCIATE  
13 DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL  
14 LIBERTIES UNION. AND I'M HERE TODAY WITH MELINDA BIRD, WHO IS  
15 MY CO-COUNSEL IN RUTHERFORD VERSUS BACA, AND WITH MARY  
16 TIEDEMAN, TO TALK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY JAIL. MY OFFICE, THE NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT, IS THE  
18 ONLY LITIGATION ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY THAT FOCUSES  
19 EXCLUSIVELY ON CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT IN PRISONS AND JAILS  
20 AROUND THE COUNTRY. AND OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS, I'VE HELPED  
21 INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN SOME OF THE WORST PRISONS AND JAILS  
22 IN THE NATION, INCLUDING MAXIMUM AND SUPER MAX FACILITIES IN  
23 ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND TEXAS. BUT FOR SHEER HORROR AND  
24 BRUTALITY, L.A. COUNTY JAIL, AND IN PARTICULAR AT THE MEN'S  
25 CENTRAL JAIL, IS THE MOST NIGHTMARISH PLACE I'VE EVER SEEN.



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1 IT'S WORSE THAN THE NOTORIOUS DEATH ROW AND SUPER MAX PRISON  
2 AT MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY BEFORE THE A.C.L.U.  
3 LITIGATED THERE OVER THE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT. IT'S WORSE  
4 THAN THE INFAMOUS MARICOPA COUNTY JAILS IN PHOENIX RUN BY  
5 SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO, WHO BRAGS ABOUT BEING THE MEANEST SHERIFF  
6 IN AMERICA. WHAT MAKES MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SO HORRIFIC IS THE  
7 MASSIVE OVERCROWDING OF MANY THOUSANDS OF MEN, THOUSANDS OF  
8 THEM SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, PACKED LIKE  
9 SARDINES IN DUNGEON-LIKE BARRACKS OR HIDDEN AWAY IN SOLITARY  
10 CONFINEMENT IN COFFIN-LIKE CELLS, FOR DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS OR  
11 EVEN YEARS. IT'S THE TOTAL ENFORCED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL  
12 IDLENESS AND ISOLATION. IT'S THE PERPETUAL TWILIGHT AND  
13 DARKNESS. NO WINDOWS, NOT A RAY OF DAYLIGHT, NOT A BREATH OF  
14 FRESH AIR, NOT A GLIMPSE OF THE SKY FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS AT A  
15 TIME. IT'S THE PERPETUAL FILTH OF NONFUNCTIONING TOILETS, THE  
16 FILTHY CLOTHES WITH LITTLE OR NO ACCESS TO SUCH BASIC  
17 DECENCIES SUCH AS SOAP OR CLEAN UNDERWEAR. IT'S THE CONSTANT  
18 FEAR, THE TERRIFYING LACK OF SUPERVISION, THE CEASELESS DANGER  
19 OF VIOLENT ATTACK BY PREDATORY INMATES AND ABUSES BY CUSTODIAL  
20 STAFF. AND IT'S THE MONSTROUS LACK OF BASIC MEDICAL AND MENTAL  
21 HEALTHCARE FOR INMATES WITH VERY SERIOUS ILLNESSES, LIKE  
22 H.I.V., SCHIZOPHRENIA, BIPOLAR DISORDER AND SO FORTH. THE  
23 COMBINATION OF ALL OF THESE CONDITIONS MAKE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL  
24 AN INCUBATOR FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND FOR COMPLETE  
25 PSYCHIATRIC BREAKDOWN. LAST YEAR, THE A.C.L.U. RETAINED DR.



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1 TERRY COOPERS, AN EMINENT EXPERT ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE,  
2 TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON CONDITIONS AT THE COUNTY JAIL. DR.  
3 COOPERS ISSUED A REPORT WITH DETAILED FINDINGS AND  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE A.C.L.U. GAVE THAT REPORT TO SHERIFF  
5 BACA. THE A.C.L.U. HAS MET REPEATEDLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
6 OFFICE FOR MANY MONTHS, URGING THAT OFFICE TO MAKE THE  
7 NECESSARY CHANGES. BUT THERE'S BEEN LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS IN  
8 IMPLEMENTING ANY OF THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT REFORMS, AND ONLY  
9 A FEW DAYS AGO YET ANOTHER DETAINEE, A 22-YEAR-OLD WHO HAD  
10 BEEN EXHIBITING OBVIOUS SIGNS OF SUICIDEALITY, AFTER WEEKS IN  
11 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, IN A WINDOWLESS CELL THE SIZE OF A  
12 CLOSET WAS FOUND HANGING DEAD IN HIS CELL. AND WE FEEL THAT WE  
13 MUST -- WE OWE IT TO THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY  
14 JAIL AND TO THE MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND  
15 LOVED ONES TO HELP SHINE SOME LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS AT MEN'S  
16 CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT?

19

20 **MARY TIEDEMAN:** MY NAME IS MARY TIEDEMAN AND I'M THE JAIL  
21 MONITOR FOR THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FOR THE PAST  
22 2-1/2 YEARS, I'VE VISITED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ALMOST WEEKLY.  
23 AND THE CONDITIONS THAT I SEE THERE ON A REGULAR BASIS ARE  
24 INHUMANE. WHEN I GO TO THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ROWS, I  
25 REGULARLY FIND PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS LANGUISHING



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1 FOR DAYS, MONTHS AND WEEKS WITHOUT ANY CONTACT WITH THE  
2 OUTSIDE WORLD. THE DETAINEES AT C.J. ARE EITHER CRAMMED INTO  
3 DANGEROUSLY HOT, MUGGY, OVERCROWDED WINDOWLESS DORMS -- LAST  
4 WEEK I WAS THERE, THE DORM WAS 87 DEGREES -- OR THEY'RE THROWN  
5 INTO DIMLY LIT CELLS SO ISOLATED THAT THEY GO WEEKS WITHOUT  
6 SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY. I ROUTINELY SEE INMATES WITH BLACK  
7 EYES AND BRUISED BODIES. THE INMATE-ON-INMATE AND DEPUTY-ON-  
8 INMATE VIOLENCE IS BRUTAL. DETAINEES ROUTINELY SPEND 23 TO 24  
9 HOURS A DAY LOCKED IN THEIR CELLS, EATING ON THEIR BEDS WHERE  
10 THEY SLEEP WITHOUT ACCESS TO EXERCISE OR DAYLIGHT. I HAVE SEEN  
11 CELLS WITH PLUMBING SO BACKED UP THAT THE WATER POOLS ON THE  
12 FLOOR, FORCING THE INMATES TO STAY ON THEIR BEDS. THE STENCH  
13 IS RANCID. RATS SCURRY AROUND WHERE THE DETAINEES SLEEP.  
14 PEOPLE GO WEEKS AND SOMETIMES MONTHS WAITING FOR MEDICATION  
15 THAT THEY RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR SERIOUS MENTAL  
16 ILLNESS, INCLUDING H.I.V. MEDICATIONS. I THINK THAT THE  
17 SHERIFF SHOULD ADDRESS THE CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN  
18 TELLING THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT REGULARLY VIA WEEKLY REPORTS AND  
19 IN OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. AND I THINK THAT HE SHOULD ADDRESS  
20 THE FINDINGS IN DR. COOPER'S REPORT AND THAT THEY SHOULD  
21 RELEASE THE REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ABOUT  
22 MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN THE JAILS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I THINK IT  
23 MIGHT ALSO BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE A REGULAR  
24 AGENDA ITEM WHERE FAMILY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS CAN COME  
25 AND TALK PUBLICLY ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT THEIR LOVED ONES



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1 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPERIENCE EVERY SINGLE DAY IN L.A.  
2 COUNTY JAILS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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6 **MELINDA BIRD:** MY NAME IS MELINDA BIRD AND I'M SENIOR COUNSEL  
7 AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE A \$1 BILLION  
8 JAIL SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY, THE LARGEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE IN  
9 THE WORLD. CAN WE AFFORD IT? I DON'T THINK SO. AT A TIME WHEN  
10 ESSENTIAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICES ARE BEING CUT TO THE  
11 BONE, WE URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT HOW WE ARE  
12 SPENDING OUR CORRECTIONS BUDGET. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS  
13 THE CONDITIONS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE THEY ARE MEDIEVAL  
14 AND DRIVE MEN MAD. BUT EVEN THE SHERIFF AGREES THAT THE JAIL  
15 SHOULD BE DISMANTLED. EVEN THE SHERIFF AGREES THAT WE MUST FIX  
16 THESE CONDITIONS. IF WE ADDRESS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, IF WE WORK  
17 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO DISMANTLE IT, WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SAVE  
18 \$250 MILLION FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET, A QUARTER OF A BILLION  
19 DOLLARS BY CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL AND FINDING ALTERNATIVES  
20 TO DETENTION. NOW, I KNOW THE SHERIFF AGREES THAT ALTERNATIVES  
21 TO DETENTION ARE A TERRIFIC IDEA. THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE  
22 GET THERE? HOW DO WE MOVE FROM WHERE WE ARE NOW, A BLOATED  
23 JAIL SYSTEM, THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, TO A SYSTEM THAT  
24 RESPONSIBLY RELEASES LOW-RISK, PRETRIAL DETAINEES INTO CLOSELY  
25 SUPERVISED COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS? THEY MIGHT BE RESIDENTIAL



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1 TREATMENT, IT MIGHT BE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FOR PRETRIAL  
2 DETAINEES, IT MIGHT BE NURSING HOMES. WE HAVE SCORES AND  
3 SCORES AND SCORES OF PEOPLE IN THE JAIL WHO ARE SO INFIRMED  
4 THAT THEY COULDN'T RUN AWAY, THEY CAN'T MOVE THEIR WHEELCHAIRS  
5 THAT FAST. SO WE HAVE MANY ALTERNATIVES FOR THESE LOW RISK  
6 PEOPLE. WE WOULD NEVER URGE THAT PEOPLE BE RELEASED WILLY-  
7 NILLY TO THE COMMUNITY AT ANY RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY. BUT WE'RE  
8 HOLDING, FOR EXAMPLE, PAROLE VIOLATORS WHO ARE VERY LOW RISK,  
9 TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATIONS WHO SIT IN THE JAIL FOR WEEKS OR  
10 MONTHS BEFORE SOMEONE GETS AROUND TO LIFTING THEIR PAROLE  
11 HOLD. THE SHERIFF, WORKING WITH THE BOARD, COULD DO SUPERVISED  
12 PRETRIAL RELEASE FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ENDANGERING  
13 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE WOULD ARGUE BY IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY.  
14 A STUDY AT U.S.C. FOUND THAT 95 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WITH  
15 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAIL HAD BEEN IN JAIL BEFORE.  
16 THAT'S A 95 PERCENT RECIDIVISM RATE. WE WANT TO STOP, CLOSE  
17 THE REVOLVING DOOR BETWEEN THE JAIL AND THE COMMUNITY. AS TO  
18 SUM UP, WE'VE ASKED THAT THE BOARD SCHEDULE A TIME FOR THE  
19 SHERIFF, AND I THINK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO  
20 RESPOND TO DR. COOPERS' REPORT, WHICH WE FORWARDED TO THE  
21 BOARD IN A LETTER LAST WEEK. SO WE'D ASK THAT THE SHERIFF COME  
22 AND RESPOND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO DR.  
23 COOPERS' FINDINGS, THAT THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN RE-  
24 VISIT THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE MADE OR NOT MADE ON AMELIORATING  
25 CONDITIONS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THEN IMMEDIATELY MOVE



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1 FORWARD TO CLOSE OR DISMANTLE THE FACILITY IF IT CANNOT BE  
2 FIXED. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DELOREZ RAMOS? OKAY, DELOREZ,  
5 GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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7 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** OKAY. I PROMISE NOT TO SPEAK AS LOUD. GOOD  
8 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE AGAIN WITH THIS ONGOING PROBLEM  
9 WITH A SOCIAL WORKER, JOCELYN PEELING, AND HER SUPERVISOR,  
10 MARY BROWN, WHO CONTINUE, HAVE NO PROBLEMS COMMITTING PERJURY  
11 AS FAR AS SUBMITTING LIES TO THE COURTS WITH REGARDS TO MYSELF  
12 AND MY CHILDREN. THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE WAS FEBRUARY 17TH OR  
13 18TH OF THIS YEAR. AND I MET WITH A RICK BRYANT, WHO WAS AN  
14 INTERIM DEPUTY DIRECTOR. I HAVE A LETTER HERE WHERE MYSELF AND  
15 JOCELYN PEELING'S SUPERIOR, HELEN MAXWELL, THEY WOULD AGREE, I  
16 MEAN IT'S THAT BAD, WHERE ANYTHING THAT I WAS TO RECEIVE WAS  
17 TO BE SUBMITTED CERTIFIED. NOW, I STILL CONTINUE NOT TO  
18 RECEIVE REPORTS PRIOR TO HEARING DATES, WHICH IS BY LAW, AND  
19 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH D.C.F.S. YET, MY LAST HEARING WAS ON  
20 APRIL 10TH, AND I HAVE FROM JOCELYN PEELING, DATED APRIL 9TH,  
21 MY STATUS REVIEW REPORTS, WHICH WHAT COULD I DO WITH IT WITHIN  
22 THAT TIME? THE OTHER THING IS THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH BUS  
23 PASSES. FOR SOME REASON, THEY REFUSED TO GIVE THEM WHEN THEY  
24 SHOULD. I STILL -- I SIGNED FOR JANUARY'S IN FEBRUARY. AND  
25 THEN THEY JUST COUNT IT AS IF I RECEIVED IT THE ENTIRE MONTH.



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1 AND I'M STILL CONSTANTLY TOLD THAT I WILL NOT GET REIMBURSED  
2 FOR JANUARY. THE OTHER THING IS -- I MEAN IN A WORD, I MEAN  
3 THE LIES, THEY'RE OLD. NOT ONLY THEY KEEPING ME SEPARATED FROM  
4 MY CHILDREN, IT'S LIKE -- WHAT IS IT? DOES IT TAKE AN ACT OF  
5 CONGRESS FOR THESE PEOPLE? JOCELYN PEELING AND MARY BROWN TO  
6 STOP LYING ON ME? BECAUSE I'VE MET WITH EVERYBODY THAT THERE  
7 IS HERE, AND THEY JUST CONTINUE TO DO WHAT THEY WANT. NOW, MY  
8 DAUGHTER -- AND I MENTIONED THIS TO RICK BRYANT JUST LAST  
9 THURSDAY, WHEN I WENT IN TO PICK UP MY BUS PASS, JOCELYN  
10 PEELING BUT WHO IS NEVER AROUND, BUT ACCORDING TO HER REPORT  
11 SHE IS. OKAY, MARY BROWN BROUGHT ME A STUDENT STICKER. HIGH  
12 SCHOOL STUDENT. AND I ASKED WAS I TO GIVE THAT TO MY DAUGHTER?  
13 SHE SAYS "OH, JOCELYN MADE A MISTAKE," WHICH IS ONE OF MANY.  
14 AT ANY RATE, THAT STICKER WAS TAKEN BACK. SO I ASKED THAT MY  
15 SIGNATURE BE VOIDED AND I BE GIVEN A COPY. MARY BROWN REFUSED  
16 TO DO THAT. INSTEAD, SHE BROUGHT A COPY OF A COPY OF A VOID.  
17 BUT SHE WOULD NOT BRING THE ORIGINAL. SO I MENTIONED TO RICK  
18 BRYANT, I SAID YOU KNOW, THIS IS GETTING OLD AND IT'S  
19 RIDICULOUS HOW THEY'RE PLAYING GAMES WITH MYSELF AND MY FAMILY  
20 LIKE THIS. SO LAST FRIDAY WHEN JOCELYN PEELING FINALLY GOT  
21 AROUND TO GOING TO SEE MY DAUGHTER, SHE ASKED MY DAUGHTER HAD  
22 I GIVEN HER THE STICKER? NOW, IT'S ONE THING TO PLAY YOUR  
23 GAMES WITH ME, BUT TO KEEP PLAYING THEM WITH MY CHILDREN LIKE  
24 THAT, THERE ARE NO WORDS FOR IT. I MEAN ASIDE FROM ASININE,  
25 WHY DO YOU KEEP MISTREATING PEOPLE LIKE THAT?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN, DO YOU  
3 KNOW?

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5 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** IN SUPERVISOR'S YAROSLAVSKY'S.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BELIEVE MISS MANDEL OF MY STAFF HAS BEEN  
8 WORKING WITH YOU?

9

10 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** YES, SHE HAVE. YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN VERY  
11 HELPFUL. BUT I MEAN THESE PEOPLE, THEY JUST -- TO YOU, OH MY  
12 GOD, YES, SIR, YES, SIR, THREE BAGS FULL. AND THEN IT'S LIKE  
13 WHEN THEY'RE DEALING WITH ME AGAIN, IT'S LIKE SCREW YOU, WE'RE  
14 GOING TO TREAT YOU THE WAY WE WANT YOU. BECAUSE TO THE POINT  
15 EVEN WHERE IT'S RIDICULOUS AND A SHAME BEFORE GOD. THERE WAS A  
16 CAUCASIAN MOTHER, SHE WAS GIVEN NOT ONLY AN EASY PASS BUT  
17 TOKENS TO TAKE HOME TO HER DAUGHTER. BUT YET MARY BROWN,  
18 SUPERVISOR TO JOCELYN PEELING, TELLS ME ALL MY CHILD GETS IS A  
19 LITTLE LONE STICKER WITH ANY BUS DRIVER CAN CONFISCATE,  
20 BECAUSE HOW DO THEY KNOW IF IT'S STOLEN OR NOT? AND SHE'S  
21 LIKE, "SORRY, THAT'S ALL YOU GET. SO IT'S LIKE HOW DARE YOU  
22 GO. AND THEY KEEP TELLING ME. I KEEP COMING DOWN HERE THAT'S  
23 WHY THEY COME AFTER ME. I'M GOING TO KEEP COMING DOWN HERE  
24 BECAUSE SEE, NOBODY IS GOING TO BREAK ME LIKE THAT. IF THE



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1 RIGHTS DON'T APPLY TO ME, I PRETEND LIKE THEY DO. OKAY, BUT  
2 THIS STUFF IS GETTING OLD. IT OLD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HEAR YOU. WE'LL FOLLOW-UP WITH THE STAFF  
5 ON THAT. AND I'LL MAKE SURE THAT LISA TALKS TO YOU, AS WELL.  
6 THANK YOU.

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8 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THAT YOU'RE GOING  
11 THROUGH.

12

13 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** WELL YOU KNOW, THEY'RE OVER 18. IF IT'S TOO HOT  
14 IN THE KITCHEN, THEY NEED TO GET OUT. YOU NEED TO PUT SOMEBODY  
15 IN THERE THAT'S GOING TO ACTUALLY DO WHAT THEY'RE GETTING PAID  
16 TO DO.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC  
19 COMMENT. ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU WANTED TO HOLD  
20 ITEM 18? OH, YOU WITHDREW YOUR HOLD? OR ITEM 1-H?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION, MR. CHAIR. MENTAL  
23 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ARE THEY HERE? ANY REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
24 MENTAL HEALTH? I'M JUST INTERESTED IN THE SOLE- SOURCE POLICY



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1 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IF THERE IS ONE, AND HOW DOES  
2 IT WORK?

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4 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
5 HEALTH DOESN'T HAVE A SOLE SOURCE POLICY, BUT WE FOLLOW THE  
6 BOARD'S SOLE SOURCE POLICY, WHICH IS THAT WE DO SOLE SOURCE  
7 ONLY UNDER THE CONDITIONS WHERE A PROVIDER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO  
8 IS CAPABLE OF DOING THE SCOPE OF WORK IN THE PARTICULAR AREA  
9 THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW YOU SAY THAT'S THE BOARD'S POLICY?

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13 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** IT'S A BOARD POLICY, YES.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. DOCUMENTED ANYWHERE, MR. CHAIRMAN?  
16 MR. C.E.O.?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WE CAN GET THAT. YES, IT IS  
19 DOCUMENTED.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS?

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23 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THERE A THRESHOLD?



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2 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THE BOARD, THROUGH THE C.E.O., HAS A VERY  
3 CLEAR POLICY ABOUT ANY DEPARTMENT THAT WISHES TO DO SOLE-  
4 SOURCE HAS TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS BEFORE THAT'S DONE. AND  
5 THE GENERALITY OF IT IS THAT THE PROVIDER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO  
6 COULD PROVIDE THE WORK THAT IS BEING CALLED FOR. THAT'S THE  
7 GENERALITY.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT A DOLLAR THRESHOLD.

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11 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** NOT A DOLLAR THRESHOLD.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL TYPICALLY SOLE-SOURCE POLICIES HAVE A  
14 DOLLAR THRESHOLD. AND IS IT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH ISN'T  
15 THE CASE HERE? IS THAT WHAT I'M HEARING? NOT IN TERMS OF THE  
16 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS A  
17 DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH NUMBER OF SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. AND  
18 TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I'M JUST REALLY TRYING TO  
19 UNDERSTAND WHAT INFORMS OR GUIDES THAT. THAT WHICH IS BEFORE  
20 US IS DIFFERENT, I UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE IT'S INITIATED BY A  
21 BOARD OFFICE. TYPICALLY SOLE-SOURCE POLICIES OR SOLE-SOURCE  
22 CONTRACTS ARE INITIATED BY A DEPARTMENT IN QUESTION. THIS IS A  
23 BIT DIFFERENT. AND SO I'M REALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE  
24 RULES.

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1 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THE GENERAL PROCEDURE, SUPERVISOR, IS  
2 THAT A DEPARTMENT WOULD BELIEVE --

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT JUST MENTAL HEALTH. I'M TALKING  
5 GENERALLY.

6

7 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES. GENERALLY, A DEPARTMENT WOULD  
8 BELIEVE THAT THE SERVICE TO BE PROCURED CAN ONLY BE PROCURED  
9 BY A PARTICULAR PROVIDER. AND THEN THERE'S A PROCEDURE THAT'S  
10 TO BE FOLLOWED THAT INCLUDES INFORMING THE BOARD THAT WE ARE  
11 ENTERING INTO SOLE-SOURCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A PARTICULAR  
12 PROVIDER. AND THEN BRINGING IT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AS A  
13 SOLE- SOURCE MATTER. SO THERE ARE A SET OF PROCEDURES THAT ALL  
14 DEPARTMENTS FOLLOW WHEN THEY ENTER INTO A SOLE-SOURCE  
15 AGREEMENT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, THERE ARE INSTANCES. IS THERE A CASE  
18 TO BE MADE FOR THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH A PARTICULAR  
19 DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE A HIGHER PREPONDERANCE OF SOLE SOURCE  
20 CONTRACTS THAN ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, IN YOUR EXPERIENCE OR  
21 KNOWLEDGE?

22

23 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S BEEN THAT KIND OF  
24 ANALYSIS DONE. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THAT KIND OF ANALYSIS IS IMPORTANT.  
2 THE REASON THAT THERE IS SCRUTINY ABOUT SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS  
3 IS BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR IRREGULARITY AND SUBJECTIVITY.  
4 IT IS THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, I BELIEVE, THAT A COMPETITIVE  
5 PROCESS PRODUCES THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF WORK AND FACILITATES A  
6 LEVEL OF FAIRNESS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE THE CASE. AND SO  
7 THIS IS A HUGE CONCERN FOR ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AND IT SEEMS  
8 TO ME THAT IT'S WORTHY OF OUR RE-VISITING IT IN THE  
9 APPROPRIATE MANNER. MR. CHAIRMAN, I SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE ON HOW  
10 WE MIGHT PROCEED IN THAT REGARD.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, AT THIS PARTICULAR  
13 POINT, PARTICULARLY IN MENTAL HEALTH, I MEAN THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
14 AROUND SOLE SOURCE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT WITH MENTAL  
15 HEALTH JUST BECAUSE THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY IS  
16 UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT WE CAN LOOK AND REVIEW THE POLICY AND  
17 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND BRING IT BACK  
18 SEPARATE FROM THIS ITEM BUT THEN WE CAN GO AHEAD MOVE ON THIS  
19 PARTICULAR ITEM.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS ITEM GIVES RISE TO IT IN TERMS OF THE  
22 PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE OBTAINED TO THE EXTENT THAT  
23 THE JUSTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE, WHICH I HAVEN'T HEARD YOU  
24 SPEAK TO, A CERTAIN SET OF ASSUMPTIONS CAN BE POSITED.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL IT GOT TO US BY THOSE BEING  
2 REVIEWED.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DIDN'T HEAR YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ANALYSIS ON THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE,  
7 THE ONLY PROVIDER OF SERVICES HAS BEEN MET. AND THAT'S WHY  
8 IT'S ON THE AGENDA, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ACCORDING TO BOARD  
9 POLICY. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO DIRECT THAT FROM C.E.O., THAT THIS  
10 HAS GONE THROUGH THE ANALYSIS FOR SOLE SOURCE, AND THAT'S WHY  
11 IT'S ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA. UNTIL THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MET,  
12 IT WOULD NOT APPEAR ON OUR AGENDA.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHICH IS TRUE. WE CAN COME BACK WITH THE  
15 ANALYSIS THAT'S BEING REQUESTED IF THAT'S THE PLEASURE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WOULD SATISFY THE CONCERN  
18 FOR THE TIME BEING. AND THEN I THINK THERE'S A NEED TO LOOK AT  
19 THE FREQUENCY OF SOLE- SOURCES, DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT. WE  
20 NEED TO LEARN WHAT WE NEED TO LEARN AND LET IT BE CLEAR FOR  
21 PUBLIC REVIEW.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN VERY OFTEN, BUT  
24 WE'LL GET THAT FOR YOU. OKAY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND I'LL SECOND IT. MISS MULDREW,  
4 DID YOU SIGN UP?

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6 **BALENCIAGA MULDREW:** AGAIN, MY NAME IS BALENCIAGA MULDREW. AND  
7 ON NO. 18, WHERE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, I BELIEVE THIS IS MY  
8 OPINION BECAUSE I'M ALSO A CONSUMER AND A CLIENT. DR. SOUTHARD  
9 IS EXCELLENT IN HIS COMMUNITY IN DOING AND WORKING WITH MENTAL  
10 HEALTH, OPENING UP CLINICS AND EVERYTHING ELSE FOR HUNTINGTON  
11 PARK AND CERTAIN AREAS. BUT SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND ALL THAT,  
12 BUT WHAT WE NEED IS IT TO BE INVESTIGATED AND BROKE DOWN AND  
13 REDONE ALL OVER AGAIN, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT PUTTING PRINCIPLES  
14 BEFORE PERSONALITIES, THEY'RE PUTTING PERSONALITIES BEFORE  
15 PRINCIPLES. THERE'S A LOT OF FUNDS THAT ARE NOT BEING USED FOR  
16 WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR. WHEN I ENTERED THE  
17 F.S.P. PROGRAM, NOW MY NAME IS BALENCIAGA MULDREW, BUT YOU'RE  
18 GOING TO HAND ME ON AN OUTING SOMEBODY ELSE'S NAME AND THEIR  
19 ENVELOPE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP. IF I SIGN UP FOR YOUR  
20 PROGRAM, I EXPECT ME TO GET WHAT I NEED OUT OF YOUR PROGRAM. I  
21 DON'T NEED SOMEBODY ELSE'S UNDER FUNDING AND EVERYTHING ELSE.  
22 YOU SAY I DON'T QUALIFY FOR THIS AND I DON'T QUALIFY FOR THAT.  
23 AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR THE LAST SIX  
24 YEARS. SAME THING WITH MEDI-CAL AND MEDICARE. WHY WOULD YOU  
25 TELL PEOPLE WHEN YOU WANT TO GET FUNDED, FEDERALLY FUNDED,



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1 TAKING PEOPLE OUT OF JAILS AND INSTITUTIONS, TO GET MONEY,  
2 OKAY, SO THAT YOU CAN BE FUNDED? BUT THE THING ABOUT IT IS  
3 THEY ALREADY QUALIFY FOR MEDI-CAL BECAUSE GENERAL RELIEF, THE  
4 COUNTY, THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. BUT YOU'VE GIVEN US THE HOPE THAT  
5 YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE HERE FOR YOU. BUT ARE YOU  
6 REALLY, WHEN THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE STILL OUT HERE  
7 DYING, HOSPITALS DROPPING OFF 150 PEOPLE AT SKID ROW, TAKING  
8 THEM ALL THE WAY FROM COSTA MESA? SO MY POINT ON ME SPEAKING  
9 ON THIS, I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND MISS MOLINA, ALL OF THEM, TO GO BACK OVER  
11 THE GRANTS THAT'S BEEN GRANTED THESE FOLKS. AND IF THEY'RE AT  
12 FAULT, GIVE THEM A CITATION. LET THIS BE A REAL WARNING FOR  
13 THEM THAT THERE'S PEOPLE OUT HERE THAT YOU, WE PUT IN OFFICE  
14 TO HELP US TO DO. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM 18 MOVED BY  
17 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION, SO  
18 ORDERED. ITEM 1-H? MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU HOLD ITEM 1-H?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT WAS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE  
21 PUBLIC, MR. CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THIS  
24 ITEM. WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS EARLIER HAD KNOWN WE HAD THIS  
25 MANY SPEAKERS. LOUIS RAFTI, CHARLENE DAVID, LINDA LESTER,



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1 GLADYS JOANN SMITH, THE FIRST FOUR. OKAY, IF THOSE FOUR FOLKS  
2 WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE? OKAY. CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST FOUR  
3 SPEAKERS, PLEASE? ARE THEY HERE? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO  
4 FIRST, JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND PROCEED. YOU  
5 WILL EACH BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES EACH TO SPEAK PLEASE.

6

7 **LOUIS RAFTI:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
8 NAME IS LOUIS RAFTI, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID  
9 FOUNDATION. I REPRESENT THE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL, CURRENT  
10 RESIDENTS AND FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE OF THE UJIMA VILLAGE  
11 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN UNINCORPORATED WILLOWBROOK. AND I'M  
12 HERE AS WELL AS MANY OF THE RESIDENTS AND FORMER PRESIDENTS TO  
13 COMMENT ON ITEM 1-H, THE BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE OR AS WE PROPOSE  
14 TO NOT ACCEPT THE RELOCATION PLAN THAT STANDS. I HAVE A COUPLE  
15 OF COMMENTS REGARDING THAT, ESPECIALLY AS TO THE WAY THE  
16 MEASURE IS WRITTEN. IN 1-H, IT STATES THAT THE BOARD WILL  
17 DECLARE THAT THE -- WILL ACCEPT THE RELOCATION PLAN TO HELP  
18 THE REMAINING TENANTS OF UJIMA VILLAGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
19 REACH SECURE REPLACEMENT HOUSING. THE RELOCATION PLAN UNDER  
20 THE UNIFORM RELOCATION ACT HAS TO RELOCATE PEOPLE. IT DOESN'T  
21 JUST HELP THEM. AND I THINK THAT'S BEEN A MAJOR  
22 MISUNDERSTANDING. FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN I FIRST GOT  
23 INVOLVED, THERE WAS OVER 300 RESIDENTS. NOW THERE'S ONLY A  
24 HANDFUL. MOST, IF NOT ALL, HAVE BEEN RELOCATED OR PUSHED INTO  
25 REPLACEMENT HOUSING THAT IS INFERIOR, IN CRIME INFESTED AREAS,



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1 WITH LESS SQUARE FOOTAGE AND LESS BEDROOMS. IN A NUMBER OF  
2 INSTANCES, FAMILIES HAVE BEEN BROKEN UP. THE RELOCATION ACT  
3 REQUIRES THAT THE REPLACEMENT HOUSING BE AS GOOD OR BETTER  
4 THAN THE HOUSING THAT THEY CURRENTLY OCCUPY. UJIMA VILLAGE IS  
5 A NICE PLACE, ALTHOUGH THE SOIL MAY BE CONTAMINATED. MANY  
6 FOLKS HAVE LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS. THEY'RE BEING RELOCATED  
7 TO AREAS THAT ARE NOT COMPARABLE. THAT'S OUR ISSUE, THAT THE  
8 RELOCATION PLAN REQUIRE THAT PEOPLE BE RELOCATED TO A PLACE  
9 THAT IS COMPARABLE AND DECENT AND SAFE. AND THAT THERE BE SOME  
10 ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT, BECAUSE TO DATE, THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED,  
11 AS YOU'LL HEAR FROM A NUMBER OF THE RESIDENTS AND FORMER  
12 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT?

15

16 **GLADYS JOANN:** MY NAME IS GLADYS JOANN SMITH. I HAVE MOVED  
17 ALREADY FROM UJIMA VILLAGE. BECAUSE OF JUNE 13TH, WE WERE  
18 ISSUED A NOTICE HAT WAS TOLD TO US CAME FROM H.U.D. IT DID NOT  
19 COME FROM C.D.C. H.U.D. WAS SAYING THAT WE HAD TO MOVE.  
20 ACTUALLY THAT'S WHAT IT SAID. YOU HAD TO MOVE BUT IT'S NOT  
21 MANDATORY RIGHT NOW. AND WE'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL DECEMBER THE  
22 13TH TO MOVE. SO MYSELF FOR ME, I'M ONLY SPEAKING FOR ME RIGHT  
23 THIS MOMENT. MYSELF, I CHOSE THE SOUTH BAY GARDENS BECAUSE  
24 I'VE BEEN IN THAT AREA FOR 35 YEARS AND I DO A LOT OF  
25 COMMUNITY WORK IN THAT AREA. AND I DID NOT WANT TO MOVE WAY



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1 OUT IN LONG BEACH OR WHEREVER. SO I CHOSE TO MOVE TO SOUTH BAY  
2 GARDENS BECAUSE THEY HAD A PROGRAM THERE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A  
3 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT CALL ME RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE MY SISTER AND I  
4 HAVE BEEN THERE OVER 35 YEARS, AND WE WERE MEMBERS OF THE  
5 RESIDENT COUNCIL WHO KIND OF LOOKED OUT FOR THE RESIDENTS,  
6 YOUNG AND OLD OLD. AND THEY'RE VERY UNHAPPY BECAUSE THEY  
7 COMPROMISE SPACE, FOOTAGE FOR A SMALLER THING BECAUSE IT IS MY  
8 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPARABLE SPACE.  
9 YOU KNOW HOW WHEN YOU GET OLD, YOU GATHER UP A LOT OF STUFF?  
10 AND THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF PLACES TO PUT STUFF. AND THAT  
11 KIND OF THING. AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE OVER THERE  
12 NOW, WE HAVE ONE LADY, ONE LADY WHO REFUSES TO COME OUT OF HER  
13 UNIT. SHE SAYS SHE'S NOT GOING TO MOVE. WE BELIEVE THAT SHE  
14 NEEDS SOME KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. AND I WAS  
15 LISTENING TO GO OVER THERE AND URGE HER, TO LET HER KNOW THAT  
16 SHE HAS TO MOVE OR WILL BE REMOVED FORCIBLY. I HOPE THAT DOES  
17 NOT HAPPEN, BECAUSE MAYBE SHE HAS A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM, I'M  
18 NOT SURE. I'M NOT A DOCTOR AND DO NOT DIAGNOSE. BUT SHE NEEDS  
19 SOME HELP IN URGING HER TO MOVE PEACEFULLY BEFORE SHE GETS  
20 HURT OR SOMEONE ELSE GETS HURT. OKAY? YOU SAID IT'S TIME TO  
21 SHUT UP, JOANN. I COULD BE HERE FOR THE NEXT HOUR TELLING YOU  
22 HOW MUCH WE NEED HELP FROM SOMEBODY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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1 **CHARLENE DAVID:** MY NAME IS CHARLENE DAVID. I WAS THE PRESIDENT  
2 OF THE UJIMA VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL. I'VE BEEN LIVING  
3 THERE WITH MY SISTER FOR DARN NEAR 35 YEARS. UJIMA IS LIKE ANY  
4 OTHER HOUSING COMPLEX. IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OTHER COMPLEX. UJIMA  
5 WAS LIKE MORE FAMILY-ORIENTED. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH AND  
6 EVERY ONE OF US THAT HAS TO MOVE HAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU  
7 KNOW, BY CLOSING UJIMA, WE'RE LOSING 300 UNITS. THAT'S 300  
8 PEOPLE THAT'S OUT. AND IF WE DON'T GET THE RIGHT AMOUNT TO  
9 FIND A PLACE THAT'S THE SAME AS UJIMA, NOT THE SAME AS, BUT  
10 LIVES UP TO THE QUALITY THAT UJIMA DOES, THEN WE'RE GOING TO  
11 BE OUT ON THE STREETS. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY GIVE US  
12 TO MOVE AND THE PLACES THAT WE GO TO MOVE ARE INADEQUATE. I  
13 KNOW MINE ARE. I WENT TO LOOK AT A PLACE AND THERE WAS ROACHES  
14 CRAWLING AROUND. I WENT, SOMEBODY CALLED ME TO GO TO A PLACE  
15 ON EASTER DAY. AND IT LOOKS LIKE A HOLE IN THE WALL FOR \$1,800  
16 A MONTH. SO WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH MONIES TO  
17 MOVE INTO THE PLACES WHERE C.D.C. IS SENDING US. I MUST SAY  
18 THAT I DO SPEAK WITH BARBET -- NOT BARBET, BUT ESTHER QUITE  
19 OFTEN AND LET HER KNOW WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE.  
20 THE THREE OF US THAT'S LEFT, WE'RE REALLY, REALLY NOT  
21 SATISFIED. WE DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE BEING TREATED FAIR. AND I  
22 HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE LOOKED INTO. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WILL ASK FAYE TOLLIVER,  
25 NAVALINE SMITH, AND FLORIDA DANIELS TO JOIN US.



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2 **LINDA LESTER:** MAY I PLEASE SAY SOMETHING? MY NAME IS LINDA  
3 LESTER?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE NEXT I'M JUST CALLING OTHER FOLKS  
6 UP BEHIND YOU. NO, I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE NEXT.

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8 **LINDA LESTER:** OKAY. BUT I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE VILLAGE FOR  
9 LIKE 15 YEARS. AND I WAS FORCED TO MOVE. I HAD A THREE  
10 BEDROOM. AND I WAS FORCED TO MOVE INTO A TWO-BEDROOM. SO MY  
11 OLDEST DAUGHTER CANNOT EVEN LIVE WITH US NO MORE. SHE HAD TO  
12 STAY WITH MY MOM. THANK GOD SHE HAS SOMEWHERE TO STAY. BUT IN  
13 AGREEING TO MISS DAVIS, IT WAS 300 HAPPY PEOPLE THERE. AND NOW  
14 WE ALL WERE FORCED TO MOVE OUT. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. I  
15 DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CYNTHIA BEVERLY, IF YOU'D  
18 JOIN US, PLEASE? OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST.

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20 **FLORIDA DANIELS:** MY NAME IS FLORIDA DANIELS. I LIVED IN UJIMA  
21 VILLAGE. I RETIRED FROM L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 27-  
22 1/2 YEARS. AND I LIVED IN UJIMA IN 25-C. I RETIRED TWO YEARS  
23 AGO. AND THEN WHEN I COME OUT OF RETIREMENT, WHEN I CAME HOME  
24 AND THEN THEY SAY WE HAVE TO MOVE OUT, I SAID OH MY GOD. WHAT  
25 I DID WAS TRIED TO SAVE THE LITTLE MONEY I COULD UP. BUT MY



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1 RENT, I WAS SUBSIDIZED, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? WHERE YOU HAD TO  
2 PAY THIS CERTAIN AMOUNT? AND IT WAS \$685. I DIDN'T GET NOTHING  
3 BUT ONLY \$1,480 A MONTH. YOU HAVE TO TAKE THAT 685 OUT OF  
4 THERE AND THEN PAY YOUR TELEPHONE, PAY THE INSURANCE, YOUR  
5 LIFE INSURANCE. I HAD A DAUGHTER. I HAD THREE BEDROOMS. BUT  
6 NOW I'M IN A TWO-BEDROOM. AND I'M ON 146TH AND WESTERN. I'M IN  
7 AN APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE IT SITS UP REAL HIGH. AND THERE'S  
8 GANG MEMBERS ON THIS SIDE AND THIS SIDE. WHEN I WENT THERE  
9 THAT DAY, I WAS SO NERVOUS. I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET OUT OF  
10 THE UJIMA VILLAGE BECAUSE THEY KEPT ON SAYING YOU WILL LOSE  
11 YOUR SECTION 8. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME GETTING SECTION 8.  
12 YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE THE SECTION 8, YOU'VE ONLY GOT A COUPLE  
13 MORE DAYS, MISS DANIELS. YOU GOT TO GO OVER THERE AND LOOK AT  
14 THE PLACE. I SAID I DIDN'T PAY SO MUCH THE DEPOSITS, DEPOSITS,  
15 DEPOSIT. AND NOBODY WOULDN'T RENT ME NO PLACE. AND I HAD A-1  
16 CREDIT. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A JOB. I WAS RETIRED. AND THEN I HAD  
17 A DAUGHTER WITH A LITTLE BABY. AND I SAID OH MY GOODNESS. I  
18 SAID, WELL I GOT TO TAKE THIS PLACE. NOW I'M IN THIS PLACE  
19 WHERE I'M THE OLDEST PERSON THERE. AND ALL THESE TEENAGERS.  
20 THEY'RE PARTYING ALL NIGHT. I'M JUST SO UPSET. IT WAS REALLY  
21 WRONG FOR THEM TO PUSH ME THERE LIKE THAT OUT OF THERE. THEY  
22 SHOULD HAVE HELPED ME. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN UJIMA VILLAGE, I  
23 DIDN'T KNOW RENT THIS WENT UP TO SKY HIGH, TO 15, 14, 17,  
24 2,000. I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST MOVED IN AT UJIMA VILLAGE,  
25 RENTS WERE LIKE 400, 350. THAT WAS 17 YEARS AGO. I'M JUST ALL



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1 STILL ALL TANGLED UP WHERE I AM TO WHERE I MOVED TO, I'M  
2 PAYING MORE MONEY THAN I HAVE. I'M BORROWING. I'M BORROWING  
3 FROM HERE, I'M BORROWING FROM MY SON HERE, DAUGHTER HERE. I'M  
4 JUST STUCK RIGHT BACK IN A HOLE. JUST, I MEAN IT'S JUST  
5 TERRIBLE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **FAYE TOLLIVER:** YES, MY NAME IS FAYE TOLLIVER. AND I'VE BEEN A  
10 RESIDENT OF UJIMA UJIMA VILLAGE OF 25 YEARS. I HAVE A 21-YEAR-  
11 OLD DAUGHTER, FULL-TIME STUDENT AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT. AND I  
12 DON'T KNOW, MR. THOMAS, IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT'S GOING  
13 ON, BUT THEY'RE TREATING US REAL SHEISTY. REAL SHEISTY. YOU  
14 KNOW, WE COME FROM THIS, VERY NICE APARTMENT. AND THEY WANT US  
15 TO MOVE IN PLACES LIKE THIS, LOOK LIKE CONVERTED MOTELS. THIS  
16 IS RIDICULOUS. AND THEY SAY THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE SOMETHING  
17 SAFE, EQUAL TO OR BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAD. WELL I RECEIVE  
18 LISTINGS FROM THE O.P.C. GUY, THE RELOCATION PEOPLE. AND I  
19 CHECKED OUT EVERY ONE OF THESE LISTINGS THAT THEY GAVE ME. AND  
20 THEY WERE NOTHING BUT WORSE. FROM ROACHES, DIRTY CABINETS, YOU  
21 NAME IT. I HAVE PICTURES GALORE OF ALL THESE PLACES. I ASKED  
22 THE GENTLEMAN PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME TO A PLACE WHERE YOU  
23 WOULDN'T WANT YOUR MOTHER TO LIVE. AND HE PICKED ME SOMETHING  
24 THAT OH MY GOD. YOU KNOW, NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE THERE. AND NOW  
25 THEY'RE COMING TO US. THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE EVERYTHING FROM



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1 US. WE WERE A CLOSE KNIT FAMILY HERE. AND EVERYTHING'S BEEN  
2 TORN APART. LIKE I SAID, THEY MADE PEOPLE DOWNSIZE. MY SISTER  
3 SHARES A ONE BEDROOM WITH HER 10 YEAR OLD SON. HOW WOULD ANY  
4 ONE OF THESE GENTLEMEN LIKE TO SLEEP IN A BEDROOM WITH THEIR  
5 MOTHER, LET ALONE MAYBE THE SAME BED? THIS IS RIDICULOUS. LIKE  
6 I SAID, MY DAUGHTER IS 21 YEARS OLD. SHE COME FROM THE  
7 VILLAGE. THE VILLAGE IS WONDERFUL. IT WAS WONDERFUL. WE'VE HAD  
8 BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS. SHE WAS A PARTICIPANT. SHE GOT A JOB  
9 THERE. WE GOT THE STATE OF THE ARTS COMPUTER LAB. SHE WAS A  
10 STUDENT THERE. SHE GOT A JOB THERE. THEY TELL ME SHE'S A  
11 COMPUTER WHIZ. FROM THE VILLAGE. THEY HELPED HER WITH  
12 SCHOLARSHIPS WHERE SHE WAS ABLE TO GET INTO L.M.U. AND NOW  
13 YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE MY BABY, MY BABY AND PUT HER SOMEWHERE.  
14 AND I GO TO THESE PLACES, YOU GOT GANG GRAFFITI. YOU GOT  
15 PEOPLE THROWING UP DAMN GANG SIGNS I GUESS BECAUSE I'VE GOT ON  
16 A RED SHIRT OR WHATEVER. I CAN'T TAKE MY BABY THERE. THEY'VE  
17 TAKEN EVERYTHING I'VE PREPARED MY BABY, FROM BEFORE I GAVE  
18 BIRTH TO HER TO LET HER KNOW YOU COULD HAVE A BETTER LIFE. MY  
19 BABY IS AN A-1 STUDENT AT L.M.U. AND THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE  
20 EVERYTHING I HAVE PREPARED FROM HER TO JUST STICK US ANY DAMN  
21 WHERE IS I WANT TO SAY, ANYWHERE. AND NOW NOT ONLY THAT, THEY  
22 WANT TO TAKE THIS LITTLE INCOME. SHE HAS A LITTLE STUDENT JOB.  
23 THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE HER INCOME AND INCLUDE IT IN MINE. MY  
24 BABY HAS TO PAY FOR HER BOOKS. SHE GOES TO A SCHOOL THAT COSTS  
25 MORE THAN I MAKE YEARLY. I'M PROUD OF MY BABY. AND NOW YOU



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1 WANT TO JUST TAKE HER AND PUT HER SOMEWHERE GOD ONLY KNOWS  
2 WHAT THE HELL COULD HAPPEN TO HER? THIS IS NOT FAIR. IT IS NOT  
3 FAIR. THESE PEOPLE ARE SENDING US THROUGH CHANGES. THEY  
4 CHANGED UP OUR DAMN PARKING LOTS. I CAN'T EVEN PARK BY MY  
5 APARTMENT. I HAVE TO WALK THROUGH DARK AREAS TO GET TO MY  
6 PLACE. MY DAUGHTER HAS TO CALL ME WHEN SHE COMES HOME. MAMA IS  
7 IT SAFE TO COME IN? COME MEET ME. THERE'S STRAY DOGS AROUND  
8 HERE. ALL KIND OF STUFF IS GOING ON OVER HERE. AND THEY SAID  
9 THEY CLOSED THE PARKING LOT BECAUSE OF PEOPLE PARKING. HELL, I  
10 CAN'T EVEN PARK THERE. I MEAN, IT'S RIDICULOUS. WE BARELY GET  
11 OUR MAIL THERE. THEY CLOSED UP THE OFFICE. THERE IS NO  
12 SECURITY. THAT IS A JOKE. THE SECURITY IS A JOKE. THESE PEOPLE  
13 HAVE LEFT US OVER THERE. CONGRESSMAN LAURA RICHARDSON CAME  
14 OVER THERE, MADE US SOME FAKE PROMISES. SHE'S GOING TO DO  
15 THIS, SHE'S GOING TO DO THAT. SHE HASN'T COME BACK. THEY HAD  
16 ALL KIND OF BIG WIG PEOPLE COMING THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS,  
17 THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT. NO ONE. NO ONE HAS STUCK THIS OUT  
18 WITH US. NO ONE BUT LOUIS RAFTI. HE IS THE ONLY GUY. AND WHEN  
19 HE'S AT A MEETING TALKING, THEY TRY TO PUT HIM OUT OF THE  
20 MEETING. HE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT US. I  
21 DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I THOUGHT WHEN I MOVED FROM THE  
22 VILLAGE, IT WAS GOING TO BE A SMOOTH MOVE. IT HAS BEEN NOTHING  
23 BUT A DAMN DISASTER. WE WANT TO LEAVE. WE WANT TO LEAVE  
24 BECAUSE THERE'S LIKE PROBABLY 10 OF US THERE. OUT OF THIS BIG  
25 OLD UNIT. IT'S VERY SCARY COMING HOME. WE EVEN HAVE PEOPLE,



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1 SQUATTERS NOW, NEXT DOOR TO ME. THESE PEOPLE MAY TRY TO HOOKUP  
2 DAMN STOVES OR WHATEVER AND BLOW US ALL UP. THE FIREMEN CAN'T  
3 GET TO US, WE WON'T KNOW IF ANYTHING IS ON FIRE. HER SON PLAYS  
4 WITH DEAD CATS. IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS OVER THERE. LIKE I SAY, I  
5 DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW  
6 WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU ONLY KNOW WHAT THEY TELL YOU. BUT YOU  
7 SHOULD SPEAK TO US. WE LIVE THERE. WE LIVE THERE. WE WERE VERY  
8 PROUD OF OUR PLACE. AND NOW WE'RE JUST STUCK. SOMEBODY HEAR  
9 US. HEAR OUR CONCERN. AND NOT JUST LET IT BE OUR CONCERN.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I THINK MARK'S GOING TO  
12 ADDRESS IT. NEXT?

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14 **NAVALINE SMITH:** MY NAME IS NAVALINE SMITH. FIRST OF ALL I AM  
15 VERY UPSET BECAUSE I HAVE TO MISS WORK TO COME DOWN HERE. I'M  
16 VERY UPSET ABOUT THAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS A FORMAL  
17 COMPLAINT CONCERNING MY DISPLACEMENT FROM UJIMA VILLAGE. THERE  
18 ARE ONLY A FEW TENANTS REMAINING AND WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN  
19 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE. THE ONLY TENANT, THE OTHER TENANTS WERE  
20 MOVED MONTHS AGO. BUT I DOUBT THAT THEY RECEIVED THE FULL  
21 PAYMENT AND ASSISTANCE THEY ARE ENTITLED TO. IN JANUARY 2009,  
22 I WAS ON THE SECTION 8 VOUCHER. MY SECTION 8 VOUCHER EXPIRED.  
23 AND I RECEIVED AN INCOME AT MY JOB. I, ALONG WITH MY ATTORNEY,  
24 SENT CERTIFIED LETTER STATEMENTS OF MY INCOME TO THE HOUSING  
25 AUTHORITY. THEY NEVER CONTACTED ME ABOUT THESE CHANGES. ON



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1 MARCH 10TH, TONY CURRY, THE CONSULTANT FROM THE HOUSING THAT  
2 THEY HIRED FOR HIM, HE MAILED ME AND FAXED ME MY PAPERWORK.  
3 ACCORDING TO THE RELOCATION ACT, HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CAME  
4 TO MY HOUSE AND SIT DOWN AND TALK TO ME. BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE  
5 THAT HE MAILED THE INFORMATION, THAT I HAD TO MAIL AND FAX THE  
6 INFORMATION TO. IT'S APRIL THE 14TH, 2009. I HAVEN'T HEARD  
7 FROM ANYBODY. MR. CURRY ONLY PROMISED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT  
8 ME. SO I CONTACTED MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE. I TALKED TO  
9 RACHEL. RACHEL, WELL MISS SMITH, YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE MONEY  
10 THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET. YOU DON'T WANT YOUR SON  
11 HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN OUT OF UJIMA VILLAGE, DO YOU? OKAY? I  
12 MEAN, YOU KNOW, I'M WORKING. I'M MAKING MONEY. OKAY? THE  
13 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TRYING TO KEEP ME ON A GOVERNMENT  
14 PROGRAM. I DON'T LIKE IT. MY INCOME INCREASED. THEY HAVE NEVER  
15 ONCE CONTACTED ME AND SAID "MISS SMITH, LET'S SIT DOWN AND GO  
16 OVER EVERYTHING." WHY DO THEY WANT ME TO STAY IN A BUILDING  
17 THAT'S LIKE I'M ON AN ISLAND? I HAVE A NINE YEAR OLD SON THAT  
18 SKATEBOARDS OVER DEAD CATS. OKAY? IT'S DEAD CATS LAYING AROUND  
19 THERE. I'M VERY PISSED ABOUT THIS. I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE  
20 HERE. NOBODY HAS SAT DOWN AND TALKED TO ME, OKAY? WHY DO  
21 PEOPLE WANT ME TO STAY OVER THERE? I SHOULDN'T BE SITTING  
22 HERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE REPORTER FROM L.A. TIMES, WHEN  
23 SHE CAME OUT FRIDAY AND TALKED TO ME, SHE SAID "MISS SMITH,  
24 WHO IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU NOW? WHO KNOWS?" I DON'T KNOW HOW  
25 LONG YOU GUYS WANT ME TO STAY THERE. I REALLY DON'T. I HAVE A



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1 NINE YEAR OLD SON AND A DISABLED BROTHER. OKAY? IF A FIRE  
2 BROKE OUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S ONLY 10 PEOPLE THERE, WHAT NEIGHBOR  
3 IS GOING TO CALL AND SAY YOUR PLACE IS ON FIRE? OKAY, IT'S  
4 AWFUL. YOU KNOW. AND I FEEL THAT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO COME OVER  
5 THERE AND STAY ALL NIGHT TO SEE HOW IT FEELS TO BE IN A VACANT  
6 PLACE. I WANT TO GET OUT OF THERE. I DON'T WANT TO STAY THERE.  
7 I WANT TO MOVE ON. BUT WHO DO I TALK TO? CONGRESSWOMAN LAURA  
8 RICHARDSON CAME THERE ONLY FOR VOTES. OKAY? I MEAN COME ON,  
9 LET'S BE REAL. THIS IS THE REAL WORLD. I'M TRYING TO RAISE A  
10 SON. SO WHAT DO I TELL HIM EVERY DAY WHEN I GO HOME? OH DON'T  
11 WORRY ABOUT IT, ZION, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE. I'M SCARED FOR HIS  
12 LIFE OVER THERE. HE'S THE ONLY BOY THAT'S LEFT OVER THERE IN  
13 THE VILLAGE. YEAH, I'M PISSED. I'M PISSED. AND I GOT ALL MY  
14 PAPERWORK HERE TO PROVE EVERYTHING THAT I'M SAYING. NOBODY  
15 HAVE SAT DOWN AND TALKED TO ME AND IF THEY HAVE, THEY'RE  
16 LYING. WHY WON'T SOMEBODY SIT DOWN AND TALK TO ME?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL TRY TO TAKE CARE OF THAT FOR YOU.

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20 **NAVALINE SMITH:** I'M MISSING WORK. I'M PISSED.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL LET US ANSWER THE QUESTION, OKAY?

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24 **NAVALINE SMITH:** GO AHEAD.

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1 **FAYE TOLLIVER:** CAN I SAY ONE MORE THING?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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5 **FAYE TOLLIVER:** I WAITED ALL DAY. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH A  
6 LOT. I APPEALED MY CASE BECAUSE THE RELOCATION PEOPLE GAVE ME  
7 SOMETHING TO WORK WITH THEY SAY. BUT SINCE I APPEALED MY CASE,  
8 NOTHING HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT. THEY ASKED ME WHICH AREA I WANTED  
9 TO MOVE IN, I SUGGESTED LIKE WESTCHESTER WHICH IS A GOOD  
10 PLACE, CLOSE TO MY DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL. THEY FOUND EVERY PLACE  
11 THEY COULD, NOWHERE NEAR WESTCHESTER. THEY FOUND PLACES IN  
12 GARDENA, WHICH HAS A VERY HIGH CRIME RATE. THEY FOUND LONG  
13 BEACH, THEY FOUND LAWDALE, HAWTHORN. BUT NOT YET HAVE THEY  
14 FOUND ANYTHING I LIKE. I'M GOING THROUGH ALL THIS. LIKE I SAY,  
15 I'VE SAT THROUGH FOUR-HOUR MEETINGS. I APPEALED IT, I APPEALED  
16 AND EVERYTHING. I FOUND SOMETHING IN WESTCHESTER MYSELF. ALL  
17 BECAUSE A FEW MORE HUNDRED DOLLARS. A FEW MORE HUNDRED  
18 DOLLARS, I COULD HAVE A SAFE PLACE. BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO GO  
19 FOR THAT. JUST A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS. I FIGURE I'M ENTITLED TO  
20 IT. I KNOW MY DAUGHTER DESERVES IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL ASK ARNOLD SACHS TO JOIN US AND  
23 PHYLLIS COTO TO COME ON UP. AND CYNTHIA BEVERLY, YOU'RE NEXT.

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25 **CYNTHIA BEVERLY:** THANK YOU.



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

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4 **CYNTHIA BEVERLY:** MR. THOMAS? OKAY. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA BEVERLY.  
5 I CAME UP HERE. I WAS IN A BOARD MEETING ON MARCH THE 24TH OF  
6 2009. I HAD TALKED TO THE SUPERVISORS. AND IT'S ABOUT THE LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT'S DENYING THE PEOPLE  
8 WITH THE LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY, G.R.  
9 AND THE CALWORKS. I WAS DENIED. AND YOUR ACTING EXECUTIVE  
10 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, CORDE  
11 CARRILLO, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO MY SITUATION. THE  
12 LETTER THAT I HAD GOT ON THEM ON MARCH 27TH, THAT THEY WROTE  
13 ON MARCH 27TH, IS STILL THE SAME THING AS WHEN I CAME DOWN  
14 HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE THAT I CANNOT HAVE, AFTER A FORMAL  
15 HEARING THERE IS NOTHING. BUT IN THE FORMAL HEARING, THAT YOU  
16 MUST KNOW THAT THE INFORMAL HEARING WORKER OFFICER LIED ON ME.  
17 SHE PUT AN EXTRA EVICTION ON MY PAPERWORK. THE SCREENING  
18 WORKER SAID I WAS MAKING \$2,500 A MONTH WHEN I WAS ONLY  
19 GETTING \$722 A MONTH. I HAVE THREE KIDS. I'M STILL HOMELESS.  
20 AND IT STATED THAT ANYTHING THAT'S OUT OF YOUR CONTROL,  
21 ANYTHING IF IT'S A SITUATION THAT'S OUT OF YOUR CONTROL. OKAY,  
22 MY SON, SIX MONTHS OLD, HE DIED IN MY HOUSE. HE WAS SIX MONTHS  
23 OLD. HE DIED IN THE HOUSE. I GOT EVICTED OUT OF THE HOUSE  
24 BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE NO CHOICE. I HAD A CHOICE TO EITHER BURY  
25 MY CHILD OR PAY MY RENT. THEY SAID THAT WAS MY SITUATION. THAT



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1 WAS MY SITUATION, SO THAT WAS IN MY CONTROL FOR ME TO PAY THE  
2 RENT INSTEAD OF BURYING MY SON. YOU KNOW, I ONLY GOT \$723 A  
3 MONTH. AND THEN THEY SAY OKAY, WELL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
4 HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAY THROUGH LACK OF MONEY MANAGEMENT, YOUR  
5 DEBTS OWED. YOUR DEBTS OWED. WHAT DO THEY MEAN DEBTS OWED?  
6 THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GETTING IS \$723 A MONTH, YOU GOT TO PAY  
7 RENT, YOU GOT TO PAY LIGHTS, YOU GOT TO PAY GAS, YOU GOT TO  
8 BUY CLOTHES, YOU'VE GOT TO BUY FOOD FOR YOUR KIDS. YOU KNOW  
9 WHAT I'M SAYING? I GOT THREE KIDS THAT NEED ME FOR EVERYTHING.  
10 AND THEN THEY HAD THE NERVE TO SAY THROUGH LACK OF MONEY  
11 MANAGEMENT. AND THEN THEY SAID OH, WELL YOU CAN GO TO THE  
12 HOMELESS SHELTER. OKAY, I STAYED IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE.  
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY. IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, THEY HAVE ONE HOMELESS  
14 SHELTER IN LANCASTER. THEY HAVE ONE LOW INCOME HOUSING IN  
15 COURSE HILLS. THEY DON'T HAVE NOTHING IN PALMDALE AT ALL. AND  
16 THEY CLOSED DOWN THE ONE IN LITTLE ROCK. SO I HAD TO TAKE MY  
17 KIDS TO MOVE TO LONG BEACH AND RELOCATE THEM TO LONG BEACH  
18 BECAUSE THEY IN SCHOOL. BUT NOW I'M STILL LIKE IN THE SAME  
19 SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES SENATOR'S OFFICE DIANE  
20 FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE, WROTE A LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21 HOUSING AUTHORITY ASKING THEM ABOUT MY SECTION 8. THEY HAVE  
22 NOT RESPONDED FOR MY SECTION 8. YOUR OFFICE, MIKE GIN FROM SAN  
23 PEDRO ASKED THEM, EMAILED ASKING THEM ABOUT MY SECTION 8. THEY  
24 STILL HAVEN'T RESPONDED. MIKE ANTONOVICH OFFICE SUSAN ASKED



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1 THEM ABOUT MY SECTION 8. THEY STILL HAVEN'T RESPONDED. THE  
2 ONLY RESPONSE THEY GOT FOR THIS STATING DEBT OWED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SEE A MEMBER OF MY STAFF OVER HERE. RICK  
5 VELASQUEZ, OKAY? THANK YOU.

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7 **CYNTHIA BEVERLY:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** VERY QUICK GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THERE  
12 WAS AN ARTICLE AGAIN IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE H.U.D.  
13 PROGRAM WHERE THE CITIES IN, I GUESS IN SAN BERNARDINO WERE  
14 BUYING FORECLOSED PROPERTIES AND RESELLING THEM. IS THE COUNTY  
15 LOOKING INTO SOME KIND OF SITUATION LIKE THAT FOR RELOCATION  
16 FOR PEOPLE? OR IS THAT A PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN DISCONTINUED BY  
17 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? IS THAT STILL ELIGIBLE? WHERE THEY  
18 TURN THEM OVER, THEY BUY THE HOUSES FOR \$1 AND THEN RESELL  
19 THEM FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES? THANK YOU.

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

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23 **SHARON LYLE:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK. THEY HAD TO GO. PHYLLIS COTO  
24 AND ROBERT COTO, SO I'LL SPEAK FOR THEM. AND I'M SHARON LYLE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE?

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3 **SHARON LYLE:** YES, IN REGARDS TO YES, THE ISSUE. THEY WANTED TO  
4 SPEAK ON LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR CONSUMERS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY?

7

8 **SHARON LYLE:** YES. BECAUSE SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE  
9 PRIOR INCIDENTS WHERE THEY CAN'T GET INTO FOR GOING INTO THE  
10 HOUSING. THEY HAVE BLEMISHES. THEY HAVE CREDITS. THEY'VE BEEN  
11 DENIED. THE COTOS WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND ADEQUATE LEGAL  
12 REPRESENTATION ALONG WITH SERVICES FOR REHABILITATION TO WHERE  
13 THEY WERE TOLD THAT SOME OF THE CONSUMERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
14 GET SERVICES, LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND THESE BLEMISHES BY  
15 CREDIT MARKS DEROGATORIES ON THEIR T.R.W.S. THE CONSUMERS  
16 DON'T HAVE A WAY OUT. THAT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN JUST A  
17 CREDIT CLINIC OR FINDING LEGAL ADVOCACY, NOT A STUDENT BUT AN  
18 ACTUAL FIRM THAT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE UP A CAUSE OF A MENTAL  
19 HEALTH OR A CONSUMER THAT'S IN NEED. WE FOUND IT ACROSS-THE-  
20 BOARD WHEN IT COMES TO THE SMALL BLEMISHES OF DISCREPANCIES OF  
21 GETTING INTO NEW HOUSING, RENTAL HOUSING, FINDING SOMEONE THAT  
22 CAN HELP THEM REMOVE THE CREDIT BLEMISHES AND GOING TO THE  
23 REHABILITATIVE PROCESS TO WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS  
24 OR ENOUGH EDUCATION TO MEET THE NEW CRITERIA. SO THERE'S  
25 NOTHING FOR THEM TO DO BUT TO EITHER LOSE IT, BECOME HOMELESS.



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1 AND IT'S COMING ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO WHERE YOU CAN HAVE TEENS  
2 AND SENIOR CITIZENS. SO THEY DON'T HAVE A REALLY SOURCE. AND  
3 THEN A LOT OF THE CONSUMERS ARE FACED WITH ONCE THEY GO IN FOR  
4 LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THEY FIND OUT THAT ONCE THEY MENTION  
5 THAT THEY'RE A CONSUMER, THEY'RE BEING LOOKED DOWN UPON FROM  
6 THE LEGAL ENTITIES. A.C.L.U., MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY,  
7 PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY, THEY CAN ALL TELL YOU THAT THEY ARE  
8 TOO BUSY, THEY HAVE SUCH A LARGE CASELOAD TO WHERE THE  
9 INDIVIDUALS ARE JUST FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. THERE'S  
10 NOTHING FOR A CONSUMER THAT NEEDS A SCOPE OF WORK WITHIN --  
11 THAT'S OUTSIDE THE NORMAL SCOPE OF WORK. I GUESS I HAVE TO PUT  
12 IT LIKE THAT. IT'S NOT AN IDYLIC SITUATION. BUT THEY'RE  
13 PRESENTED WITH AN IDYLIC SITUATION, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT? THE  
14 CONSUMER'S ONLY GOING TO TRY TO GET THE BEST FOR THEMSELVES.  
15 SO THEY NEED HELP WITH THAT ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT SEEMS TO ME  
20 THAT IT'S USEFUL TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
21 STAFF, WHO HAS PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS, TO COME  
22 FORWARD AND CLARIFY AS BEST AS THEY CAN SOME OF THE ISSUES  
23 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. AND THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, PURSUANT TO  
24 YOUR PERMISSION, I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO READ IN FOR  
25 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION.



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2 **CORDE CARRILLO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CORDE  
3 CARRILLO, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY  
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
5 IS TAKING EVERY PRUDENT STEP ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH AND  
6 WELFARE OF THE TENANTS. AND WE HAVE GREAT CONCERN FOR THE  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN  
8 UJIMA VILLAGE.

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10 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
11 THE BOARD. I'M BOBETTE GLOVER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
12 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY HOUSING  
13 AUTHORITY. I AM AWARE THAT THE DISPLACEMENT OF THE UJIMA  
14 VILLAGE RESIDENTS HAS BEEN A HARDSHIP ON MANY OF THE FAMILIES  
15 THERE. AND WE HAVE TRIED TO HANDLE EVERYONE'S SITUATION WITH A  
16 GREAT DEAL OF SENSITIVITY. AND WE'VE TRIED TO ALSO LOOK AT  
17 THEIR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN TRYING TO ASSIST THEM WITH  
18 THEIR RELOCATION. AT THIS TIME, I'M FAMILIAR WITH EVERY ONE OF  
19 THE CASES, EVERY ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE YOU.  
20 THEY ALL KNOW ME AND I KNOW THEM ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS AND I  
21 KNOW THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. SO AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO  
22 JUST RESPOND IN GENERAL TO SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT THEY'VE  
23 MADE TODAY. MR. RAFTI FROM LEGAL AID ATTORNEY IS CONCERNED  
24 ABOUT THEM GETTING COMPARABLE SPACE AND THEM BEING PUSHED INTO  
25 HOUSING AND FAMILIES BEING BROKEN UP. WELL, IN RESPONSE TO



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1 THAT, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WE ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH  
2 FEDERAL AND STATE LAW TO PROVIDE THEM WITH COMPARABLE HOUSING.  
3 AND I GUESS MAYBE THERE'S A MATTER OF OPINION WHETHER IT'S  
4 COMPARABLE OR NOT. BUT WE DO HAVE RELOCATION CONSULTANTS ON  
5 BOARD WHO ARE HANDLING THIS. AND THEY'VE HANDLED MANY  
6 RELOCATION PROGRAMS FOR A NUMBER OF CITIES AND COUNTIES AND  
7 EVEN IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SO THEY ARE EXPERIENCED IN THIS.  
8 WE DON'T FEEL THAT WE'RE PUSHING ANYONE INTO ANY HOUSING  
9 BECAUSE THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE BEING DISPLACED CHOOSE WHERE  
10 THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE TO. THE RELOCATION CONSULTANT DOES  
11 PROVIDE THEM WITH A LIST OF THREE UNITS THAT HE HAS DETERMINED  
12 ARE COMPARABLE UNITS WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF UJIMA  
13 VILLAGE. BUT THEY ARE BY NO MEANS REQUIRED TO MOVE INTO ANY OF  
14 THOSE UNITS. IF THEY SELECT THOSE UNITS OR ANY PLACE ELSE, THE  
15 RELOCATION CONSULTANT WILL GO WITH THEM TO INSPECT THE UNIT,  
16 AS A MATTER OF FACT. AND SO THEREFORE WE'RE TAKING THAT EXTRA  
17 STEP TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR REPLACEMENT HOUSING IS SAFE,  
18 SANITARY AND DECENT. WE ARE AWARE OF THE ONE TENANT WHO NEEDS  
19 THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE CONTACT  
20 WITH HER THROUGH OUR STAFF WE HAVE ON BOARD WHO ARE  
21 COUNSELORS. SHE HAS NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE, SO WE WILL USE THE  
22 SERVICES OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR HER. WE KNOW THAT WE  
23 HOPE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING ENOUGH MONEY TO THE RESIDENTS TO  
24 MOVE. IN SOME CASES, SOME OF THEM ARE GETTING A SUBSIDY, LIKE  
25 A SECTION 8 VOUCHER THAT THEY CAN USE FOR AS LONG AS THEY



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1 QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM BASED ON THEIR INCOME AND AS LONG AS  
2 THEY FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. SO THAT  
3 SUBSIDY LASTS FOREVER FOR THEM AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SOME  
4 RESIDENTS, THOSE WHO WERE PAYING WHAT WE CALL A MARKET RENT AT  
5 UJIMA, ARE RECEIVING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT. SOME OF THE PAYMENTS,  
6 THEY RANGE FROM ABOUT \$18 TO \$20,000 UP TO \$60,000 IN A LUMP  
7 SUM FOR THEIR RELOCATION BENEFIT. AND THEY ARE ABLE TO USE  
8 THAT TO RENT ANOTHER APARTMENT OF THEIR CHOOSING OR MAYBE USE  
9 IT AS A DOWN PAYMENT FOR A HOUSE. AND IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD  
10 TIME TO BUY. WE DID MAKE THEM AWARE OF OUR HERO PROGRAM, THE  
11 NEW PROGRAM. I SENT A PERSONAL LETTER TO EACH ONE OF THEM WITH  
12 ALL THE INFORMATION ACTUALLY BEFORE THE PROGRAM BEGAN SO THAT  
13 THEY COULD GET A HEAD START AND MAYBE BECOME HOMEOWNERS FOR  
14 THE FIRST TIME. WE ARE DOWNSIZING SOME PEOPLE BASED ON THE  
15 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF OUR SECTION 8 PROGRAM. IT'S BASED ON  
16 THE NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS. IN THE CASE OF ONE TENANT WHO  
17 MOVED OUT SOME TIME AGO AND ISN'T SATISFIED WITH WHERE SHE  
18 LIVES, WE CAN WORK WITH HER TO ISSUE ANOTHER VOUCHER TO HER  
19 AND THEN SHE CAN RELOCATE. GENERALLY WE DON'T DO THAT. WE ASK  
20 THAT THEY STAY AT LEAST AT THE FIRST LOCATION FOR 12 MONTHS.  
21 BUT IN HER CASE, I'M SURE THAT WE CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO  
22 ALLOW HER TO MOVE SOMEPLACE WHERE SHE FEELS SAFER.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** --HER SON OR PAYING HER RENT?

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1 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** WHICH, I'M SORRY?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WAS UNRELATED TO UJIMA. THAT WAS  
4 TOTALLY UNRELATED.

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6 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** I THINK SHE'S TRYING TO GET ONTO THE SECTION 8  
7 PROGRAM, I BELIEVE. ALSO IN THE CASE OF MISS TOLLIVER, WHO SHE  
8 DID APPEAL. WE DID HAVE AN APPEAL HEARING AND MR. RAFTI DID  
9 REPRESENT HER. THEY APPEALED ON SEVERAL POINTS. AND ON SOME  
10 POINTS SHE WON AND ON SOME POINTS SHE DID NOT. SO I FAXED HER  
11 -- ACTUALLY HER LETTER TO HER I THINK IT WAS LAST WEEK. SHE  
12 CALLED ME AND ASKED ME TO FAX IT TO HER. SHE IS GOING TO GET  
13 AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY AS A RESULT OF HER APPEAL. WE ARE  
14 PROVIDING HER WITH A LISTING OF UNITS IN THE WESTCHESTER AREA  
15 THAT'S OUTSIDE OF THE FIVE MILE RADIUS, BUT WE ARE GOING TO  
16 MAKE THOSE REFERRALS FOR HER. AND THERE IS SECURITY AT UJIMA  
17 VILLAGE. WE HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND  
18 THEY ARE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT THAT LOCATION. ONE  
19 TENANT SAID THAT HER INCOME HAS INCREASED AND SHE SENT US A  
20 CERTIFIED LETTER. SHE DID SEND THE LETTER, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE  
21 THE AMOUNT OF HER INCOME IN THE LETTER. WE CONTACTED HER LAST  
22 WEEK. AND SHE HAS AN APPOINTMENT. SHE ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT  
23 TO GO IN AND MEET WITH THE STAFF TO RESOLVE THAT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. I THINK YOU DO NEED TO  
2 CLARIFY MAYBE WITH SOME OF THE TENANTS OUT THERE THE ISSUE OF  
3 SECURITY. BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WHEN YOU SAID THAT, THEY JUMPED  
4 OUT OF THEIR CHAIR. SO IF YOU COULD VISIT WITH THEM ON THAT  
5 PARTICULAR ISSUE. VISIT WITH THE SHERIFF.

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7 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** WE'RE MAKE SURE THE SHERIFF, THAT THEY'RE  
8 PUTTING IN THE HOURS, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE A MOTION? THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. LET ME  
14 JUST TAKE THE TIME, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND THE  
15 CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE PERSONS DIRECTLY IMPACTED WITH WHOM  
16 I'VE HAD JUST A BRIEF CONVERSATION. IT'S MY FULL INTENT TO  
17 HAVE FURTHER AND MORE THOROUGH CONVERSATION WITH THEM. BUT  
18 UJIMA VILLAGE, FOR THE RECORD, WAS BUILT IN THE '70S WITH THE  
19 FINANCING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
20 DEVELOPMENT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS H.U.D. ON THE SITE OF THE  
21 FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM, WHICH WAS OPERATED BY GENERAL  
22 PETROLEUM CORPORATION, WHICH LATER BECAME A PART OF EXXON-  
23 MOBIL CORPORATION. AND THEN IN 1995, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
24 PURCHASED UJIMA VILLAGE FROM H.U.D. FOR \$1.00 AND H.U.D.  
25 AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AGAINST LIABILITY



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1 FOR COSTS ARISING FROM PRE-EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS  
2 AFFECTING THE SOIL AND GROUNDWATER AS A RESULT OF THE PAST  
3 TANK FARM USAGE. THEN ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008, THE BOARD DIRECTED  
4 THE ACTING DIRECTOR TO TAKE STEPS TO CLOSE UJIMA VILLAGE DUE  
5 ALSO IN PART TO THE POOR WORKMANSHIP OF THE ORIGINAL  
6 CONSTRUCTION WHICH LED TO THE DETERIORATION OF THE UNITS OVER  
7 TIME. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE NEED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL  
8 TESTING OF THE SUBSURFACE SOIL AND GROUND WATER. AND THE  
9 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS DOING WHAT IT IS REQUIRED TO DO TO MAKE  
10 DETERMINATIONS AS TO THOSE CONDITIONS. THE REPORTS GENERATED  
11 BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND CAN  
12 BE ACCESSED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY. THAT IS THE  
13 A.C. BILBREW BRANCH LOCATED IN WILLOWBROOK NEARBY UJIMA  
14 VILLAGE. THE BOARD ALSO DIRECTED THE ACTING DIRECTOR TO  
15 DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO RELOCATE THE REMAINING TENANTS. ITEM 1-H  
16 ON TODAY'S AGENDA RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE UJIMA VILLAGE  
17 RELOCATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZES THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
18 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BEGIN ISSUING 90-DAY NOTICES TO  
19 VACATE THE PROPERTY. THIS IS PURSUANT TO LAW. WHEN THE HOUSING  
20 AUTHORITY STAFF FILED THE BOARD LETTER JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO,  
21 16 HOUSEHOLDS REMAINED IN PLACE OF THE ORIGINAL 159. THE PAST  
22 WEEK, TWO MORE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE MOVED, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO  
23 14. THE REMAINING TENANTS ARE ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR  
24 REPLACEMENT HOUSING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HOUSING  
25 AUTHORITY. AND LET ME JUST STIPULATE IT IS MY INTENTION, AS I



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1 JUST REPRESENTED TO THE CONSTITUENTS, TO BECOME INVOLVED IN  
2 THAT IN A WAY THAT HOPEFULLY WILL EXPEDITE RESOLUTION. AND IT  
3 IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL THE REMAINING HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ABLE  
4 TO MOVE OVER THE NEXT 90-DAY PERIOD. FOR THIS REASON, I THINK  
5 IT IS UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO GRANT THE EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR, THAT IS THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY,  
7 THE POWER TO INITIATE EVICTION PROCEEDINGS. ITEM 1-H ALSO  
8 INSTRUCTS THE ACTING DIRECTOR TO INITIATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 REVIEW PROCESS FOR DISPOSITION OF THE UJIMA VILLAGE SITE. THE  
10 SITE IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY THE COUNTY-OWNED IRVIN  
11 "MAGIC" JOHNSON RECREATION AREA. THE UJIMA VILLAGE SITE SHOULD  
12 BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THIS PARK AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
13 STAFF SHOULD EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO BE  
14 CONSIDERED DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. I  
15 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE  
16 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, REVISE THE  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS AS CONTAINED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BOARD  
18 LETTER DATED APRIL 14, AND THE REVISIONS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS.  
19 TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING DIRECTOR TO BEGIN ISSUING THE 90-DAY  
20 NOTICES TO VACATE THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
21 UNIFORM RELOCATION ACT. AND INSTRUCT THE ACTING DIRECTOR  
22 DIRECTOR, GIVEN THE NEED FOR GREEN SPACE IN THE SOUTHEAST  
23 PORTION OF L.A. COUNTY, TO CONSIDER THE EXPANSION OF THE  
24 COUNTY PARKLAND AS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE USES FOR



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1 THE UJIMA VILLAGE SITE AS A PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
2 PROCESS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT IS MY MOTION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER THIS GIVES  
7 ANY MORE ROOM FOR SOME OF THE FOLKS, INCLUDING THE LAWYER OUT  
8 THERE, MORE ROOM TO CONTINUE ON THIS. DOES THIS DO ANYTHING  
9 LIKE THAT? BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A DUE PROCESS ALL THE WAY  
10 THROUGH.

11

12 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** SORRY, SUPERVISOR. WE COULDN'T HEAR  
13 YOU. COULDN'T HEAR YOUR COMMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THIS, I ONLY ASKED A QUESTION SINCE --

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL THIS IS WRITTEN WITH --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN DONE, WHEN YOU ASK FOR THE  
20 REVISION ON HERE --

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES WAS TO EFFECTIVELY  
23 LOWER THE TEMPERATURE, WHICH IS HERE AS WRITTEN IN  
24 CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS TO WHETHER THIS  
2 HAS ANY CHANGE INTO THE DUE PROCESS ASPECT OF IT? EVERY SINGLE  
3 TENANT HAS GONE THROUGH A WHOLE SERIES OF INFORMATION MEETINGS  
4 AND DUE PROCESS ON EVERY SINGLE THING. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE  
5 THAT THIS DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO EXPAND THAT OR RECREATE MORE  
6 LEGAL CHALLENGES.

7

8 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO, SUPERVISOR, BUT  
9 LET ME CHECK WITH STAFF AND GET BACK TO YOU. IF YOU COULD HOLD  
10 IT JUST A FEW MOMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY BECAUSE IT'S A REVISION TO A VERY IMPORTANT  
13 PART. I'M JUST TRYING TO BE HELPFUL HERE. I'M NOT SO SURE. AND  
14 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT. BECAUSE IT SAYS REVISE NO. 4, WHICH IS  
15 THE VERY CRITICAL PART OF IT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REVISION IS REALLY DIRECTED TO THE  
18 EVICTION PROCESS.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND HOPEFULLY NO ONE IS  
21 GOING TO GET EVICTED WITHOUT FULL DUE PROCESS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHAT I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DO. BUT I'M  
2 ONLY ASKING ABOUT THIS PORTION OF IT. AND I JUST WANT CLARITY  
3 THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE. YOU KNOW, LAWYERS HAVE A  
4 TENDENCY TO SAY "OH NO, THE INTENT WAS TO DO THIS, SO LET'S  
5 START OVER." THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT PEOPLE ARE STILL HANGING ON  
6 FOR MORE MONEY. THAT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE CASE IN THESE  
7 KINDS OF SITUATIONS. BUT I REMEMBER ASKING THIS QUESTIONS  
8 ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO WHEN WE STARTED THIS PROCESS: WOULD THERE  
9 BE AN EXTENSIVE SET OF MEETINGS AND COUNSELING AND OFFERS,  
10 INCLUDING PROVIDING RELOCATION?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ALL OF THOSE KIND OF THINGS. I JUST WANT TO  
15 MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT UPSETTING -- BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE LAST  
16 FINAL DAYS, AS I UNDERSTAND, OF A VERY EXTENSIVE PROCESS.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 90 PERCENT OF THE TENANTS HAVE BEEN -- AND  
19 THIS IS APPROXIMATELY THE LAST 10 PERCENT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS I'M ASKING THE LEGAL ASPECT OF WHETHER  
22 THIS WOULD CREATE ANYTHING. AND IF IT DOESN'T, I'M MORE THAN  
23 SUPPORTIVE OF IT.

24



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1 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** STATUTORY LAW REQUIRES THAT THE  
2 TENANTS BE GIVEN 90-DAYS NOTICE BEFORE THEY'RE FORCIBLY  
3 EVICTED.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT PART.

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7 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** IT DOES NOT EXPAND OR TAKE AWAY THE  
8 DUE PROCESS.

9  
10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU EXCLUDE AND TO INITIATE EVICTION  
11 PROCEEDINGS AS NEEDED, YOU EXCLUDED IT. I DON'T WANT NOW THAT  
12 TO CREATE OR GENERATE A NEW LEGAL PROCEDURE. I MEAN, LAWYERS  
13 CAN BE VERY CLEVER IN THAT REGARD. EVEN NON-LAWYERS LIKE  
14 MYSELF. AND SEEING THAT AS A PATHWAY THAT THE INTENT WAS TO  
15 NOT EVER HAVE AN EVICTION PROCEDURE. WE'VE ONLY BEEN UTILIZING  
16 AN EVICTION PROCEEDING FOR NO OTHER REASON OTHER THAN TO SAY  
17 WE NEED TO GET THESE PEOPLE MOVING FORWARD SO THAT THEY CAN  
18 MOVE OUT. THE WHOLE INTENT HERE IS TO CLEAN UP THE AREA AND TO  
19 MAKE IT, YOU KNOW, A FACILITY THAT'S MORE ACCEPTABLE TO OUR  
20 STANDARDS.

21  
22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE STATUTORY  
23 REQUIREMENT, SUPERVISOR, AND IT WILL NOT PREVENT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD. WE SIMPLY HOPE NOT TO HAVE TO INVOKE  
2 EVICTION PROCEDURES. MY INTENT IS TO WEIGH IN AND EXPEDITE  
3 MATTERS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE REMAINING TENANTS. I THINK WE  
4 CAN DO THAT. MY OBJECTIVE IS TO LOWER THE TEMPERATURE WITHOUT  
5 COMPROMISING THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE COUNTY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SORT OF  
8 STATE WHAT THE INTENT WAS SO THAT THERE'S NOBODY ELSE READING  
9 INTO IT LATER ON WHATEVER THE DIALOGUE HERE IS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN, I THINK THE ONE THING WE DON'T  
12 WANT THE PREVENT, SHOULD IT NOT WORK, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
13 TRYING TO DO FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS, IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.  
14 BUT IF IT DOESN'T WORK, WE STILL HAVE TO HAVE THAT RIGHT.

15

16 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** AND YOU DO.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE DO.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE, BOBETTE?

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22 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** NO. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE WILL NOT  
23 ISSUE 90-DAY NOTICES UNTIL EVERY TENANT HAS RECEIVED THEIR  
24 RELOCATION PACKAGE, NOTIFICATION OF THEIR PACKAGE. SO IT'S  
25 STILL ANOTHER WEEK OR SO TO COME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US  
3 AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE MOVES IT. THE CHAIR  
4 WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT.  
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? WE'VE  
6 DONE ALL THE ADJOURNMENTS ALREADY?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIR, I'D LIKE  
9 TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NESTOR GOMEZ, A LONGTIME LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY RESIDENT AND FATHER OF I.S.D. EMPLOYEE, JAIME GOMEZ-  
11 BELTRAN, WHO PASSED ON APRIL THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 78. HE  
12 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE OF 52 YEARS, ROSA  
13 BELTRAN; HIS SIX SONS, JOSE GOMEZ, MARIO GOMEZ, LOUIS GOMEZ,  
14 HUGO GOMEZ, JAIME AND MARCO GOMEZ; AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, ANNA  
15 AND WILMA; ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THAT  
16 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. ITEM S-2. SHERIFF'S ITEM?  
19 SHERIFF? WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US. APOLOGIZE FOR THE  
20 LATENESS OF THE HOUR.

21

22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS ITEM  
23 HEARD. WE HAVE A DEADLINE TODAY, AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT  
24 FORWARD AS RUSHED AS I DID. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE AN  
25 OPPORTUNITY HERE AS A COUNTY TO RECEIVE BACK FROM THE FEDERAL



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1 GOVERNMENT SOME OF OUR COUNTY TAXPAYER DOLLARS. AND THE  
2 STIMULUS PACKAGE, IN TERMS OF ITS INTENT, IS TO CREATE JOBS.  
3 AND AS WE'VE HEARD THROUGH A NUMBER OF COMMENTS MADE BY  
4 PRESIDENT OBAMA AND OTHERS IN CONGRESS THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE  
5 ECONOMY BEING AS DIFFICULT AS IT IS, IS ONE THAT CAN BE  
6 SOMEWHAT RESTORED BASED ON MORE JOBS. AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS  
7 CERTAINLY ONE OF THOSE AREAS WHERE JOBS ARE CRITICAL. SO  
8 BEFORE YOU IS MY LETTER THAT DESCRIBES A COMBINATION OF JOBS  
9 THAT WOULD BE SERVICED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITHIN THE  
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 194 COUNTY POSITIONS AND 137 PLUS  
11 CONTRACT CITY POSITIONS WERE REFERRED TO BY THE C.E.O. BUT I'M  
12 ASKING FOR 425. AND I'M ASKING FOR THOSE POSITIONS FROM THIS  
13 PERSPECTIVE. IT'S ONLY A REQUEST. IT IS NOT A FINAL NUMBER IN  
14 THE EVENT THAT THOSE CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT ARE APPLYING FOR  
15 THESE POSITIONS, WE ONLY HAVE A FINITE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT'S  
16 FOR 5,000 PLUS POLICE OFFICERS AROUND THE NATION. MY BELIEF IS  
17 THAT WE SHOULD ASK FOR THE WHOLE AMOUNT THAT I'M PROPOSING,  
18 BELIEVING THAT WE WON'T GET THAT BECAUSE THERE'S A COMPETITIVE  
19 PROCESS NATIONWIDE, AND THAT THE BASE FIGURE THAT THE C.E.O.  
20 IS PROPOSING MAY BE ULTIMATELY WHAT WE GET OR EVEN LESS THAN  
21 THAT. AND SO AS A STRATEGY, I SAY IF WE GO FOR IT ALL, WE WILL  
22 BE CUT, NO DOUBT, BY SOMEONE ELSE IN WASHINGTON. IF WE'RE NOT  
23 CUT, THE EFFECT OF THE OPPORTUNITY IS THAT WE WILL LEAVE \$30  
24 MILLION OF COUNTY POTENTIAL TAX DOLLARS IN WASHINGTON AND  
25 SOMEBODY ELSE WILL TAKE IT EITHER IN CALIFORNIA OR NATIONWIDE.



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1 SO IT'S A MATTER OF WHETHER THE RETURN FOR INVESTMENT OF 25  
2 PERCENT OF THE WHOLE IS WORTH THE RISK. IN MY MIND, THERE IS  
3 NO RISK HERE. IT'S FUNCTIONALLY A SOUND DEAL. SO WITH THAT IN  
4 MIND, THE BOARD LETTER DESCRIBES WHERE WE WOULD ASSIGN ALL THE  
5 INDIVIDUALS. 103 TO UNINCORPORATED PATROL BASED UPON THE  
6 REPORT. 60 DETECTIVE DIVISION FOR SPECIAL VICTIMS,  
7 INVESTIGATIONS, COMMERCIAL CRIMES, HOMICIDES. THESE ARE OUR  
8 CORE CRIMES THAT ARE MOST DISTURBING TO THE PUBLIC. AND ALSO  
9 WE'RE ASKING FOR 91 COPS DEPUTIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
10 AND 14 IN THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY. AND THEN WE WANT 20  
11 MORE IN OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU. THE CONTRACT CITIES  
12 PORTION OF THIS IS 137 OF THE 425. THE COUNTY IS CERTAINLY IN  
13 A POSITION WHERE WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE AS MANY OF THESE  
14 AVAILABLE JOBS AS POSSIBLE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'VE SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THIS BOARD THAT IN  
19 GENERAL DOES SUPPORT THIS REQUEST BECAUSE IT DOES PROVIDE A  
20 SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY. THE CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS GIVEN  
21 WHAT WE'RE FACING IN NOT ONLY THIS YEAR'S BUDGET BUT WHAT WE  
22 FORESEE AS OUR FISCAL CHALLENGES FOR THE NEXT AT LEAST THREE  
23 YEARS, IN MY PERSONAL OPINION. WE FELT THAT A MORE PRUDENT  
24 APPROACH WOULD BE REQUIRED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AS A  
25 CONSEQUENCE, WE'RE SUPPORTING A REQUEST FOR 331 POSITIONS.



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1 IT'S ESSENTIALLY 194 THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
2 ACTIVITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT ALSO THE 137 FOR  
3 THE CONTRACT CITIES. BUT I HAVE A CONCERN, I'LL SPEAK TO THAT  
4 SOON, WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTRACT CITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
5 THE SHERIFF'S APPROACH AND GIVEN THAT THERE ARE ONLY 5,500  
6 NATIONWIDE, THE PROBABILITY OF GETTING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER IS  
7 LOW. BUT YET AS WE PRESENT OUR BUDGET IN THE NEXT WEEK,  
8 ACTUALLY NEXT MONDAY, YOU WILL HEAR THAT NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE A  
9 CHALLENGE TODAY, BUT WE HAVE SOME OTHER CONCERNS THAT ARE  
10 FACING US IMMEDIATELY, LET ALONE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON A  
11 LONG-TERM BASIS. BUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT'S HAPPENING  
12 TODAY AT THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL WILL NOT BE  
13 RESOLVED IN ONE YEAR OR EVEN TWO YEARS. AND SO BEING HELD  
14 FISCALLY OR FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE POSITIONS DURING  
15 THE FOURTH YEAR GIVES US CONCERN. NOW, WITH RESPECT TO THE  
16 CONTRACT CITIES POSITIONS, ALONG THAT SAME LINE OF THE  
17 FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACING, CITIES, BECAUSE OF THE  
18 SIZE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BUDGETS AND THEIR DEPENDENCY ON THE  
19 LOCAL REVENUES, THEY ALSO HAVE A CHALLENGE TO MEET THE  
20 FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF THIS GRANT. SO  
21 ALTHOUGH WE FULLY SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF THE CONTRACT CITIES,  
22 WE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S A PROVISION IN THE M.O.U.  
23 THAT SPEAKS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING THAT THE  
24 POSITIONS THEY RECEIVE ARE FULLY FUNDED THROUGH THE FOURTH



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1 YEAR. AND SO WE JUST ASK THAT THAT'S ALSO ADDRESSED. ANY  
2 QUESTIONS?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THAT LAST POINT THE C.E.O. JUST RAISED ON  
5 THE CONTRACT CITIES, I'D LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION THAT  
6 MEMORIALIZES WHAT HE JUST SAID. I THINK WE WILL ALL BE IN  
7 TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH IT. SO I'LL JUST READ IT. I MOVE THAT THE  
8 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO GOVERN  
9 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND THE VARIOUS CONTRACT  
10 ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM BE  
11 AMENDED TO PROVIDE THE CONTRACT ENTITIES MUST CONTINUE TO FUND  
12 AND MAY NOT ELIMINATE DEPUTY SHERIFF GENERALIST POSITIONS NOT  
13 FUNDED BY THE C.H.R.P. GRANT EITHER DURING ITS TERM OR IN THE  
14 YEAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GRANT EXPIRES IN ORDER THAT THE  
15 BURDEN OF MEETING THE NON-SUPPLANTATION GRANT REQUIREMENT WILL  
16 FALL UPON THE CONTRACT ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO GRANT FUNDING  
17 FOR THE 137 DEPUTY SHERIFF GENERALIST POSITIONS BEING  
18 REQUESTED ON THE BEHALF AND NOT ON THE COUNTY. AND THEN I HAVE  
19 SOME OTHERS. CAN I GET A SECOND ON THAT?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANTED TO ASK ARE WE WORKING OFF THE  
24 C.E.O.'S MEMORANDUM FOR THE SAKE OF THE DISCUSSION?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE'RE WORKING OFF THE SHERIFF'S  
2 LETTER.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S THE REQUEST WE HAVE. COULD I MAKE ONE  
5 QUICK CLARIFICATION TO THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
6 MENTIONED? IF I MIGHT ALSO JUST PRESENT IT AND ALSO MY  
7 REQUEST. IT DOES SPEAK TO THE ELIMINATION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF  
8 GENERALIST POSITIONS NOT FUNDED BY THE C.H.R.P. BUT THAT ALSO  
9 SHOULD CARRY OVER TO THE POSITIONS THAT ARE FUNDED. WE DON'T  
10 WANT THEM TO ELIMINATE THOSE POSITIONS, EITHER. IT'S THE WHOLE  
11 RETENTION ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

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15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT PLEASE, THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD POINT, THANK YOU.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT YES, I BELIEVE GIVEN THAT WE SUBMIT A  
20 REQUEST TO THE BOARD WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION, WE'D ASK THAT WE  
21 HAVE A DISCUSSION OR WITH THAT SUPPORT FOR OUR REQUESTS RIGHT  
22 NOW. BUT THE DISCUSSION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE WHAT OUR SHERIFF  
23 HAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER WE'RE  
2 WORKING OFF OF YOURS OR HIS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GUESS MY IMPRESSION WAS BECAUSE THE  
5 LETTER CAME THIS WAY THAT WE WERE WORKING OFF THE SHERIFF'S  
6 REQUEST. THE REPORT BACK CAME FROM YOU. SO WE CAN ADDRESS IT  
7 EITHER WAY. I MEAN MY PREFERENCE, I HAVE A TENDENCY TO AGREE  
8 WITH THE SHERIFF THAT THE MORE YOU ASK FOR, THE BETTER SHOT  
9 YOU HAVE, BECAUSE MORE THAN LIKELY YOU WILL GET REDUCED DOWN  
10 BASED ON YOUR REQUEST. AND I UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL  
11 OBLIGATION THAT PUTS US IN, BUT I WOULD BE SHOCKED IF WE WERE  
12 TO RECEIVE THE FULL ALLOTMENT BASED ON THAT REQUEST. BUT  
13 WHETHER WE GO WITH THE SHERIFF'S RECOMMENDATION, WHICH I  
14 SUPPORT, OR THE C.E.O.'S, I THINK EITHER ONE, YOU WILL NOT GET  
15 THE FULL REQUEST. SO MIGHT AS WELL ASK FOR MORE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE ONE -- AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND THAT'S  
18 NORMALLY GIVEN THAT IT'S ONLY 5,500 NATIONWIDE. BUT OFTENTIMES  
19 WHEN A REQUEST IS SUBMITTED, THE AGENCY THAT ISSUES FUNDS LIKE  
20 THIS WILL CALL AND ASK FORM SOME CLARIFYING INFORMATION. AND  
21 THE TYPICAL QUESTION WOULD BE, ARE YOU FULLY CAPABLE OF  
22 FUNDING THE POSITIONS, ALL THE POSITIONS, OR ANY POSITION YOU  
23 REQUEST FOR THE FOURTH YEAR, OR AT LEAST THROUGH THE DURATION  
24 OF THIS PROGRAM AND BEYOND? I WOULDN'T WANT US TO BE IN A



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1 POSITION WHERE WE SAY "WELL, ALTHOUGH WE REQUESTED 400, WE  
2 ONLY CLAN SUPPORT X NUMBER.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** MAY I RESPOND TO THAT?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** MY RESPONSE TO THAT WOULD BE THAT LET'S JUST  
9 SAY THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, NOT 425 AS A WHOLE, BUT WE'RE  
10 AUTHORIZED SOMETHING IN THE REALM OF ABOUT 300 OR MORE.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** 331.

13

14 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OKAY. LET'S SAY --

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOURS IS 231.

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF YOU ADD THE CONTRACT CITY POSITIONS, THE  
19 TOTAL IS 331.

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21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SO THE QUESTION WOULD BE: HOW, THEN WOULD WE  
22 FINALIZE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? AND THE  
23 SIMPLE SIDE OF IT IS THAT WE CAN DECIDE TO AGREE TO THAT POINT  
24 THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND GO FORWARD IN  
25 THAT CONTEXT AND NOT THREATEN THE POTENTIAL FOR WHAT YOUR



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1 RECOMMENDATION HAS AS BOTTOM LINE NUMBERS. BUT I THINK OUR  
2 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IN THE GRANT PROCESS WITH LIMITED DOLLARS  
3 IS THAT WE ASK FOR WHAT WE THINK WE CAN SUSTAIN OR WE ASK FOR  
4 WHAT WE REALLY WOULD LIKE, AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE US  
5 100 PERCENT OF THAT. SO TO NOT GO BELOW THE RECOMMENDATION  
6 THAT YOU HAVE, WHICH MY FEAR IS THAT, THAT IF WE SET IT IN AS  
7 YOU'VE RECOMMENDED AND THEY FUND HALF OF IT, THEN WE'VE  
8 ESSENTIALLY CUT OURSELVES OFF FROM THEIR LOGIC OF SAYING WELL  
9 WE'RE GOING TO FUND A PERCENT OF EVERYBODY'S, NOT A WHOLE OF  
10 EVERYBODY'S.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONLY PROBLEM IS IF THEY FUND ALL OF IT,  
13 THEN WE'RE TWICE AS MUCH ON THE HOOK. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
14 PROSPECTS ARE. MY BID IS THAT A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNTY IS  
15 GOING TO BE GIVEN -- FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- IS GOING TO BE  
16 GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, AS IT WILL FROM THE CITY. AND THE  
17 WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN IS THAT WE GET THE WHOLE THING  
18 AND THEN NOT ABLE TO SUSTAIN IT. ANYWAY, LET ME, FOR THE SAKE  
19 OF THE DISCUSSION, I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT WE WORK OFF OF --  
20 I'M GOING TO MOVE THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION AS A SUBSTITUTE  
21 FOR WHAT'S ON THE TABLE. AND I WANT TO MAKE ONE ADDENDUM TO  
22 IT. THE ONE THING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON AND HAS BEEN A  
23 VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR YOU AND FOR US IS THE ISSUE OF THE  
24 SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS AND THE BACKLOG AND THE NEED THAT YOU HAVE  
25 TO DO SOME BEEFING UP IN CENTRALIZING YOUR OPERATION, YOUR



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1 DETECTIVE OPERATION, YOUR INVESTIGATORY OPERATION IN THE LAB.  
2 THE CONCERN -- I THINK A NUMBER OF US, IF NOT ALL OF US, WANT  
3 TO DO THIS. THE THING WE WANT TO DO IS MAKE SURE THAT IT DOES  
4 NOT LOCK US IN DEPARTMENT-WIDE IN ALL OF THE DETECTIVES. AND  
5 I'M TOLD THAT THE WAY WE CAN INOCULATE OURSELVES AGAINST THAT  
6 POSSIBILITY IS TO CREATE-- IS FOR YOU TO CREATE A NEW UNIT.  
7 AND I THINK WHAT THE C.E.O. AND YOU HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH  
8 VARIOUS STAFFS HERE IS THAT 23 DETECTIVES IS WHAT IT WOULD  
9 TAKE. WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO THIS. AND NORMALLY I WOULDN'T  
10 WANT TO DO THIS. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO -- YOU'RE UNDER  
11 TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AS WE ARE TO GET THIS BACKLOG CLEANED UP.  
12 SO ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STAFF UP OR  
13 CONTRACT OUT OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH. AND THIS IS FOR THE  
14 NEXT THREE YEARS IS FEDERAL MONEY. AND SO WE'LL GET FOUR  
15 YEARS' WORTH OF VALUE FOR ONE YEAR'S WORTH OF, ESSENTIALLY ONE  
16 YEARS' WORTH OF EXPENDITURE FOR SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE  
17 TO DO. BUT I WANT TO BUILD A WALL AROUND IT. AND I THINK THE  
18 SUGGESTION THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE FOLKS WHO ARE SMARTER  
19 THAN I AM ON THIS IS TO PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST WHAT I JUST  
20 DESCRIBED IS THAT YOU CREATE A SEPARATE UNIT. CALL IT THE  
21 ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM UNIT, WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE NOW, A  
22 SEPARATE UNIT THAT IS CALLED THE ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT.  
23 AND THEN THOSE 23 POSITIONS WOULD GO INTO, OR WHATEVER PORTION  
24 OF THOSE YOU GOT, WOULD GO INTO THAT UNIT. AND IT WOULDN'T  
25 IMPACT, IT WOULDN'T HAVE THE SUPPLANTATION ISSUE FOR THE REST



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1 OF YOUR DETECTIVE ARMY OUT THERE. AND I THINK YOUR FOLKS ARE  
2 AGREEABLE TO THAT. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT WE ADD 23 -- ASSUMING  
3 WE'RE WORKING OFF OF THE C.E.O.'S THING, WHICH WILL BE THE  
4 PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED WHEN WE VOTE ON IT IT, THAT  
5 THE 23 DETECTIVES BE ADDED TO THAT COMPLIMENT WITH THE PROVISIO  
6 THAT I JUST DESCRIBED, CREATING A NEW SEPARATE UNIT. NAME IT  
7 WHAT YOU WILL. BUT SEPARATE FROM ANY OTHER DETECTIVE UNIT THAT  
8 YOU HAVE NOW SO THAT IT IS PROTECTED, SO THE REST OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT'S PROTECTED.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU'RE ADDING 23 TO THE 331, IS THAT  
12 WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON. WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL? 331? OKAY THAT'S  
15 WHAT I'M ADDING.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ISN'T IT A TAD BIT PREMATURE TO START  
18 PUTTING BODIES IN PLACE WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YOU'RE  
19 GOING TO GET?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE THE UPPER  
22 LIMIT. WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS CREATING THE UNIT.  
23 AND THEN UP TO 23 OF DETECTIVES WOULD BE PLACED IN THAT UNIT.  
24 IF YOU CAN ONLY GET 13, YOU PUT 13 IN. BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
25 PUT 75 IN, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT ASKING FOR MORE THAN 23.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM IF YOU TAKE THOSE  
3 PERSONNEL OUT OF THE UNINCORPORATED POSITIONS THAT ARE BEING  
4 ADVOCATED.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S ADDING.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M ADDING ON TOP OF THAT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU WOULD BE ADDING ON TOP OF THAT.

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12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** HE'S INCREASING THE THRESHOLD THAT THE  
13 C.E.O. SET.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THEY GIVE YOU A REDUCED AMOUNT OF  
16 DOLLARS, THEN WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU STILL KEEP THE RATIO -- IF  
17 THEY GIVE YOU LESS THAN 300 AND FUNDING FOR 331 OFFICERS, HOW  
18 ARE YOU GOING TO STAFF THIS POSITION?

19

20 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I WOULD TAKE THE WHOLE NUMBERS THAT ARE  
21 RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O., THE WHOLE NUMBER THAT'S RECOMMENDED  
22 BY MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WORK THE PERCENTS ON ALL THOSE NUMBERS  
23 AGAINST THE WHOLE AND ALLOCATE THAT WAY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO THERE WOULD BE NO WAY THAT THE  
2 ADDITIONAL 103 DEPUTIES WILL NOT BE CUT?

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND THE PURPOSE OF MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S  
9 LANGUAGE IS TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN SECONDED. THE ONLY  
12 CONVERSATION -- I MEAN, I JUST -- FIRST OF ALL, WE CAN DEAL  
13 WITH THAT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM DEALING WITH THAT WITHIN THE  
14 CONFINES IF YOU GO FOR THE 420. WE'RE ONLY TALKING 71  
15 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ONCE YOU ADD THE 23 TO SUPERVISOR  
16 YAROSLAVSKY. JUST FROM A STANDPOINT, IT'S DIFFICULT. I JUST  
17 DON'T THINK IT'S GOOD POLICY TO SORT OF PUT PEOPLE, CLASSIFY  
18 THEM AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE. IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT,  
19 THEN I THINK DEFINITELY WE NEED TO GO FOR THE 425. YOU WANT TO  
20 PUT THE 23 OUT OF 425. I MEAN, I JUST THINK THE LARGER THE  
21 NUMBER, THE BETTER SHOT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AT X NUMBER.  
22 VERSUS GOING FOR A SMALLER NUMBER AND BEING REDUCED OFF THAT.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONLY REASON I PUT THE 23 IN THAT UNIT --  
25 THERE'S A POINT TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT DOING IT THIS WAY.



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1 THE REASON I DID IT -- I DON'T THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO  
2 SHARES THAT VIEW. THE SHERIFF HAS INDICATED THIS IS HIS NO. 1  
3 PRIORITY GIVEN WHAT'S TRANSPIRED ON THE SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT  
4 ISSUE. HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT. IF HE'S GOING TO FULFILL  
5 HIS COMMITMENT AND HIS DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO CLEARING UP  
6 THE BACKLOG, HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
7 MONEY AND PERSONNEL TO DO IT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I AGREE WITH THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO COME -- THE WAY I  
12 READ IT IS IT'S GOING TO COME -- ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IT'S GOING  
13 TO COME AT THE EXPENSE OF SOMETHING ELSE IN THE DEPARTMENT IF  
14 WE DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO IT. AND I'M SURE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
15 UNINCORPORATED PATROL. BUT IT COULD BE SOME OTHER STUFF, IT'LL  
16 BE SUPPLIES OR WHATEVER. WHICH IS WHAT WE'LL HAVE TO DO, WHAT  
17 YOU'LL HAVE TO DO WHEN THE TIME COMES. BUT THIS IS AN  
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMETHING WE KNOW WE HAVE TO SPEND. IT'S THERE  
19 NOW. IT'S AVAILABLE NOW. WHATEVER WE GET OUT OF THIS, IF HE  
20 GETS 13 OUT OF THE 23, THEN HE CAN -- IF 23 IS THE MAGIC  
21 NUMBER, YOU CAN MOVE ANOTHER 10 INTO IT IF YOU HAD TO OR  
22 CONTRACT OUT FOR THE BALANCE. IT WOULD BE YOUR CALL. BUT THIS  
23 IS WHAT -- THIS IS THE NO. 1 PRIORITY FOR HIM AS INDICATED TO  
24 US, TO THE C.E.O. AND IT'S GOT TO BE DONE. SO I DON'T WANT TO  
25 CALL THIS FREE MONEY. NOTHING IS FREE. BUT IT'S MONEY THAT WE



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1 DON'T HAVE TO APPROPRIATE OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND TO GET  
2 SOMETHING DONE THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET DONE. SO WHY  
3 NOT USE THIS FOR THAT PURPOSE? A FIXED OBJECTIVE THAT WE KNOW  
4 WHATEVER IT IS, 4,000 PLUS SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS THAT HAVE TO BE  
5 TESTED, MAYBE MORE, THAT WE KNOW HAVE TO BE DONE, WE KNOW WHAT  
6 THE CEILING IS. AND THIS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL GET YOU  
7 THERE OVER THIS PERIOD OF 12 TO 18 MONTHS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT IF YOU  
10 DEAL WITH THE 425. YOU WANT TO ISOLATE 23 OUT OF THE 425, I'M  
11 ALL WITH YOU. MARK?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WISH TO BETTER UNDERSTAND  
14 THE PROPOSAL FROM THE C.E.O. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE CONCERN  
15 IS ABOUT THE OUT YEARS IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH WE WILL THEN BE  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING, IS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE CASE.  
17 AM I CORRECT OR NOT?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT IS CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU PROPOSE  
22 REACHING FOR THE BIG NUMBER ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MORE  
23 YOU ASK FOR, PRESUMABLY MORE THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE. AND  
24 STRATEGICALLY OR TACTICALLY THAT MAKES PERFECTLY GOOD SENSE TO  
25 ME. BUT IT IS THE CASE THAT WE COULD END UP ON THE HOOK FOR



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1 MORE THAN WE MIGHT HAVE ANTICIPATED, THEREFORE, THE WISDOM OF  
2 THE C.E.O. TO BE MEASURED IN HOW MUCH WE REALLY ULTIMATELY  
3 GET. THE SECOND POINT OF THE MOTION FOCUSING ON A PARTICULAR  
4 UNIT, LET ME SIMPLY LEND MY VOICE TO THE CONCERN THAT IT IS  
5 WHOLLY APPROPRIATE. AND I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN REASON  
6 TO SUPPORT THE SHERIFF AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD TO FOCUS  
7 ON THIS AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK AS  
8 EFFECTIVELY AS WE CAN ON THE QUESTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST  
9 WOMEN IN PARTICULAR. I THINK THIS IS HUGEY IMPORTANT. AND SO  
10 I WOULD BE PREPARED, MR. CHAIRMAN, PURSUANT TO THE MOTION, TO  
11 SUPPORT THAT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPPORT WHAT?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE PRIORITIZATION. MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PRECISELY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE SUPPORTING THE 354 VERSUS THE  
20 425.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD BE INCLUDE TO DO SO.

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24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** MAY I COMMENT ON YOUR COMMENT SIR?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIR.

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3 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** HERE'S THE FINANCIAL REALITY. THE DISTANCE  
4 THAT THE BOARD IS CONTEMPLATING OF DOLLARS, IN THE FOURTH  
5 YEAR, IF WE WENT FOR THE WHOLE THING, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$31  
6 MILLION. IN THE CURRENT DISCUSSION, ABSENT MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S  
7 ADD-ON, IS \$21 MILLION. AND THE QUESTION IS: DO WE WANT TO  
8 LEAVE \$30 MILLION FOR EACH YEAR, BEING 10 MILLION, AND THE  
9 POINT IS DO WE WANT TO LEAVE \$30 MILLION IN THE FEDERAL  
10 GOVERNMENT'S HANDS FOR THE SAKE OF SPENDING AN EXTRA 10  
11 MILLION ON THE FOURTH YEAR? THAT'S WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO. WE'RE  
12 TALKING ABOUT SAVING THE COUNTY \$10 MILLION, BUT ALSO WE'RE  
13 PREVENTING THE COUNTY FROM RECEIVING \$30 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOT IT.

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S THE BASIC FINANCIAL LOGIC.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I TAKE WHAT THE SHERIFF SAYS WHEN YOU MAKE A  
22 REQUEST, IT'S NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO BE APPROVED WITHOUT  
23 SOME TYPE OF REDUCTION. AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT THE  
24 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE ILLEGALS IN OUR JAILS. WE ASKED FOR 100  
25 PERCENT, WHAT DID WE GET, 10 PERCENT, 12 PERCENT, 15 PERCENT?



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1 AND WE GO BACK EVERY YEAR AS A BOARD AND WE TALK ABOUT STAFF,  
2 FULL FUNDING. WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THESE INDIVIDUALS.  
3 PLEASE REIMBURSE US. AND ALL THEY DO IS, OKAY, AND THEY GIVE  
4 YOU PENNIES WHEN WE'RE ASKING FOR DOLLARS. SO I THINK THE  
5 SHERIFF IS RIGHT ON WHEN HE SAYS IF YOU'RE GOING THE MAKE A  
6 REQUEST, WE'LL SUPPORT IT. BUT VERY LIKELY THEY'RE GOING TO  
7 MAKE SOME REDUCTIONS. AND I'D RATHER HAVE THEM MAKE SOME  
8 REDUCTIONS AT THE HIGHER END THAN AT THE LOWER END WHERE THIS  
9 IS BASICALLY OUR BOTTOM LINE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I  
10 THINK, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU MAKE THAT POINT VERY WELL.  
11 SO I WOULD SUPPORT THE REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
12 WITH THE ADDITION THAT THE SEXUAL UNIT THAT WE DISCUSSED FOR  
13 CREATION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. WE HAVE A MOTION  
16 FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AMENDED TWO DIFFERENT WAYS, ONE  
17 AS IT RELATES TO CONTRACT CITIES, THE OTHER IS IDENTIFYING AN  
18 ADDITIONAL 23 SLOTS PERSONNEL FOR THE D.N.A. BACKLOG, IS THAT  
19 CORRECT?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND APPROVING THE -- ACTUALLY I MOVED THE  
22 C.E.O.'S REPORT AND AMENDED IT WITH THE CONTRACT CITIES  
23 LANGUAGE AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT LANGUAGE. AND IF THAT FAILS,  
24 THEN I'LL RE-AMEND IT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, I'D RATHER HAVE A POSITIVE VOTE THAN A  
2 NEGATIVE WHERE YOU WOULD VOTE FOR THE FULL -- AS A SUBSTITUTE  
3 MOTION, THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE SHERIFF WITH THE INCLUSION  
4 OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S SPECIAL SEXUAL UNIT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I ALREADY MADE A SUBSTITUTE. YOU CAN'T  
7 HAVE A SUBSTITUTE FOR A SUBSTITUTE. JUST VOTE IT UP OR DOWN.  
8 WE'LL SEE HOW IT GOES. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU HELD THIS ITEM. YEAH, BEFORE  
11 WE VOTE.

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I APPRECIATE THE FACT  
14 THAT YOU'RE APPROACHING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS, THE BACKLOG  
15 THERE, BUT THEY ONLY MAKE UP A PORTION OF THE BACKLOG. THE  
16 NUMBER OF CATEGORIES THAT REQUIRE D.N.A. SAMPLING HAVE  
17 INCREASED. AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR  
18 MORE PERSONNEL. BUT IF YOU ELIMINATE ON A WEEKLY BASIS 10  
19 SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES BUT YOUR BACKLOG OF D.N.A. CASES  
20 INCREASES BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO TAKE A SWAB FROM SOMEBODY WHO  
21 WAS CHARGED WITH VEHICULAR THEFT OR PETTY BURGLARY OR ASSAULT,  
22 THEN YOU'RE NOT REALLY DECREASING THE BACKLOG. AND HAVING A  
23 SUSPECT IN A CASE, AND A COLD CASE HIT ARE DIFFERENT  
24 SCENARIOS. I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE YOU ADDRESS THE PROBLEM  
25 OF THE BACKLOG, BUT YOU REALLY HAVEN'T ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM



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1 OF THE PERSONNEL WITH THE BACKLOG. AND SINCE YOU HAVE THE  
2 CONTRACT CITIES AND SINCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DOING  
3 FORENSIC STUDIES FOR CONTRACT CITIES, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO  
4 INCLUDE THE CONTRACT CITIES IN PROVIDING SOME KIND OF  
5 PERSONNEL OR FUNDING TO HELP WITH THE BACKLOG? BECAUSE NOT  
6 EVERY ARREST THAT THE SHERIFF'S GOING TO MAKE IN A CONTRACT  
7 CITY IS GOING TO INVOLVE SEXUAL ASSAULT. IF THEY ARREST  
8 SOMEBODY IN A CONTRACT CITY WHO'S VIOLATED A D.U.I. OR A  
9 BREAK-IN OR A PETTY THEFT, FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE DATABASE  
10 REQUIRES THAT THOSE ARRESTEES BE SAMPLED TO FIND OUT IF THEY  
11 MATCH UP TO ANY COLD CASES. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF GETTING  
12 FUNDING THERE? THE CITY, WHEN THEY HAD THE DISCUSSION, THE  
13 OFFICER IN CHARGE SAID THEY HAVE 7,000 CASES, BUT THEY HAVE  
14 55,000 TOTAL BACKLOG. THEY'RE NOT ALL SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES. SO  
15 I ASSUME THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE ALL SEXUAL  
16 ASSAULT BACKLOG CASES, ALSO. WHAT'S GOING TO BE DONE AND HOW  
17 ARE YOU GOING TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES THAT REQUIRE  
18 THE D.N.A. TESTING TO MEET THE FEDERAL STANDARDS? THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM BEFORE US, THEN, IS  
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION TO SUPPORT THE C.E.O.'S  
22 RECOMMENDATION WITH TWO ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS. ONE IS TO  
23 CODIFY THE CONTRACT CITIES LANGUAGE AS IT RELATES TO  
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR YEAR FOUR. AND THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS



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1 TO ADD 23 ADDITIONAL SLOTS ONTO THE 331 FOR A TOTAL OF 354 FOR  
2 THE D.N.A. BACKLOG. ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

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

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** VERY QUICK COMMENTS. THE SITUATION STILL  
6 REMAINS THE SAME AS REPORTED LAST WEEK. ESSENTIALLY THE STATE  
7 IS CURRENT WITH ALL PAYMENTS. THE CONTROLLER HAS -- THE STATE  
8 CONTROLLER HAS ISSUED A REPORT SINCE THEN THAT STILL STATES  
9 THAT REVENUE IS DROPPING IN THE STATE. THERE'S CONCERNS  
10 REGARDING SALES TAX. BUT ALSO SOME INTERESTING NEWS REGARDING  
11 STATE INCOME TAX THAT I THINK WILL WORK ITS WAY OUT AS PEOPLE  
12 START TO PAY THAT PARTICULAR TAX. NEXT MONDAY WE'LL BE  
13 PRESENTING THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FROM OUR OFFICE. AND  
14 AT THAT TIME WE'LL BE ADDRESSING NOT ONLY OUR CONCERNS CAUSED  
15 BY THE NATIONAL AND STATE ECONOMIES BUT ALSO WHAT'S HAPPENING  
16 WITH OUR LOCAL REVENUES. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EXTREMELY  
17 CHALLENGING YEAR FOR US. AND AS I STATED IN A PREVIOUS ITEM,  
18 THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT BE A SHORT-TERM ISSUE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT  
19 THERE BE SOME LONG-TERM EFFECTS, ESPECIALLY AS OUR PROPERTY  
20 TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. AND THE TIME  
21 IT WILL TAKE TO RECUPERATE THAT LOSS OF REVENUE WILL BE MUCH  
22 MORE THAN JUST ONE OR TWO YEARS. BUT AT THIS POINT IN TIME,  
23 THE STATE IS CURRENT. BUT WE CONTINUE TO WATCH IT FOR YOU.  
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I  
2 BELIEVE THAT TAKES US INTO CLOSED SESSION? OH, EXCUSE ME. NO,  
3 WE ALREADY DID PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A  
4 READ-IN MOTION.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
7 BALDWIN HILLS RELAY FOR LIFE GROUP WILL HOST A TWO-PARTY EVENT  
8 AT THE KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
9 BOARD --

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, I SECOND THAT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO  
16 WAIVE FEES. AT THE KENNETH HAHN RECREATION PARK FOR THE RELAY  
17 FOR LIFE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND THE  
20 SECONDER WILL BE PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RELAY.

21 [LAUGHTER.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE SECONDER WILL WITHDRAW HIS SECOND.

24 [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT. ZEV, DO YOU HAVE A READ-IN MOTION?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WAS INFORMED, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT ONE  
2 OF MY COMMISSIONERS, BERNARD SIEGEL, ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS  
3 IN THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES PASSED AWAY  
4 YESTERDAY. AND BERNARD HAS SERVED WELL AND ADMIRABLY AS A  
5 MEMBER OF OUR COMMISSION AND REPRESENTING NOT ONLY OUR  
6 DISTRICT BUT THE COUNTY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE. AND I  
7 DON'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION BECAUSE IT JUST CAME TO ME A  
8 FEW MINUTES AGO. BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. I  
9 WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY. ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER  
12 ADJOURNMENTS, WOULD YOU READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE  
17 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM NO. CS-  
18 3 AND CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
19 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, TWO CASES. AND ITEM CS-5,  
20 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE  
21 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
23 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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1        **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 14, 2009**

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5        No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-3, CS-4 or  
6        CS-5. In Open Session, item CS-2 was 2009.

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