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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013, ON PAGE 208.]

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING AND WE WELCOME YOU  
7 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS, JUNE 25TH, 2013. WE TAKE NOTE THAT THE SERGEANT  
9 AT ARMS, CARLOS GERARD, IS HERE, OUR ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE  
10 OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI IS HERE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
11 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA IS IN PLACE, COUNTY COUNSEL JOHN KRATTLI IS  
12 HERE. QUORUM IS ESTABLISHED WITH BOTH SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND  
13 YAROSLAVSKY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS MORNING, OUR  
14 INVOCATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE REVEREND LESTER V.  
15 MACKENZIE, ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR EMERGING MINISTRIES AT THE ST.  
16 MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE PACIFIC PALISADES AT THE  
17 INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY OF THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
18 OUR PLEDGE VETERAN IS JULIE DE LA MORA, MEMBER OF POST NUMBER  
19 2122, VETERANS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN INGLEWOOD AT THE  
20 INVITATION OF THE CHAIR. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD  
21 PLEASE RISE FOR THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION.

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23   **REV. LESTER V. MACKENZIE:** IN MY SECOND YEAR AS A U.S. CITIZEN,  
24 IT TRULY IS A TREAT TO BE HERE. AND SO IN GRATITUDE TO OUR  
25 SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY, LET ME BEGIN BY SINGING A QUICK REFRAIN INSPIRED  
2 BY JULIAN OF NORWICH. (SINGING) ALL WILL BE WELL AND ALL WILL  
3 BE WELL. ALL MANNER OF THINGS WILL BE WELL. ALL WILL BE WELL.  
4 AND ALL WILL BE WELL. ALL MANNER OF THINGS WILL BE WELL.  
5 DIVINE CREATOR, YET OUTSIDE OF TIME AND SPACE, YOU CALL US TO  
6 BE YOUR BELOVED AND CALL US INTO COMMUNITY TO SERVE, LEAD AND  
7 FLOURISH. WE INVOKE YOUR DIVINE WISDOM ON OUR SUPERVISORS AND  
8 ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO WORK AND SERVE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT YOU  
9 STRENGTHEN THEM IN SERVICE OF OUR 9.8 MILLION DIVERSE  
10 NEIGHBORS. I ASK THAT YOU INSPIRE ALL WHO WILL SPEAK TODAY  
11 WITH COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY, SO TO SPEAK IN WISDOM WITH  
12 RESPECT AND HOPE. TAKE FROM US ALL HATRED AND PREJUDICE AND  
13 WHATEVER MAY HINDER UNITY OF SPIRIT AND CONCORD SO THAT  
14 THROUGH THE HOPE OF UBUNTU, MEANING I AM BECAUSE YOU ARE THE  
15 ESSENCE OF BEING HUMAN, WE WILL SEE ALL WHO ARE IN NEED. LET  
16 YOUR DIVINE WORD MADE FLESH BIND UPON THE COMMERCE AND  
17 INDUSTRY, THE LEISURE AND PARKS, THE ARTS AND CULTURES OF OUR  
18 FIVE DISTRICTS. MAY THE RHYTHMS OF OUR CONVERSATIONS AND OUR  
19 COMING TOGETHER THIS MORNING HELP US TO STRIVE TOWARD DEEPER  
20 RELATIONSHIP AND GREATER SERVICE IN THIS, OUR CITY FOR THE  
21 ANGELS, AMEN.

22

23 **JULIE DE LA MORA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. PLEASE FOLLOW ME.  
24 AND IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF  
25 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WERE LED IN THAT  
5 BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION BY REVEREND LESTER V. MACKENZIE WHO IS  
6 CURRENTLY THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST.  
7 MATTHEW'S IN PACIFIC PALISADES. REVEREND MACKENZIE WAS RAISED  
8 IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING APARTHEID IN CAPE TOWN. HE BEGAN HIS  
9 MINISTRY IN LOS ANGELES, RECEIVED HIS DEGREE IN DIVINITY AT  
10 VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. REVEREND MACKENZIE IS A DEPUTY  
11 TO THE EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONVENTION, MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION  
12 OF MINISTRY AND MEMBER OF THE DIOCESAN EXAMINING CHAPLAINS. HE  
13 ALSO DEVELOPED AN APPLICATION FOR THE IPHONE/IPAD FOR ST.  
14 MATTHEW'S PARISH. NOW WE KNOW HOW OLD YOU ARE. AS A SINGER AND  
15 A PERCUSSIONIST, REVEREND MACKENZIE USES HIS SOUTH AFRICAN  
16 INFLUENCE IN HIS MUSICAL EXPRESSION HE IS MARRIED AND HAS  
17 THREE CHILDREN. AND IF YOU EVER GET TIRED OF THE MINISTRY, I  
18 THINK THE L.A. OPERA WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE YOU AN AUDITION.  
19 THAT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION ESPECIALLY WITH THE  
20 MUSICAL TOUCH TO IT. WE THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND GIVING  
21 US PRAYER THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 YAROSLAVSKY, AND TO THE MORNING INVOCATEUR, WE EXPRESS OUR  
25 THANKS AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A NATIVE OF



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1 SOUTH AFRICA. AND WHILE YOU OFFER YOUR INVOCATION FOR THE  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE EXTEND OUR PARTICULAR PRAYERS TO YOU  
3 AS THE PATRON SAINT IN A POLITICAL SENSE OF THE PEOPLE OF  
4 SOUTH AFRICA, NELSON MANDELA. WE HERETO NOW GIVE  
5 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO JULIA DE LA MORA, AS A MEMBER OF THE VETERAN  
6 OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2122 IN INGLEWOOD. SHE SERVED PROUDLY IN  
7 THE U.S. ARMY FROM 1979 TO 2004, ACHIEVING THE RANK OF MASTER  
8 SERGEANT. SHE CURRENTLY SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS COMMUNITY IN HER  
9 CAPACITY AS A LOCAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE  
10 CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. SHE HAS RECEIVED  
11 A NUMBER OF AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING A MERITORIOUS  
12 SERVICE MEDAL, AN ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, A GOOD CONDUCT  
13 MEDAL AND A PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION MEDAL. SHE GRADUATED FROM  
14 BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND WENT ON TO RECEIVE  
15 HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND HER  
16 MASTER'S FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX. SHE IS MARRIED WITH  
17 TWO CHILDREN. SHE HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR SOME 15  
18 YEARS. SO WE WISH TO SAY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL  
19 PEOPLE TO MASTER SERGEANT DE LA MORA FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR  
20 LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. WE EXTEND  
21 OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU WITH A PRESENTATION OF THIS  
22 CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
23 [APPLAUSE.] GOOD MORNING, MS. HAMAI, IF YOU WOULD, LET'S  
24 PROCEED WITH THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR.  
2 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY ON PAGE 4,  
3 PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 5, AS  
4 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 2, 2013.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST  
10 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 6, AS  
11 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THERE'S A REQUEST TO CONTINUE  
12 THIS ITEM ONE MONTH TO JULY 23, 2013 TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO  
13 MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
14 PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON PAGE  
15 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 8  
16 THROUGH 23, ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 12,  
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS  
19 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF  
20 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 14.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 12.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 12. ON ITEM NO. 15, AS INDICATED  
25 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS





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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 2, 2013. ON ITEM  
2 NO. 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
3 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
4 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR  
5 KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
6 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE  
7 BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
10 THE MATTERS ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES.  
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PURSUANT TO THE SPECIFICS  
12 INDICATED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE RECORD THE  
13 APPROPRIATE VOTE.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NO. 9, IF I COULD GET  
16 A SEPARATE VOTE FOR THAT ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE HOLD THAT ON THE DESK  
22 UNTIL KNABE GETS HERE.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE'LL HOLD ITEM  
25 NO. 9 RIGHT NOW. ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 24



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1 THROUGH 32, ON ITEM NO. 25, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS  
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,  
3 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON  
4 ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
5 HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 29, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
7 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK THAT ITEM 28 BE HELD, TOO? SORRY  
10 ABOUT THAT.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 28 WILL BE HELD BY  
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE BALANCE IS BEFORE  
16 US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
17 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT  
18 ITEM, PLEASE?

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 18, ORDINANCES FOR  
21 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS NO. 33 AND 34, AND ON THESE ITEMS I'LL  
22 READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 33, THIS  
23 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE  
24 TITLE 3, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, RELATING TO THE  
25 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO AMEND THE SUNSET



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1 REVIEW DATE FOR THE COMMISSIONS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017. ON THIS  
2 ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 34, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR  
4 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6, SALARIES, TO  
5 AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS NEGOTIATED  
6 WITH REPRESENTED PEACE OFFICER CLASSIFICATIONS. THIS ITEM IS  
7 BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS ITEM  
10 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
11 SECONDS. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 19, MISCELLANEOUS  
14 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
15 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
16 AGENDA. ITEM NO. 35-A IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
19 MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE  
20 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 35-A.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 35-B, SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
24 BE HELD. ON PAGE 22, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NO.  
25 C.S.-2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY



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1 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY  
2 2, 2013. ON ITEM NO. C.S.-4, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
3 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL ALSO REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 2, 2013. C.S.-2 AND C.S.-4 WILL BE  
5 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. C.S.-5, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
7 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. AND ON ITEM NO. C.S.-6, AS INDICATED ON  
8 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. AND THAT COMPLETES THE  
10 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
11 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL BEGIN  
14 WITH THE CHAIR'S PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST WITH  
15 US THIS MORNING. AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE HER HERE. SHE IS  
16 THE HONORABLE KIRSTI WESTPHALEN, CONSUL GENERAL OF FINLAND  
17 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HER A ROUND OF  
18 APPLAUSE FOR THE CONSUL GENERAL. [APPLAUSE.] SHE HAS  
19 REPRESENTED HER COUNTRY IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES FOR THE  
20 LAST FIVE YEARS. HER PRIMARY GOAL HAS BEEN TO FIND LINKS  
21 BETWEEN THE FINNISH AND AMERICAN HIGH TECH INDUSTRIES AND TO  
22 PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES BETWEEN FINNISH AND  
23 AMERICAN CORPORATIONS, UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS.  
24 TWO OF HER MOST RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TO  
25 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE DISCUSSED PUBLIC DIPLOMACY,



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1 AND WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND U.C.L.A.'S ANDERSON SCHOOL  
2 OF MANAGEMENT WHERE SHE PROMOTED THE GLOBAL ACCESS PROGRAM  
3 BETWEEN FINNISH COMPANIES AND M.B.A. STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
4 THRIVING FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. SHE'S ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN  
5 ORGANIZING EVENTS AND SEMINARS PROMOTING NETWORKING WITH HIGH  
6 TECH ENTERTAINMENT, THE HIGH TECH ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY IN  
7 LOS ANGELES AND SHOWCASING FINNISH CULTURE. IN ADDITION TO  
8 THAT, SHE HAS SERVED AS DEAN OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS  
9 WHERE SHE HAS ORGANIZED MONTHLY MEETINGS AND VENUES, EXPOSING  
10 MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS AND DIVERSE BUSINESS AND CULTURAL  
11 COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP LOS ANGELES FROM HIGH TECH BUSINESS  
12 INCUBATORS, THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, TO SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE  
13 FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. AND ON BEHALF OF THE  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS  
15 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR  
16 YOUR UNTIRING LEADERSHIP AND YOUR CREATIVITY AND YOUR  
17 HEARTFELT WISHES FOR CONTINUING SUCCESS AS YOU MOVE FROM THIS  
18 PLACE AND YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO  
19 THAILAND. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
20 KIRSTI WESTPHALEN, CONSUL GENERAL FROM FINLAND. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **HON. KIRSTI WESTPHALEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
23 THIS IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME AS THE CONSUL GENERAL OF FINLAND  
24 BUT ALSO AS THE DEAN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS OF LOS ANGELES,  
25 REPRESENTING ALTOGETHER 98 COUNTRIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES, A





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1 FEW MORE UP IN SAN FRANCISCO. ALSO, PARTICULAR THANKS ON ALL  
2 OF THESE COUNTRIES GO TO YOUR OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND MRS.  
3 ASSAB FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF US ALL THE TIME. THERE ARE  
4 98 COUNTRIES PRESENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WHY IS THAT? BECAUSE  
5 CALIFORNIA IS THE PLACE FOR UP AND COMING IDEAS. CALIFORNIA  
6 HAS SHOWN THE WAY NOT ONLY TO THE REST OF THE U.S. BUT TO THE  
7 WORLD WHICH WAY TO GO GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE. THESE ARE THE  
8 KIND OF IDEAS ME AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT HERE.  
9 LOS ANGELES, THE CAPITAL OF ENTERTAINMENT, GIVES US WONDERFUL  
10 OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW- CASE OUR WONDERFUL STARS, OUR ARTS,  
11 CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO FIND WHATEVER YOU DO ON YOUR  
12 IPADS OR IPHONES. SILICON BEACH IS THE FUTURE FOR I.T. AND  
13 MOBILITY AND CONTENT PRODUCTION. THESE ARE THE REASONS WHY WE  
14 ARE PRESENT HERE AND WHY IN THE EIGHTH LARGEST ECONOMY OF THE  
15 WORLD, QUITE A FEW OF OUR CONSUL GENERALS ALSO COVER A NUMBER  
16 OF OTHER WESTERN STATES. I HAVE HAD SOME WONDERFUL FIVE YEARS  
17 HERE. I AM VERY, VERY SAD TO LEAVE. I WILL HAVE WONDERFUL,  
18 WONDERFUL MEMORIES. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR FRIENDS FOR  
19 MAKING SUCH A WONDERFUL STAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.  
20 [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE  
23 HAVE L.A. COUNTY STARS. AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS, THE ASSISTANT  
24 HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, COASTAL  
25 HEALTH CENTERS, MS. THUY BANH, THE ASSOCIATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR



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1 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DONNA NAGAOKA. AND THE  
2 ASSOCIATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, MR.  
3 TYLER SALE. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE THEM HERE AS THE  
4 WINNERS IN CATEGORIES THAT I WILL INDICATE, BUT MOST  
5 SPECIFICALLY THAT OF FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. GIVE THEM ALL A  
6 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MR. BAHN  
7 REDESIGNED THE MEDICAL CODING PATIENT VISITS. THIS PROCESS WAS  
8 PILOTED AT LONG BEACH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER AND WAS THEN  
9 QUICKLY EXPANDED TO THE BELLFLOWER AND WILMINGTON HEALTH  
10 CENTERS. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS A STATEMENT HE WISHES TO MAKE.  
11 GO BEACH, IS THAT IT? THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
12 SERVICES HAS BENEFITED FROM THIS PROCESS CHANGE IN THE  
13 FOLLOWING WAYS: REDUCING, GET THIS, REDUCING THE TIME NEEDED  
14 TO CODE PATIENT CHARTS FROM THREE MONTHS TO SEVEN DAYS. I DID  
15 SAY FROM THREE MONTHS TO SEVEN DAYS. THAT DESERVES A BIG ROUND  
16 OF APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF. [APPLAUSE.] ENABLING ELECTRONIC  
17 TRACKING OF PROVIDER PRODUCTIVITY ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THIS WAS  
18 IMPOSSIBLE IN THE PAST. FACILITATING THE AUTOMATION OF  
19 CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DATA. THIS PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN  
20 DONE MANUALLY. INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF PATIENT CHARTS  
21 TO THEIR PROVIDERS, RELOCATING TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WHICH  
22 THEY REASSIGNED TO OTHER SHORT STAFF OPERATIONS, AND FINALLY  
23 REDUCING OPERATION COSTS BY NEARLY \$70,000 PER YEAR. AND SO  
24 IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT MR. BAHN IS A GRADUATE OF THE HEALTH  
25 SERVICES MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP, MS. BAHN IS, AND SHE IS A



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1 CONSTANT INNOVATOR, COMPASSIONATE LEADER AND AN OUTSTANDING  
2 MENTOR. AND SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THUY BANH FOR  
3 HER OUTSTANDING WORK AND GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND  
4 ASK HER TO BRING REMARKS AT THIS TIME. THUY? [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **THUY BANH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. I WANTED TO SAY  
7 THAT THIS IS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT. AND I WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO  
8 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND THE STAFF AT LONG BEACH COMPREHENSIVE  
9 HEALTH CENTER, PARTICULARLY THE I.T. DEPARTMENT, THE MEDICAL  
10 RECORDS DEPARTMENT AND THE STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION. AND THANK  
11 YOU FOR MY BOSS, DONNA NAGAOKA FOR INSPIRING ME. AND MY  
12 SOMETIME BOSSES, DR. CEDO AND DR. RABOSA, FOR NOMINATING ME.  
13 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE  
16 APPRECIATE OUR L.A. COUNTY STARS AND THEIR INNOVATION. AT THIS  
17 POINT IN TIME A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE IS INVOKED BY  
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M GOING TO ASK A  
21 FRIEND OF MINE TO COME ON UP. WE HAVE ANOTHER BITTERSWEET  
22 FAREWELL.

23

24 **JAN PERRY:** MOSTLY SWEET.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MOSTLY SWEET? THIS OF COURSE IS COUNCILWOMAN JAN  
2 PERRY. SHE IS CERTAINLY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST DEVOTED  
3 PUBLIC SERVANTS. SHE HAS PROUDLY REPRESENTED THE NINTH  
4 DISTRICT SINCE 2001, WHICH INCLUDES THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF  
5 ALL OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, SOUTH LOS ANGELES, LITTLE TOKYO  
6 AS WELL AS BUNKER HILL. WE ALL KNOW AND ADMIRE JAN'S  
7 OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS SHE'S BEEN A VIGOROUS PROPONENT FOR  
8 L.A. LIVE, THE DOWNTOWN CATHEDRAL AND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AS WELL AS MANY OF THE MUCH NEEDED  
10 GROCERY STORES HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SHE HAS AN ARRAY OF  
11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND WE ALL KNOW SHE'S BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE  
12 OF JOB CREATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, PENSION REFORM,  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND HAS ALWAYS REMAINED FOCUSED AND,  
14 YOU KNOW, REALLY DIRECTED TO ALL OF THE BUDGET MATTERS THAT GO  
15 ON IN THE CITY OF L.A. BUT ONE OF JAN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS  
16 IS BEING A KEY PARTNER WITH THE RENAISSANCE OF ALL OF DOWNTOWN  
17 LOS ANGELES. WHEN JAN AND I JOINED FORCES ON BEHALF OF THE  
18 GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES OF COURSE OUR BEAUTIFUL  
19 GRAND PARK, WHICH WE'RE BOTH VERY, VERY PROUD OF, WE SAW EYE  
20 TO EYE ON MANY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THAT PROJECT, AND OF COURSE  
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAS ONE OF THE KEY OUTCOMES. JAN AGREED  
22 THAT THE PROJECT'S BENEFITS TO THE DOWNTOWN CULTURAL AND  
23 COMMERCIAL CORPS, BUT SHE WAS MOST PASSIONATE, AS I SAW, ABOUT  
24 THE INCLUSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CERTAINLY THE GREATER  
25 COMMUNITY BENEFITS THAT WOULD COME OUT OF THAT PROJECT. AND SO



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1 JAN, I'M TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT  
2 PART OF IT. IT WAS A GREAT PARTNERSHIP AS SHE CONTINUED TO  
3 WORK ON THAT. SHE MADE SURE THAT THAT JOB TRAINING WAS THERE,  
4 THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WERE IN PLACE, THAT WE HAD HIGH  
5 QUALITY JOBS WITHIN ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT WERE DONE  
6 DOWNTOWN. AND THEY WERE ALL WOVEN THROUGH ALL OF THAT PROJECT.  
7 AND OF COURSE THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP THAT JAN  
8 PROVIDED ON EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. AND OF COURSE I WANT TO  
9 APPLAUD HER BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN A COURAGEOUS WOMAN. SHE  
10 HAS TAKEN ON THE LEADERSHIP ROLE, AGAINST SOMETIMES MANY ODDS,  
11 AND INCLUDING CERTAINLY MORE COURAGEOUS THAN MOST OF US FOR  
12 RUNNING FOR MAYOR ACROSS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE WANT  
13 TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK. I KNOW SHE'S  
14 GOING TO BE MOVING ON AND DOING SOME TREMENDOUS CONTINUED WORK  
15 THAT MAY BE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AS WELL, BUT WE HERE, AND I  
16 KNOW ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ARE VERY  
17 PROUD OF YOUR LEADERSHIP WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR OUTSTANDING  
18 PUBLIC SERVICE, CONGRATULATIONS, JAN. [APPLAUSE.] JAN, WOULD  
19 YOU SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US, PLEASE?

20

21 **JAN PERRY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I AM  
22 EXTREMELY TOUCHED BY YOUR KIND WORDS AND YOUR PRESENTATION.  
23 AND I KNEW THAT WHEN WE JOINED FORCES ON THE GRAND AVENUE  
24 PROJECT, THERE WAS NO STOPPING US. AND THE TREMENDOUS  
25 LEADERSHIP THAT YOU SHOWED AND CONTINUE TO SHOW WILL CHANGE





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1 THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES  
2 FOREVER. AND SO I WAS VERY HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SIT ALONGSIDE  
3 WITH YOU AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. AND I  
4 KNOW WE HAVE A PASSION, A GREAT PASSION FOR HELPING PEOPLE  
5 CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF THEIR LIVES, TO EDUCATE PEOPLE'S  
6 CHILDREN, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY HOUSED, THAT  
7 PEOPLE HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPETE FOR WORK AND TO GET BACK ON  
8 THEIR FEET. THAT IS HOW WE RECOVER OUR CITY, THAT IS HOW WE  
9 RECOVER OUR COUNTY; AND, YES, I WILL CONTINUE IN PUBLIC  
10 SERVICE. IT IS MY PASSION AND MY LOVE BECAUSE I LOVE PEOPLE,  
11 LIKE I KNOW YOU DO. ALSO I KNOW THAT WE LIKE TO FIGHT FOR  
12 PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. AND THAT WILL CONTINUE.  
13 AND SO THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
14 MOLINA, FOR YOUR KINDNESS TODAY. I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
19 NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE DEAN OF THE  
20 BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, TODAY ONCE AGAIN IS AN  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE HIGH ACHIEVERS IN THE ENRICHMENT  
24 PLUS PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
25 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE'RE VERY PLEASED SINCE THE



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1 PROGRAM I INITIATED A FEW YEARS AGO. WE'RE PROUD OF THE  
2 PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED WHO  
3 PROVIDE A \$50 GIFT CARD FOR BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE SO THEY  
4 CAN ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES. SO THE  
5 STUDENTS THAT I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE NOW FOR THE BEST ACADEMIC  
6 ACHIEVEMENT, GLORIA MARTINEZ. [APPLAUSE.] TAHAREL CORNELIUS.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] THAT WAS FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. ALSO FOR  
8 BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, MELISSA RIVERA. [APPLAUSE.]  
9 MICHELLE YENGLE. [APPLAUSE.] AMY KELLY. AMY? OKAY. DESIREE  
10 VARELLA. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO FOR BEST IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
11 ACHIEVEMENT, CARLA BORENA GOMEZ PARISH. [APPLAUSE.] CONSUELA  
12 WILLIAMS? [APPLAUSE.] DO YOU WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS?  
13 THIS IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND HE'S HERE IN ALL OF THESE. WE DO  
14 THESE EVERY MONTH, RECOGNIZING THE BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
15 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR PROGRAM. WE'RE JUST PROUD OF THEM,  
16 AND YOU, WE'RE PROUD OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TOO.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I REPRESENT YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED. AND I WANT TO  
19 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR LETTING US PARTICIPATE IN THIS  
20 AFFAIR. AND WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS, I  
21 BELIEVE. SO, AND IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE  
22 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY CAPABLE  
23 OF ACHIEVING HIGHER STANDARDS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SUPERVISOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU, THE BOARD,  
2 BUT MOST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK THE YOUTH UP HERE WHO HAVE  
3 DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB DURING THIS LAST YEAR. THEY HAVE A FAN  
4 BASE, CAMERAS THAT ARE TAKING PICTURES. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF  
5 THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF YOUTH WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS  
6 YEAR, WHO ARE GOING ON TO COLLEGE, AND I DO WANT TO GIVE THEM  
7 ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUNE IS ALSO A VERY SPECIAL MONTH BECAUSE  
10 THIS IS REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH. AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE  
11 FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB IN HELPING  
12 WITH OUR REFUGEES. FIRST I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CATHOLIC  
13 CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES. NEXT IS THE INTERFACE REFUGEE AND  
14 IMMIGRATION SERVICE. THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LOS  
15 ANGELES. THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES? WORLD RELIEF. THE  
16 ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY. THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES.  
17 JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES.  
18 CHERYL? SAY A FEW WORDS. IS THIS FOR YOU? WE DIDN'T-- WHAT?  
19 OKAY. INTERNATIONAL REFUGEES ASSOCIATION, SERVICES AND ALL OF  
20 THE ABOVE. OKAY, SHERYL SPILLER.

21

22 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE  
23 ENTIRE BOARD. D.P.S.S. WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE  
24 PERSEVERANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN  
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WHO ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR



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1 COMMUNITY. IN PROVIDING BOTH CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY  
2 SENSITIVE SERVICES, D.P.S.S. AND ITS PARTNERS AFFORD NEWLY  
3 SETTLED REFUGEES A PERIOD OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE DURING  
4 THEIR ADJUSTMENT AND INTEGRATION INTO OUR-- INTO THEIR NEW  
5 FOUND COMMUNITIES. D.P.S.S. CURRENTLY SERVES APPROXIMATELY  
6 2200 REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
7 ASSISTANCE. TODAY WE HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OUR COMMUNITY  
8 PARTNERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING  
9 REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND IN BECOMING CONTRIBUTING  
10 MEMBERS OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT  
11 OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALSO A PARTNER IN  
12 PROVIDING HEALTH EXAMINATIONS FOR THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY. THANK  
13 YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE ACADEMIC  
16 SCHOLARS IN OUR COUNTY WHO HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB, AND TODAY  
17 WE'RE RECOGNIZING GRENADA HILLS CHARTERED HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC  
18 DECATHLON TEAM ON THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL  
19 CHAMPIONSHIP. SO THEY'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. THEY CONTINUE TO  
20 HAVE HIGH STANDARDS AND WIN THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN APRIL,  
21 THE TEAM COMPETED AGAINST 50 TEAMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES  
22 AND MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA. THIS IS A VERY RIGOROUS, TEN  
23 SUBJECT COMPETITION IN WHICH STUDENTS ARE TESTED FROM  
24 LITERATURE AND ART TO MATH AND SCIENCE. OUT OF 66,000 TOTAL  
25 POINTS, THEY SCORED 54,652, BEATING SECOND PLACE TEAM EL



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1 CAMINO REAL BY 974 POINTS. EIGHT STUDENTS SHOWED THEIR  
2 INTELLECTUAL POWERS BY DOMINATING THE COMPETITION, WHICH  
3 FOCUSED ON QUESTIONS ABOUT RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND CULTURE. SO  
4 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
5 HAVING THEIR PEERS COME HERE FOR THE FOURTH YEAR NEXT JUNE. SO  
6 AT THIS TIME, LET ME RECOGNIZE BEA DIMONAHEN <PH?> YOU CAN  
7 PRONOUNCE IT FOR ME. CONGRATULATIONS. PRONOUNCE IT. PRONOUNCE  
8 IT OUT.

9

10 **BEA DIMONAHEN:** BEA DIMONAHEN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COOL. SEE, ANTONOVICH SOUNDS LIKE SMITH.  
13 MARIA TRORI <PH?>? RENA KIM. HE WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORDS.  
14 OKAY.

15

16 **RENA KIM:** IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. AND AS STUDENTS OF GRENADA  
17 HILLS CHARTER, THE LARGEST CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE NATION, THANK  
18 YOU, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND ALL THE  
19 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING US. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR? THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A LITTLE SLATER WHO IS A DOMESTIC  
24 MIX. HE'S A LITTLE BOY, WHO NOW COULD PROBABLY SING IN THE  
25 CHOIR. THIS IS LITTLE SLATER. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN





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1 CALL 562-728-4610. AND HE COMES WITH A LOT OF LOVE. SAY IT  
2 HERE. CAN YOU SAY IT HERE? HE'S SAYING "I WANT UNCLE MARK."  
3 [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S CALL THIS SESSION TO  
6 ORDER.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:**-- LITTLE SLATER, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610.  
9 OKAY. OKAY, SLATER. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH. YOUR VENTRILOQUIST SKILLS ARE REMARKABLE. I DON'T  
13 BELIEVE THAT KITTEN WAS SAYING THAT AT ALL. AS A MATTER OF  
14 FACT, THAT KITTEN WAS OUT OF ORDER AND YOU'RE GOING TO FIND  
15 OUT IN A MOMENT. ALL RIGHT, THEN, IF THERE'S NO FURTHER  
16 PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL MOVE WITH THE AGENDA FOR THE DAY. WE  
17 BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD, WE'LL START WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 1  
21 THROUGH 7. AND FOR ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP  
22 TO TESTIFY, CAN YOU PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO  
23 BE SWORN IN? ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
24 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO THE TELL THE  
25 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU



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1 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS THE  
2 HEARING ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE  
3 FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 3, TO  
4 PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF FEES ON THE TAX ROLL  
5 AT THE SAME RATE AS FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009. THERE IS A  
6 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
7 RECEIVED. AND I BELIEVE THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
8 WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. PERHAPS THERE IS NO  
9 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT  
10 STATEMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WHILE WE AWAIT THE  
13 DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT AT THIS POINT. WE AWAIT THE  
14 DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT, GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE ... YOUR NAME,  
15 RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER, SIR.

16

17 **STEVEN MOLESKI:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEVEN EDWARD MOLESKI  
18 <PH?>. I'M A SENIOR ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
19 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS, FOR THE CONTINUED  
20 COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS  
21 CURRENT LEVEL ON THE TAX ROLL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.  
22 THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE  
23 WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IT IS MY OPINION  
24 THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS  
25 CURRENT LEVEL, AND IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO



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1 COLLECT A SERVICE CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES  
2 THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED  
3 PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION  
4 SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT  
5 RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS ON THIS REPORT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
8 PRESENTATION. MA'AM?

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS ONE  
11 INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOTE THE NAME OF ARNOLD SACHS.  
14 MR. SACHS, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? IS MR. SACHS PRESENT?  
15 SIR.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BOUNCING THE CHAIRS, SIR. THANK YOU, GOOD  
18 MORNING. ARNOLD-- TWO MINUTES ON THESE ITEMS NOW?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. HELLO. VERY FULL AGENDA  
21 TODAY.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. WE JUST HEARD THE REPORT. HE  
24 MENTIONED THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGE. HE DIDN'T MENTION  
25 ANYTHING ABOUT THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE, AND IS THE



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1 SOLID WASTE RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT? BUT,  
2 ANYWAY, HERE'S MY CONCERN. YOU'RE LOOKING TO CONTINUE THE  
3 COLLECTION OF FEES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR THESE AREAS, ATHENS,  
4 WOODCREST, OLIVITA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU,  
5 MESA, WHATEVER, BUT WHEN THE GARBAGE IS COLLECTED BY THESE  
6 COMPANIES AND TAKEN TO THE LANDFILLS, LIKE MAYBE SUNSHINE  
7 CANYON LANDFILL, YOU'RE NOT COLLECTING THE FEES FROM THE  
8 GARBAGE TRUCKS. LET ME REFER YOU BACK TO YOUR ITEM FROM, WHEN  
9 WAS THIS? MAY 23, 2006. OR ACTUALLY JUNE 7, 2006 WHEN YOU  
10 INCREASED THE LANDFILL USAGE AT SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL FROM  
11 6,000 TONS A DAY TO 12,100 TONS A DAY, FROM 36,000 TONS A WEEK  
12 TO 66,000 TONS A WEEK. SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT 6600 TONS OF  
13 WASTE THAT WOULD BE-- GARBAGE THAT WOULD BE COLLECTED BY  
14 GARBAGE TRUCKS MAYBE FROM THESE AREAS, 6600 TONS A WEEK IS  
15 BETWEEN 30 AND 45 GARBAGE TRUCKS THAT AREN'T PAYING THE FEES.  
16 SO IF THEY AREN'T PAYING THE FEES AT THE END OF THE ROUTE,  
17 DON'T YOU THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
18 THEIR FEES REDUCED THE SAME PERCENTAGE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT  
19 COLLECTING AGAIN AND FROM THE COMPANIES THAT ARE PICKING UP  
20 THE TRASH? 6600 TONS. THAT'S FIVE YEARS OF FREE WASTE, FIVE  
21 YEARS OF FREE WASTE EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, 6600 TONS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE APPRECIATE  
24 YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT DOES CLOSE THE



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1 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THIS ITEM. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
5 THE BOARD. A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
6 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND  
7 DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14. AS A  
8 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE  
9 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IT'S BEFORE US.  
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. I SEE  
13 NO OBJECTION. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS  
16 A HEARING ON THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS  
18 NUMBER 1, 2 AND 4 AND ZONES THEREIN WITH NO INCREASE IN RATE  
19 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013/14. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE IS ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO  
21 WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS MATTER.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE-- ARE YOU  
24 HERE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT? DO YOU HAVE A STATEMENT?

25



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1 **MICHAEL CHRISTIE:** YES, I DO, SIR.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL LET'S PROCEED. AND LET ME  
4 INDICATE TO THE DEPARTMENTS, WHETHER IT BE PUBLIC WORKS OR  
5 REGIONAL PLANNING, MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE IN FULL COORDINATION  
6 WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS TO WHETHER YOU HAVE A STATEMENT  
7 OR NOT. AND LET ME ASK THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO COME FORWARD.  
8 WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD, AND WE HAVE A  
9 NUMBER OF ITEMS TODAY. SO ALL DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE PLANNING TO  
10 TESTIFY ON THE BALANCE OF THE ISSUES, PLEASE FIND YOURSELVES  
11 TO MY RIGHT AND BE IN THE QUEUE. THANK YOU. YOUR NAME, RANK  
12 AND SERIAL NUMBER.

13

14 **MICHAEL CHRISTIE:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL CHRISTIE I AM THE SPECIAL  
15 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
16 RECREATION. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY  
17 OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 WITHIN  
18 LANDSCAPING L.A. A.D. DISTRICTS NO. 1, 2 AND 4 AT THEIR  
19 EXISTING LEVELS FOR ALL ZONES THEREIN. IN MY OPINION, ALL OF  
20 THE AREAS WITHIN L.L.A. DISTRICTS NO. 1, 2 AND 4 WILL BE  
21 BENEFITED BY THOSE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THE  
22 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THESE ZONES WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
23 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO THE INVOLVED  
24 PROPERTIES. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE





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1 PROPOSED LEVY OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR L.L.A. DISTRICT  
2 NO.S 1, 2 AND 4.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 ONE PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD. ARNOLD SACHS, IF YOU WOULD  
6 COME FORWARD, PLEASE. YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD  
7 SACHS. THE GENTLEMAN FROM THE PARK BUREAU?

8

9 **MICHAEL CHRISTIE:** PARKS AND RECREATION.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, THE LEAVY GOING TO BE  
12 CREATED FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING. JUST WONDERING HOW THOSE  
13 INTERACT. BUT THE ASSESSMENTS. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT PROP 13, BY  
14 ANY CHANCE WITH PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS? JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, DID  
15 YOU HEAR THE DODGERS GOT SOLD? \$2.1 BILLION, SOMETHING LIKE  
16 THAT. THE VALUE OF THE TEAM WENT UP, BUT DID THE PROPERTY  
17 VALUE GO UP? NO. BECAUSE PROP 13 SAYS IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE  
18 OWNERSHIP, NOT A 51 PERCENT OWNER, THE PROPERTY VALUE DOESN'T  
19 CHANGE. SO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITIES AND THE  
20 COUNTIES NEED TO INCREASE, BUT THE REVENUE COMING BACK FROM  
21 THOSE MAJOR PROPERTIES-- AND THE L.A. TIMES DID A STORY ABOUT  
22 SOME PROPERTY IN SANTA MONICA, B.F.D., BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
23 L.A., LIKE L.A. LIVE, DODGERS STADIUM, THESE HUGE PROPERTIES,  
24 ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS. EVEN THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT  
25 THAT'S GOING ON WITH METRO. THE PROPERTY VALUES GO UP. BUT THE



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1 PROPERTY TAX DOESN'T GO UP WITH IT. SO PEOPLE LIKE THESE  
2 PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE LIGHTING DISTRICTS AND OTHER DISTRICTS  
3 THAT ARE ASSESSED INCREASES IN THEIR PROPERTY END UP FOOTING  
4 THE BILL, BUT THEY LOSE SERVICE BECAUSE THESE MORE EXPENSIVE  
5 PROPERTY OWNERS AND THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE CLOSER TIES TO  
6 ELECTED OFFICIALS DEMAND TO GET SERVICES THAT THE PUBLIC  
7 PROVIDES: POLICE, FIRE, EMERGENCY. ANYTHING ALONG THOSE LINES,  
8 THE PUBLIC LOSES OUT ON.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC  
15 HEARING ON THIS ITEM. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS ITEM IS NOW BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES.  
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. I SEE NO OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE  
21 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NEXT ITEM IS NO. 3. THIS IS THE  
24 HEARING ON THE DETACHMENT OF ZONE NO. 74, AT TESORO DEL VALLE  
25 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT, DISTRICT



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1 NO. 4. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
2 RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. THERE IS ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD  
3 LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
6 PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

7

8 **MICHAEL CHRISTIE:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL CHRISTIE. I AM THE  
9 SPECIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
10 RECREATION. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
11 DETACHMENT OF ZONE NO. 74, TESORO DEL VALLE FROM COUNTY  
12 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT, DISTRICT NO. 4. THE TESORO DEL  
13 VALLE MASTER HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, TOGETHER WITH THIS  
14 COMMUNITY, HAS REQUESTED THE DETACHMENT OF ZONE NO. 74 FROM  
15 COUNTY L.L.A.D. NO. 4. THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION HAS ELECTED  
16 TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE DETACHED  
17 OPEN SPACE AREAS, OPEN SPACE LOTS AND COMMON AREAS WITHIN ZONE  
18 NO. 74. THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION TOOK A VOTE OF ITS  
19 COMMUNITY AND DETERMINED THAT THE MAJORITY SUPPORTED THE  
20 DETACHMENT. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
21 RECOMMENDS THAT ZONE NO. 74 BE DETACHED FROM L.L.A.D. NO. 4  
22 EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2014.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
25 PRESENTATION. WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS POINT. WE



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1 NOTE THE NAME OF ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS, DO YOU WISH TO BE  
2 HEARD? GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, MR. SACHS? YOU'RE WAIVING?  
3 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS: TO CLOSE THE  
6 PUBLIC HEARING AND TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT IS BEFORE US.  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING  
10 NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR OBJECTION, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
11 VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
14 THE APPROVAL OF NEW OR UPDATED BILLING RATES BY THE DEPARTMENT  
15 OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HOSPITAL AND PATIENT RATES, INCLUDING  
16 HOSPITAL AND RELATED STAFF SERVICES IN THE HOSPITAL SERVICES  
17 COMPONENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT  
18 STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED BUT I BELIEVE THERE  
19 ARE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE CORRECT. WE NOTE THE  
22 NAMES OF DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN  
23 ON ITEM NO. 4. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD?

24



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE  
2 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND ITEM 4 IS A TEENY BIT  
3 PERPLEXING. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE PROPOSED BILLING RATES FOR  
4 OUR HOSPITALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND, YOU  
5 KNOW, I LOOKED THEM OVER WITH SOME INTEREST. AND YOU KNOW, FOR  
6 EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE HOSPITALS HAS A JAIL LINE, WHICH IS 3500  
7 FOR HOSPITAL AND RELATED STAFF SERVICES. AND THEN 3387 FOR  
8 JUST HOSPITAL SERVICES. THAT'S A BIG NUMBER. AND I HAD  
9 RECALLED THAT AT ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS THERE WAS A  
10 NUMBER THAT WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABOUT 500 FOR A DAY  
11 UNDER THE CATEGORY OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I WASN'T SURE IF THAT  
12 WAS INCLUDED. THAT SAID, AS I LOOKED AT THE RATES, AND THIS  
13 REALLY IS COMPREHENSIVE. THIS HAS, YOU KNOW, ALMOST EVERY KIND  
14 OF PROCEDURE THAT YOU COULD IMAGINE, AND I THINK YOU'RE GOING  
15 TO ENJOY THIS PART OF MY PRESENTATION, I WAS REALLY VERY  
16 PLEASED WITH THESE RATES. THESE SEEMED EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE.  
17 I MEAN, THEY SEEM LIKE GOOD RATES. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR  
18 EXAMPLE, A MAMMOGRAM, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT ALL WOMEN SHOULD  
19 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHEN THEY CAN, TO BE SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT,  
20 YOU KNOW, AFFLICTED THERE, IS SOMETHING LIKE \$86. NOW, WHEN I  
21 QUIZZED AN EXPERT, SHE SAID IT'S GOT TO BE CLOSER TO 300 AS  
22 FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. SO THIS IS EXCELLENT NEWS. AND I KNOW  
23 THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ROLL OUT THE FACT THAT COUNTY HOSPITALS  
24 ARE NOT JUST PLACES WHERE YOU CAN GET GOOD CARE, BUT THEY'RE  
25 NOW, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY, A FAIRLY GOOD DEAL. SO I WOULD



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1 ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO GO TO THE WEBSITE, DOWNLOAD THOSE  
2 RATES AND SEE IF IT WORKS AS WELL AS IT SEEMS. SO THANK YOU  
3 FOR THAT. AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
6 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE, DR. CLAVREUL.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. A LOT OF THOSE RATES KIND  
10 OF REALLY PUZZLE ME. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE KNOWN HOW THEY MADE  
11 THAT DECISION AND WHAT WAS THE RATE BEFORE. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU  
12 LOOK AT CHANGE, USUALLY YOU GET A BEFORE AND AFTER. THERE IS  
13 ABSOLUTELY NO WAY TO COMPARE. AND WHERE THE NUMBER CAME OUT  
14 OF. I MEAN, SOME OF THOSE NUMBERS ARE RIDICULOUSLY LOW. AND  
15 CONTRARY TO MR. PREVEN'S ASSESSMENT, IF WE DO NOT GET-- IF WE  
16 DO NOT CHARGE ENOUGH, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A HOSPITAL,  
17 AND WE COULD NOT MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF CARE TO THE PATIENT.  
18 SO SOME OF THOSE NUMBERS ARE JUST SO LOW IS ALMOST RIDICULOUS,  
19 YOU KNOW. AND LIKE I SAID, WE HAVE NO COMPARISON, SO THAT'S  
20 VERY CONCERNING TO ME AND ALSO DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHAT THE  
21 REIMBURSEMENT IS. AND SO I THINK THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE  
22 LOOKED AT, AND I DON'T THINK MANY OF THEM DON'T MAKE ANY  
23 SENSE. AND THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS?





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1  
2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, SIR, THANK YOU, AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. HERE'S  
3 MY CONCERN. THIS IS SOMEWHAT-- NO, IT'S NOT SOMEWHAT. IT IS  
4 DISINGENUOUS, ONE WEEK TO GO BEFORE THIS RATES BECOME  
5 EFFECTIVE AND YOU'RE HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS? HOW  
6 MUCH-- DID YOU GET ANY WRITTEN RESPONSE ON THIS ITEM? HOW LONG  
7 HAS THIS ONE BEEN IN THE WORKS THAT YOU WOULD SCHEDULE IT ONE  
8 WEEK, NOT EVEN ANOTHER BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TO DISCUSS IT,  
9 JUST "WE GOT IT RIGHT, WE'RE DOING THIS, WE DON'T CARE." I'M  
10 CONCERNED WHERE IT SAYS "HOSPITAL AND RELATED STAFF SERVICES"  
11 AND THE "HOSPITAL SERVICES." SO YOU'RE GOING TO BILL-- WHAT  
12 HOSPITAL SERVICES WOULD BE BILLED FOR THAT WOULDN'T BE UNDER  
13 THE COLUMN OF HOSPITAL AND RELATED STAFF SERVICES? WOULD THOSE  
14 BE UNRELATED STAFF SERVICES? AGAIN, IT'S SO DISINGENUOUS THAT  
15 YOU WOULD EXTEND THIS RATES ONE WEEK BEFORE THEY'RE GOING TO  
16 GO INTO EFFECT. AND I DON'T SEE ANY MENTION ABOUT M.L.K.  
17 HOSPITAL OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THE NEW FACILITY WHEN IT  
18 OPENS UP SOMETIME SOON, SOMETIME BEFORE 2015, HOPEFULLY, WILL  
19 THEY BE INCLUSIVE OF THESE RATES? AND, BY THE WAY, IS THERE A  
20 WAITING ROOM OR WAITING FOR CARE REBATE AVAILABLE TO THE  
21 PATIENTS THAT COME IN, THAT AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME,  
22 EIGHT HOURS, THEY GET LOWER COST TO BE SEEN IN AN EMERGENCY  
23 SITUATION AT ONE OF THE FACILITIES? UNDERSTANDING I BELIEVE  
24 THAT IT IS OVERWHELMING, BUT LOOKING OUT FOR THE PATIENT CARE



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1 AND THE PATIENT WAITING TIME SHOULD ALSO BE UNDER SOME  
2 CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM NO. 4. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
6 OFFICER.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. ON HEARING NO  
12 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS ITEM IS BEING  
15 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 2, 2013. THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE  
16 PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON IT. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD HIS  
17 COMMENTS UNTIL HE HAS MULTIPLE ITEMS HE WILL BE SPEAKING ON.  
18 SO WE'LL HOLD THAT ONE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY? WE'RE TRYING TO  
21 EXPEDITE THE AGENDA. IF YOU WOULD ACCOMMODATE US, YOU CAN  
22 INCLUDE THAT IN THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE UP AND I'LL GIVE THAT TO  
23 YOU, ALL RIGHT? I'M SORRY. MR. PREVEN, YOU WILL HAVE AN  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON IT. WE'RE NOT TAKING THE ITEM UP  
25 TODAY.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS A DE NOVO  
3 HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2012-01612-4, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
4 FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT TO ESTABLISH A  
5 BILLIARD HALL FACILITY LOCATED AT 18888 LAVIN COURT IN LA  
6 PUENTE COURT DISTRICT APPLIED BY FOR CANTOR HOOD L.L.C. THERE  
7 IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, AND CORRESPONDENCE  
8 WAS RECEIVED. AND I BELIEVE THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD  
9 LIKE TO ALSO SPEAK ON IT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE NOTE THE NAME OF PETER WANG,  
12 IF YOU WILL COME FORWARD, WE'LL HEAR THE DEPARTMENT  
13 PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME.

14

15 **MOREL TASHA JANG:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MOREL  
16 TASHA JANG <PH?> AND I'M WITH THE ZONING PERMITS E SECTION OF  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE APPEAL BEFORE YOU IS  
18 REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE A BILLIARD  
19 HALL FACILITY WITHIN AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL CENTER IN THE C-3-  
20 B.E. UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL BILLBOARD EXCLUSION ZONE. THERE IS  
21 CURRENTLY NO LIMIT ON THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND NO ALCOHOL  
22 SERVICE IS PROPOSED. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED AT 18888  
23 LAVIN COURT, UNIT NO. B208 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF  
24 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE HEARING  
25 OFFICER ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 AND BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING



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1 COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 6, 2013. THE APPROVAL IS BEING APPEALED  
2 BY MR. DON KIM. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M HAPPY  
3 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
6 SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS TO BE HEARD.

7

8 **PETER WANG:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONORABLE  
9 SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS PETER WANG. I'M ARCHITECT FOR THE  
10 PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TO HEAR THIS CASE AND  
11 HOPE WE WILL GAIN YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BUSINESS. THE APPLICANT  
12 OF SUBJECT BUSINESS IS A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE AND COMPETES IN  
13 POOL SPORTS IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL OCCASIONS. HE IS PLANNING  
14 TO BUILD A SPORTS FACILITY MEETING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS  
15 WHICH NOTES THE POOL SPORT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE  
16 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE BACK TO 1996. AND THIS  
17 COMMUNITY IN THE NEWLY BUILT SHOPPING CENTER WILL BE ABLE TO  
18 GROW THE ATHLETE IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND TRAIN AND  
19 QUALIFY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. THIS BUSINESS IS  
20 LOCATED IN BRAND NEW SHOPPING CENTER PEARL EAST, WHICH IS  
21 STILL UNDER NOTE, THE INTENSIVE TENANT IMPROVEMENT AND TRYING  
22 TO GETTING MORE TENANTS INTO THE BUSINESS. THE TRAFFIC ISSUE  
23 HAS BEEN FULLY COVERED DURING THE APPROVAL FOR THE ENTIRE  
24 CENTER, AND THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE 24 HOUR SECURITY AND  
25 CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY. WE LIKE NOW TO



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1 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND ALL THE STAFF FROM  
2 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER ALSO  
3 ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, PLANNING MARIA MASSIS  
4 <PH?>. AND ESPECIALLY MOREL TASHA JANG FOR THEIR  
5 PROFESSIONALISM AND PROACTIVE ATTITUDE AND ESPECIALLY THE  
6 INSTRUMENTAL PERSON MR. DICKY SIMMONS. AND JUST ADDITIONAL  
7 NOTES FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WAS SUBMITTED APPLICATION  
8 BACK TO JULY OF THE LAST YEAR. IT WAS FIRST APPROVED BACK TO  
9 NOVEMBER. AND BECAUSE APPEAL PROCESS IS BEING ABUSED AND THEN  
10 WAS REAPPROVED ON FEBRUARY AND THEN UNTIL TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY, SIR.

14

15 **PETER WANG:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR  
18 KNABE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. BASED  
21 ON THE PROJECT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THIS BOARD ALONG WITH  
22 TODAY'S TESTIMONY, PROPOSED BILLIARD HALL WITH THE CONDITIONS  
23 RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE  
24 PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WOULD BE  
25 COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND LIMITING



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1 THE DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 A.M. CONSISTENT  
2 WITH THE CONDITIONS ON OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES OPERATING  
3 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
4 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO DENY THE  
5 APPEAL AND APPROVE PROJECT NUMBER 2012-01612-4 CONDITIONAL USE  
6 PERMIT CASE NUMBER 2012-20087 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER  
7 2012-00160 AND INSTRUCT THE CITY COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE  
8 CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND  
9 BRING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS BEFORE  
12 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? FURTHER COMMENT? MADAME  
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK WE'RE PREPARED TO DISPOSE OF THE  
15 ITEM, ARE WE NOT?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, WE ARE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SEEING NO OBJECTIONS AND NO  
20 FURTHER DISCUSSION, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE PURSUANT TO  
21 THE KNABE MOTION. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE  
24 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO





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1 HAVE SIGNED UP FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL THEM  
2 UP NOW.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT PORTION  
5 OF OUR AGENDA, WHICH IS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO  
6 WANT TO SPEAK ON THE CONSENT ITEMS TO BEGIN WITH KEITH GREEN,  
7 ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THE FOUR OF  
8 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND ADDRESS THE ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE  
9 LISTED. MR. PREVEN, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON AN EARLIER ITEM?  
10 TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO DO SO.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** I COULDN'T HEAR YOU, BUT YES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE  
15 OTHER ITEM, TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO DO SO.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NOT ABLE TO HEAR YOU. COULD  
18 YOU REPEAT THAT?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** JUST PROCEED. I WAS TRYING TO  
21 GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM THAT YOU WANTED  
22 TO SPEAK ON, VERY, VERY BRIEFLY.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M SORRY. THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE CONDITION  
25 TODAY. OH NO, THERE'S TWO MINUTES, SIR



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. PROCEED.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** UNACCEPTABLE. WHY IS THERE TWO MINUTES ON  
5 NUMEROUS ITEMS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE USING YOUR TIME.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** WOW, UNBELIEVABLE. OKAY, ITEM NO. 5 HAD LANGUAGE  
10 WHICH CHANGED THE ORDINANCE REGARDING BOARDING HOMES BUT IT  
11 DIDN'T CHANGE IT AT ALL. IT JUST CHANGED THE NUMBER. SO I KNOW  
12 IT'S COMING BACK NEXT WEEK. WE SHOULD CLARIFY WHAT THE  
13 LANGUAGE WAS BEFORE, IF THERE IS ANY KIND OF REVISION. IF IT'S  
14 JUST A NUMERICAL CHANGE BECAUSE THE BOARDING HOME ISSUE,  
15 FRANKLY, IS ONE THAT, AS YOU KNOW, THE CHINESE MATERNITY HOTEL  
16 TASKFORCE IS ONE THAT IS REALLY A THORN IN MY PAW, BECAUSE I  
17 DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE AND I THINK TO BE DEPLOYING  
18 COUNTY RESOURCES IN THAT WEIRD CHASE IS OFF, COMPLETELY OFF.  
19 THANK YOU. OKAY, SO ITEM NO. 12, GLORIA MOLINA HAS ASKED  
20 APPROPRIATELY FOR A REPORT ON THE HORRIBLE SITUATION OF THE  
21 TOXIC CHEMICALS IN VERNON. MY QUESTION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
22 RAISE IT AFTER 30 YEARS OF THIS STUFF DRIPPING INTO THE  
23 ENVIRONMENT, WHY SHOULD THAT BE A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT? I DON'T  
24 THINK IT SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL. ITEM NO. 14 IS, OF COURSE,  
25 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON D.C.F.S. THAT NUMEROUS MEMBERS



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1 OF THE PRESS HAVE COME DOWN ON. YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN HEARING  
2 ABOUT THIS SWELLING PROBLEM, YOU KNOW, INCLUSIVE OF MR. NASH--  
3 OH, THERE'S AN INDIVIDUAL RIGHT THERE, YEAH. MR. NASH, THE  
4 JUDGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
5 COURTS, BASICALLY FLUMMOXED BY HOW TO FIX THIS SITUATION. SO  
6 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, IN THEORY, IS A STEP IN THE  
7 CORRECT DIRECTION. IT SHOULD BE CALLED THE RED FLAG  
8 COMMISSION, NOT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. AND THE ONLY  
9 POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS TO OPEN THESE FACILITIES  
10 TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THERE IS A HUGE LEGAL OPERATION TO  
11 SEQUESTER ALL THAT INFORMATION AND IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. I  
12 DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT. THE TRIAL COURTS ARE UNDERFUNDED. WE  
13 HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THERE. ITEM NO. 18 AND SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY IS HOPING THAT I WON'T GET TO THIS HAS TO DO WITH  
15 AN ANNUAL GIFT. AND I'M A CHARITABLE MAN MYSELF, I BELIEVE IN  
16 CHARITY, AND THIS RAISES MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,  
17 WHICH IS A PRIVATE COMPANY, NOT THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, BUT IT'S  
18 THE MALIBU TRIATHLON. TWO YEARS AGO, I IDENTIFIED, WOW, WE'RE  
19 GIVING THEM 100,000 IN PARKING, THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. THE NEXT  
20 YEAR THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO HOW MUCH WE WERE GIVING THEM IN  
21 PARKING, AND EACH YEAR WE GIVE A GOOD CHECK TO THE CHILDREN'S  
22 HOSPITAL. MY QUESTION, I'VE ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER THIS,  
23 IS WHY CAN'T WE SIMPLY ASK FOR ALL OF THE COSTS SO WE CAN  
24 UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF THAT GIFT? I THINK IT'S VERY  
25 APPROPRIATE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, IN FACT, AND WHEN YOU



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1 HAVE RAISED IT AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE, IT'S WORRISOME THAT IT  
2 HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED. NOW AGAIN, I'M NOT CASTING ANY  
3 ASPERSIONS ON THIS GROUP. RAISING MONEY IS GOOD STUFF  
4 ESPECIALLY FOR THE KIDS BUT LET'S LOOK CLOSELY WHEN THERE'S  
5 QUESTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, MA'AM AND  
8 THEN SIR.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO SPEAK TO ITEM 14  
12 ACTUALLY WHEN IT'S PRESENTED, BUT I AM IN FAVOR OF A BLUE  
13 RIBBON COMMISSION. I JUST FEEL IT SHOULD BE BEYOND THE TWO  
14 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY EACH SUPERVISOR. I THINK IT SHOULD BE AT  
15 LEAST ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE APPOINTED ON THAT  
16 COMMISSION. I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THAT COMMISSIONS  
17 AND I FEEL IT SHOULD RESPOND TO YOU DIRECTLY AND NOT TO  
18 ANYBODY INVOLVED WITH THE C.F.S. TO BE EFFICIENT. I THINK IT'S  
19 TIME THAT YOU LOOK IN DEPTH OF WHAT'S GOING ON. I AM, YOU  
20 KNOW, I HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE BOARD SINCE 1999. I HAVE  
21 HEARD NOTHING BUT THE SAME COMPLAINT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. NOT  
22 EVERYBODY FROM THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN LYING. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE BY  
23 CHANCE ALONE. SO I THINK IT'S TIME WE HAVE A TRUE BLUE RIBBON  
24 COMMISSION WHICH REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
25 BOARD. NOT ANYBODY FROM THE D.C.F.S. AND NOT TO THE C.E.O.



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1 ALSO, AT THE SAME TIME, ON ITEM 23, IT IS THE SAME THING. I  
2 DON'T THINK THE SUNSET REVIEW SHOULD BE A STANDARD FOR THE  
3 COMMISSION ON D.C.F.S. BECAUSE IF THERE HAD BEEN MORE  
4 EFFICIENT, MAYBE THAT YOUNG BOY WOULD NOT HAVE DIED. SO I  
5 THINK TO PUT THE REVIEW DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE WHATSOEVER. ON  
6 ITEM 25, WHY DID YOU CUT THE FUNDING FOR ALL THOSE NURSING  
7 SCHOOLS BY ONE YEAR AND CUT THE MONEY FROM-- BY 90,000 PER  
8 EACH SCHOOL. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED. I  
9 ALSO HAVE TWO DOCUMENTS FOR YOU. ONE IS AN OPINION PIECE THAT  
10 I SENT ABOUT THE PUBLIC RECORD ACT, WHICH YOU ARE NOT VERY  
11 GOOD ABOUT FOLLOWING, BECAUSE FOR THE LAST FIVE-YEARS I HAVE  
12 ASKED DOCUMENTATION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND HAVE THERE  
13 BE NO SHAME? AND ANOTHER ARTICLE ON QUALITY OF CARE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

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18 **KEITH GREEN:** YES. KEITH GREEN AND I WANT TO SAY FIRST OF ALL,  
19 THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ADDRESSING THE BOARD. I'M IN AWE AND  
20 INSPIRED. SO, ADDRESSING NO. 14, I'M READY, WILLING AND ABLE  
21 TO ASSIST WITH THE COUNCIL'S MANDATE FOR THE BLUE RIBBON  
22 COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION. MY FIELD OF STUDIES INCLUDE  
23 BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO ARCHITECTURE, CUSTODIAL LAW, WHICH IS  
24 DETENTION, CULINARY LAW, PARALEGAL, MULTIMEDIA AND  
25 INSTRUCTIONAL SAILING FOR ABLED AND DISABLED BODIES. IN



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1 CLOSING ON THIS, I HAVE EITHER CREATED OR DEVELOPED VARIOUS  
2 YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT ALL FIVE DISTRICTS OF  
3 THIS COUNTY. IN REGARDS TO 23, I WOULD ASK THAT WE COULD  
4 REVIEW THAT NOW AND NOT TO EXTEND IT. AND THEN IN MY GENERAL  
5 STATEMENT, I DO HAVE A PACKET THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO  
6 THE BOARD. I APOLOGIZE. I ONLY HAVE ONE COPY. AND I WOULD LIKE  
7 TO ASK THAT I MEET IN PRIVATE WITH THE COUNCIL, WITH THE  
8 BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
11 SIR. THIS IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE. IT IS AN  
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.  
13 YOUR PRESENTATION HAS BEEN HEARD. IT IS DOCUMENTED  
14 ACCORDINGLY. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR THE 13 SECONDS  
15 REMAINING?

16

17 **KEITH GREEN:** NO. OTHER THAN I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MEET WITH THE  
18 BOARD IF THERE'S SOME WAY POSSIBLE TO MEET YOU PRIVATELY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

21

22 **KEITH GREEN:** SAY IT AGAIN, SIR?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE, SIR?

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1 **KEITH GREEN:** SECOND DISTRICT.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THEN THERE WILL BE  
4 SOMEONE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT TO MEET AND HAVE A  
5 CONVERSATION WITH YOU. JUST STEP TO THE SIDE THERE AND WE WILL  
6 ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,  
7 PLEASE.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS.  
10 I'LL PICK THREE ITEMS. THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
11 REGARDING THE BATTERY OPERATION THAT'S BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE  
12 1985. AND I WAS LISTENING TO THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM FINLAND  
13 TALKING ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF GREEN  
14 ECOLOGY. AND FOR THE FIVE YEARS THAT SHE'S BEEN HERE, THIS  
15 BATTERY PLANT HAS BEEN OPERATING, BUT NOT IN GREEN ECOLOGY. SO  
16 WHERE YOU BEEN? AS FAR AS THE D.C.F.S. AND THE SPECIAL  
17 MEETING, BACK IN JANUARY 15, 2013, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE  
18 A MOTION REGARDING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, BEACHES,  
19 WHATEVER. HE MENTIONS IN HIS MOTION, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SPENT  
20 50 BILLION IN 1995 TO OVER 103 BILLION IN 2009 ON CLEAN WATER  
21 GOALS. SO BASED ON THAT MOTION, I WAS JUST WONDERING: YOU GOT  
22 AN IDEA HOW MUCH MONEY YOU SPENT ON CHILDCARE, D.C.F.S.  
23 PROJECTS SINCE 1995? COULD YOU GIVE THE PUBLIC A SUM OF MONEY,  
24 MAYBE THROWING OUT 103, MAYBE MORE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND  
25 YOU'RE GOING TO CREATE A SPECIAL BLUE RIBBON PANEL. AND THEN



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1 MY FAVORITE MEASURE OF WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH METRO,  
2 WHOA. ALMOST MAKES YOU WANT TO FAINT. SO HERE'S A LETTER FROM  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN  
4 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT ACCELERATING  
5 MEASURE R PROJECTS BY BORROWING AGAINST FUTURE TAX REVENUE IS  
6 FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND THAT A RAIL AND BUS WOULD NOT  
7 CANNIBALIZE BUS OPERATING FUNDS. AND DIDN'T YOU ALSO MENTION  
8 THAT IT WAS A RAPE OF THE COUNTY FUNDS? SO YOU'RE COMFORTABLE  
9 DEALING WITH RAPISTS. I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. IT'S JUST  
10 UNBELIEVABLE. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR  
11 MEASURE R PROJECTED SALES TAX REVENUE AND THE 2009 SALES TAX  
12 REVENUE? WAS A DIFFERENCE OF \$700 MILLION AND WHAT HAS METRO  
13 DONE TO ADDRESS THAT DIFFERENCE?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY NOTHING!

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE  
20 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR AGENDA. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
24 YOU. ON ITEM NO. 5 THAT, WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM



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1 NO. 18, THAT ITEM WILL BE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU.  
2 25 AND 26, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
5 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO  
6 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ITEM NO. 9 IF WE COULD  
9 TAKE THIS UP UNDER A SEPARATE VOTE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
10 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED  
13 BY MOLINA. PLEASE RECORD THE APPROPRIATE VOTE WITH THE  
14 ABSTENTIONS HAVING BEING NOTED.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GREAT, THANK YOU. AND THEN...

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE MOVE, THEN, TO THE SET ITEM  
19 WHICH IS S-1. THE PROGRESS REPORT ON CLEAN WATER, CLEAN  
20 BEACHES. AND IF THE APPROPRIATE STAFF WOULD COME FORWARD, WE  
21 WOULD BE APPRECIATED-- IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SET ITEM FOR  
22 11 O'CLOCK, S-1. SIR? I TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE  
23 SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE ITEM. AND WE WILL  
24 CALL YOU UP IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO THE PRESENTATION. PROCEED,  
25 SIR.



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2 **PHIL DUDAR:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD. MY NAME IS PHIL DUDAR, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER WITH THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BOARD,  
5 FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 12, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING  
6 FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE, PUBLIC WORKS  
7 SUBMITTED A FORMAL WRITTEN REPORT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES  
8 INCLUDED IN YOUR MOTION. AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, PUBLIC  
9 WORKS HAS CONTINUED TO OUTREACH THE STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING  
10 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MUNICIPALITIES,  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHERS IN ORDER TO  
12 BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ATTENDED  
13 AND PARTICIPATED IN FOUR WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED BY THE REGIONAL  
14 WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, MET WITH BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
15 REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING BISFED <PH?> AND V.I.C.A.,  
16 CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
17 DISTRICT, MET AND PARTICIPATED IN THIRD-PARTY PRESENTATIONS TO  
18 MUNICIPALITIES, VIA THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES, CALIFORNIA  
19 LEAGUE OF CITIES, VARIOUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, THE LOS  
20 ANGELES M.S.-4 PERMIT GROUPS AND OTHER OUTREACH ENDEAVORS.  
21 BRIEFLY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE SPECIFIC  
22 PROJECTS MUST BE IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO AN ELECTION BEING HELD  
23 AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE 100 PERCENT REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR  
24 PARCELS WITH QUALIFYING ONSITE TREATMENT OR THAT ARE SUBJECT  
25 TO AN N.P.D.S. PERMIT. L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS



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1 ENGAGED IN PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ESTABLISHING A  
2 CONCEPTUAL PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
3 PROVIDE IN-KIND SERVICES TO OFFSET THEIR FEE AMOUNTS.  
4 MUNICIPALITIES SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING A GROWING AWARENESS AND  
5 UNDERSTANDING OF CLEAN WATER PERMIT ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THERE  
6 CONTINUES TO BE LIMITED AWARENESS OF THESE ISSUES AND THE  
7 ASSOCIATED COSTS AMONG THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 GROUPS CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF ESTABLISHING A  
9 DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY AND STORM  
10 WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF. PUBLIC WORKS WILL CONTINUE EDUCATING  
11 STAKEHOLDERS, ESPECIALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, ABOUT THE IMPACTS  
12 OF STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT  
13 AND WILL CONTINUE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH MUNICIPALITIES,  
14 BUSINESSES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY  
15 GROUPS TO ADDRESS CLEAN WATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. IN  
16 ADDITION, WE WILL CONTINUE COLLABORATING WITH OTHER PARTNER,  
17 REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCIES TO EXPLORE  
18 OPPORTUNITIES FOR STORM WATER CAPTURE AS A MEANS TO ADDRESS  
19 POLLUTION AND INCREASE LOCAL WATER SUPPLIERS. AS REQUESTED BY  
20 YOUR BOARD, THE REPORT IS BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
23 TESTIMONY. WE'RE GOING TO NOW MOVE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
24 SONNY BRUBACH, ARNOLD SACHS, JACK ROLSTON, KIRSTEN JAMES,



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1 JOYCE DILLARD, ELIZABETH CROSSON. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. SIR,  
2 YOU MAY PROCEED.

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4 **SONNY BRUBACH:** YES, SIR. THAT IS A VERY NOBLE AND ERUDITE  
5 SPEECH THERE BUT I, AS A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
6 AREA, CANYON COUNTRY, DISCOVERED IT'S GOING TO COST ME \$10,696  
7 A YEAR FOR A PROPERTY THAT CREATES NO INCOME, HAS NO RUNOFF,  
8 HAS NO CITY SEWER; AND MY NEIGHBOR IS A SMALL HAY COMPANY AND  
9 IT'S GOING TO COST HIM \$27,000 A YEAR, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW  
10 IF HE KNOWS IT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IS YOUR POINT SO MUCH FOR  
13 NOBILITY AND ERUDITION?

14

15 **SONNY BRUBACH:** PARDON ME?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PROCEED.

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19 **SONNY BRUBACH:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. AT ANY RATE, THE  
20 FIRST THING ON MARCH 12TH WAS A LITTLE MAILER THAT MOST PEOPLE  
21 CONSIDERED JUNK MAIL. I TALKED TO A REAL LOT OF PEOPLE,  
22 INCLUDING SUPERVISORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SO ON, AND  
23 THEY SAID THEY HAD NEVER EVEN GOT IT. PROPERTY OWNERS DIDN'T  
24 EVEN GET THIS MAILER. AND THIS TIME, IT SEEMS LIKE ALMOST A  
25 SECRET AGENDA TO SHOOT THIS TAX THROUGH. AND OF COURSE



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1 EVERYBODY WANTS CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. BUT IT'S DONE  
2 IN AN UNLEVELED FASHION. AND I WOULD SAY THAT IF YOU PLAN TO  
3 GO FORWARD WITH IT, LET'S DO IT BY A GENERAL ELECTION WHERE  
4 THE PEOPLE HAVE AN ACTUAL SAY IN THE MATTER BECAUSE THERE'S  
5 GOING TO BE RETIREES, SMALL HORSE FARMS, LITTLE INDIVIDUALS  
6 CRUSHED, LOSE THEIR PROPERTY AND THEIR LIVELIHOOD, REALLY, BY  
7 SPENDING THIS EXORBITANT AMOUNTS WHERE PEOPLE DON'T EVEN HAVE  
8 ANY RUNOFF. LITTLE DESERT PROPERTIES WILL BE TAXED WAY OUT OF  
9 SIGHT. AND THAT'S ALL I HAD TO SAY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12 WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **JOYCE DILLARD:** YES, JOYCE DILLARD. I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
15 WHAT LIABILITY OF COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REALLY HAS,  
16 ESPECIALLY IN THE M.S.-4 PERMIT. THE LAST SUPREME COURT CASE  
17 YOU DIDN'T, YOU WON, BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR AND AS THE JUSTICES  
18 SAID, IT'S A BAD PERMIT, AND I THINK THIS MAY BE IN THE SAME  
19 CASE. AND YOU'RE NOT REALLY LOOKING AT THAT WHEN YOU SHOULD BE  
20 LOOKING AT THAT. THE JURISDICTIONS AREN'T CLEAR FOR L.A.  
21 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. I WAS AT THE L.A. RIVER  
22 FEASIBILITY STUDY WORKSHOP YESTERDAY AND ARMY CORPS HAS  
23 JURISDICTIONS. WHERE I LIVE, YOU WANT TO TAX MY PROPERTY?  
24 WELL, EXCUSE ME BUT IT DOESN'T APPLY. IT'S AN ARMY CORPS  
25 JURISDICTION. IT'S NOT A COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT





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1 JURISDICTION. SO YOU HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THIS. YOU'RE  
2 REALLY NOT LOOKING AT LAND USES ENOUGH, AT LEAST I DON'T  
3 BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS AT ALL. WHEN I WAS AT THE-- I'VE  
4 ATTENDED MOST OF THE WORKSHOPS THAT THE L.A. REGIONAL BOARD  
5 DID AND REPLIED TO HOW THE FUNDING WOULD HAPPEN FOR THE  
6 ENHANCED WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS, WHICH IS PART OF THIS  
7 PLANNING. RENEE PURDY <PH?>, WHO IS A STAFF MEMBER OF THE L.A.  
8 COUNTY REGIONAL BOARD SAID THE WATER SUPPLIERS. WELL THOSE ARE  
9 RATE PAYERS. WHETHER THEY'RE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OR  
10 L.A. D.W.P., YOU'RE NOT REALLY A SUPPLIER OF WATER. SO THERE'S  
11 ALL KINDS OF PROJECTIONS PUT ON US PUBLIC OF HOW THIS IS GOING  
12 TO BE FUNDED. IT'S NOT READY TO COOK YET. YOU REALLY NEED TO  
13 DO MORE WORK. IT IS NOT A PROP 218 MATTER. YOU HAVEN'T LOOKED  
14 AT LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT. YESTERDAY I ASKED THE QUESTION,  
15 IT'S ONLY 4 TO 5 PERCENT OF THE FLOOD CONTROL. THAT'S NOTHING.  
16 YET IT'S BEING DEPENDED UPON. I WOULD APPROACH THIS AS LOOK,  
17 THIS IS REALLY YOUR LIABILITY. IS IT A BAD PERMIT? MAYBE YOU  
18 SHOULD TAKE IT TO COURT FIRST. YOU CAN'T BURDEN THE PUBLIC,  
19 OPEN-ENDED, I THINK IT'S FIVE YEARS THAT THIS IS ALL BEING  
20 DONE AROUND, NOT 30 YEARS, NOT WHATEVER. AND I THINK IT WILL  
21 BE CHALLENGING ONE FROM ANOTHER. SO WHY DON'T YOU CHALLENGE OF  
22 AN END TO MAKE IT WORK FOR WHAT IT'S MEANT TO BE, AND THAT IS  
23 A PERMITTING PROCESS WITH YOU. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S  
24 NOT A RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYONE TO CLEAN THE WATER WHEN



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1 DEVELOPMENT AND EVERYTHING ARE OUT OF CONTROL ON DIFFERENT  
2 JURISDICTIONS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE,  
5 AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK IF KATHLEEN TRINITY WOULD COME FORWARD,  
6 AS WELL. MA'AM?

7

8 **KIRSTEN JAMES:** GOOD MORNING. KIRSTEN JAMES WITH. HEAL THE BAY.  
9 YOU'VE HEARD FROM US MANY TIMES BEFORE, OUR STRONG SUPPORT  
10 WITH MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES. IT IS  
11 TRULY A CRITICAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR CRITICAL WATER QUALITY AND  
12 WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN OUR REGION. AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF  
13 NOT DOING SO ARE VERY DIRE, AND YOU DISCUSSED THIS AT THE LAST  
14 HEARING. WITH THE NEW STORM WATER PERMIT, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE  
15 FOR MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS, AND NOT DOING SO COULD PUT YOU  
16 IN ENFORCEMENT PROCESSES. SO TO BE FRANK IN READING THE REPORT  
17 AND HEARING THE STAFF TODAY, I'M DISAPPOINTED IN WHAT WE'VE  
18 SEEN. IT DOESN'T REALLY APPEAR TO ME, BASED UPON THE BRIEF  
19 STAFF REPORT AND DISCUSSION, THAT THERE'S REALLY ANY STEPS  
20 MOVING FORWARD. AND THERE'S NO REAL THOUGHTS OF WHAT THE NEXT  
21 STEPS WILL BE. SO I'M ASKING YOU ALL TODAY TO REALLY TAKE THE  
22 LEADERSHIP IN KICK STARTING THIS AND JUMP STARTING IT AND  
23 REALLY KEEP THE BALL ROLLING ON THIS CRITICAL MEASURE.  
24 SPECIFICALLY WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU KEEP TO THE AN GOAL THAT  
25 YOU APPROVED LAST TIME OF THE 2014 DATE. WE NEED TO ATTEMPT TO



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1 MEET THAT GOAL BECAUSE THIS FUNDING IS NEEDED SO DESPERATELY  
2 IN THE NEAR TERM. AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM STAFF AND THE  
3 SUPERVISORS OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO MEET THAT GOAL. ALSO  
4 AS YOU'VE SEEN FROM THE REPORT BACK TODAY, A GENERAL ELECTION  
5 IS EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE, OVER \$10 MILLION. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE  
6 ASK THAT YOU KEEP THAT DOOR OPEN ON LOOKING AT THE GENERAL  
7 ELECTION OPTION AND THE MAIL BALLOT OPTION WHICH WAS DESCRIBED  
8 BEFORE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A FAIR APPROACH. ALSO, LASTLY, WE'D  
9 LIKE YOU TO EXPLORE OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS, SUCH AS AN OPT-IN  
10 APPROACH. IF WE HEAR FROM CITIES THAT THEY JUST DON'T WANT  
11 THIS FUNDING SOURCE, THEN PERHAPS THEY DON'T NEED TO TAKE IT  
12 TO THEIR VOTERS, BUT THOSE WHO DO UNDERSTAND THE DIRE NEED OF  
13 OUR REGION SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS ITEM BEFORE THEIR  
14 VOTERS. SO THAT'S A POSSIBILITY THAT STAFF COULD EXPLORE. SO  
15 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS THIS MOVES FORWARD AND  
16 URGE YOU TO JUMP START THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
19 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE NOW THE NEXT PERSON. SIR?

20

21 **JACK ROLSTON:** HI, MY NAME'S JACK ROLSTON. I'M RETIRED FROM THE  
22 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND I'M INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT. I  
23 THINK THAT THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN AND GOES TO VOTE, I DON'T  
24 THINK IT'LL PASS. I RECOMMEND MAYBE JUST A SIMPLER PROGRAM TO  
25 CLEAN THE CHANNEL, PERIOD. YOUR OFFICE HAS STAFF THAT CAN



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1 DESIGN A PROGRAM AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND GET CONTRACTORS TO  
2 DO THE WORK. I SUGGEST THAT THE MONEY THAT'S GENERATED BY A  
3 PROPOSAL JUST TO CLEAN THE CHANNEL BE AWARDED TO CONTRACTORS  
4 AND NOT TO STAFF BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE THAT IN PLACE. I  
5 WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN DESIGNING A NEW PROGRAM THAT DEALS WITH  
6 CLEANING THE CHANNEL. I'VE PREPARED A LETTER THAT I'D LIKE TO  
7 GIVE TO THE BOARD. AND I'D LIKE TO HELP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. AND WE APPRECIATE  
10 YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

11

12 **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** GOOD MORNING, PRESIDENT RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM THE ACTON TOWN  
14 COUNCIL. PLEASE RE-EXAMINE HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEAN WATER  
15 ACT. ACTON HAS VERY FEW ACRES THAT ARE IMPERMEABLE. OUR LOTS  
16 ARE GENERALLY 2-1/2 ACRES OR MORE, MOST OF THEM WITHOUT  
17 ASPHALT OR CEMENT, OR A VERY MINIMAL AMOUNT. WE USE WELL WATER  
18 FOR OUR NEEDS AND RETURN IT TO THE GROUND. WHEN IT RAINS,  
19 WHICH IS LESS AND LESS THESE DAYS, THE WATER DRAINS VIA THE  
20 SANTA CLARA RIVER, WHICH IN TURN DRAINS OUT TO VENTURA COUNTY,  
21 NOT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A GREAT NUMBER OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE  
22 RETIRED, SEMI-RETIRED AND/OR PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN  
23 RANCHING OR AGRICULTURE OR RELATED PURSUITS. TO ASK US TO PAY  
24 ANOTHER TAX ON TOP OF FIRE TAXES, PROPERTY TAXES, TAXES WITH  
25 ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS AND SO ON EVEN AGRICULTURAL TAXES IS



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1 UNFAIR AND SHORT SIGHTED. THIS PROPOSED TAX WILL DRIVE AWAY  
2 THE VERY PEOPLE WHO CONSERVE WATER AND WHO CAN TRULY KEEP  
3 CALIFORNIA GREEN. PLEASE DON'T DRIVE US OUT. THANK YOU.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE PERSONS  
7 HERE WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF ANY TESTIMONY? LET ME GIVE YOU THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IF YOU ARE IN AFFIRMATION OF THE TESTIMONY  
9 THAT WAS JUST GIVEN. IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED, YOU CAN STAND SO  
10 WE'LL KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE. THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.  
11 AND WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. IF YOU HAVE AN  
12 AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE, PLEASE RAISE THE ROOF. CLAPPING IS  
13 ORDINARILY NOT PERMITTED IN THE BOARDROOM, BUT WE WISH TO  
14 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AFFIRMATION. WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT  
15 SPEAKER.

16

17 **ELIZABETH CROSSON:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.  
18 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS LIZ  
19 CROSSON, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES WATER  
20 KEEPER, A LOCAL NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION. AND I'VE  
21 BEEN BEFORE YOU PREVIOUSLY ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE L.A. WATER  
22 KEEPER STRONGLY SUPPORTS A COUNTY-WIDE STORM WATER FUNDING  
23 MECHANISM THAT WILL FUND AND ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT  
24 THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE PERVASIVE POLLUTION ISSUES THAT  
25 PLAGUE NOT ONLY OUR WATERWAYS BUT ALSO IMPACT PUBLIC HEALTH.



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1 L.A. WATER KEEPER AND OUR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN INTIMATELY  
2 INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION  
3 LIMITS, IN PARTICULAR UNDER THE MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PERMIT  
4 AS I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE. AND I THINK YOU'RE ALSO AWARE THAT  
5 THIS CURRENT MUNICIPAL PERMIT IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO  
6 IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS THAT, YES,  
7 SUPPORT CLEAN BEACHES BUT PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY IN MY MIND,  
8 HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AUGMENT LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES. AND THIS  
9 IS A WAY, TO ME, THAT WE COULD REALLY CHANGE THE WAY THAT WE  
10 TACKLE OUR WATER SUPPLY AND WATER POLLUTION ISSUES IN LOS  
11 ANGELES. AND FOR THESE REASONS, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO JOIN US  
12 AND TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN MAKING THIS WORK. I URGE YOU TO  
13 DO THIS ON THE ORIGINAL TIME SCALE THAT YOU PROPOSE, WHICH WAS  
14 2014. I THINK THAT RIGHT NOW WE CAN IDENTIFY THAT THIS IS AN  
15 OPPORTUNITY TO FIND SOME CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO WORKING WITH  
16 STAKEHOLDERS TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THOSE THAT ARE  
17 RUNNING THIS CAMPAIGN FOR ALL OF US THAT ARE INVOLVED. AND I  
18 AM QUITE DISAPPOINTED BY THE REPORT BEFORE YOU TODAY. I DON'T  
19 THINK THAT IT HAS ENOUGH CONCRETE MEASURES FOR HOW WE'RE GOING  
20 TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. AND, AGAIN, I ASK YOU TO BE LEADERS IN  
21 ASSURING ITS SUCCESS. AND I COMMIT TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT  
22 PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 FINAL SPEAKER.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. IT'S SOMEWHAT  
3 FASCINATING, REALLY, WHEN YOU GO TO SOME OTHER MEETINGS, YOU  
4 GET TO HEAR SOME INFORMATION. AND IT COMES BACK AND YOU  
5 CONNECT THE DOTS. I WAS AT THE L.A. CITY BUDGET HEARINGS.  
6 THAT'S A FASCINATING MEETING, OH MY GOD. AND PART OF THE  
7 DISCUSSION WAS REGARDING CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES. AND THEY  
8 MENTIONED THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNTY FOR  
9 FOUR YEARS. THAT WAS THIS LAST BUDGET HEARING. SO FOR LAST  
10 FOUR YEARS THEY HAD BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNTY BOARD,  
11 I DON'T KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE COME UP  
12 WITH AFTER FOUR YEARS, AFTER BEING IN, WHAT? CLOSED SESSION  
13 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF L.A. BUT THEN ALSO GOING TO THE  
14 CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND LISTENING TO THEIR DISCUSSION  
15 REGARDING THE REACTIVATION OF A POWER PLANT, AND THE OBJECTION  
16 OR THE OBJECT TO DO THE ONCE-THROUGH COOLING FOR THE POWER  
17 PLANT AND THE FACT THAT WHAT KEPT COMING UP WAS THE CLEAN  
18 WATER ACT OF THE MID-'70S THAT WAS INITIATED BY THE FEDERAL  
19 GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PLACE 50 YEARS LATER. SO THAT'S WHAT'S  
20 APPROACHING THE FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OR THE DUE DATE TO COME  
21 UP WITH THE FEDERAL MANDATES. SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY THE PUSH IS  
22 ON FOR THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES ACT TO BECOME INTO MOTION  
23 BECAUSE YOU WAITED 40 YEARS, PRETTY MUCH. EXCUSE ME, 35 YEARS,  
24 TO HIT THE FEDERAL MANDATE. AND AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AGAIN  
25 SAID IN HIS MOTION FROM JANUARY 15TH, YOU SPENT \$103 BILLION





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1 IN 2009, AND HE MENTIONED, MEANWHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
2 PROVIDES LESS THAN \$2 BILLION PER YEAR TO THE STATES TO  
3 PROVIDE LOANS, NOT GRANTS, TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SO THE FEDERAL  
4 GOVERNMENT MONEY, IS THAT A LOAN TO THE STATES? OR IS THAT A  
5 GRANT TO THE STATES? SIR, YOU DIDN'T CLARIFY THAT VERY WELL.  
6 YOU JUST MENTIONED WHAT STATES PROVIDE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 ALL RIGHT. WE WILL PROCEED TO THE ITEM AT HAND, ITEM S-1.  
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM, I  
11 WOULD BE PLEASED TO ENTERTAIN THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE IS  
12 A MOTION THAT I WISH TO READ IN WHICH SIMPLY ADDRESSES  
13 ENGAGING THE SANITATION DISTRICTS OF L.A. COUNTY ON STORM  
14 WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF ISSUES. IT'S BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE  
15 RESPECTIVE OFFICES. THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC  
16 AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARGUMENTS FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH A  
17 COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS STORM WATER AND URBAN  
18 WATER RUNOFF POLLUTION AND STORM WATER CONSERVATION IN L.A.  
19 COUNTY IS OBVIOUSLY A COMPELLING ITEM BEFORE US. COUNTY  
20 BEACHES OFTEN FREQUENTLY DO NOT MEET CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC  
21 HEALTH STANDARDS. LOCAL ENTITIES ARE NOT OPTIMIZING  
22 OPPORTUNITIES TO CAPTURE STORM WATER, MAKING LOSS ANGELOS  
23 RELIANT ON OUTSIDE SOURCES OF WATER. IN ADDITION, L.A. COUNTY  
24 AND ALL OF THE CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY MUST COMPLY WITH THE  
25 CLEAN WATER ACT OR FACE SIGNIFICANT-- AND I DO UNDERScore



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1 SIGNIFICANT-- PENALTIES AND POTENTIALLY UNCONTROLLABLE  
2 LITIGATION COSTS. THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE OF SIGNIFICANT  
3 CONCERN TO THE BOARD. I'LL MOVE FORWARD BY INDICATING THE  
4 PROPOSED CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES MEASURES WHICH WAS  
5 DELIBERATED OVER THE YEAR BY THIS BOARD, CREATED A CANDID  
6 DISCUSSION ON SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO  
7 ADDRESS THE COST OF STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF QUALITY AND  
8 STORM WATER CONSERVATION. HOWEVER, A VARIETY OF IMPORTANT  
9 QUESTIONS REMAIN UNRESOLVED PERTAINING TO THE GOVERNANCE, THE  
10 SCOPE AND THE METHODOLOGY OF FUNDING SUCH AN INITIATIVE. MORE  
11 TIME IS NEEDED TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT,  
12 ECONOMIC AND REGULATORY CONSEQUENCES IF RESOURCES ARE NOT  
13 AUGMENTED, AND AN INITIATIVE NEEDS TO BE BETTER DEFINED OR  
14 HAVE BROADER SUPPORT AMONGST STAKEHOLDERS. SO I WANT TO MOVE  
15 THAT THE BOARD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE  
16 OFFICER OF THE SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 REQUESTING THEIR COLLABORATIVE PARTICIPATION. TO, ONE,  
18 EVALUATE ON A REGIONAL LEVEL METHODS TO ADDRESS THE TREATMENT  
19 OF URBAN RUNOFF, AND, TWO, TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM OF  
20 SANITATION DISTRICTS AS A POTENTIAL MODEL TO IMPROVE STORM  
21 WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF QUALITY. AND THEN I WANT TO DIRECT THE  
22 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF  
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO, A, COLLABORATE WITH THE  
24 SANITATION DISTRICTS OF L.A. COUNTY AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL  
25 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ON THIS ITEM. B, IDENTIFY AN OUTREACH



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1 TO OTHER WATER SUPPLIERS AND CONVEYORS WHO SHOULD BE A CORE  
2 PARTICIPANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO  
3 ADDRESS URBAN RUNOFF AND STORM WATER CONCERNS. AND, FINALLY,  
4 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 120 DAYS IN  
5 WRITING WITH THEIR FINDINGS. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU. IS THERE  
6 A SECOND?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND  
11 SECONDED. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND I  
16 KNOW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO BE HEARD, AS WELL. SIR?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO SUGGEST AN AMENDMENT THAT  
19 WOULD INCLUDE AN ITEM 1 AFTER THE WORD "LOS ANGELES COUNTY"  
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY, INSERT THE FOLLOWING "AND TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF  
22 OTHER SANITARY SEWER OPERATORS IN THE COUNTY." THAT WOULD  
23 INCLUDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WOULD NOT BE PART OF  
24 THE SAND DISTRICT STRUCTURE HERE. SO THIS COVERS EVERYBODY.

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1 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: EXACTLY.

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3 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO, ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT,  
4 THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I JUST WANT TO SAY A WORD TO WHERE THIS IS  
5 GOING OR NOT GOING, TO THE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED HERE. THE  
6 ISSUE IS THERE ARE NOT THREE VOTES TO DO ANYTHING TO MOVE THIS  
7 FORWARD. THERE WAS NOT A-- THERE WERE NOT THREE VOTES. IN FACT  
8 THERE WERE NOT EVEN TWO VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE MAIL  
9 BALLOT. THE MAIL BALLOT PROVED TO BE AN UNWISE APPROACH, BOTH  
10 POLITICALLY AND OTHERWISE. SO ALL WE HAVE LEFT NOW IS THE  
11 PROSPECT OF PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER, WHICH WOULD  
12 REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. AT SOME POINT WELL  
13 BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF THE-- OF GETTING SOMETHING ON THE  
14 BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER OF 2014, I WILL RAISE THAT ISSUE BEFORE  
15 THE BOARD AND SEE IF WE HAVE THE POLITICAL WHEREWITHAL TO PUT  
16 THAT ON THE BALLOT. IT WOULD TAKE 3 VOTES TO PUT IT ON THE  
17 BALLOT FOR THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. RECOGNIZING THAT THE ODDS  
18 OF OUR GETTING THAT PASSED ARE NOT GREAT. BUT OUR ODDS OF  
19 PASSING MEASURE R, THE TRANSIT HALF CENT SALES TAX, WERE NOT  
20 GREAT. THE ODDS OF PASSING MEASURE B, THE TRAUMA TAX, WERE NOT  
21 GREAT. SOMETIMES WE GIVE PEOPLE LESS CREDIT FOR BEING ABLE TO  
22 SIFT THROUGH THE JUNK AND DECIDE WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM. WE  
23 DON'T GIVE THEM AS MUCH CREDIT AS THEY DESERVE. AND SO I THINK  
24 THE PEOPLE DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS IN NOVEMBER  
25 OF NEXT YEAR. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE-- THAT WE OWE TO



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1 THE PEOPLE THAT OPPORTUNITY. WE OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE AND TO  
2 OUR OATH OF OFFICE TO MAKE OUR BEST EFFORT TO TRY TO GET  
3 SOMETHING THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE STORM WATER RUNOFF CRISIS  
4 THAT THIS COUNTY HAS RESOLVED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IF WE CAN  
5 GET TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO APPROVE IT, GREAT. IF WE CAN'T,  
6 THEN THAT WILL SET OFF A WHOLE OTHER CHAIN OF EVENTS BECAUSE  
7 IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT-- BECAUSE I'M SURE IT'S CLEAR TO  
8 EVERYBODY ELSE, THAT IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY SIGNIFICANT  
9 INVESTMENT IN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, STORM WATER POLLUTION  
10 CONTROL IN THIS COUNTY, IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A HUGE AMOUNT OF  
11 MONEY. AND IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, AND IF  
12 WE'RE GOING TO DO IT WITH LOCAL MONEY. IF WE CAN'T GET THE  
13 VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, THEN WE'RE EITHER GOING TO BE FORCED TO DO  
14 IT BY A COURT OR THERE WILL BE SOME OTHER KIND OF POLITICAL  
15 ARRANGEMENT WHICH I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THAT MIGHT BE AT THE  
16 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THESE DAYS. THEY'RE NOT HANDING OUT MONEY  
17 FOR ANYTHING. ON THE CONTRARY. AND I CAN'T IMAGINE THE STATE  
18 WOULD BE A MAJOR FINANCIAL PLAYER IN THIS. SO, THIS IS NOT  
19 GOING TO BE EASY. I SAY THIS TO MY ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDS WHO  
20 ARE AS FRUSTRATED AS I AM, THIS IS A STATUS REPORT. THIS  
21 MOTION IS COMPATIBLE WITH A REPORT. YOU ARE TREADING WATER  
22 BEFORE WE MAKE SOME MORE FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE WE  
23 WANT TO GO. UNTIL WE COME TO THE MOUNTAIN ON PUTTING SOMETHING  
24 BEFORE THE VOTERS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AND I THINK IT'S ONLY  
25 GOING TO BE THE OTHER, THEN WE ARE NOT-- WE HAVE NOTHING TO



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1 LOOK FORWARD TO. SO THAT'S MY ASSESSMENT OF IT. AND WE HAVE A  
2 LOT OF WORK TO DO IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME TO GET IT ON  
3 THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. WE HAVE-- BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, WE  
4 HAVE TO HAVE EVERYTHING WORKED OUT AND WE NEED TO HAVE THREE  
5 VOTES ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. I  
6 HOPE THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WE'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO  
7 THAT. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.  
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE PROPOSAL THAT THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAD ORIGINALLY PUT FORWARD WAS TO  
14 GENERATE WHAT AMOUNT OF REVENUE, 350 MILLION? \$300 MILLION?

15

16 **MARK PESTRELLA:** 280 MILLION.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 380.

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20 **MARK PESTRELLA:** \$280 MILLION.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$280 MILLION A YEAR. AND THE COST OF THE  
23 MITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS HOW MANY  
24 BILLIONS?

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THE ESTIMATE IS IN THE BILLIONS, SUPERVISOR.  
2 THE RANGE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 4 BILLION?

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6 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THERE'S A RANGE FROM 6 TO 50 BILLION,  
7 DEPENDING UPON...

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANYWHERE FROM \$6 TO \$50 BILLION. THAT'S THE  
10 NEED. THE TAX THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE RECEIVED. I KNOW CHURCHES  
11 RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ASSESSMENTS, SCHOOLS, ET  
12 CETERA, ET CETERA, WOULD ONLY GENERATE \$280 MILLION A YEAR.  
13 WHEN WE HAD THE REGIONAL QUALITY BOARD HERE AND ASKED: "WOULD  
14 WE STILL BE HELD IN VIOLATION OF THEIR STANDARD EVEN THOUGH WE  
15 WERE TAXING THE PEOPLE?" THEY WOULD NOT AGREE THAT WE WOULD  
16 NOT BE LEVIED WITH A FINE, WHICH WE'D HAVE TO PASS ON TO THE  
17 PEOPLE. SO, AGAIN, THE COST OF THIS PROJECT, THE AMOUNT OF  
18 REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED DOESN'T MATCH. AND THIS IS WHY  
19 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE WHO ESTABLISHES THIS  
20 THROUGH THEIR REGULATORY AGENCIES NEED TO REVISE THESE  
21 STANDARDS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE GOOD QUALITY WATER  
22 PROTECTIONS BUT WE ALSO DON'T BANKRUPT THE CHURCHES, THE  
23 SYNAGOGUES, THE HOMEOWNERS, THE FARMERS, THE SCHOOLS AND THE  
24 OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST  
25 WEEK, I TALKED TO CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO. SHE AGREED





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1 SHE WAS WORKING ON FEDERAL BOND PROPOSAL, FEDERAL REVENUES.  
2 OUR STATE LEGISLATURE, THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS  
3 THIS ISSUE. THIS IS A STATE ISSUE. IT'S NOT A ONE-COUNTY  
4 ISSUE. AND WHEN ONE COUNTY HAD A TAX ON THEIR PROPOSED BALLOT  
5 OR ON THEIR BALLOT IN CONTRA COSTA, IT WAS VOTED DOWN. WE HAVE  
6 58 COUNTIES. AND FOR LOS ANGELES TO BE THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE  
7 STATE TO DO THIS AT THIS COST INDICATES THERE'S SOME PROBLEM.  
8 WE'RE NOT THE LAST COUNTY TO JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON. THE ONE  
9 COUNTY THAT TRIED IT JUMPED OFF THE BANDWAGON. SO WE'RE HAVING  
10 A GUINEA PIG HERE THAT'S GOING TO DISRUPT THE ECONOMIC  
11 STRUCTURE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO  
12 ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL OF REACHING THOSE BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF  
13 DOLLARS THAT ARE REQUIRED. SO WE NEED TO AMEND AN ADDITION TO  
14 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT  
15 PUBLIC WORKS WOULD WORK WITH STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
16 ON OTHER FUNDINGS, INCLUDING BONDS, EXISTING REVENUES AND  
17 PROPOSALS SO WE CAN HAVE THAT OPTION, AS WELL, LOOKING AT THE  
18 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MEET THIS NEED.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH. WE ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. SUPERVISOR  
22 MOLINA.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THIS IS ON, I'M NOT SURE. IT'S ON. THANK  
25 YOU. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST TROUBLING THINGS. AND



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1 IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT FINDING THREE VOTES ON THIS BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS. WE HAVE TO FIND SOME LEADERSHIP ON THIS WHOLE  
3 ISSUE. EVERY TIME I HAVE LOOKED AT IT, FROM THE TIME IT WAS  
4 PRESENTED TO ME, IT HAS NOT MADE SENSE. AND CERTAINLY  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS JUST POINTED OUT SOME OF THE ISSUES  
6 THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE AT ALL. I THINK THAT WE ARE NOT  
7 PROCEEDING SMARTLY IN THIS DIRECTION. THIS REPORT DOESN'T TELL  
8 US THERE'S ANY ADVANCE OF WHERE WE WERE THE LAST TIME. PUTTING  
9 IT ON THE BALLOT IS NOT THE ANSWER, BECAUSE PUTTING IT ON THE  
10 BALLOT, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS SAID, DOESN'T EVEN COVER  
11 THE COST OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE'RE NOT  
12 EVEN SURE WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE  
13 STRATEGIES ARE IN PLACE. THERE IS SO MUCH LEADERSHIP THAT IS  
14 NEEDED HERE AND I THINK IT REALLY BEGINS AT THE WATER BOARD.  
15 AND THEY HAVE TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER. AND UNTIL WE CAN  
16 START GETTING SOME DIRECTION AND SOME ASSISTANCE, I AGREE WITH  
17 MY COLLEAGUES, ESPECIALLY MY CONSERVATIVE COLLEAGUES, THAT WE  
18 ARE NOT READY TO TAX PEOPLE FOR THIS KIND OF A PROGRAM THAT IS  
19 NOT WELL-DEFINED, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO US. I KNOW WE KEEP  
20 GIVING IT IS BACK TO PUBLIC WORKS TO START PUTTING SOME  
21 ANSWERS IN PLACE, BUT VERY FRANKLY, FOLKS, YOU'RE NOT  
22 PRODUCING THE KIND MUCH ANSWERS THAT GIVES ME THE KIND OF  
23 CONFIDENCE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. I DON'T WANT TO PUT IT ON  
24 THE BALLOT JUST TO LOSE AND SAY OH, WELL, WE TRIED. I WOULD  
25 LIKE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT WITH SOME CAPABILITY THAT IT



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1 MIGHT PASS, THAT GOING TO A VOTER WITH COMMON SENSE THAT HAS  
2 THE SAME INTEREST AS ALL OF US DO IN CLEANING WATER ARE GOING  
3 TO KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO BE WORTH THEIR WHILE TO TAX  
4 THEMSELVES BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THOSE DOLLARS ARE  
5 GOING TO BE DIRECTED TO REALLY CLEAN THE WATER AT A LEVEL THAT  
6 IS SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE TO ALL OF US. BUT SINCE WE DON'T KNOW  
7 HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST OR HOW IT'S GOING TO BE CLEANED,  
8 WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE CLEANED, WHO'S GOING TO BE TAXED, HOW  
9 IT'S GOING TO BE DONE, ALL OF THESE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, AND  
10 OF COURSE WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT THAT WE  
11 NEED, SO STANDING ALONE AND TRYING TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE  
12 BUT NOT KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE GOING IS AS BLIND AS ANYTHING  
13 ELSE. SO IT REALLY DOES. I'M IN FAVOR OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT  
14 AT PATHWAY HERE. I JUST THINK THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO MOVE  
15 CLOSER WITH THE WATER BOARD. I DON'T THINK THE SANCTIONS, IF  
16 THEY STARTED ISSUING SANCTIONS TO THE CITY WHICH I THOUGHT AT  
17 ONE POINT IN TIME MIGHT GET PEOPLE OFF THEIR BEHINDS AND START  
18 LOOKING AT HOW WE'RE GOING TO RESOLVE IT WILL RESOLVE IT.  
19 BECAUSE EVEN A SANCTION IS JUST GOING TO BE A LAWSUIT AT THE  
20 END OF THE DAY AND IF GETS KICKED UP THROUGH THE PROCESS,  
21 WE'RE GOING TO FIND THERE ISN'T AN EFFECTIVE PROCESS AS TO HOW  
22 TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GOING TO MEET THAT STANDARD. WE'VE GOT A  
23 LONG WAY TO GO ON THIS. AND I REALLY WISH IT WAS JUST THREE  
24 VOTES TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT AND WE WOULD RESOLVE OURSELVES  
25 THIS ISSUE. IT IS ONLY KICKING POWERS FORWARD, IT ISN'T



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1 DEFINING IT SO. AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, ANYONE HAVE ANY  
2 IDEAS OF HOW TO MOVE THIS FORWARD OTHER THAN, LET'S TAX  
3 OURSELVES, THROW SOME MONEY IN THE BIN AND HOPE THAT WE CAN  
4 GET STARTED ON SOME PROCESS, I REALLY DON'T THINK IT'S THE  
5 ANSWER. IT REALLY REQUIRES SOME LEADERSHIP, AND MAYBE AS  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID, GETTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,  
7 GETTING THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND ALL OF US AT LOCAL LEVELS TO  
8 START THINKING ABOUT OVERALL STRATEGY. I DON'T KNOW THAT  
9 CHANGING AND DEFINING IT IS THE ANSWER, BUT I DO KNOW THAT IN  
10 ITS PRESENT FORM, WHEN WE DON'T KNOW HOW CLEAN IS CLEAN, WHEN  
11 WE DON'T KNOW HOW CLEAN WHAT IS CLEAN, WHERE WE CAN'T DEFINE  
12 WHO PAYS AND WHO SHOULDN'T PAY? THAT NOT EVERYBODY IS IN THE  
13 SAME BOAT, THOSE ARE TOO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS TO GIVE ME  
14 CONFIDENCE TO SAY THAT I SHOULD GO TO TAXPAYERS AND ASK THEM  
15 TO VOTE THEMSELVES A NEW TAX. SO I THINK IT'S GOT A LONG WAY  
16 TO GO AND I REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE SOME DIRECTION, SOME  
17 GUIDANCE AND SOME LEADERSHIP. I WISH I REALLY KNEW THE SKILL  
18 SET TO REALLY KNOW WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET THIS DONE. BUT IT  
19 REALLY REQUIRES SOME REALLY INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE THOUGHT.  
20 AND I REALLY THINK IT HAS TO START WITH THE WATER BOARD THAT  
21 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING THIS IN PLACE IS JUST TRYING TO  
22 TELL US I'M GOING TO FIND YOU EVENTUALLY. IT'S NOT GOING TO  
23 GET US ANYWHERE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE WILL  
2 NOW TURN TO SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD CONCUR WITH THAT. I THINK IT'S A LOT MORE  
5 THAN JUST THREE VOTES PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT. THE ISSUE  
6 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND ONE OF MY MAJOR REASONS FOR MY  
7 INITIAL OPPOSITION WAS JUST BECAUSE OF THAT. THERE WAS REALLY  
8 NO PLAN. IT WAS ALL GUESSTIMATES AS TO WHAT THIS MAY OR MAY  
9 NOT BE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SUGGESTED, I KNOW THEY'RE  
10 STARTING TO MEET WITH STAKEHOLDERS, BUT WORKING WITH MY  
11 CITIES, A CITY KNOWS BETTER ABOUT THEIR OWN SITUATION WHAT IT  
12 COSTS AND WORK FROM THE BOTTOM UP TO COME UP WITH A PLAN SO  
13 THAT WE HAVE SOME SPECIFIC DOLLARS. YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE  
14 CITIES WERE HESITANT TO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE, LOOK IT, YEAH,  
15 THAT MAY RAISE \$3 MILLION BUT ONLY MAY COST A MILLION DOLLARS  
16 TO DO OUR CITY ONE TIME. SO WHY DO WE WANT TO TAX OUR FOLKS ON  
17 AN ONGOING BASIS? AND IT GOES BACK TO THE OTHER ISSUE BEING  
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED, THE WATER BOARD. YOU START WITH  
19 THE PREMISE THAT THEY ALWAYS SHOVE DOWN OUR THROATS THAT MONEY  
20 IS NO OBJECT, THEN THAT CREATES A PLANNING PROCESS THAT IS  
21 FLAWED AND OUTRAGEOUS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. SO TO ME, IT'S  
22 A LOT MORE THAN THE THIRD VOTE TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT.  
23 IT'S A VERY SPECIFIC PLAN THAT'S CREATED FROM THE BOTTOM UP  
24 AND NOT THE TOP DOWN. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO-- I KNOW  
25 THERE'S A WILLINGNESS. I'VE CALLED ALL MY CITY MANAGERS



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1 TOGETHER AND I KNOW THERE'S A WILLINGNESS TO MEET THROUGHOUT  
2 THIS COUNTY IN ALL 88 CITIES. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU BECAUSE  
3 IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE A VERY SPECIFIC PLAN BEFORE AT LEAST  
4 MYSELF ARE WILLING TO PUT ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT, EVEN.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
7 FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE DO  
8 HAVE AN ITEM BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN MOVED. IT'S BEEN SECONDED.  
9 IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY BOTH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND--

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU MEAN YOUR MOTION, RIGHT?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE ONLY THING BEFORE US, THE REST ARE  
16 RECEIVE AND FILE. I SECONDED YOUR MOTION, I'M SUPPORTIVE OF  
17 THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EXCELLENT. ALL RIGHT, AND SO  
20 WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER OBJECTIONS, WE WILL MOVE  
21 FORWARD WITH WITH THE MOTION AS AMENDED AND THAT WILL BE THE  
22 ORDER. THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TURN TO S-2, REPORT FROM THE  
23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AND SINCE THE REPORT BACK TO BE NOTED  
24 AND FILED, THERE ARE A COUPLE PEOPLE, WE THANK YOU FOR COMING  
25 TODAY. MR. FUJIOKA?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAY I START, SIR? I WAS ASKED TO REPORT BACK  
3 ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE FOR OUR IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES  
4 WORKERS WITH THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE  
5 AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PAY THEIR APPROPRIATE SHARE.  
6 WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY, BOTH OUR OFFICE AND YOUR DEPARTMENT OF  
7 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE  
8 DEPARTMENT. WE CONFIRMED THAT BOTH THE STATE AND FEDS SHARE  
9 WILL BE PAID. FOR THIS INCREASE, THE COUNTY'S SHARE IS \$2.1  
10 MILLION. ON AN OVERALL BASIS, IT WILL BE \$20.8 MILLION, WHICH  
11 IS FULLY FUNDED BY THE INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WILL  
12 COME THROUGH THE STATE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
15 FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S REQUEST FOR  
16 INSTRUCTIONS, THERE ARE THREE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON  
17 THE ITEM. WE WILL NOW HEAR THEM. THEY ARE: ARNOLD SACHS,  
18 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ERIC PREVEN ON ITEM S-2. MEMBERS OF THE  
19 BOARD, THERE IS NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THIS POINT. IT IS  
20 ESSENTIALLY--

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, FINE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A QUESTION.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN, PLEASE.

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5 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
6 DISTRICT 3. AND I JUST TAKE NOTE THAT THIS APPEARS TO BE  
7 HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF FINALLY BEING RESOLVED. IT WAS AT  
8 THE LAST-- IT WAS AT THE BUDGET MEETING ONE YEAR AGO THAT THIS  
9 ROOM WAS PACKED FULL OF PURPLE SHIRTS LOBBYING HARD BEFORE  
10 THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THIS TO COME THROUGH. AND IT IS  
11 NOT EXACTLY BEING DELIVERED IN THE MANNER THAT IT SEEMED LIKE  
12 IT WAS PROMISED, BUT NONETHELESS, IT DOES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN  
13 WORKED OUT AND WE'RE APPRECIATIVE FOR THAT. THE SUBMITTAL OF  
14 REPORT DIMENSION, WHICH IS WHEN YOU CLICK ON THE LINK, THAT'S  
15 WHAT YOU GET, THE SUBMITTAL OF REPORT PENDING, IS A PROCEDURE  
16 THAT HAPPENS TOO OFTEN DOWN HERE. AND I THINK SUPERVISORS HAVE  
17 RAISED THAT WHEN WE RECEIVE THESE REPORTS AT THE 11TH HOUR,  
18 IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE LIKE YESTERDAY TO DIGEST THE MATERIAL  
19 BEFORE WE HAVE A MEETING ON IT. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THE  
20 BOARD THINK ABOUT THAT AS THEY INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS  
21 AND THE PEOPLE WHO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THIS BOARD TO DO SO  
22 IN A TIMELY FASHION AS OPPOSED TO WAITING. BECAUSE IT'S BECOME  
23 COMMONPLACE AND IT REALLY IS PROBLEMATIC FOR THOSE OF US WHO  
24 DO TRY TO PAY ATTENTION. SPEAKING OF WHICH, THANK YOU, SIR,  
25 FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I JUST WANT TO RAISE AS I TRAIL OUT OF



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1 THIS ITEM THAT WE DID BRING IN SOME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS TO  
2 OVERSEE TAX AGENTS, WHICH IS NOT SQUARELY ON THIS POINT, BUT  
3 THE STATE BILL THAT WAS GOING TO PROVIDE THAT TAX REGISTRATION  
4 DIMENSION FAILED. SO IT'S BEEN HELD UP IN COMMITTEE. SO,  
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO SOMEHOW KNEW THAT WE MUST PUSH FORWARD  
6 WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT OF TAX AGENTS SOMEHOW KNEW,  
7 DESPITE WENT DEEP INTO MAY, I DON'T KNOW. IT'S IMPRESSIVE. I  
8 HOPE THAT IT DOES PASS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD  
13 SACHS. GETTING MILEAGE FOR COMING UP HERE. TWO QUICK ARTICLES  
14 FROM THE NEWSPAPER, BOTH FROM JUNE OF LAST YEAR. THIS ONE IS  
15 "COUNTY MAY GET MORE STATE FUNDING. THE CAREGIVERS CURRENTLY  
16 MAKE \$9 AN HOUR AND ASKING FOR 9.65 AN HOUR, THE LIVING WAGE  
17 STANDARD." THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS A QUESTIONABLE AMOUNT OF  
18 MONEY FOR A LIVING WAGE STANDARD. BUT IN THIS ARTICLE, IT  
19 STATES "SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
20 FILED A MOTION TO GRANT THE INCREASE AMID REPEATED CALLS FROM  
21 THE S.E.I.U." AND BY THE WAY, THERE ARE NO S.E.I.U. MEMBERS  
22 HERE TODAY. SO WHEN YOU HAVE IT NOT REALLY ON THE AGENDA, THEY  
23 SHOW UP. AND WHEN YOU HAVE IT ON THE AGENDA, THEY DON'T SHOW  
24 UP. SOMEBODY'S PHONES MUST NOT BE WORKING PROPERLY. AND THEN  
25 ON THIS ARTICLE HERE, "NO DEEP CUTS IN L.A. COUNTY BUDGET."



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1 6/27/12. "ALSO TUESDAY, THE BOARD SET ASIDE 21.5 MILLION THAT  
2 CAN BE GIVEN-- THAT CAN BE USED TO GRANT IN-HOME CAREGIVERS AN  
3 INCREASE OF UP TO 65 CENTS PER HOUR TO 9.65 CONSIDERING THE  
4 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE." DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING. AND YOU KNOW  
5 WHEN THEY WERE HERE, YOU USED THE EXCUSE THAT IT WAS THE  
6 STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COME UP WITH THE EXTRA 15 CENTS, BUT  
7 THEY'RE NOT HERE. AND ON THESE TWO MOTIONS, IT DOESN'T MENTION  
8 ANYTHING ABOUT THE STATES. NOW, I KNOW WITH MY WORK WITH METRO  
9 THAT THEY CAN MODIFY STATE LAW, WHICH IS-- BUT THAT'S A  
10 DIFFERENT PLANET ALTOGETHER. SO YOU'RE MAKING MOTIONS. AND  
11 THIS IS 21.5 MILLION THAT WAS SET ASIDE IN 2012. AND YET MR.  
12 FUJIOKA JUST MENTIONED 20.8 MILLION THAT'S COMING FROM THE  
13 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO MAYBE YOU KNEW SOMETHING? THAT'S A  
14 FIRST, BECAUSE YOU JUST SAVED \$700,000. THAT'S NOT BAD. SO  
15 WHERE ARE WE WITH THIS RAISE AND WHY, BEFORE YOU USE THE STATE  
16 AS AN EXCUSE AND NOW YOU'RE NOT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
19 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAD A QUESTION OR A COMMENT?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. JUST I KEEP ASKING THIS BECAUSE IT  
22 NEVER GETS VOLUNTARILY SHARED. THE LAST TIME WE DISCUSSED  
23 THIS, MR. FUJIOKA, OUR SHARE WAS-- ALL THIS WAS CONTINGENT ON  
24 THE STATE. THE STATE HAS NOW GIVEN YOU A LETTER. BUT IT IS  
25 ALSO TO BE CONTINGENT ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND I JUST



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1 WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF FOR SOME REASON THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT  
2 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE, WE'RE NOT GOING  
3 TO BE ON THE HOOK FOR THEIR SHARE; IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S TRUE. BUT WE AT THIS POINT IN TIME--  
6 YES, THE ANSWER IS YES, BUT AT THIS POINT IN TIME, GIVEN OUR  
7 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF, WE'RE  
8 VERY CONFIDENT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST WANT IT ON THE RECORD THAT IF FOR SOME  
15 REASON SOMETHING DOESN'T PAN OUT THE WAY WE ANTICIPATED IT, WE  
16 WOULDN'T HAVE TO DIP IN FOR \$7 MILLION.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND FOR  
23 THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD, THAT ITEM IS ESSENTIALLY CONCLUDED.  
24 IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF THE  
25 BOARD FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REPORT BACK ON THE



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1 PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED.  
2 WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA. WE DO HAVE SEVERAL  
3 ITEMS. I WILL READ THEM. 12, ITEM 12, ITEM 14, ITEM 20, ITEM  
4 29, ITEM 33, AND ITEM 35-B. THOSE ARE THE ITEMS-- 28, AS WELL.  
5 ONCE AGAIN, ITEM 12, ITEM 14, ITEM 20, ITEM 23, ITEM 28, ITEM  
6 29, ITEM 33 AND ITEM 35-B. THAT'S THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA  
7 FOR US TODAY. WE NOW TURN TO ITEM NO. 12. PERSONS WHO WISH TO  
8 BE HEARD ON THE ITEM. THIS IS A MATTER THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA--  
9 - YES. SUPERVISOR, WOULD YOU PREFER TO HEAR THE PUBLIC FIRST?  
10 OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCEED?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME PRESENT THIS, IF I COULD, FOR A MINUTE.  
13 AND THEN WE HAVE ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE SPEAKERS THAT WE HAVE  
14 COMING UP. AND THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUT A MAP UP ON THE  
15 SCREEN HERE. YOU MAY HAVE READ ABOUT THE EXIDE ISSUE THAT IS  
16 GOING ON IN THE CITY OF VERNON. IF YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S  
17 SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE FOCUSED JUST EXCLUSIVELY IN THE CITY  
18 OF VERNON, BUT INSTEAD IF YOU LOOK AT THIS MAP, YOU CAN SEE  
19 WHAT IS GOING ON FROM THE EMISSIONS THAT ARE GOING ON FROM  
20 THIS PLANT THAT IS IN VERNON. THIS IS THE EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES,  
21 THE BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EXIDE HAS A  
22 HISTORY-- IS NOTORIOUS FOR VIOLATING POLLUTION AND  
23 CONTAMINATION LAWS FOR EXCESSIVE ARSENIC ADMISSIONS AND TOXIC  
24 SLUDGE. IN APRIL, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE  
25 CONTROL SHUT THE EXIDE DOWN. RECENTLY A LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ALLOWED EXIDE TO REOPEN PENDING A FINAL  
2 HEARING ON JULY 2ND. I THINK WE'RE ALL VERY-- EXTREMELY  
3 CONCERNED OVER THIS ISSUE. UNFORTUNATELY AGAIN, VERNON IS A  
4 MAJOR SOURCE OF SERIOUS POLLUTION, NOT JUST FOR SOUTHEAST LOS  
5 ANGELES BUT FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, AIR  
6 POLLUTION DOESN'T OBSERVE ANY BOUNDARIES WHATSOEVER. SOIL  
7 POLLUTION, OF COURSE, AFFECTS US EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. AND  
8 EXIDE'S CONTINUED FAILURE TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THEIR EXTENSIVE  
9 HISTORY OF AIR POLLUTION AND HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS IS GOING TO  
10 HAVE A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON THE COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT WE ALL  
11 REPRESENT. ALL OF US SHOULD BE ALARMED THAT A FACILITY KNOWN  
12 FOR ENDANGERING THE HEALTH OF AT LEAST 110,000 PEOPLE HAS BEEN  
13 ALLOWED TO REOPEN. STILL, THE COURT CITED LACK OF DUE PROCESS  
14 RIGHTS FOR EXIDE. THE COURT FOCUSED ON IRREPARABLE HARM TO  
15 EXIDE BUT I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT IRREPARABLE HARM THAT'S  
16 GOING ON TO OUR CHILDREN AND THE RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA. SO  
17 WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS BASICALLY ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
18 BEGIN A PROCESS OF LOOKING AT ALL THE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT  
19 MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR US. WE NEED TO PREVENT THE CONTINUED  
20 EXPOSURE OF OUR RESIDENTS TO THE TOXIC EMISSIONS OF EXIDE.  
21 WHILE I CAN BE VERY RESPECTFUL TO THE COURT'S PROCESS, WE JUST  
22 CAN'T STAND BY AND ALLOW THESE VIOLATIONS TO CONTINUE. IT'S  
23 NOT JUST THE HEALTH OF SOUTHEAST RESIDENTS, BUT ALL OF L.A.  
24 COUNTY RESIDENTS AT STAKE, AS YOU CAN TELL BY THE MAP. NOW, WE  
25 HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE THAT WANT TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. AND I'M



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1 GOING TO ASK THEM TO COME UP AND JOIN US. WE HAVE ROBERT  
2 CABRALES. FELIPE AGUIRRE-- I HOPE HE IS HERE. HE IS A  
3 COUNCILMEMBER FROM MAYWOOD. DIANA DEL POZO, REPRESENTING THE  
4 MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. AND ISALA RAMIREZ. WE HAVE FOUR CHAIRS  
5 AND TWO PEOPLE ARE COMING UP AFTER THAT, AS WELL. SO THIS  
6 MOTION BASICALLY IS A PART OF BEGINNING A PROCESS TO GIVE US  
7 SOME OPTIONS. I THINK THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ENGAGE ITSELF IN  
8 THIS ISSUE. IT IS AN ISSUE THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT EXIDE WILL  
9 TELL YOU THERE ARE JOBS AT STAKE AND SO ON. WE UNDERSTAND. BUT  
10 THE VIOLATIONS ARE SO FIERCE AND SO STRONG AND THE IMPACT SO  
11 GREAT THAT I THINK WE NEED TO STEP IN AND COUNTY COULD HAVE--  
12 IT COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR US FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE  
13 HEALTH VIOLATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON. BUT ALSO IT REALLY  
14 REQUIRES THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR PRESENCE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS  
15 ISSUE. SO WHY DON'T WE BEGIN BY ASKING OUR SPEAKERS TO BEGIN,  
16 IF I COULD ASK-- MR. CABRALES, WHY DON'T YOU START?

17

18 **ROBERT CABRALES:** GOOD MORNING, PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE  
19 BOARD. MY NAME IS ROBERT CABRALES. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER  
20 WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT AND I'VE BEEN  
21 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND SOUTH GATE  
22 FOR 11 YEARS, AND THIS ISSUE HAS COME UP, MANY TIMES. IN 2006  
23 AND IN 2010 WE HAD SEVERAL HEARINGS, ONE OF THEM THAT TOOK  
24 PLACE IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD AND ANOTHER ONE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS  
25 ADDRESSING THE ISSUE WITH EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES. AND THERE WE GOT





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1 A PRESENTATION THE LEVELS OF LEAD THAT WERE BEING EMITTED. AND  
2 I THINK AT THAT POINT EVERYBODY WAS ALARMED AND UP IN ARMS,  
3 UPSET OF THE EMISSIONS THAT WE WERE BEING EXPOSED ON A DAILY  
4 BASIS FROM EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES. AS YOU KNOW, THOSE SURROUNDING  
5 MATERIALS ARE VERY INDUSTRIAL. AND WE ARE EXPOSED TO NUMEROUS  
6 SOURCES OF POLLUTION FROM CHROME PLATERS, FROM OTHER METAL  
7 SCRAP FACILITIES, POWER PLANTS THAT WE'RE FIGHTING AND THAT  
8 ARE CURRENTLY EMITTING. AND RECYCLING FACILITIES FOR CHEMICALS  
9 SUCH AS EXIDE. WE'RE CONCERNED BECAUSE NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH  
10 THE ISSUE OF ARSENIC. AND LIKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED,  
11 IT'S NOT JUST A SOUTHEAST L.A. ISSUE. IT'S A COUNTY-WIDE  
12 ISSUE. AND RECENTLY BECAUSE OF THE ARSENIC, THERE WAS  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE A.Q.M.D., AND I QUOTE, "IN ORDER TO  
14 ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RISK REDUCTIONS QUICKLY AND WITH A HIGH  
15 PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT EXIDE  
16 ADDRESS THE DESIGN, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CONDITIONS OF  
17 THE BASIC PROCESSES OF ASSOCIATED EXISTING CONTROL SYSTEMS TO  
18 LOWER THE EMISSIONS." ALSO, THE STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDED  
19 ENCOURAGED THE USE OF AVAILABILITY APPROVED TECHNOLOGIES SUCH  
20 AS THE WET ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS. EXIDE HAS NOT SHOWN  
21 INTEREST IN USING SOME OF THESE THESE BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL  
22 TECHNOLOGIES. AND THIS IS A CHEAP SHOT TO THE COMMUNITY IN  
23 GOING TO THE COURT. LIKE YOU SAID, YOU RESPECT THE COURT'S  
24 DECISION BUT THIS IS A CHEAP SHOT TO THE COMMUNITY, TO HAVE A



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1 MEANINGFUL PROCESS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. AND WE COMMEND THE  
2 MOTION BY THE SUPERVISOR.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 FELIPE?

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7 **FELIPE AGUIRRE:** YES, MY NAME IS FELIPE AGUIRRE. I'M A  
8 COUNCILMEMBER OF THE CITY OF MAYWOOD, WHICH IS A CITY CLOSEST  
9 SOUTH OF THE EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES PLANT. AND AS MY COLLEAGUE WAS  
10 SAYING, WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THIS COMPANY, IT SEEMS TO BE A  
11 ROGUE CORPORATION THAT'S NOT REALLY OPERATING WITHIN THE--  
12 LOOKING AT THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE HAD WATER  
13 TESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY DONE IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONDUCTED A PUBLIC WATER TESTING A  
15 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO IN MAYWOOD. AND THEY FOUND HIGH AMOUNTS OF  
16 ARSENIC IN THE WATER. BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE SOURCE WAS.  
17 AND I THINK THAT WE CAN SAY THAT PROBABLY EXIDE IS ONE OF THE  
18 COMPANIES THAT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOURCE OF ARSENIC  
19 TO THE DRINKING WATER THE CITY OF MAYWOOD. PLUS ADDITIONALLY,  
20 MANY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD WORK AND LIVE AROUND  
21 THE PLANT OF EXIDE. AND MY CITY OF MAYWOOD IS REALLY A CITY OF  
22 THE WALKING WOUNDED BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF OUR CHILDREN  
23 AFFECTED BY THE LEAD EMISSIONS OF THIS PLANT AND A LOT OF  
24 PEOPLE THAT HAVE DISEASES OF OLDER PEOPLE THAT ARE VERY YOUNG.  
25 SO WE THINK THAT THIS COMPANY HAS OPERATED FOR QUITE A WHILE



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1 WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PERMITS. THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH THE  
2 BARE MINIMUM. AND WE REALLY HAVE TRIED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH  
3 OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE SEE NOW THAT THIS QUESTION OF THIS  
4 PLUME THAT'S AFFECTED NOT ONLY THE SOUTHEAST BUT IT'S AFFECTED  
5 ALL THE WAY UP TO SOUTH PASADENA, IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS VERY  
6 DANGEROUS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I APPLAUD THE SUPERVISOR AND  
7 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE  
8 AND HELPING US FIGHT THIS COMPANY. THERE IS TECHNOLOGIES  
9 AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO CLEAN IT UP. THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO DO  
10 IT. THEY WANT TO GET AWAY WITH THE CHEAPEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION.  
11 AND THIS IS AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE CLEANING UP  
12 THIS POLLUTION WITH OUR LUNGS. WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU'RE  
13 INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. AND WE WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THIS  
14 PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.  
17 COUNCILMAN. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **DIANA DEL POZO-MORA:** MY NAME IS DIANA DEL POZO- RAMORA,  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. I'M ALSO A VERY  
21 ACTIVE COMMUNITY-- I SIT ON MANY ADVISORY BOARDS FOR THE CITY,  
22 METRO AND SCHOOLS. I CONSIDER MYSELF A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST.  
23 TODAY I AM HERE TO SUPPORT GLORIA MOLINA'S WANTING TO DEVELOP  
24 A REPORT REGARDING EXIDE PLANT DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS SO  
25 IMPORTANT TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT OUR HEALTH ISSUES



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1 REGARDING EMISSIONS THAT WILL BRING DYSFUNCTION INTO OUR  
2 COMMUNITIES WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THERE ARE FEW  
3 THINGS WE CHERISH AS MUCH AS WE DO AS OUR CHILDREN AND OUR  
4 PARENTS. AND THESE TWO GROUPS ARE THE MOST AFFECTED BY THESE  
5 TYPES OF EMISSIONS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED WITH THIS  
6 BUSINESS. OUR ELDERS AND OUR YOUTH WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE  
7 ISSUES WITH BREATHING AND CANCERS THAT MAYBE RESULT IN DEATH.  
8 THIS FORCES US TO ONCE AGAIN BE THE WATCH DOGS FOR OUR  
9 COMMUNITY AND TO BRING UPON AWARENESS OF THE EFFECTS OF THEIR  
10 GLOBAL FOOTPRINT THEY ARE LEAVING BEHIND IN OUR SOIL AND OUR  
11 WATERS. WE NEED TO DEMAND CHANGES AND RESTRICTIONS AND  
12 MONITORING OF ALL EMISSIONS THAT ARE BEING PUT INTO OUR  
13 ENVIRONMENT BY THESE TYPES OF BUSINESSES. THERE NEEDS TO BE A  
14 PROCESS INTACT THAT WILL BE SUPERVISED AND WILL BE IN THE BEST  
15 COMMON SENSE OF THE NEEDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE BETTERMENT  
16 OF OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 MS. RAMIREZ AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ALLEN AVILA, DELORIS  
20 MEJIA, KARINA MACIAS,, DR. MARIA AVILA, AND FOLLOWING HER WILL  
21 BE MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

22

23 **ISELLA RAMIREZ:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
24 ISELLA RAMIREZ. I'M WITH EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR  
25 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION WORKING



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1 TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES  
2 OF COMMERCE, EAST L.A. AND LONG BEACH. TODAY I'M HERE TO URGE  
3 YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE COMMUNITIES THAT SURROUND  
4 EXIDE TECHNOLOGY ARE IN CRITICAL DANGER. THE CANCER RISKS THAT  
5 THE FACILITY BRINGS TO ITS RESIDENTS IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND THE  
6 FACT OF THE MATTER IS THIS IS NOT THE ONLY FACILITY OF ITS  
7 KIND, RIGHT? THE RESIDENTS OF EAST L.A.'S UNION PACIFIC  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMERCE, BOYLE HEIGHTS AND A COUPLE OTHER  
9 NEIGHBORHOODS ARE CUMULATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE VAST AMOUNT OF  
10 TOXIC FACILITIES THAT SPEAKER CABRALES TALKED ABOUT, RAIL  
11 YARDS, PESTICIDE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, INCINERATORS AND SO  
12 ON. ACCORDING TO RESEARCHERS JIM \_\_\_\_\_ OF OCCIDENTAL  
13 COLLEGE AND MANUEL PASORO <PH?> OF U.S.C., THERE IS A  
14 CORRELATION BETWEEN THE AREAS WITH HIGHLY HAZARDOUS PROXIMITY  
15 AND DENSELY POPULATED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND ALL OF THIS  
16 REALLY ADDS TO THE GROWING SCHOLARSHIP ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 JUSTICE, MOST OF WHICH POINTS TO THE SYSTEMIC AND  
18 INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM THAT REINS IN THE PLANNING'S HISTORY  
19 OF THE COUNTY AND OF THE COUNTRY, REALLY. BUT MY POINT HERE IS  
20 NOT TO CONVINCING YOU THAT ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM EXISTS, BUT,  
21 RATHER, THAT YOU BE PRODUCTIVE ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION.  
22 AND I'M URGING THAT THIS BOARD FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION  
23 OUTLINED IN THE MOTION TO MAKE SURE THAT EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES IS  
24 HELD ACCOUNTABLE NOT ONLY TO THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS THAT  
25 SURROUND THE AREA BUT ALSO TO THE WORKERS THAT ARE THE MOST



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1 HIGHLY EXPOSED TO BOTH THE ARSENIC AND THE LEAD COMING OUT OF  
2 THE FACILITY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YOUNG MAN.

6

7 **ALAN AVILA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALAN AVILA. I'M 11 YEARS OLD. I  
8 HAVE ASTHMA. AND I NEED TO TAKE ALBUTEROL AND CORTISONE. BUT  
9 THEY BOTH DON'T WORK FOR ME. THE ONLY THING THAT WORKS FOR ME  
10 ARE ASTEROIDS. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE IN THE HOSPITAL. I  
11 WANT TO LIVE LIKE A NORMAL KID LIKE IN MY HOME. I WANT TO HAVE  
12 A GOOD EDUCATION. I WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE FREELY. I DON'T WANT  
13 TO SPEND MY LIFE LIKE A KID IN THE HOSPITAL. I JUST WANT TO  
14 LIKE BE FREE. I DON'T WANT TO LIKE BE HOLD DOWN BY THE  
15 HOSPITAL. I'M MISSING ALL OF MY EDUCATION. I JUST WANT TO  
16 LEARN AND GO TO COLLEGE. I'M PROBABLY NOT GOING TO MAKE IT TO  
17 COLLEGE THANKS TO THIS COMPANY. I'M SORRY FOR THE WORKERS THAT  
18 THEY HAVE NO WORK, BUT I'M SORRY, BUT I WANT TO LIVE. WOULD  
19 YOU RATHER HAVE THE COMPANY OR KIDS LIVING AROUND THE WORLD  
20 HEALTHY? [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
23 YOUNG MAN. WE APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
24 PLEASE.

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1 **KARINA MACIAS:** YES, GOOD MORNING, PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS.  
2 MY NAME IS KARINA MACIAS. I'M A COUNCILMEMBER IN THE CITY OF  
3 HANOVER PARK. I'M HERE TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THE  
4 BOARD STAFF FOR LOOKING AT THE POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTIONS TO  
5 PREVENT TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM EXIDE. AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN  
6 THE SOUTHEAST CITIES, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EFFORTS LIKE  
7 THIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS AND OF THE AREA  
8 THAT HAS BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CHEMICALS AND  
9 OTHER SOURCES THAT CAUSES THAT CAUSE CANCER AND OTHER  
10 DISEASES. I FOR ONE WOULD NOT LIKE TO NOT SEE ANY MORE OF MY  
11 RESIDENTS DYING OF CANCER. AS A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
12 HUNTINGTON PARK, I'M AWARE THAT WE ALSO HAVE RESIDENTS THAT  
13 WORK AT THE COMPANY. AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A WILL AND A  
14 LEADERSHIP HERE TO MAKE JOB TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE  
15 WORKERS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO HELP PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR  
16 RESIDENTS. AND AGAIN I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND URGE TO  
17 CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF  
18 HUNTINGTON PARK BUT THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHEAST L.A. AREA  
19 THAT HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
20 JUSTICE, SO THANK YOU AGAIN.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
23 MADAME COUNCILMEMBER. MA'AM?

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1 **MARIA AVILA:** MY NAME IS MARIA AVILA AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT  
2 OF HUNTINGTON PARK MY ENTIRE 43 YEARS OF MY LIFE. MY PARENTS  
3 RAISED MY SISTER AND MY BROTHER AND I IN THE HUNTINGTON PARK  
4 AREA. MY PARENTS ALSO BELIEVED IN THE AMERICAN DREAM, AS WELL.  
5 THEIR DREAM OF SUCCESS HAS BEEN TO WATCH THEIR CHILDREN GROW,  
6 TO BECOME GOOD LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS  
7 OF THEIR COMMUNITY. I AM A BILINGUAL CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST  
8 WORKING AT THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER HERE IN  
9 DOWNTOWN L.A. MY SISTER HAS WORKED AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST  
10 FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AS WELL. MY BROTHER, AN EAGLE SCOUT, WAS A  
11 TEACHER'S ASSISTANT FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I AM  
12 HERE BECAUSE MY FAMILY BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY  
13 THE TOXINS AND POLLUTANTS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT. FOUR YEARS AGO  
14 MY FATHER WAS FIGHTING ESOPHAGEAL CANCER. HE IS IN REMISSION  
15 BUT EVERY DAY IS A BLESSING FOR US. BUT JUST THIS PAST MONTH,  
16 WE RAISED A FIGHT WITH MY DEAR BROTHER MANUEL. ON MAY 9TH HE  
17 WAS DIAGNOSED WITH SMALL CELL CARCINOMA, AN UNTREATABLE  
18 CANCER. WE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR HIM AND WITH HIM BUT  
19 SADLY HE LOST HIS BATTLE ON MAY 22ND. WHEN MY BROTHER WAS  
20 FIGHTING CANCER, OUR DEAR NEIGHBOR TONY HAD COME BY TO VISIT  
21 EVEN THOUGH HE WAS REPORTEDLY ALSO NOT FEELING WELL. WELL, WE  
22 CAME TO LEARN THAT TONY, TOO, HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH TERMINAL  
23 BRAIN CANCER. AGAIN SADLY WE LOST OUR DEAR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR  
24 TONY ON JUNE 21ST, JUST LAST FRIDAY. AND YESTERDAY WE LEARNED  
25 THAT THERE IS ANOTHER RESIDENT ON OUR BLOCK WHO IS FIGHTING



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1 CANCER, AS WELL. AND SO I'M HERE TO RESPECTFULLY AND KINDLY  
2 ASK YOU ALL TO SAY ENOUGH. STOP EXPOSING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN  
3 TO POLLUTANTS AND TOXINS. WE ALL DESERVE TO LIVE A LONG  
4 HEALTHY LIFE IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR AMERICAN DREAM. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

7 [APPLAUSE.] MA'AM?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, GREETINGS. I PUT THIS ON AS A VISUAL SO  
10 YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW EXTREME AND SERIOUS THIS MATTER IS. I,  
11 ON A PERSONAL NOTE WITHIN THE LAST THREE WEEKS HAVE LOST TWO  
12 VERY LONG FAMILY FRIENDS DUE TO CANCER AND CANCER-RELATED AND  
13 ASTHMA. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUNGER THAN 50 YEARS OLD,  
14 ABOUT 55 IS MY SECOND. JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO  
15 REMEMBER THOSE THAT HAVE DIED OR ARE DYING OR WILL DIE AS A  
16 RESULT OF THE TOXIC ASSAULT ON OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY BY  
17 EXIDE. I FOUND OUT ABOUT A COMPLAINT THAT WAS FILED AGAINST  
18 JUDGES, THE COMPLAINT ABOUT A CALIFORNIA JUDGE THAT GOES TO  
19 THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE. I'D BRIEFLY LIKE TO  
20 READ MY LITTLE COMMENT THAT I HAVE HERE. AND THIS IS DIRECTED  
21 TO LUIS LABIN. I BELIEVE HE'S THE JUDGE THAT HEARD THE MATTER  
22 IN WHICH HE ALLOWED THIS TOXIC PERPETRATOR TO CONTINUE TO  
23 DEVASTATE OUR COMMUNITY. THE JUDGE DID NOT CONSIDER THE FULL  
24 COMPLETE BODY OF EVIDENCE EXPOSING EXIDE'S CULTURE OF  
25 CONTAMINATION, HABITUAL VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW,



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1 REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND PAY FINES OR CLEAN UP THE  
2 MESS, THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FROM DECADES OF DANGEROUS PRACTICES  
3 THAT ASSAULTED OUR COMMUNITY WITH THEIR LEAD AND ARSENIC  
4 FACTORIES. IN FACT, THE JUDGE CHOSE TO ALLOW EXIDE TO CONTINUE  
5 TO POISON OUR COMMUNITY. I FOR ONE WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR  
6 GIVING US THIS AUDIENCE AND THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND I WANT TO  
7 THANK THOSE THAT SPOKE BEFORE ME AND THAT FATHER THAT'S GOING  
8 TO SPEAK AFTER ME. I AM NOT A SOPHISTICATED KIND OF ACTIVIST  
9 OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL. I COME TO YOU AND I JUST NOW  
10 IT'S HITTING ME, I ASK YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE PUT A HALT TO  
11 EXIDE TECHNOLOGY AT THIS TIME, ALLOW THE COURTS TO BE  
12 RESPONSIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT-- I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE  
13 A COURT-APPOINTED MONITOR FOR THIS JUDGE. AND MY TIME IS  
14 PROBABLY EXPIRED, BUT SINCE THAT IS THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO  
15 SAY THAT I IN A WAY DO REPRESENT THOSE THAT ARE MOST  
16 VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOT AS A CHILD BUT AS A  
17 GRANDMOTHER AND A MOTHER, FOUR GENERATIONS, L.A. AND EAST  
18 L.A., A DISABLED PERSON, ELDERLY. WE ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE  
19 IN THE COMMUNITY FROM THESE KIND OF ASSAULTS. AND WITH THAT I  
20 WILL CONCLUDE. I JUST WANT TO AS A VISUAL FOR YOU TO SEE, THIS  
21 IS THE KIND OF UNIFORM OUR CHILDREN WILL PROBABLY NEED TO WEAR  
22 AT THE ARSENIC ACADEMY. I'M JUST BRINGING THIS AS A VISUAL SO  
23 YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW VERY SERIOUS THIS MATTER IS. AND I URGE  
24 YOU ALL TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE



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1 AND TO SUPPORT GOOD CLEAN COMMUNITY FOR OURSELVES AND THE  
2 FUTURE GENERATIONS, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. ALL  
5 RIGHT. MONSIGNOR? [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **MSGR. JOHN MORETTA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MONSIGNOR JOHN  
8 MORETTA. FOR 30 YEARS I'VE BEEN THE PASTOR OF RESURRECTION  
9 PARISH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. MY PARISH IS WHERE IT SAYS MAXIMUM  
10 EXPOSED RESIDENT, THAT LITTLE DOT UP THERE. ALL THAT IS MY  
11 PARISH. JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF WHAT WE'RE  
12 TALKING ABOUT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT, OBVIOUSLY, THE RESOLUTION  
13 OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT 156 DEATHS AT THE  
14 A.Q.M.D. NOTIFIED THE COMMUNITY ABOUT 155 DEATHS PER MILLION.  
15 THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, IN MY OPINION. BUT BESIDES THAT, WE  
16 SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF ASTHMA, THE IMPACT OF THE  
17 PEOPLE THAT HAVE OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES. THAT'S NOT  
18 COUNTING THAT 156. THAT IS JUST ONE STATISTIC. AND IN ADDITION  
19 TO THAT, HOW MANY WOMEN SUFFER MISSCARRIAGES? THERE'S A WHOLE  
20 LINE OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WHEN YOU BEGIN TO LOAD A  
21 COMMUNITY WITH LEAD, AS ROBERTO MENTIONED EARLIER, WE FOUGHT  
22 THE LEAD. NOW ARSENIC. ARSENIC KILLS. WE'RE ASKING THE STATE  
23 AND OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO PROTECT US. EXIDE HAS NOT BEEN A  
24 GOOD NEIGHBOR. OF ALL THE 450 KNOWN MAJOR COMPANIES IN  
25 CALIFORNIA THAT ARE FAMOUS FOR POLLUTION, OF ALL THE 450, ALL



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1 OF THEM ARE PERMITTED EXCEPT FOR EXIDE, FOR 30 YEARS THEY HAVE  
2 NOT HAD A PERMANENT PERMIT, ONLY WORKING ON A PROVISIONAL ONE.  
3 SO I HOPE THAT SOMEBODY, THE JUDGES, THE AUTHORITIES, THE  
4 CALIFORNIA D.T.S.S. CAN SAY WITH US, YA BASTA, WE'VE HAD  
5 ENOUGH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
8 TESTIMONY. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER. THE  
9 MATTER IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ADDITIONAL?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONLY TO CONCLUDE TO SAY WHEN YOU  
12 LOOK AT THE SERIES OF REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE  
13 AND AS FATHER MORETTA MENTIONED, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A  
14 TEMPORARY PERMIT THE LAST 30 YEARS. THE A.Q.M.D., THE VARIOUS  
15 REGULATORY FIRMS HAVE CONTINUED TO FINE THEM ON A REGULAR  
16 BASIS. OVER 30 YEARS, IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR TIMELINE, THEY ARE  
17 FINED LIKE \$25,000, 5,000 AND SO ON, \$40,000. SO IT JUST  
18 ALLOWS THEM TO CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AND TO CONTINUE TO  
19 POLLUTE THE COMMUNITY. WE REALLY NEED TO STOP THIS FROM MOVING  
20 FORWARD AND WE NEED THE HELP OF THE COUNTY. LET ME JUST ADD  
21 ONE MORE THING, I WAS GOING TO BRING UP THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 PUBLIC HEALTH WITH DR. FIELDING AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 DIRECTOR ANGELO BOLOMO, BUT BEFORE I DO THAT, LET ME JUST,  
24 INSTEAD OF ASKING THE QUESTIONS, WHY DON'T WE ASK THEM ALSO TO  
25 PUT TOGETHER A SERIES OF OPTIONS. I THINK PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS



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1 TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE AND START LOOKING AT SOME  
2 MEASURE-- [APPLAUSE.] -- OF EITHER A REGISTRY OF SOME TYPE OR  
3 SOME IDEA. WE NEED TO GET MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE AND FIND THOSE  
4 WAYS TO EMPOWER THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE SOME CONTROL. I'M A  
5 LITTLE CONCERNED THAT I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION NO, WE  
6 DON'T HAVE A CANCER REGISTRY. NO WE DON'T DO THESE THINGS. BUT  
7 I THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO START PUTTING IN PLACE. SO  
8 INSTEAD OF BRINGING THEM UP, CAN I JUST ASK DR. FIELDING AGAIN  
9 THAT MAYBE YOU COME UP WITH A SET OF OPTIONS OF WHAT WE COULD  
10 POSSIBLY DO AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION IN THIS AREA OR  
11 INCIDENCE LIKE THIS, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE HAVE CANCER CLUSTERS  
12 OF THIS TYPE. WE HAVE HUGE ASTHMA PROBLEMS IN THIS SAME  
13 COMMUNITY. AGAIN, IT IS ONE POLLUTING INDUSTRY FROM VERNON,  
14 BUT THERE MAY BE OTHERS. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. SO  
15 IF I COULD ADD THAT TO THE MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH HAS BEEN ARTICULATED. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS IT  
19 RECORDED. WE WILL INTEGRATE THAT OR INCORPORATE THAT INTO THE  
20 MOTION PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS TO BE  
22 MADE AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME? SEEING NONE, I NOTE NO  
23 OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THANKS TO  
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE NOW TURN OUR  
4 ATTENTION TO ITEM 14. AND AS WE DO SO, LET ME INDICATE THAT  
5 THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM,  
6 SOME NEARLY 20 PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD. WE'RE STILL IN  
7 SESSION, SO IF YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY, WE'D APPRECIATE IT.  
8 SERGEANT, IF YOU NEED TO ASSIST THOSE IN THAT REGARD, PLEASE  
9 DO SO. AS WE TAKE UP ITEM 14, LET ME BEGIN BY INDICATING THE  
10 FOLLOWING. CHILD SAFETY IS IN MANY RESPECTS THE NUMBER 1  
11 PRIORITY OF THIS BOARD. AND WE FORCEFULLY EXPRESS THE WILL OF  
12 THIS BOARD TO REFORM OUR CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN A VARIETY  
13 OF WAYS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF  
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THE  
15 COMPILATION OF MOTIONS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOU'LL TAKE NOTE  
16 SINCE 2008 THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 100 MOTIONS ON OUR RESPECTIVE  
17 PARTS. OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORT IS WELL DOCUMENTED. BUT WHEN THE  
18 TIME COMES TO TURN OUR COLLECTIVE WILL INTO EFFECTIVE ACTIONS,  
19 UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE FALLEN SHORT. IT IS NOT THAT WE HAVEN'T  
20 TAKEN ACTION. IN FACT, THE OPPOSITE IS THE CASE. THERE'S AGAIN  
21 OVER 100 PLUS MOTIONS THAT EVIDENCE THAT FACT. IN AN EFFORT TO  
22 RESOLVE THE GROWING CONCERNS SURROUNDING CHILD FATALITIES, THE  
23 BOARD ESTABLISHED THE CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT A  
24 YEAR AGO THE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT ISSUED A REPORT ADDRESSING  
25 THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND





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1 FAMILY SERVICES IDENTIFYING A CYCLE OF INCOMPETENCE BEGINNING  
2 WITH SLOPPY INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOWED BY POOR DECISION MAKING,  
3 FAILED COMMUNICATION, AND FINALLY A LACK OF SUPERVISION AND  
4 MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.  
5 THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL WORKERS  
6 AND CASEWORKERS AND THE PUBLIC AGREE THAT CHILD SAFETY  
7 INVESTIGATIONS CAN BE IMPROVED BY BETTER TRAINING, BY BETTER  
8 MANAGEMENT, BY BETTER SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE PART  
9 OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THERE IS ALSO BROAD AGREEMENT THAT WE  
10 NEED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS, POLICE  
11 AGENCIES, PROBATION, THE PROBATION STAFF, D.C.F.S. AND OTHER  
12 KEY PLAYERS OR KEY DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY SAFETY NETWORK.  
13 AND YET EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO CONTROVERSY OVER THE NEED FOR  
14 SUCH REFORMS, THERE SEEMS TO BE A PERPETUAL DISCORD IN OUR  
15 ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT AND EXECUTE APPROVED REFORMS. THE  
16 BOARD'S NUMEROUS CHILD SAFETY MOTIONS, THE WORK OF THE  
17 INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AND THE PREVIOUS STUDIES BY OUTSIDE  
18 EXPERTS HAVE PRESCRIBED POLICIES FOR IMPROVING THE COUNTY'S  
19 PERFORMANCE IN HANDLING CRITICAL CHILD ABUSE INCIDENTS AS WELL  
20 AS HOW TO CONSISTENTLY SERVE AND PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. THE  
21 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION ITSELF HAS WORKED MIGHTILY AND HAS  
22 PRODUCED RECOMMENDATION AFTER RECOMMENDATION TO ADDRESS THESE  
23 ISSUES. AND THEY HAVE DONE SO ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, GIVING  
24 THEIR TIME, THEIR TALENT, THEIR EXPERTISE. AND RARELY HAS  
25 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS-- HAVE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS BEEN



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1 FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH THE KIND OF SUCCESS THAT WE WOULD HAVE  
2 HOPED, BUT IT IS NOT FOR THE LACK OF THEIR EFFORT. THERE ARE  
3 TIMES WHEN GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO TRANSCEND A STAGNANT SET OF  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE STATUS QUO NEEDS TO BE ALTERED. AND SO BY  
5 ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WE CAN FINALLY GET DOWN  
6 TO WHY THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND  
7 UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE COMMISSION IS NOT  
8 INTENDED TO RE-INVENT THE WHEEL. LET ME RESTATE THAT. IT IS  
9 NOT INTENDED TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. RATHER, THE INTENT IS TO  
10 GET THE WHEELS TURNING AND D.C.F.S. AND RELATED AGENCIES  
11 MOVING FORWARD. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL SERVE A VERY  
12 DISTINCT ROLE. SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT WE ALREADY HAVE A  
13 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR A BLUE RIBBON  
14 COMMISSION. WELL, THERE ARE TIMES-- AND THAT TIME IS NOW, IN  
15 MY POINT OF VIEW-- WHEN AN OUTSIDE; THAT IS, AN INDEPENDENT  
16 PERSPECTIVE FROM A SINGULARLY FOCUSED ENTITY ENTITY-- IS  
17 NECESSARY. LET ME CITE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE SUCCESS OF SUCH  
18 INTERVENTION. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR INSTANCE, HAD A  
19 STRONG POLICE COMMISSION WHEN RODNEY KING WAS BEATEN, BUT IT  
20 WAS THE CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION THAT WAS ABLE TO BRING A UNIQUE  
21 PERSPECTIVE AND ADVANCE THE ISSUE OF REFORM AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
22 POLICING. THERE WERE JAIL MONITORS IN OUR COUNTY JAILS, BUT IT  
23 TOOK THE CREATION OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO BRING  
24 ABOUT THE NEEDED CHANGE AND REFORMS THAT THIS BOARD NOW  
25 CONTEMPLATES. AND I WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY COMMISSIONS CAN AND



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1 DO MAKE GOVERNANCE MORE DYNAMIC. THEY ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE  
2 POLITICIZED AND MORE INCLINED TO BE SINGULARLY FOCUSED,  
3 CLINICAL IN THEIR PURSUIT, AND THEREFORE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
4 TO ADD SIGNIFICANT VALUE. SO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL  
5 FOCUS ON AN INTENSE-- WILL FOCUS AN INTENSE LIGHT ON THE  
6 MATTER OF CHILD DEATHS AND ON IRREGULARITIES AND DYSFUNCTION  
7 IN OUR SYSTEM WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR REFORM AND  
8 POTENTIALLY A ROAD MAP AS TO HOW THAT REFORM CAN BE  
9 IMPLEMENTED. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO REVIEW WHETHER C.S.I.U.'S  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN. IT  
11 IS NOT MEANT TO REPEAT WHAT THE C.S.I.U. HAS ALREADY DONE.  
12 LIKE ALL, LIKE THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION, THE BLUE RIBBON  
13 COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION WILL BE TASKED WITH CREATING A  
14 REPORT THAT PROVIDES A TIMELINE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH OF  
15 ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND A MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
16 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ONGOING REPORTING TO THE BOARD TO  
17 ASSURE THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THIS COMMISSION  
18 CALLS FOR CAPABLE, TALENTED AND OBVIOUSLY INTELLIGENT  
19 CITIZENRY. THE MEMBERS NEED TO BE COMPETENT IN THIS AREA. WE  
20 CALL FOR THE EXPERTISE THAT THEY CAN BRING WITH THEIR STRONG  
21 ANALYTICAL SKILLS. BOTH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I HAVE  
22 TALKED ABOUT THIS AS WE PRESENT THIS MOTION THAT WE ENVISION A  
23 COMMISSION THAT WILL BE COMPRISED OF INDIVIDUALS WITH  
24 EXPERIENCE FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES. IT MAY BE LAW  
25 ENFORCEMENT. IT MAY BE DEPENDENCY COURT. IT COULD BE



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1 PEDIATRICS. IT COULD BE PUBLIC HEALTH. IT COULD BE MENTAL  
2 HEALTH. CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH EXPERTS, DATA COLLECTION AND  
3 THE LIKE. AND EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESS IN THE AREA OF  
4 BUSINESS LEADERSHIP. WE WANT EVERYBODY IN THIS FOR THE  
5 PROTECTION OF THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR THE  
6 CREATION OF THIS COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE  
7 INVITING A CRITIQUE OF ITSELF, WHICH I PERSONALLY WELCOME. IT  
8 SEEMS TO ME THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO BE WILLING TO WEIGH IN AND  
9 DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION. WE DON'T WANT  
10 TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFORM A DEPARTMENT OR DEPARTMENTS  
11 THAT PERFORM SUCH A CRITICAL ROLE IN THIS COUNTY PARTICULARLY  
12 FOR THIS POPULATION THAT IS SO CLEARLY VULNERABLE. I BELIEVE  
13 THAT OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER. I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN DO  
14 BETTER. AND I KNOW THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE THIS AN ISSUE OF  
15 CONSTANT CONCERN. IT IS NOW TIME TO TAKE IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL.  
16 THOSE ARE MY OPENING REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT. MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO INVITE THOSE WHO ARE  
18 HERE TO TESTIFY TO DO SO, AT WHICH TIME, AFTER WHICH TIME WE  
19 SHOULD THEN DISCUSS THE MOTION AMENDED AS YOU DEEM  
20 APPROPRIATE, AND HOPEFULLY ADOPT IT AS SUCH. THERE ARE  
21 COMMISSIONERS HERE FOR THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND  
22 FAMILIES. THEY ARE PATRICIA CURRY AND CAROL BIONDI FOLLOWED BY  
23 ANN TRAN, AND MICHAEL GREEN. THOSE FOUR PERSONS, IF YOU WOULD  
24 COME FORWARD, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE. AND THEN THE  
25 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD ARE



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1 GEORGIA THOMPSON, STEPHANIE MOSS, VIESTA BROWN AND LINA  
2 DUVALL. SO IF YOU CAN COME AND TAKE FRONT ROW SEATS, WE CAN  
3 EXPEDITE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MEMBERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
6 TO SPEAK AFTER WE TAKE THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

9

10 **CAROL BIONDI:** UNFORTUNATELY TRISH BECAME ILL AND HAD TO LEAVE.  
11 SHE WAS HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. TRISH CURRY IS NO  
14 LONGER HERE.

15

16 **CAROL BIONDI:** I BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF CITIZENS COMMISSIONS,  
17 ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME, MA'AM, FOR THE  
20 RECORD?

21

22 **CAROL BIONDI:** I'M SORRY. CAROL BIONDI. THESE COMMISSIONS WORK,  
23 AS I BELIEVE OUR COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAS  
24 WORKED FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
25 VOLUNTEER FOR THEM DO IT FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THEY CARE



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1 PASSIONATELY ABOUT ALL CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY THE MOST  
2 VULNERABLE CHILDREN. THEY RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO INVEST THEIR  
3 TIME AND ARE WILLING TO PUT PERSONAL AGENDAS ASIDE. AFTER  
4 YEARS OF REPORTS AND MULTIPLE UNIMPLEMENTED RECOMMENDATIONS BY  
5 MANY ORGANIZATIONS TO REFORM D.C.F.S., THE COUNTY IS STILL  
6 BEING HORRIFIED BY PREVENTIBLE DEATHS OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING  
7 AT LEAST ONE RECENT CASE IN WHICH A CHILD WARNED SEVERAL  
8 ADULTS, INCLUDING MANDATED REPORTERS THAT HIS LIFE WAS IN  
9 DANGER. TODAY WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
10 THIS. AS A MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION, I LOOK FORWARD  
11 TO WORKING WITH A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE MADE UP  
12 OF HIGH APPOINTEES AS THEY FOCUS FOR SIX MONTHS ON THEIR  
13 MISSION JUST AS INTENSELY AND SUCCESSFULLY AS THE JAIL  
14 COMMISSION FOCUSED ON THEIRS. AS IN THE PAST, WE MUST  
15 CONTINUALLY REVIEW AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE FLAWS IN THE COUNTY'S  
16 SYSTEMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, BUT LET'S USE THIS  
17 OPPORTUNITY AND START MOVING FORWARD FASTER. THIS COMMISSION'S  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS IN EARLY 2014 COULD POINT THE WAY TO  
19 IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAT WILL  
20 ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
21 THESE FAMILIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER SO THAT ALL OF THESE  
22 SYSTEMS WORK EVERY TIME FOR EVERY CHILD.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **MICHAEL GREEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND AND BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL GREEN, I'M THE REGIONAL  
4 DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
5 I'M HERE JUST TO MAKE IT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT THAT WE ARE IN  
6 FAVOR OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE IT HAS THE  
7 POTENTIAL TO BE A TIPPING POINT THAT WILL CREATE A BETTER  
8 CHANGE IN THE CHILD SAFETY NET SYSTEM. ALSO, WE BELIEVE THAT  
9 WITH OUR VOICE WITH OUR SOCIAL WORKERS HERE PRESENT, WE WANT  
10 THEIR VOICES TO BE HEARD, AS WELL, AND WITHOUT FURTHER ADO,  
11 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE AN TRAN FROM COMPTON D.C.F.S. FACILITY  
12 TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS BLUE RIBBON  
13 COMMITTEE HAVE TEETH AND HAS THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGES WITH  
14 FOLLOW UP FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
17 MA'AM?

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19 **AN HO TRAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AN HO TRAN.  
20 I AM FROM THE COMPTON D.C.F.S. OFFICE. TODAY I AM REPRESENTING  
21 MORE THAN 3,000 CHILDREN SOCIAL WORKER AT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721  
22 WHO WORK DAY IN AND DAY OUT TO PROTECT THE WELFARE AND SAFETY  
23 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN. WE ARE HERE  
24 TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION  
25 ON CHILD PROTECTION. WE ARE OPEN TO ANY AND ALL APPROACHES TO





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1 ANALYZING AND FIXING THE PROBLEMS OF D.C.F.S. AND ENTIRE  
2 MULTI-AGENCY SYSTEM OF CHILD PROTECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
3 WE APPRECIATE THE INITIATIVE THAT YOUR BOARD IS TAKING. AT THE  
4 SAME TIME, WE URGE YOUR BOARD TO GIVE TEETH TO THE  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION SO THEY DON'T MERELY  
6 LANGUISH ON A SHELF NEXT YEAR WHEN THE MEMORIES OF TRAGIC  
7 CHILD DEATHS MAY HAVE FADED. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER COMMISSIONS  
8 AND OTHER BOARDS, SUCH AS THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND  
9 FAMILIES, THE CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, THE  
10 INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THE CITIZENS  
11 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE IS A CASE IN POINT. WHILE HAILED  
12 AS A SUCCESS, NEARLY A YEAR AFTER THE COMMISSION ISSUED ITS  
13 REPORT, MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT REQUIRE FUNDING TO  
14 IMPLEMENT REMAIN UNFULFILLED. THE SOCIAL WORKERS OF LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR SIGNIFICANT REFORMS  
16 FOR YEARS. AND WE HAVE BEEN CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THOSE REFORMS  
17 SHOULD BE. IF THE BOARD WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY ADOPT AND  
18 IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDED REFORMS WE SUPPORT AND WISH TO BE  
19 INCLUDED IN A THOROUGH REVIEW OF HOW TO REFORM CHILD WELFARE  
20 IN LOS ANGELES. A BUREAUCRATIC RESPONSE TO FIGHTING  
21 BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS MAY BE NECESSARY, BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH.  
22 IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION. AND SOME ACTIONS CANNOT  
23 WAIT. THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CANNOT WAIT. WE ARE  
24 CONFIDENT THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL PRODUCE NEW  
25 INSIGHTS INTO THE NATURE OF COMPLEX ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES AND



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1 THE SYSTEM OF CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION. BUT ONE THING IS  
2 CERTAIN: THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEED MORE SOCIAL  
3 WORKERS. THE S.B.2030 STUDY FOUND THAT 14 CASES SHOULD BE THE  
4 MAXIMUM CASELOAD TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHILD AND EACH FAMILY  
5 RECEIVE THE ATTENTION IT NEEDS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST HIRE  
6 NEW SOCIAL WORKERS TO BRING CASELOADS DOWN TO THESE ACCEPTABLE  
7 LEVELS. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
10 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE PERSONS WHO I CALLED A MOMENT AGO. THAT  
11 WOULD HAVE BEEN GEORGIA THOMPSON, STEPHANIE MOSS, VIESTA  
12 BROWN, LINA DUVALL. IF THOSE PERSONS ARE HERE, PLEASE COME  
13 FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN. I'M GOING TO CALL FOR MORE  
14 NAMES. LORI MARTIN, MS. MARTIN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,  
15 RENEE MONCITO, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. BRUCE RUBENSTEIN, IF  
16 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, JEFF FARBER, IF YOU WOULD COME  
17 FORWARD. PLEASE PROCEED, MA'AM.

18

19 **VIESTA BROWN:** THANK YOU. I'M VIESTA BROWN. AND I WELCOME THE  
20 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO COME IN AND DO AN AUDIT. I HOPE THEY  
21 WOULD DO L.A. BECAUSE THERE'S A MAJOR PROBLEM. THERE'S A  
22 PROBLEM WITH D.C.F.S. AND INVESTIGATORS THAT COME OUT TO THE  
23 HOME AND THEY TAKE CHILDREN OUT OF THE HOME AND SEPARATE  
24 SIBLINGS WITH FATHERS THAT ARE DRUG ADDICTS AND THEN THEY TAKE  
25 THEM BACK AND THEN REPLACE THESE CHILDREN IN SEVEN DIFFERENT



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1 HOMES INSTEAD OF WITH THE GRANDPARENTS. AND THEN THE COURTS  
2 EVEN WORK WITH-- DOES NOT WORK WITH D.C.F.S. RECOMMENDATIONS.  
3 EVERYBODY DO THEIR OWN THING. AND THEY ARE ACTUALLY DESTROYING  
4 THESE KIDS EMOTIONALLY, SEPARATING THESE CHILDREN. SO I HOPE  
5 ONCE THIS AUDIT IS COMPLETED, THAT THEY COME UP AND THEY MAKE  
6 SOME CHANGES TO SAVE CHILDREN, NOT TO DESTROY THEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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11 **LINA DUVALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LINA DUVALL. AND I  
12 HAVE A HARD TIME ONCE I HEARD THAT THE BOARD DECIDED TO CREATE  
13 ANOTHER COMMISSION SINCE AFTER THE TWO LAST AUDITS, WE HAD THE  
14 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT THAT'S REVIEW PANEL, YET EVEN AFTER  
15 THAT PANEL WAS CREATED, THERE'S STILL CHILDREN DIED. THIS IS A  
16 PANEL WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO COME IN AND HELP THE DEPARTMENT WITH  
17 ITS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, YET EVEN THOSE ISSUES HAVE NOT  
18 BEEN ADDRESSED. AND I HAVE FEAR THAT THIS OTHER COMMISSION  
19 WILL BE JUST LIKE THE MANY OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT THE BOARD  
20 HAS PUT TOGETHER IN RECENT YEARS. I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT  
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA JUST SPOKE OF L.A. RESIDENTS HAVING A RIGHT  
22 TO CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. L.A. RESIDENTS HAVE ALSO A RIGHT TO HAVE  
23 DUE PROCESS THROUGH DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS AS WELL AS BEING  
24 TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, WHICH IS THE MISSION  
25 STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.



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1 LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CONFLICTS OF  
2 INTEREST. I FEAR THAT AS WITH MANY OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE  
3 BEEN CREATED TO BRING ABOUT SOME SORT OF REFORM TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT THAT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, WHAT WILL THE BOARD DO  
5 TO ENSURE THAT FAMILIES, GOOD FAMILIES WHO ARE CURRENTLY  
6 HARASSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH KEEPS THEIR LOG PRETTY FULL,  
7 THAT WE WILL START PAYING ATTENTION TO THE CHILDREN IN REAL  
8 NEED OF PROTECTION AND THAT THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER PANEL,  
9 ANOTHER COMMISSION THAT WILL COME IN AND CONTINUE TO HARASS  
10 FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE  
13 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **STEPHANIE MOSS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE MOSS, I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
17 DR. CATHERINE EISENHOWER, C.E.O. OF SHIELDS FOR FAMILIES.  
18 SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE SPA 6 COMMUNITY CHILD WELFARE COALITION,  
19 THE CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL AND STATE COMMISSIONER  
20 FOR FIRST FIVE CALIFORNIA. I KNOW I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MANY  
21 PEOPLE ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF CHILD WELFARE THAT ARE JUST  
22 ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THIS  
23 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
24 WE APPLAUD THE INNOVATION. WE OFFER ANY SUPPORT THAT WE CAN  
25 PROVIDE YOU ALONG THE WAY. WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE GOING



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1 TO LEAVE A LEGACY HERE NOT ONLY IN L.A. COUNTY BUT ACROSS THE  
2 NATION, SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR IMPROVING CHILD WELL-BEING BY  
3 TRANSFORMING THE SYSTEM. I AM A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED, THOUGH,  
4 BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE THE MOTION IS COMING A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE  
5 GIVEN SOME OF THE ACTIONS IN D.C.F.S. RECENTLY WITH THEIR USE  
6 OF DELEGATED POWER TO CUT FAMILY PRESERVATION. IT WAS APPROVED  
7 IN THE BUDGET YESTERDAY BY THE BOARD. AND WE JUST REALLY FEEL  
8 LIKE YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE CUT OF 14 MILLION DOESN'T  
9 ACTUALLY GIVE ROOM IN THE BUDGET WHEN FAMILY PRESERVATION  
10 COSTS \$10,000 FOR AN ENTIRE FAMILY, AND FOSTER CARE AVERAGES  
11 \$20,000 PER CHILD, WITH FAMILIES AVERAGING THREE CHILDREN PER  
12 FAMILY, YOU'RE CHOOSING TO SPEND \$60,000 VERSUS \$10,000 PER  
13 FAMILY. IT'S TRULY FISCALLY INEFFICIENT, IRRESPONSIBLE.  
14 ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT THAT 60,000 DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE  
15 THE ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED THROUGHOUT THE OTHER SYSTEMS  
16 LIKE COURTS, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SYSTEM, HOMELESSNESS,  
17 INCARCERATION. SO IN ANY OTHER INDUSTRY, THAT CUT WOULD MAKE  
18 NO SENSE, NO BUSINESS SENSE. AND WE JUST ARE ASKING THAT YOU  
19 WOULD USE YOUR DELEGATED POWER TO OVERRIDE THE CUTS, MAKE ANY-  
20 - JUST PUT A HOLD ON ANY CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL  
21 THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION CAN DO WHAT YOU'VE INTENDED, WHICH  
22 IS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO,  
23 THANK YOU. AND AGAIN WE JUST APPLAUD YOU.  
24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, MA'AM.

3

4 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN. YOU HAVE  
5 ALL HEARD ME SPEAK SEVERAL TIMES NOW. I HAVE A FEW CONCERNS  
6 WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION BEING TRANSPARENT. I HAVE A  
7 FEW CONCERNS ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF SOCIAL WORKERS THAT  
8 ACT MALICIOUSLY TO ATTACK PARTIES THEY KNOW ARE VULNERABLE. I  
9 WOULD CONSIDER BEING A COMMISSIONER ON THIS COMMISSION,  
10 HOWEVER I DON'T EVEN RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO I DON'T  
11 THINK I COULD COMPLY TO YOUR DEMANDS OR THE CONSTRAINTS TO BE  
12 ON THE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, THE OVERSIGHT IS SOMETHING THAT I  
13 WILL NEVER LET GO OF NOW. I HAVE ACTIVELY BEEN ATTACKED BY  
14 THIS DEPARTMENT SINCE 2002. I HAVE ACTIVELY GONE THROUGH  
15 SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROVED TO BE FIT ON NUMEROUS  
16 OCCASIONS. THIS IS WHY I FILED THE COMPLAINT LAST AUGUST WHICH  
17 LED TO THE DETAINMENT OF MY CHILD IN NOVEMBER. I WOULD LIKE  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MOTION FOR AN ORDINANCE OF NO ANONYMOUS  
19 REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE ANY FURTHER. THE STATE OF ILLINOIS'S  
20 TAKEN ON THIS AS A LAW. AND THEY REDUCED THEIR FALSE REPORTS  
21 FROM 85 PERCENT TO 15 PERCENT. IF YOU'RE RECORDING THE NAME OF  
22 THE REPORTING PARTIES, DON'T YOU THINK THAT TRANSPARENCY WOULD  
23 BE THERE A LITTLE MORE IF THEY WERE CONCERNED WITH CRIMINAL  
24 CHARGES AS A BACKLASH FOR A FALSE REPORT? I DO BELIEVE THERE  
25 IS AN ORDINANCE THAT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS. NO MORE



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1 ANONYMOUS REPORTING UNLESS IT IS A SCHOOL TEACHER, A  
2 PSYCHOLOGIST OR A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN OR WORKER OF SOME SORT.  
3 THERE ARE SOME MAJOR CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE. IF THE  
4 ORDINANCES AREN'T PUT INTACT, THIS COMMISSION WILL BE USELESS.  
5 I WILL ALSO ONCE AGAIN REQUEST THAT PHILIP BROWNING IS REMOVED  
6 FROM HIS POSITION DUE TO HIS INFORMATIONAL ACCESS. HE WAS THE  
7 DIRECTOR OF D.P.S.S., CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AND NOW CHILDREN  
8 SERVICES? HE'S NOT COLLECTING MONEY THIS TIME. HE'S COLLECTING  
9 OUR CHILDREN.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
12 MA'AM. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **JEFF FARBER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JEFF FARBER, I'M THE  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HELPLINE YOUTH COUNSELING AND A MEMBER  
16 OF THE CHILDREN FIRST COLLABORATIVE IN SPA 7. WE COMMEND YOUR  
17 LEADERSHIP, ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IN  
18 WORKING TO ASSURE CHILD SAFETY. ON BEHALF OF OUR  
19 COLLABORATIVE, WE STRIVE TO PARTNER WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU  
20 WILL ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM AS  
21 PART OF THE PROCESS TO CONTINUE ENSURING CHILD SAFETY AND  
22 PROTECTION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
25 SIR.





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1  
2 **BRUCE RUBENSTEIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS,  
3 MY NAME IS BRUCE RUBENSTEIN I'M AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT  
4 WHICH I'M WORKING DIRECTLY WITH ABOUT 20 COMMUNITY-BASED  
5 AGENCIES INDIRECTLY WITH ANOTHER 32 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
6 WITHIN FIVE CHILD WELFARE COALITIONS. AND I WAS FORMER DEPUTY  
7 DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M HERE STRONGLY  
9 SUPPORTING THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND WHAT IT CAN DO.  
10 APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH FOR  
11 RECOGNIZING IN PROPOSING THIS COMMISSION THE NEED FOR A  
12 THOROUGH REVIEW OF PAST FAILURES AND SUCCESSES. THERE HAVE  
13 BEEN SUCCESSES IN MAKING REFORMS. TO HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL  
14 REDESIGN OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR  
15 CHILD SAFETY. YOU ALSO STATED THAT THERE'S AN OPENNESS TO PUT  
16 EVERYTHING ON THE TABLE. AND THAT IS REALLY NEEDED FOR A  
17 PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE. COMPREHENSIVE MEANS CHILD WELFARE FROM  
18 PREVENTION STRATEGIES LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD PARENT GROUPS AND  
19 EDUCATION TO EARLY INTERVENTION AND FAMILY PRESERVATION,  
20 FOSTER CARE AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. THOSE ARE SYSTEMS THAT  
21 WERE FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED IN ITS NATURE IN 1970S BUT WE'VE  
22 NEVER REALLY CHANGED OUR APPROACH TO DETENTION IN FOSTER CARE.  
23 BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE IN D.C.F.S. AND 30 YEARS IN CHILD  
24 WELFARE, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU'D LOOK AT THE PERVASIVE CULTURE  
25 OF FEAR AND BLAME WITHIN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT. AND THAT IS



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1 GETTING IN THE WAY OF INDIVIDUALIZED DECISION MAKING BY SOCIAL  
2 WORKERS TO DO WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, WHICH  
3 IS THE FEDERAL LAW. THERE'S AN EXTREME LEADERSHIP REACTIVITIES  
4 TO TRAGEDIES RATHER THAN RELYING ON THE ESTABLISHED MECHANISMS  
5 FOR LEARNING AND IMPROVING, SUCH AS I.C.A.N.'S DEATH REVIEW--  
6 FATALITIES REVIEW PROCESS AND THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT  
7 OF THE BOARD. THERE'S A LACK OF A POSITIVE CHILD WELFARE  
8 PHILOSOPHY. LET ME JUST CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT COMMUNITY  
9 ORGANIZATIONS-- THERE'S A NUMBER OF OTHER POINTS, BUT  
10 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO HAVE A VOICE BECAUSE THEY'RE  
11 WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THESE FAMILIES AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
12 D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKERS AND THIS IS A TASK THAT MAY TAKE MORE  
13 THAN SIX MONTHS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 NEXT SPEAKER. AND AFTER THE NEXT SPEAKER, I'M GOING TO ASK  
17 THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS COME FORWARD. MATTHEW HARRIS ELVY  
18 PEREZ, GABRIEL BUELNA, ELVIA TORRES, ZEYDA FERNANDEZ. IF THOSE  
19 INDIVIDUALS WOULD COME FORWARD, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. MA'AM,  
20 PLEASE.

21

22 **RENEE MONCITO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RENEE MONCITO WITH  
23 FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY AND ALSO WITH THE COMMUNITY COALITION  
24 FOR CHILD WELFARE. I JUST DEFINITELY WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD  
25 OF SUPERVISORS, MARK RIDLEY AND ANTONOVICH FOR RECOMMENDING



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1 THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. THERE ARE THINGS THAT HAVE WORKED  
2 WITH D.C.F.S., AND THAT'S THE POINT OF ENGAGEMENT THAT STARTED  
3 BACK IN 2005 TO 2008 WHERE THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED WITH THE  
4 DEPARTMENT FOR UP FRONT ASSESSMENTS, FOR TEAM DECISIONMAKING.  
5 AND WE'RE LISTENING TO ALL THE TESTIMONY, WE'RE NOT SEEING  
6 THAT THERE IS A COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY AND THE  
7 DEPARTMENT. WHEN THERE IS A COLLABORATION, WHAT HAPPENS IS  
8 THAT THE COMMUNITY BEGINS TO TRUST THE DEPARTMENT. YOU'LL  
9 BEGIN TO SEE A SAFETY NET CREATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
10 COMMUNITY. WHEN WE'RE DOING POINT OF ENGAGEMENT, WE SAW THE  
11 NUMBERS DROP, WITH CHILD DETENTION, WE SAW CHILD DEATH DROP,  
12 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE DROP, AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES BECAME  
13 THE NORM AND RESOURCES WERE REALLOCATED BECAUSE YOU BEGAN TO  
14 USE AGENCIES THAT ARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES IN THE  
15 COMMUNITY TO HELP BUILD COMMUNITY. THE PROBLEM IS WE'RE DOING  
16 A BLUE RIBBON IT IS ONLY DEPARTMENT-BASED AND DEPARTMENT-  
17 DRIVEN. THE COMMUNITY DOESN'T HAVE A VOICE, AND WITHOUT A  
18 VOICE, WITHOUT A BUY-IN, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE OUTCOME THAT YOU  
19 WANT. AND WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE COMMITTEES, BUT THERE'S NEVER A  
20 JOINT EFFORT WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. THE  
21 PARENTS DON'T HAVE A VOICE. THE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY DON'T  
22 HAVE A VOICE. AND WE CAN DO OURSELVES IF WE PARTICIPATE IN  
23 THAT PROCESS. I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER COMMITTEE COME  
24 ON BOARD DICTATING TO OUR COMMUNITY WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN. WE  
25 KNOW WHAT'S NECESSARY. WE KNOW WHAT WORKS AND DON'T WORK FOR



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1 US. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE'RE NOT AT THE TABLE. WHEN POLICY IS  
2 IMPLEMENTED. SO IF YOU HAVE POLICY AND PRACTICE THAT DON'T  
3 EVER COME TOGETHER, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE OUTCOMES YOU  
4 WANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] WE'LL MOVE NOW TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MATTHEW HARRIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
10 OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DR. MATT HARRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
11 WITH PROJECT IMPACT AND A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 CHILD WELFARE COALITION. ON BEHALF OF THE 51 AGENCIES THAT  
13 MAKE UP THE COALITION, WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUE  
14 RIBBON COMMISSION. IN A RECENT TOWN HALL MEETING WITH  
15 CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS REGARDING D.C.F.S. REFORM THAT WAS  
16 HELD AT WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, OVER 1400 PEOPLE  
17 WERE IN ATTENDANCE. PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE FROM JUDGE MICHAEL  
18 NASH, DR. CHERYL GRILLS, REVEREND CECIL MURRAY. TESTIMONIES  
19 WERE HEARD FROM PARENTS AND CASEWORKERS AND YOUTH ALL  
20 CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHIFT IN POLICY TOWARD INCREASED  
21 DETENTIONS AND OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY  
22 TARGETS CHILDREN OF COLOR AND COMPROMISES THEIR SAFETY AND  
23 WELL-BEING AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE CRADLE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE.  
24 ON A PERSONAL NOTE, MY WIFE AND I WERE FORTUNATE AND I TO WALK  
25 AWAY FROM A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING. AS AN ORDAINED MINISTER, I HAVE



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1 PREACHED FUNERALS OF CHILDREN WHO WERE NOT AS FORTUNATE TO  
2 WALK AWAY. TO WALK THE FAMILY THROUGH A LOSS OF A CHILD IS  
3 LIFE CHANGING. IN THOSE MOMENTS, THE ONE THING THAT COMES TO  
4 YOUR MIND OVER AND OVER AGAIN IS THAT IT DIDN'T HAVE TO END  
5 THIS WAY. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THEIR PATH WAS LACED WITH  
6 NEGLECT, ABUSE AND VIOLENCE. ONE OF THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE  
7 TOWN HALL MEETING WHO SUFFERED LOSS HELD UP A SIGN THAT SAID  
8 IT BEST. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IT TO YOU. AND THAT IS: GIVE US  
9 HOPE. IT IS OUR HOPE BY APPOINTING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION  
10 THAT ACCOUNTABILITY, COMMON SENSE AND CRITICAL THOUGHT THAT WE  
11 HAVE ALL HEARD WILL BE RESTORED AND THAT WILL RESULT IN  
12 CREATING AND SUSTAINING TRUST THAT BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS NEEDED  
13 TO HELP FAMILIES. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE CHILD WELFARE  
14 SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION AND THAT  
15 PERSONS LIKE DR. DAVID SANDERS AND ALSO DR. CHERYL GRILLS WILL  
16 BE CONSULTED TO BRING ABOUT THE KIND OF REFORM THAT WILL MOVE  
17 D.C.F.S. FROM A CULTURE OF FEAR THAT INHIBITS WORKERS TO A  
18 CULTURE OF LEARNING THAT REFINES, THAT REUNIFIES FAMILIES.  
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
22 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **GABRIEL BUELNA:** SUPERVISORS, I'M DR. GABRIEL BUELNA, EXECUTIVE  
25 DIRECTOR OF PLAZA COMMUNITY SERVICES IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND



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1 FACULTY MEMBER AT CAL. STATE NORTHRIDGE. FIRST I WANTED TO  
2 ACKNOWLEDGE A SPEAKER AT THE BEGINNING SAID THAT CALIFORNIA  
3 HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF POLITICAL AND GOVERNANCE REFORM  
4 FOR ABOUT A CENTURY, PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT. AND I THINK  
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SPECIFICALLY WITH YOUR COMMENTS THIS  
6 MORNING, I THINK WITH ESTABLISHING THIS BLUE RIBBON  
7 COMMISSION, WHICH PLAZA COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPORTS IN EAST  
8 LOS ANGELES IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT ALLOWS FOR THAT  
9 ACCOUNTABILITY LOOP TO BE PERMANENTLY PLACED WITHIN THE CHILD  
10 WELFARE SYSTEM. AND THAT'S A TRADITION THAT THIS BLUE RIBBON  
11 COMMISSION UPHOLDS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. JUST LIKE  
12 WITH THE POLICING, AS YOU MENTIONED, POLICING WAS SEEN FOR  
13 SEVERAL YEARS GROWING UP ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS  
14 ANGELES THAT YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE POLICE. WHILE SOME MAY BE  
15 AFRAID OF THE POLICE STILL, I THINK THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN  
16 IMPROVED OVER THE YEARS AND TRUST HAS BEEN IMPROVED. THAT IS  
17 WHY WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION HAS  
18 THE AUTHORITY, THE ABILITY AND ALL THE RESOURCES TO MAKE THOSE  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS HAPPEN. BY ALLOWING THE BLUE RIBBON APPROACH,  
20 WE ARE ALSO ALLOWING FOR THE WORD "COMMUNITY" TO GO INTO CHILD  
21 WELFARE AND PUTTING THAT WORD, THAT TERM "COMMUNITY CHILD  
22 WELFARE" JUST LIKE POLICING USED TO BE CALLED POLICING ONLY,  
23 NOW IT'S CALLED "COMMUNITY POLICING". WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I  
24 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD, IF POSSIBLE, IF IT WOULD BE ALLOWED,  
25 THAT ONCE THIS COMMISSION DOES SUNSET, THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO





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1 COME INTO FRUITION AGAIN EVERY FIVE YEARS IN ORDER FOR  
2 D.C.F.S. TO BE REVIEWED. AND ALSO THAT WE LOOK AT CHILD  
3 WELFARE AS BEYOND D.C.F.S. CHILD WELFARE IS ALL OF OUR  
4 RESPONSIBILITIES, D.C.F.S. IS ONLY "A" PUBLIC VEHICLE. A  
5 PUBLIC VEHICLE THAT WE ARE THE OWNERS OF AS L.A. COUNTY  
6 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

10

11 **ELVIA TORRESR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS ELVIA TORRES,  
12 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES. WE'RE  
13 PART OF COALITION IN SPA 7 AND IN SPA 3. WE'RE IN DISTRICT 4,  
14 1 AND 5. AND TODAY WE'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING  
15 ON TO OUR CHILDREN. I THINK GABRIEL TALKED REALLY ABOUT IT,  
16 THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY. AND IT'S THE  
17 ENTIRE COMMUNITY. SO WE'RE COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF THE BLUE  
18 RIBBON COMMISSION. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS THAT WE REALLY BEGIN  
19 TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE REPORTS THAT ARE THERE. THERE'S A  
20 REPORT ON INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS. IT'S COMING TO THE  
21 FOREFRONT: WHO ARE THE CHILDREN BEING MOST IMPACTED, THE  
22 CHILDREN OF COLOR? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICANS,  
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE LATINOS. THE NUMBER OF LATINO CHILDREN  
24 BEING DETAINED ARE ON THE RISE. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD  
25 SERVICES. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S SAD TO SAY THAT CHILDREN





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1 ARE DYING. IN THE UNITED STATES, WE KNOW THAT FIVE CHILDREN  
2 DIE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO CHILD ABUSE. THERE ARE SERVICES OUT  
3 THERE THAT COULD HELP PREVENT THIS. AND IF WE JUST FOCUS ON  
4 REMOVING CHILDREN, WE'RE ONLY FOCUSING AT THE END. WE NEED TO  
5 TAKE A BALANCED APPROACH AND TRY TO REACH THESE FAMILIES EARLY  
6 ON, TRY TO REACH THESE CHILDREN BEFORE WE WAIT TILL THE END.  
7 SO WE'RE HERE SAYING THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE, A CONTINUUM  
8 THAT LOOKS AT ALL ISSUES AND A PROCESS THAT REALLY TAKES INTO  
9 CONSIDERATION THE CULTURAL ASPECTS AND THE DIVERSE  
10 COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE CONSUMERS BE PART OF THIS,  
11 THAT IT TAKES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. AND IT'S NOT JUST THE  
12 EXPERTS AND THE PROFESSIONALS, IT'S THE FAMILIES BEING MOST  
13 IMPACTED. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL  
16 RIGHT. GERMAN GARCIA, MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON, CLAUDIA  
17 NICOLAS, TAMMI STEFANO, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? MA'AM,  
18 PLEASE PROCEED.

19

20 **ELVY PEREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS ELVY PEREZ, I'M A PARENT ADVOCATE  
21 IN MY COMMUNITY. I STARTED PARTICIPATING AT SPIRIT FAMILY  
22 SERVICES BECAUSE I WANTED TO OVERCOME TOO MANY FAMILY ISSUES  
23 THAT I WAS FACING AT THAT MOMENT. LITTLE BY LITTLE I STARTED  
24 MAKING CHANGES AND FEELING STRONG. LATER ON, I GOT INVOLVED  
25 WITH PACK PALS SUPER GROUP AT SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH IS



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1 PARENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PARENTS AS LEADERS SUPPORT  
2 GROUP. AND ALSO STARTED JOINING OTHER GROUPS, Y.W.C.A., FIRST  
3 FIVE L.A., BEST START AND NOW I'M VERY COMMITTED TO ENCOURAGD  
4 TO GET OTHER FAMILIES TO GET EDUCATED AND BREAK THE CHILD  
5 ABUSE AND NEGLECT CYCLE THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
6 PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND THEN PARENTS CAN MAKE CHANGES TO BETTER  
7 THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE HAVE TO FACE  
8 MANY BARRIERS, SUCH AS POVERTY, LACK OF PARENTING SKILLS,  
9 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ET CETERA. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY AFRICAN-  
10 AMERICAN AND LATINO CHILDREN ARE ENDING IN FOSTER CARE. AND WE  
11 WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN TO GET MORE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.  
12 FOSTER CARE SHOULD BE THE LAST RESOURCE. PLEASE SUPPORT AND  
13 STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU. AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF  
14 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND WE ASK THAT THE COMMUNITY VOICE BE  
15 HEARD. AND THERE IS A DIVERSE REPRESENTATION INCLUDING  
16 PARENTS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
19 TESTIMONY. SIR?

20

21 **GERMAN GARCIA:** YEAH, GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS GERMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
22 GARCIA AND I'M THE FATHER OF FIVE CHILDREN AGES 21, 17, 15, 13  
23 AND 11. MY 21-YEAR-OLD, HE'S GOING TO COLLEGE RIGHT NOW. MY  
24 17-YEAR-OLD, HE JUST GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS IN THE  
25 SYSTEM. I WAS BROUGHT INTO THE SYSTEM BACK IN 2004. BACK IN



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1 THAT TIME, D.C.F.S. RECOMMENDED ME TO DO SOME PARENTING  
2 CLASSES, WHICH I DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT WAS. SO I WENT  
3 TO SOME PARENTING CLASSES. I DID THOSE PARENTING CLASSES. AND  
4 NOW UP TO THIS DAY, I'M STILL IN THOSE GROUPS. NOW I HELP TO  
5 RUN THOSE GROUPS. IT'S CALLED FATHERHOOD PROJECT. AND IT'S  
6 WORKING REALLY GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY. IT HELPS ONE ANOTHER  
7 PARENTS. WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER, ONE ANOTHER. AND I BELIEVE ALL  
8 THOSE THINGS THAT ARE OUT THERE ARE REALLY WORKING BECAUSE  
9 THEY WORKED FOR ME. AND UP TO THIS DAY, I THINK BACK AND I'LL  
10 SAY WOW, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY TOOK MY CHILDREN AWAY BACK  
11 THEN? I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR FOR PARENTS TO TAKE THEIR  
12 CHILDREN AWAY. I THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON PROGRAMS LIKE  
13 PROJECT FATHERHOOD, LIKE FAMILY PRESERVATION, ALL THOSE  
14 PROGRAMS THAT REALLY HELP FAMILIES TO STICK TOGETHER. WHAT I  
15 THINK THAT THIS SYSTEM WILL DO IF THEY PULL FAMILIES APART,  
16 THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE CRIME, MORE VIOLENCE AND OUR  
17 CHILDREN, THEY'RE GOING TO END UP IN JAIL. SO I REALLY AM IN  
18 FAVOR OF THE BLUE RIBBON. I WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF  
19 HAVING A PARTNER VOICE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE  
22 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **CLAUDIA NICOLAS:** OH, HI, MY NAME IS CLAUDIA NICOLAS. I'M FROM  
25 SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES IN SANTA MONICA THIS IS THE FIRST TIME



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1 IN THIS MEETING WITH MY PARTNERS AND TO BE HONEST, I CAME HERE  
2 BECAUSE MY KIDS ARE IN FOSTER CARE BECAUSE OF MY BAD DECISIONS  
3 THAT I MADE. AND AT THIS MOMENT I HAVE TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES  
4 OF IT. AT THIS TIME, I'M GETTING THE HELP FROM SPIRIT FAMILY  
5 SERVICES TO GET MY KIDS BACK. AND THE ONLY THING I WANT TO SAY  
6 TO THE DEPARTMENT D.C.F.S.: PLEASE REVIEW THE CASES AND  
7 PROVIDE SUPPORT TO KEEP THE FAMILIES TOGETHER BECAUSE YOU NOT  
8 EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH PAIN TO BE APART THOSE CHILDREN. I'M DOING  
9 EVERYTHING TO GET MY KIDS BACK. AND I WILL. D.C.F.S. NEEDS TO  
10 DO A BETTER JOB IN HELPING FAMILIES BECOME STRONGER AND NOT  
11 JUST CREATING MORE TRAUMA FOR THE CHILDREN. ARI, SHE'S 16.  
12 MICHAEL 10 YEARS. FERNANDO 2 YEARS AND CHRISTOPHER EIGHT  
13 MONTHS. AND I'M SURE THAT THEY COMING BACK WITH ME. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE.]  
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE DECISION OF THE BOARD IS YOU CAN  
17 GIVE YOUR AFFIRMATION BY SIMPLY RAISING THE ROOF. THANK YOU.  
18 MA'AM, SIR?

19

20 **MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON:** MY NAME IS MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON.  
21 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY COALITION. WE ORGANIZE  
22 HUNDREDS OF RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES  
23 IMPACTED BY D.C.F.S. AND DOZENS OF COMMUNITY-BASED  
24 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK IN FOSTER CARE. WE'RE HERE TO THROW  
25 OUR ENTHUSIASTIC 125 PERCENT SUPPORT BEHIND THE BOARD



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1 PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR SETTING UP THIS BLUE  
2 RIBBON COMMISSION. WE THINK IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE  
3 ANOTHER ANGLE LOOK AT D.C.F.S. WE'VE BEEN ALARMED IN OUR  
4 OFFICE BY THE SPIKE IN DETENTIONS EVEN TO THE POINT WHERE  
5 SOCIAL WORKERS ARE COMING TO OUR OFFICE SAYING "WHAT'S GOING  
6 ON? HAS THERE BEEN A POLICY CHANGE? BECAUSE I'M GETTING ALL  
7 KIND OF PRESSURE TO REMOVE KIDS THAT I DON'T THINK SHOULD BE  
8 REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES. " AND SO IN THAT CONTEXT, WE THINK  
9 IT TAKES A SPECIAL KIND OF ATTENTION. AND WE'RE GLAD YOU  
10 BROUGHT THE COMMISSION TO THE FORE. THREE THINGS I'D SAY ABOUT  
11 THE COMMISSION. ONE, I JOIN EVERYBODY IN SAYING THAT THERE  
12 NEEDS TO BE A WIDER NET RATHER THAN A MORE NARROW ONE. TWO, WE  
13 REALLY LIKE THAT IT HAS AN END DATE BECAUSE WE EXPECT SOME  
14 ACTION AT THE END OF IT. AND, THREE, WE HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE  
15 TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION LIKE YOU HAVE DONE TO D.C.F.S. WHILE  
16 THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS IN PLACE BECAUSE WE DO FEEL  
17 LIKE THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE THAT ARE  
18 TANTAMOUNT TO POLICY CHANGES. WHEN WE SEE A SPIKE IN  
19 DETENTIONS LIKE THIS, WE THINK THAT'S TANTAMOUNT TO A POLICY  
20 CHANGE THAT WE THINK SHOULDN'T HAPPEN UNLESS YOU ALL MANDATE  
21 IT. AND SO THOSE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE WOULD MAKE  
22 AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 MA'AM? WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU. BUT FOLLOWING YOU, WE'D LIKE TO



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1 HEAR FROM ROCIO BANDERAS, JORDAN SIGMOND, JOHN WALSH, TERRY  
2 SEGMUND, AND THE FINAL SPEAKER WILL BE REGINALD BRASS. AND  
3 THAT WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM AND WE'LL TURN  
4 TO THE DELIBERATION OF THE BOARD. MA'AM?

5

6 **TAMMI STEFANO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TAMMI STEFANO. I'M THE  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SAFE CHILD COALITION. IT  
8 HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT  
9 THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL HUNDRED DEATHS AS WE'RE ALL AWARE. THE  
10 DEPARTMENT'S OWN INFORMANTS HAVE LEAKED THIS OUT IN FEAR OF  
11 WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CHILDREN. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE BLUE  
12 RIBBON COMMISSION; HOWEVER, TO HAVE MEMBERS THAT ARE  
13 AFFILIATED AT ALL WITH THIS ORGANIZATION, D.C.F.S. OR ANY  
14 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AFFILIATED WOULD NOT RESOLVE ANY ISSUES  
15 BECAUSE ONCE AGAIN YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE OVERSIGHT THAT IS  
16 NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE CHILD DEATHS THAT ARE SO ALARMINGLY  
17 HIGH, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE 10  
18 DEATHS PER DAY, 10 CHILD DEATHS OF CHILD ABUSE PER DAY. THESE  
19 NUMBERS NEED TO CHANGE. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THIS BOARD TO  
20 CONSIDER HAVING OUTSIDE ENTITIES WHO ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH  
21 CHILD ABUSE AND THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE WHO WILL WORK TOGETHER,  
22 NOT IN A COMBATIVE WAY, BUT POSSIBLY IN A WAY THAT WILL  
23 PROVIDE THE NECESSITIES TO NOT SEE THESE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO  
24 GROW. THAT REPORT WAS GIVEN AND WAS PRODUCED FEBRUARY 14TH.  
25 THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DEATHS SINCE THEN EVEN THOUGH THEY



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1 WERE UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF THE PUBLIC'S EYE. SO CLEARLY THIS  
2 IS A SITUATION THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED POTENTIALLY BY  
3 OUTSIDE. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING AND ASKING. THANK  
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
7 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAK SPEAKER, SIGMOND, I BELIEVE.

8

9 **JORDAN SIGMOND:** I'M JORDON SIGMOND, I'M SPEAKING ABOUT MY TWO  
10 YOUNGER BROTHERS WHO ARE IN FOSTER CARE, EIGHT AND FOUR YEARS  
11 OLD. AND THEY DO NOT HAVE THEIR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS BEING ASKED  
12 IN THE FOSTER HOME. THEY ASK FOR CHURCH AND THEN THE  
13 CUSTODIANS THEY SAY A PATHETIC EXCUSE THAT THEY CAN'T FIND ONE  
14 IN THE AREA. AND I KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE. THEY DON'T EVEN GET  
15 TO READ THEIR BIBLE. AND THEY GET TAKEN AWAY BEFORE THEY GET  
16 TO GO HOME TO THEIR PLACE. AND WHEN WE GIVE THEM ONE, IT'S  
17 TAKEN AND THEY CAN'T READ A SINGLE PASSAGE IN THE MORNING OR  
18 PRAY AT HOME OR DO ANYTHING. THEY GET FED MEAT, WHICH IS  
19 AGAINST OUR RELIGION. AND THEY ARE LOSING HOPE AND FAITH IN  
20 GOD. WHEN THEY'RE LIVING WITH US, THEY HAD LOVE AND  
21 ACKNOWLEDGED GOD, LOVED GOD AND CHURCH AND THE MESSAGE. THEY  
22 HAVE A RIGHT AND THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THEIR RELIGION.  
23 I MYSELF TOLD THE FOSTER CUSTODIANS WHEN I MET THEM THAT MY  
24 BROTHERS WOULD LIKE TO READ THE BIBLE AND HAVE NO MEAT FED TO  
25 THEM. THEY'VE BEEN FED PORK, BEEF AND TURKEY AND ALL OF THEM





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1 ARE UNACCEPTABLE. AND THEN WHEN WE COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS ALL THE  
2 TIME TO D.C.F.S., THEY LIE ABOUT US AND THEY WANT ME TO LIE  
3 AGAINST MY MOTHER, TO BE A LITTLE MINION IN THE SCHEME AGAINST  
4 MY MOTHER. AND THAT I DON'T THINK IS REALLY ACCEPTABLE. AND  
5 THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

8

9 **TERRY SIGMOND:** D.C.F.S. DENIES PARENTS THE HUMAN AND THE  
10 PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THIS TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE CHILD. I HAVE  
11 COME HERE REPEATEDLY FOR MANY, MANY MONTHS, IF NOT A YEAR AND  
12 HAVE ASKED YOU TO STOP THE D.C.F.S. FROM VIOLATING OUR  
13 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. WE ALSO HAVE ASKED YOU TO STOP THE  
14 D.C.F.S. FROM IGNORING COURT ORDERS. MY SON HAS BEEN TREATED  
15 FOR ALLERGIES WITH MEDICATION IN FOSTER CARE AND THEN WHEN THE  
16 COURT ORDERED TESTING, IT HAS BEEN DENIED BECAUSE THE D.C.F.S.  
17 WANTS MY SON IN A PARTICULAR PLACEMENT IN DETRIMENT TO THE  
18 CHILD. THE COURT HAS FOUND D.C.F.S. REPORTS TO BE LIED, TO BE  
19 FULL OF LIES AND FABRICATED. ALSO THEY USE THE POLITICAL  
20 CORRECT VERSION LESS THAN CANDID. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PUT  
21 ON NOTICE BUT NOTHING HAPPENS. THE WORKERS ARE STILL WORKING  
22 EVEN NOT JUST IN THE D.C.F.S. BUT ON MY VERY CASE TO THE  
23 DETRIMENT OF MY CHILDREN BECAUSE LYING ABOUT PARENTS CANNOT  
24 POSSIBLY BE IN THE INTEREST OF ANYONE, LET ALONE CHILDREN. THE  
25 PROBLEM WITH THE D.C.F.S. CANNOT AFFORD TO FIRE CORRUPT



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1 WORKERS BECAUSE THOSE ORDERS COME FROM HIGHER UP. IF SUCH A  
2 WORKER GOT FIRED AND GOT AN ATTORNEY THEY WOULD SING LIKE A  
3 CANARY, THE SCANDAL AND LIABILITY WOULD SKYROCKET. WHY IS  
4 THERE NO ACTION CONSEQUENCE MECHANISM IN THE D.C.F.S.? MYSELF  
5 AND OTHER PARENTS HAVE COME HERE ON A WEEKLY BASIS CRYING FOR  
6 HELP AGAINST CORRUPT D.C.F.S. AND YOU DID NOTHING. YOU SENT US  
7 TO ALDA MARINE <PH?> WHICH DOESN'T EVEN DESERVE MENTIONING  
8 BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF ACTION. IF THE COMMISSION IS GOING TO  
9 BE A GROUP OF ALDA MARINES, IT'S GOING TO BE COMPLETELY  
10 HOPELESS. YOU NEED TO INVOLVE PARENTS AND PEOPLE PARENTS  
11 SUGGEST BECAUSE THE PARENTS KNOW WHO IS CORRUPT BECAUSE THERE  
12 ARE ALSO GOOD WORKERS AT D.C.F.S., BUT FOR SOME REASON THEY  
13 DON'T GET TO HAVE ANY SAY. WE HAVE PROOF OF SUCH THINGS. WE  
14 HAVE COURTS AND WITNESSES SHOWING WHO'S LYING AND WHO'S  
15 DETRIMENTAL TO THESE CHILDREN BY KEEPING THEM AWAY FROM  
16 PARENTS ON FALSE PREMISES. THE SUPREME JUSTICE THAT SAID THAT  
17 THE SUMMIT IS THE BEST DISINFECTANT. ABSOLUTE POWER BEGS FOR  
18 ABSOLUTE CORRUPTION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21 MA'AM, WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY NOW.

22

23 **ROCIO BANDERAS:** HI MY NAME IS ROCIO VALENCIA AND I'M  
24 REPRESENTING I GUESS A GROUP OF ABOUT 700 PARENTS, WELL, YEAH,  
25 700 MEMBERS. IT'S UNDER GABRIEL'S LIFE, AFTER GABRIEL



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1 FERNANDEZ' DEATH. AND BASICALLY WE SUPPORT THE BLUE RIBBON  
2 COMMISSION. AND JUST TO I GUESS JUST TO ALSO LET YOU KNOW THAT  
3 IT'S AN INJUSTICE AS FAR AS THE CHILDREN THAT ARE DYING ON A  
4 DAILY BASIS. IT'S REALLY UNCALLED-FOR. IT'S NOT UNDERSTOOD.  
5 I'M A PARENT OF FIVE. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, IF WE  
6 ARE IN THE UNITED STATES HOW THIS COULD BE HAPPENING. I'VE  
7 BEEN READING A LOT, RESEARCHING, AND I JUST FOUND A LOT OF  
8 CORRUPTION IN THE SYSTEM. I THINK ALONG WITH THE BLUE RIBBON  
9 COMMISSION, THERE NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED, WE ALSO NEED A NEW  
10 DIRECTOR FOR PHILIP BROWNING TO STEP DOWN. DO SOMETHING  
11 IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS FROM A LOT OF  
12 PARENTS. IF SOMETHING COULD BE DONE NOW. YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY  
13 WE GO HOME AND WE'RE READING IN THE NEWS, YOU KNOW, THIS  
14 CHILD'S DEAD. AND I HAVE ACTUALLY GONE THROUGH THE PICTURES. I  
15 ALSO WOULD LIKE IF YOU GUYS HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK THROUGH THE  
16 PICTURES OF ALL THESE BABIES THAT ARE FIVE MONTHS, TWO MONTHS,  
17 ONE MONTH AND THEY'RE BEING ABUSED. CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT  
18 TIMES HAVE GONE TO THEIR HOMES. I HAD A PERSONAL INCIDENT WITH  
19 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ABOUT A YEAR AGO. AND BASICALLY THEY FOUND  
20 NOTHING BECAUSE I HAVE A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES. SHE WENT TO  
21 SCHOOL AND SHE SAID THAT I GUESS SHE SAID THAT I HAD TOUCHED  
22 HER OR HIT OTHER IN HER HAND OR SOMETHING, SHE HAS A LOT OF  
23 EMOTIONAL THINGS GOING ON. BUT BECAUSE SHE'S SPECIAL ED. SO  
24 THE CASEWORKER, I GUESS, WENT OVER TO MY HOUSE AND SHE WANTED



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1 THE CASE JUST COMPLETELY CLOSED AND SHE JUST SAID, OKAY, AM I  
2 DONE? IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M HERE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 AND INVITE YOU TO RETURN AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION. THANK YOU  
6 VERY MUCH. MA'AM?

7

8 **DENISE PAZ:** HI, OH. MY NAME IS DENISE PAZ. THE BLUE RIBBON  
9 COMMISSION SHOULD BE A VOTED COUNCIL BY PUBLIC, NOT BY COUNTY  
10 OTHERWISE THE EFFORT WILL BE A WASTE. ACCORDING TO SUNDAY  
11 NEWSPAPER, PHILIP BROWNING IS OPPOSING TO THIS REFORM AND  
12 COMMISSION, WHY IS THAT? THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL.  
13 CASEWORKERS, STATE EMPLOYEES, SOCIAL WORKERS, ATTORNEYS, COURT  
14 PERSONNEL, JUDGES, PSYCHOLOGISTS, THERAPISTS, FOSTER PARENTS,  
15 ADOPTIVE PARENTS, MONITORS, INVESTIGATORS SHOULD BE INDICTED  
16 IF ANOTHER CHILD IS DEAD UNDER THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.  
17 D.C.F.S. NEEDS TO STOP OPERATING IN SECRECY, THAT IS THE ROOT  
18 COVERING THE DIRTY DEEDS. OUR CHILDREN ARE HUMAN AND ARE  
19 GETTING KILLED LIKE FLIES UNDER THE WATCH OF D.C.F.S. THERE'S  
20 A CLAUSE IN THE BOARD RULE, IT SAYS THAT YOU CAN'T GET  
21 INVOLVED. HOW IS ANY COMMISSION GOING TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS? IT  
22 SAYS RIGHT HERE ON ITEM H. SO I GUESS WE NEED TO FIX THAT.  
23 THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.



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1  
2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
3 RETIRED TEACHER 25 YEARS AT L.A. U.S.D. YOU WANT TO PROVE IT?  
4 JUST PUT JOHN WALSH L.A.U.S.D. AND YOU'LL SEE MY QUARTER OF A  
5 CENTURY COME OUT. I'VE SEEN CHILD ABUSE ON VICTIMS' BODIES AS  
6 A TEACHER. AND I'M SURE THAT MR. ANTONOVICH, EITHER DIRECTLY  
7 OR INDIRECTLY SINCE HE'S BEEN AN L.A.U.S.D. TEACHER HAS. THE  
8 NUMBER ONE THING IS, THIS IS GOING TO GET PASSED. THERE WILL  
9 BE A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. THE QUESTION IS WHO IS ON THE  
10 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION? NUMBER 1, I'M ASKING YOU TO APPOINT  
11 ERIC GARCETTI. WHY APPOINT THE MAYOR? BECAUSE THE MAYOR OF THE  
12 CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS HAD SIX CHILDREN, SIX FOSTER CHILDREN  
13 FROM THIS AGENCY. WHO BETTER TO TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING?  
14 SIX. I DON'T KNOW OF ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAS HAD SIX CHILDREN IN  
15 A SMALL-- THAT'S THE MAYOR. NOW, IF YOU WANT PROOF OF THAT,  
16 JUST GOOGLE ERIC GARCETTI AND FOSTER CHILDREN. THE JEWISH  
17 JOURNAL ARTICLE WILL COME OUT, BILL BOYARSKY'S ARTICLE. THERE  
18 IS NO DISPUTE THAT ERIC AND AMY, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE  
19 MARRIED WHEN THEIR FIRST CHILD WAS ADOPTED, BUT AS A COUPLE,  
20 THEY HAVE HAD SIX CHILDREN. NOW, IF HE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT  
21 TO, I WOULD ASK YOU TO APPOINT GIL GARCETTI, HIS FATHER,  
22 BECAUSE MR. GARCETTI HAS HAD SIX FOSTER GRANDCHILDREN. I DON'T  
23 THINK THERE'S ANOTHER POLITICIAN IN AMERICA THAT HAS HAD THAT  
24 MANY FOSTER CHILDREN. I THINK THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT OUT-- I  
25 THINK HE WOULD MAKE A PERFECT PERSON TO BE IN THERE AS AN



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1 INSIDER AND AN OUTSIDE PERSON AND ALSO YOU MUST GET RID OF THE  
2 HEAD OF D.C.F.S. OTHER COUNTIES DO NOT HAVE THESE PROBLEMS.  
3 FOR MORE INFORMATION, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT  
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **REGINALD BRASS:** YES. MY NAME IS REGINALD BRASS. AND I AM THE  
9 FOUNDER OF MY CHILD SAYS DADDY'S ORGANIZATION. I'M ALSO FORMER  
10 COMMISSIONER FOR CHILD SUPPORT. I WAS APPOINTED BY MIKE  
11 ANTONOVICH TO SERVE IN THE CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT. WHEN YOU  
12 GUYS APPOINTED MR. PHILIP BROWNING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, I CAME IN HERE IN SUPPORT OF  
14 PHILIP BROWNING BECAUSE I WAS EXPLAINING TO THE BOARD, GOOD  
15 PERSON FOR THE JOB. AND EVEN THOUGH I AM PERSONALLY INVOLVED  
16 IN DEALING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
17 WITH MY OWN PERSONAL CASE, I AM STILL IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING  
18 HIM THE DIRECTOR. WHY? BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN HIS WORK, MEANING  
19 THAT SITTING ON A COMMISSION AND BRINGING FORTH INFORMATION  
20 FROM THE PUBLIC TO SAY: HERE ARE SOME CHANGES. HE IS THE  
21 PERSON THAT WILL BRING CHANGE. HE WILL DO A GOOD JOB. I AM IN  
22 FULL SUPPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. I AM OFFERING AND  
23 THROWING MY HAT INTO THE RACE TO SAY THAT I KNOW FROM DEALING  
24 WITH A LOT OF FATHERS AND BRINGING FATHERS TO THE TABLE TO  
25 SHOW THEM THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR CHILDREN AND



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1 NAVIGATING THEM THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND ALSO DEALING WITH THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICE THAT WE  
3 KNOW THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM SOME GOOD SOUND ADVICE, SOME GOOD  
4 INFORMATION ON DEALING WITH THE SYSTEM IN BRINGING FORTH  
5 CHANGE AND DEALING WITH THE CASEWORKERS AND ALSO THE ATTORNEYS  
6 THAT THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALONG WITH THE PARENTING CLASSES  
7 AND OTHER THINGS THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH. YES, IT NEEDS TO BE  
8 REFORMED. AND, YES, I BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE-- SHOULD  
9 NOT BE ANONYMOUSLY GIVING OUT FALSE INFORMATION BECAUSE THAT  
10 WILL BRING A CHANGE BECAUSE YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF  
11 PEOPLE JUST DEALING WITH A LOT OF FAMILY ISSUES, MEANING WITH  
12 THE FAMILY COURT THAT USE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
13 FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO COME THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT DOES CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
17 PORTION ON ITEM NO. 14. IT'S NOW THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD  
18 TO DELIBERATE. I WISH TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP  
19 BROWNING, FORWARD FOR HIS REMARKS, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
20 YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD, I'M GOING TO PRESENT THE OTHER  
25 SIDE OF THE STORY. THIS MOTION, AS WE ALL KNOW, MENTIONS THERE





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1 HAVE BEEN 40 DIFFERENT BOARD MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BEGUN TO  
2 TRY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS WITH D.C.F.S., IN FACT, I'M SURE  
3 THERE'S JUST ABOUT ONE FOR EVERY NEGATIVE ARTICLE WRITTEN IN  
4 THE PAPER. THIS PARTICULAR MOTION PROBABLY IS NO DIFFERENT. I  
5 THINK OUR EXPECTATIONS AS A BOARD ARE VERY CLEAR. AND WE ARE  
6 ALL IN AGREEMENT ON THIS, THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST PROTECT THE  
7 SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN FIRST AND FOREMOST, THAT OUR WORKERS  
8 MUST HAVE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO DO THEIR JOBS,  
9 THAT SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. TO ACHIEVE  
10 THESE GOALS, WE DO HAVE A DEPARTMENT. WE'RE 99 PERCENT OF OUR  
11 EMPLOYEES ARE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANTS WORKING IN SOME  
12 VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AND TOUGH SITUATIONS. THEY MAKE VERY  
13 TOUGH INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY  
14 AND NIGHT WITH LITTLE SUPPORT. AND WE ALSO KNOW WE HAVE SOME  
15 PROBLEMS WITH MEETING THOSE EXPECTATIONS. WE KNOW THERE ARE  
16 CASELOAD ISSUES. WE KNOW THERE ARE TRAINING AND RESOURCE  
17 ISSUES. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE ISSUES WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS.  
18 WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO, ONE, MAKE IT EASIER TO DISMISS  
19 WORKERS THAT COMMIT INEXCUSABLE ERRORS, SUCH AS WHAT HAPPENED  
20 IN PALMDALE, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY  
21 EMPLOYEE WHO DOES NOT DO THEIR JOB OR DOES NOT FOLLOW THE  
22 RULES, THAT WE GIVE WORKERS THAT DO DO THEIR JOBS EVERY  
23 TECHNICAL AND TRAINING ADVANTAGE WE CAN TO HELP THEM BE  
24 SUCCESSFUL, THAT WE END OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH SERVICE  
25 PROVIDERS THAT ABUSE THE FUNDS OR ABUSE THE SYSTEM THAT WE



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1 GIVE THEM. THERE ARE IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
2 PUT FORTH TO ADDRESS EVERY ONE OF THOSE ISSUES. AND OVER HERE  
3 IN THE TABLE I BROUGHT JUST A FEW TO SHOW YOU. THERE'S A STACK  
4 OF PAPERWORK THERE. BY MY APPROXIMATE COUNT, WE HAVE PROVIDED  
5 OVER 859 DIFFERENT RECOMMENDATIONS AS WHAT WE SHOULD DO. WE  
6 HAVE GOT 15 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRICE WATERHOUSE BACK IN  
7 1998, ANOTHER 142 JUST IN THE PAST FEW YEARS FROM THE  
8 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION, AT LEAST A DOZEN FROM THE KATY A.  
9 PANEL, 60 FROM OUR CONTROLLER, O.I.R., 24 FROM OUR C.E.O., 328  
10 FROM OUR C.S.I.U. 93 FROM I.C.A.N., 41 FROM THE STATE  
11 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE, PROBABLY ANOTHER 41 HERE COMING  
12 UP, 41 FROM THE GRAND JURY, 92 FROM THE STATE BLUE RIBBON  
13 COMMISSION, WHICH I BELIEVE BOTH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
14 JUDGE NASH SERVED ON. I HAVEN'T EVEN COUNTED THE  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COULD HAVE COME FROM OUR OWN CHILDREN'S  
16 COUNCIL THE EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL, THE CHILDREN  
17 COURT, THE CASEY FOUNDATION, A.C.H.S.A. OR ANYONE ELSE.  
18 BECAUSE, YOU SEE, WE HAVE OVER 13 COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY  
19 BOARDS DEALING WITH OUR CHILDREN'S ISSUES AND THEIR LIVES. OF  
20 ALL THESE, THOUGH, I DID WANT TO POINT OUT ONE PARTICULAR SET  
21 OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THIS IS HERE IN MY HAND IS THE  
22 ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES OF IMPACTING D.C.F.S. THAT WAS  
23 IDENTIFIED BY OUR C.S.I.U. AND IT WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS BOARD  
24 BACK IN APRIL OF 2012 ABOUT 15 MONTHS AGO. OUR BOARD WAS  
25 BRIEFED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK IN JUNE OF 2012. WE



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1 IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD PHILIP BROWNING TO  
2 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION. PHILIP ENGAGED THE ENTIRE  
3 DEPARTMENT ON A STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS, AND THREE MONTHS LATER  
4 RELEASED A STRATEGIC PLAN. WHICH INCLUDED TIMELINES, TIMELINES  
5 FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. THE PLAN ADDRESSES ALL OF THE  
6 ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT, CASELOAD, TRAINING  
7 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY CHILD SAFETY. IT HAS BEEN NINE MONTHS  
8 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALLY STARTED WORK ON A STRATEGIC  
9 PLAN. I FOR ONE JUST THINK IT'S TOO SOON TO DECLARE THIS  
10 ATTEMPT AT REFORM A FAILURE. WE SHOULD LET HIM CARRY OUT HIS  
11 PLAN, SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO DO SO. CHANGE IS DIFFICULT. AND  
12 UNFORTUNATELY IT CANNOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT IN ANY ORGANIZATION.  
13 BUT THE MINUTE SOMETHING GOES WRONG, WHAT DO WE DO? WE HAVE  
14 ANOTHER REACTION TO THE MEDIA. WE HAVE ANOTHER COMMISSION. WE  
15 HAVE ANOTHER SET OF 99-1/2 RECOMMENDATIONS. ANOTHER REHASH OF  
16 EVERYTHING WE KNOW THAT'S ON THAT TABLE. I THINK WE'RE ALL  
17 TIRED OF HEARING RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT NEEDS  
18 TO BE FIXED. WE ALL WANT ACTION. AND THE GREATEST FEAR IS THAT  
19 OUR DEPARTMENT, D.C.F.S. WILL COME TO A SCREECHING HALT  
20 BECAUSE WE ARE DROWNING IN RECOMMENDATIONS AND LOSING THAT  
21 DIRECTION. AND THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WOULD BRING IT TO A  
22 TOTAL HALT. THIS IS NOT A WAY TO RUN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT. I  
23 WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE DEPARTMENT BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
24 C.E.O. AND I BELIEVE MARK WAS, AS WELL. AND NOW WE ARE  
25 DISCUSSING UP AND PAWNING OFF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THIS



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1 BOARD DECIDED TO TAKE ON TO YET ANOTHER COMMISSION. WHAT'S  
2 GOING TO BE ANY DIFFERENT? WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO TELL US THAT  
3 WE DON'T ALREADY KNOW? AFTER ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALL  
4 OF THE ADVICE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS, WHAT  
5 ISSORLY LACKING IS THE INABILITY AND REFUSAL TO SET ASIDE THE  
6 MANY DISTRACTIONS AND JUST GET THE JOB DONE. IT DOESN'T APPEAR  
7 TO BE COMPLICATED, BUT IT IS. WE NEED TO FIRE THE WORKERS WHO  
8 CANNOT TO PROTECT CHILDREN. WE NEED TO TRAIN THE ONES THAT ARE  
9 WILLING TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND PUT CONTRACTORS ON NOTICE  
10 TO CLEAN UP THEIR FISCAL HOUSE OR WE WILL RECEIVER OUR  
11 CONTRACTS WITH THEM. THIS BOARD PUT A DIRECTOR IN PLACE TO  
12 BRING STABILITY BACK TO A DEPARTMENT THAT GETS PULLED IN 99  
13 DIRECTIONS EVERY TIME THERE IS A PUBLIC RELATIONS CRISIS. MOST  
14 IMPORTANTLY, THE SADNESS OF CHILDREN DEATHS. BUT LET ME BE  
15 CLEAR, I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING. I THINK  
16 THE STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR MISHANDLING THE SITUATIONS SUCH AS  
17 THE PALMDALE CASE MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. CONTRACTORS  
18 THAT ABUSE FUNDS FOR FOSTER CARE NEED TO BE TERMINATED. WE  
19 MUST SEND A MESSAGE AS A BOARD OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY  
20 ACTION OR INACTION THAT EXPOSE OUR CHILDREN TO HARM. ANOTHER  
21 COMMISSION I DON'T BELIEVE PERSONALLY WILL ADDRESS THOSE  
22 PROBLEMS OR SET US ON A PATH IN THE FUTURE. WE NEED TO ADDRESS  
23 THOSE PROBLEMS. WE NEED TO SET THAT PATH. NO DOUBT THIS MAY  
24 SHOCK A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT I'M GOING TO AGREE WITH THE "LOS  
25 ANGELES TIMES" AND SOMETHING THAT JIM NEWTON WROTE THIS WEEK.



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1 HE SAID THIS ABOUT D.C.F.S. "WHENEVER A CHILD IN ITS CARE  
2 DIES, THERE ARE CALLS FOR ACTION. ALMOST ALWAYS WELL-  
3 INTENTIONED BUT MOST OFTEN DRIVEN MORE BY ANGER THAN ANALYSIS.  
4 THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS LURCH INTO ACTION AND THE AGENCY  
5 HUSTLES TO RESPOND. THAT MAKES IT HARD TO CRAFT A PLAN AND  
6 STICK TO IT. AND IT CAN TRY THE PATIENCE OF ANYONE WHO DEALS  
7 WITH IT LONG ENOUGH." 859 RECOMMENDATIONS. ANOTHER COMMISSION  
8 WILL JUST BE ANOTHER DISTRACTION TO THE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT  
9 WORK AT HAND. I DO NOT SUPPORT IT. WE MUST REMAIN COMMITTED TO  
10 THE COURSE WE SET. THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN ARE AT STAKE. AND  
11 WE MUST NOT STOP THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
14 KNABE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, THIS MOTION DOES NOT  
17 INHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FROM  
18 MOVING FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR STRATEGIC PLAN  
19 AND SOME OF THE MOST CRITICAL COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE  
20 REVAMPING OF THE TRAINING CURRICULUM, POLICY MANUAL REWRITE  
21 AND STAFFING REORGANIZATION. BUT WHAT IT DOES DO IS FOCUS ON A  
22 VERY SERIOUS ISSUE AND BRING TO A HEAD THE PROBLEM WITH  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND ON THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. FUJIOKA  
24 OR C.E.O., THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NOT SELECTED UNTIL AFTER  
25 THE COMMISSIONERS ARE SELECTED WOULD TAKE A LONG DELAY. WOULD



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1 YOU BE ABLE TO GIVE TO THE BOARD NEXT WEEK SOME  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHO WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO BE  
3 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN DO THAT. I CAN ALSO DO THAT BY WORKING  
6 WITH EACH OF THE FIVE OFFICES TO GET THEIR SUGGESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT AS A FRIENDLY  
9 AMENDMENT, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO THE MOTION.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH. I'M GLAD TO ENTERTAIN THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE SECOND QUESTION TO OUR COUNTY  
15 COUNSEL. THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES MATERIAL AS THEY WILL REVIEW  
16 AND SUBMIT, HOW DO WE PROTECT THE SAFEGUARDS PROTECT THE  
17 IDENTITY OF THE MINORS INVOLVED? AND HOW COULD WE MAKE  
18 ADJUSTMENTS SO THAT THE CASES REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION  
19 REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL? WITH THE INFORMATION THAT IS DISTRIBUTED  
20 TO THE COMMISSION BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER LEGAL REVIEW AND  
21 ASSESSMENT AS TO THE LEGAL LIABILITY?

22

23 **JOHN KRATTLI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
24 THERE ARE NUMEROUS STATE LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE  
25 CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE CHILD WELFARE RECORDS. THOSE LAWS APPLY



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1 TO NOT ONLY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
2 YOUR BOARD, BUT THEY WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE COMMISSION. AND WE  
3 WILL CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE COMMISSION SHOULD YOUR BOARD  
4 APPROVE THE CREATION OF SUCH TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY ACTIONS THE  
5 COMMISSION TAKES AND ANY RECORDS THAT IT REVIEWS ARE FULLY  
6 CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO CONFIDENTIALITY TO PROTECT THE  
9 CHILD IS IMPORTANT SO THAT THOSE SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE INCLUDED.

10

11 **JOHN KRATTLI:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
16 ANTONOVICH. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT AGAIN THERE ARE ALL OF  
20 US. I THINK JIM NEWTON WAS WRONG. WE MAY NOT SEND OUT PRESS  
21 RELEASES EVERY TIME WE'RE WORKING ON IT. BUT I THINK EVERY  
22 SINGLE DAY THIS BOARD AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES ARE CONSTANTLY  
23 LOOKING AT WHAT TO DO WITH CHILDREN SERVICES. IT IS AN ONGOING  
24 PROBLEM. FOR ME, IT'S BEEN OVER 20 YEARS OF TRYING TO FIGURE  
25 OUT AND SORT OUT WHAT TO DO. AND WE'VE MADE DIFFERENT





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1 ATTEMPTS, FROM MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, ASKING PEOPLE TO GIVE  
2 US RECOMMENDATIONS, IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS, APPROVING  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS, ADDING RESOURCES, BRINGING RESOURCES, MORE  
4 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRYING EVERY METHOD AND EVERY SINGLE WAY TO  
5 TRY AND FIND THOSE MECHANISMS TO MAKE IT WORK. SO SOMEBODY WHO  
6 SAYS THAT WE JUST RUN AND PAY ATTENTION WHEN A CHILD DIES THAT  
7 IS NOT THE CASE. THERE ARE A LOT OF TIMES WE'RE IN CLOSED  
8 SESSION, WE'RE DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES, WE'RE READING  
9 REPORTS, WE'RE REVIEWING INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON ON  
10 AN ONGOING BASIS, AND IT'S SHAMEFUL FOR ANYONE TO SAY THAT  
11 BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GET A PRESS RELEASE ON IT, WE'RE NOT PAYING  
12 ATTENTION. I DISAGREE WITH HIM. THE ISSUE IS: WE HAVE TRIED  
13 AND DON IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY  
14 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. BUT SO LITTLE OF THEM  
15 HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. UNFORTUNATELY THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT  
16 WE HAVE HERE IN EVERY ONE OF THESE CHILDREN ONCE THEY BECOME  
17 OUR WARDS, IN THE ANALYSIS, WHEN A CHILD DIES, IT IS UNDER OUR  
18 SUPERVISION, IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME CASE NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK  
19 AT IT, AND THAT'S FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WHEN I'VE LOOKED AT  
20 ALL OF THESE CASES, IT FALLS APART AT SOME LEVEL. WE SEND AND  
21 TRY AND KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER BY CREATING PROGRAMS CALLED  
22 FAMILY PRESERVATION. WE EXPANDED THEM. WE'VE PUT RESOURCES  
23 INTO THEM. AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT EVEN UNDER FAMILY  
24 PRESERVATION PROGRAMS, IN MANY INSTANCES YOU DON'T HAVE--  
25 EVERY PROGRAM IS NOT A QUALITY PROGRAM. WE'VE TRIED ALL THE



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1 PREVENTION PROGRAMS BY CREATING A LOT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
2 AND PROGRAMMING OUT THERE TO HAVE FAMILIES HOPEFULLY COME TO  
3 US BEFOREHAND WHEN THEY'RE IN TROUBLE OR TO GET THOSE  
4 REFERRALS. WE HAVE DONE EVERY SINGLE THING TO TRY AND FIGURE  
5 OUT HOW TO DO IT, BUT VERY FRANKLY, WE'RE NOT FINDING A  
6 SOLUTION. AND I WISH IT WERE JUST A PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY.  
7 WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT ACROSS-THE-BOARD, WHETHER IN CHICAGO, NEW  
8 YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, YOU HAVE THE SAME ISSUES: HOW TO HANDLE  
9 IT AND WHAT WE'RE DOING, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT WE ARE  
10 MISSING. AND SO HAVING A SET OF FRESH EYES TO LOOK AT THAT IS  
11 A GOOD THING BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT  
12 A NEW SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE PUT THE C.S.I.U., WHICH  
13 WAS A SPECIALIST THAT WAS GOING TO DO AND LOOK AT ALL REVIEW  
14 OF WHY THESE CHILDREN DIE UNDER OUR SUPERVISION, WHAT ARE THE  
15 ISSUES? WHAT DO WE HAVE TO CORRECT TO LOOK BACK AND TO LOOK  
16 FORWARD AND TO TRY AND FIND THOSE WAYS, I DON'T THINK FOR THE  
17 MOST PART THERE'S A DENIAL OF RESOURCES WHEN THOSE REQUESTS  
18 ARE MADE. WHEN WE LOOK AT CASELOADS, I WISH IT COULD BE-- AND  
19 I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE SOCIAL WORKERS THAT PROBABLY DO AN  
20 ABUNDANCE OF WORK ON EVERY SINGLE CASE. AND THERE ARE OTHERS  
21 THAT WE HAVE FOUND WHO LIE TO US THAT THEY HAVE VISITED A  
22 FAMILY, THAT THEY'VE DONE THE COLLATERAL CONTACTS, THEY'VE  
23 CARRIED OUT THAT WORK. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THEY TAINT  
24 ALL OF THE OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WORK SO HARD EVERY SINGLE  
25 DAY AND WORKING MORE THAN 40 HOURS PLUS IN TRYING TO GET THEIR



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1 WORK DONE THAT THEY HAVE BEFORE HIM. SO THE CHALLENGES BEFORE  
2 US AND THE CHALLENGES BEFORE THIS COMMISSION ARE UNBELIEVABLE.  
3 BUT I HOPE THE COMMISSION WILL FOCUS AND VERY SIMILARLY AS A  
4 JAIL COMMISSION DID IN A MANNER THAT IS GOING TO BE ORGANIZED  
5 AND SYSTEMIC, THAT IS GOING TO HOPEFULLY BRING TOGETHER NOT  
6 ONLY THE PEOPLE THAT WE APPOINT BUT AS THE JAIL COMMISSION DID  
7 IN BRINGING IN EXPERTS, IN THIS INSTANCE LAWYERS, WHO BROKE  
8 DOWN THE WORK AND FOUND THOSE WAYS TO INVESTIGATE EVERY ASPECT  
9 OF IT AND TO FINALIZE IT. AND WHILE THEY DID THAT WERE ABLE TO  
10 MAKE A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY  
11 EFFECTIVE TO US. NOW, AGAIN, THEY DIDN'T INTRODUCE ANYTHING  
12 NEW THAT WE DIDN'T CONSIDER AND ASK FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT  
13 THEY REALLY FOCUSED I THINK IN GREAT DETAIL, EACH AND EVERY  
14 RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHY AND HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. THE  
15 UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT IT IS THAT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE  
16 BEEN MADE TO US, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE KIND OF PROGRESS, AT  
17 LEAST NOT IN AN OPEN SETTING HERE, OF WHERE THOSE  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AT IN REAL IMPLEMENTATION. WE DO GET  
19 REPORTS EVERY SO OFTEN, BUT VERY FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK THE  
20 PUBLIC HAS THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE, REALLY HAVE GOTTEN  
21 INTO THE MEAT AND POTATOES OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS AND PUT THEM ON A PATHWAY TO SOLID  
23 IMPLEMENTATION. WE'RE ALWAYS IN PROCESS OF DOING IT. AND I'M  
24 HOPEFUL THAT WILL HAPPEN. BUT REALLY DO THINK THAT IN THIS  
25 INSTANCE, THE COMMISSION AND THE POTENTIAL OF OUR



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1 APPOINTMENTS, THE HIRING OF A STAFF TO ADMINISTER HOPEFULLY  
2 BEING AS ORGANIZED AS THE JAIL COMMISSION WAS AND VERY FOCUSED  
3 INTO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO APPROACH IT MAY LEAD-- MAY LEAD TO A  
4 SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MIGHT JUST GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY  
5 TO SOLVE THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM, THIS COMPLEX PUZZLE THAT IS  
6 BEFORE US. BUT IT ISN'T FOR LACK OF TRYING BY THIS BOARD  
7 BECAUSE I'VE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW AND SEEN THE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS. USUALLY I'VE NEVER VOTED AGAINST ANY OF THEM.  
9 UNFORTUNATELY HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH ITS IMPLEMENTATION NOT  
10 JUST UNDER PRESENTLY THIS DIRECTOR BUT ALMOST EVERY SINGLE  
11 DIRECT OFFER THAT HAS BEEN AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
12 SERVICES AND I'VE LEARNED AND HEARD ALL THE MOANING AND  
13 GROANING ABOUT CHANGE IS DIFFICULT, THE CULTURAL ATTITUDES ARE  
14 DEEP AND SO ON. VERY FRANKLY, I REALLY THINK THAT EVERYTHING  
15 IN THAT DEPARTMENT HAS TO CHANGE AND HAS TO CHANGE  
16 DRAMATICALLY. EVERYTHING FROM TRAINING OUR SOCIAL WORKERS TO  
17 HIRING OUR SOCIAL WORKERS TO BRINGING ACCOUNTABILITY AND MORE  
18 IMPORTANTLY TO TRAINING OUR MANAGERS THAT IN MOST INSTANCES  
19 CAN'T MANAGE ANYTHING, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THEM SUPERVISING  
20 SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. AND YOU CAN'T  
21 JUST BLAME THE SOCIAL WORKERS. YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE  
22 MANAGEMENT AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE MANAGEMENT. BUT I  
23 APPLAUD THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THIS DIRECTION. AND WHAT  
24 I'M GOING TO ASK IS THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT DON EXACTLY  
25 MENTIONED, "THE" STRATEGIC PLAN, WHICH WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING



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1 FOR, WE ARE NOT GETTING REPORTS ON WHAT THINGS ARE BEING DONE.  
2 WE FOLLOW UP, WE ASK QUESTIONS. AND I'M ASKED ON A CONSTANT  
3 BASIS THAT I'M ASKING TOO MANY QUESTIONS. WE NEED A PUBLIC, A  
4 PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF THAT REPORT. BECAUSE  
5 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SOLID, THEY'RE WORTHWHILE. THEY WERE  
6 BROUGHT IN BY EXPERTS. SO I'M ASKING WHILE THE COMMISSION DOES  
7 IT WORK, AND IT SHOULD DO ITS WORK, AND WE LOOK AT THESE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WELL, THAT WE RECEIVE A REPORT ON A  
9 MONTHLY BASIS ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE MANY THAT ARE  
10 MADE BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS. AND WHILE WE KEEP  
11 GETTING REPORTS, I KNOW THAT I ASK QUESTIONS IN FOLLOWUP AND  
12 HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MY COLLEAGUES AND UNFORTUNATELY MANY OF MY  
13 STAFF WHEN THEY GO TO THEIR HEARINGS, THEY'RE TOLD THAT THEY  
14 ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, AS WELL. WHICH I GUESS SHOULD BE SHAME  
15 ON US. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF EVERYTHING THAT IS  
16 GOING ON. SO I HAVE LET THE SUNSHINE IN. ALLOW THESE  
17 PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE. I HAVE A MOTION WHICH MY STAFF WILL  
18 PASS OUT. AND IT BASICALLY ASKS THAT WHILE WE APPROVE THE  
19 FORMATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, A MONTHLY SET ITEM BE  
20 PLACED ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA FOR THE DIRECTOR OF  
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO REPORT THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND  
23 BUDGETARY PRIORITIES. UNTIL THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION  
24 CONCLUDES ITS REVIEW AND ANALYSIS AND THIS BOARD ACTS UPON ITS  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS BOARD, IN



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1 LIGHT OF THE RECENT CHILD FATALITIES, ALTHOUGH ONGOING, TO  
2 IMMEDIATELY INSURE THIS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SAFETY  
3 FOR CHILDREN UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION. I HOPE YOU CAN DO IT. I  
4 KNOW THAT PEOPLE WILL SAY WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO LISTEN  
5 TO IT. BUT I THINK IT'S URGENT. SO DON'T JUST SEND IT OFF TO A  
6 COMMISSION TO DO, ALTHOUGH I WELCOME IT. I STILL THINK THAT WE  
7 HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN IN PLACE. WE STILL NEED TO HAVE AN  
8 AIRING OF IT ON A PUBLIC BASIS. WE NEED TO KNOW THAT THESE  
9 CHANGES ARE BEING MADE. WE NEED TO KNOW THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF  
10 RESOURCES, THEY NEED TO BRING IT TO US. AND SO I AM ASKING AND  
11 JOINING AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS  
12 COMMISSION. WE GET STARTED. BUT WE DON'T KEEP OUR EYE OFF THE  
13 BALL BECAUSE IT IS STILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE  
14 SAFETY OF THESE CHILDREN.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND THE CHAIR WILL ACCEPT THIS AS A  
18 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT MOVES THE ISSUE FORWARD IN A TIMELY  
19 MANNER. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M GOING TO ASK DIRECTOR  
20 BROWNING IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
21 OR COMMENTS? MR. BROWNING?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** YES, SIR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE  
2 APPROPRIATE TO AFFORD YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE  
3 ISSUES OF BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONTEXT. YOU HAVE  
4 INDICATED YOUR RECEPTIVITY TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. I  
5 KNOW THAT TO BE THE CASE. SOME HAVE CONCLUDED OTHERWISE, BUT I  
6 THINK IT IS USEFUL FOR YOU TO BE ON RECORD IN THAT CONNECTION  
7 IN YOUR OWN WAY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HOPE IT'S APPRECIATED  
8 THAT THE MOTION SPECIFIES D.C.F.S. IN THE SENSE THAT IT IS THE  
9 LEAD ON THE QUESTION AT HAND, BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY  
10 DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN THE MATTERS FOR WHICH WE ARE CONCERNED  
11 HERE. IT WOULD BE VERY APPROPRIATE IN MY MIND FOR YOUR  
12 COUNTERPART IN MENTAL HEALTH, YOUR COUNTERPART IN PUBLIC  
13 HEALTH, YOUR COUNTERPART IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
14 YOUR COUNTERPART IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BE HERE TO  
15 ADDRESS-- AND IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT THE BLUE RIBBON  
16 COMMISSION WILL DRILL DOWN IN A WAY THAT CAUSES THAT TO BE  
17 MORE OF A REALITY THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE UP TO THIS POINT. IT  
18 IS NOT SIMPLY THE COUNTY FAMILY ABOUT WHOM WE ARE CONCERNED.  
19 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, IMPACT THIS, AS  
20 WELL. PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ENTITIES DO SO. AND SO THIS IS  
21 COMPREHENSIVE IN ITS NATURE, DESIGNED TO BE A DRILLDOWN OF  
22 CONSEQUENCE. MR. BROWNING, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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24 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SUPERVISOR, IN MY 40 YEARS OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
25 MILITARY SERVICE, I'VE NEVER TURNED DOWN ANY HELP AND I DON'T





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1 INTEND TO TODAY. I DO THINK THERE IS SOME VALIDITY TO WHAT  
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE DID INDICATE. WE HAVE HAD AN AWFUL LOT OF  
3 PEOPLE OFFER US HELP. I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A SHORT PERIOD, BUT  
4 I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF DIRECTORS WHO CAME BEFORE  
5 ME WHO TALKED ABOUT HOW MUCH HELP THEY GOT. AND I DO BELIEVE  
6 THAT THERE IS SOME VALUE IN HAVING A FRESH SET OF EYES LOOK AT  
7 THINGS. I KNOW I LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY. I DO BELIEVE  
8 ALSO THAT IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPOSE  
9 THE COMMISSION WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE, PROFESSIONAL,  
10 INDEPENDENT, HAVE NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ORDER TO REALLY  
11 MOVE THIS DEPARTMENT FORWARD. AND I DID REALLY APPRECIATE ONE  
12 OF THE SPEAKERS WHO TALKED ABOUT COMMON SENSE, CRITICAL  
13 THINKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS BEING ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE  
14 REALLY NEEDED.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT WAS A QUOTE, MR.  
17 BROWNING, FROM SOMEONE WHO OFTEN INVOKES THAT.

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19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE. AND I FIND THAT SO  
20 OFTEN IN THE DECISIONS THAT GET MADE ON A DAILY BASIS, THOSE  
21 THREE THINGS DO NOT OCCUR. AND I'M SO SAD FOR THAT. WE'VE HAD  
22 SOME TRAGEDIES LATELY THAT ARE JUST UNSPEAKABLE. WE'RE GOING  
23 THROUGH A PROCESS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET TO  
24 A CONCLUSION PRETTY SOON. BUT I DID JUST LOOK BACK TODAY AND  
25 LOOKED AT THE BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, THEY



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1 CAME DOWN AND DID A REVIEW OF OUR CHILD FATALITY PROCESS. AND  
2 THEY WERE VERY, VERY COMPLIMENTARY. THEY SAID THAT WHAT WE DO  
3 IS VERY SELDOM DONE IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION TO THE LEVEL  
4 THAT IT'S DONE HERE, AND THAT INCLUDES THE C.S.I.U. AND THE  
5 BOARD. I ALSO THINK THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE C.E.O. GET A LOT  
6 OF CREDIT FOR THE ATTENTION, THE TIME THAT YOU PUT IN TO  
7 D.C.F.S. SOMETIMES IT'S REALLY APPRECIATED; OTHER TIMES IT'S  
8 PROBABLY NOT. WE DO GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS. WE DO PROVIDE A  
9 LOT OF REPORTS. I WOULD BE LESS THAN HONEST IF I DIDN'T SAY  
10 THAT THAT DIDN'T TAKE UP TIME. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT  
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CORRECT, THAT WE PROBABLY DO NEED TO  
12 PROVIDE YOU MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING ON POLICY,  
13 TRAINING, NEW TOOLS FOR OUR STAFF. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I  
14 THINK I'D LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH IS THAT SAFETY IN MY OPINION  
15 IS OUR PRIMARY GOAL. IT'S JOB ONE FOR US. AND I DO HATE THAT  
16 THERE'S BEEN SOME BELIEF THAT DETENTIONS ARE RISING BECAUSE OF  
17 THAT STATEMENT BY ME. BUT, FRANKLY, MOST OF THE SITUATIONS  
18 THAT DON'T OCCUR WELL, THAT DON'T END UP WELL DON'T OCCUR IN  
19 FOSTER HOMES OR GROUP HOMES, THEY OCCUR WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP  
20 CHILDREN IN THEIR FAMILIES. AND THAT IS A VERY, VERY TOUGH  
21 JOB. AND THE WORKERS THAT YOU HELP SUPPORT EVERY DAY, THEY  
22 HAVE A TREMENDOUS JOB TO DO. AND IT IS ONE THAT THEY OFTEN  
23 DON'T GET THANKED FOR, BUT IT IS SO CRITICAL. JUST IN TERMS OF  
24 THE DETENTIONS, I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT I WAS IN A MEETING A  
25 COUPLE WEEKS AGO, AND VENTURA SAID THAT THEIR DETENTIONS HAVE



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1 GONE UP 30 PERCENT. ORANGE COUNTY, SAN DIEGO, RIVERSIDE, ALL  
2 THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES WERE SAYING "WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE  
3 IN OUR DETENTIONS, TOO" THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHY. AND I PERSONALLY  
4 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REASON IS. AND I KNOW WE'VE BEEN UNDER  
5 FIRE LATELY. AND ONE OF MY STAFF GAVE ME TODAY THIS BOOK THAT  
6 I PROBABLY NEED TO READ VERY QUICKLY. IT SAYS "CRISIS  
7 COMMUNICATIONS" JERRY POWERS WAS IN THE BACK AND HE WANTS TO  
8 READ IT NEXT. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE, I GUESS, IS WE NEED ALL THE  
9 SUPPORT WE CAN GET. AND WE'LL CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE BLUE  
10 RIBBON COMMISSION TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.  
13 BROWNING. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID YOU WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL  
14 THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS WERE MADE BEFORE YOU-- EVERYBODY HAS  
15 BEEN HEARD. YES, IF YOU DO. OKAY. I THINK WE ARE AT THE POINT  
16 OF MOVING TOWARD A VOTE. YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE  
19 YOUR MOTION. AND I THINK IT'S MOTIVATED BY ALL THE RIGHT  
20 REASONS. AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY GOING TO PASS. AND I THINK WE'LL  
21 ALL DO THE BEST WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE  
22 APPOINT TO IT ARE OF A CALIBER THAT WERE APPOINTED TO THE JAIL  
23 VIOLENCE COMMISSION BECAUSE I THINK THAT MADE ALL THE  
24 DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE  
25 CREATION OF IT FOR THE VERY REASONS THAT DON MENTIONED. AND



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1 I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT THEM ALL OR ANY OF THEM. THIS IS  
2 DIFFERENT THAN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROBLEM THAT WE HAD IN  
3 A COUPLE OF RESPECTS. ONE, WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL, COMPLETE  
4 CONTROL OVER THE DECISION MAKING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
5 WE DON'T HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THEIR BUDGET. WE CERTAINLY  
6 DIDN'T HAVE CONTROL OR OVER THEIR PERSONNEL ISSUES. WE HAD A  
7 DEPARTMENT THAT WAS SOMEWHAT RECALCITRANT TO SAY THE LEAST.  
8 AND THE ONLY WAY WE COULD BRING THAT DEPARTMENT INTO-- OR THE  
9 PROBLEMS OF THAT DEPARTMENT INTO SHARP FOCUS WAS TO APPOINT A  
10 GROUP OF PEOPLE, DISTINGUISHED JURISTS AND OTHERS, COMMUNITY  
11 LEADERS AND OTHERS, WHO WOULD ESSENTIALLY WASH THAT LINEN IN  
12 PUBLIC AND CREATE A POLITICAL FIRE STORM THAT WOULD BRING THE  
13 DEPARTMENT TO A POINT WHERE IT WOULD REASON WITH US AND AMONG  
14 THEMSELVES. AND IT WORKED. YOU HAVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
15 WERE APPROVED BY THAT COMMISSION, WHICH IS ABOUT-- WHEN WAS  
16 THE COMMISSION FINISHED WITH THEIR JOB? ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO?  
17 NINE? NINE MONTHS AGO. YOU HAVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE  
18 PROPOSED BY THAT COMMISSION HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY US OR BY  
19 THE SHERIFF, EVEN THOUGH WE ALL SAID WE ENDORSED THEM 100  
20 PERCENT, VERY FEW OF THEM HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT. THAT'S NOT  
21 FOR LACK OF TRYING, AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL GO INTO EFFECT.  
22 BUT IT'S BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE THE COMMISSION FINISHED ITS  
23 JOB. THIS IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. THIS IS ONE OF OUR  
24 DEPARTMENTS. IT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO US. ITS GENERAL MANAGER  
25 REPORTS DIRECTLY TO US. WE BROUGHT IN THE CURRENT GENERAL



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1 MANAGER IN ORDER TO TURN THAT DEPARTMENT AROUND. WHEN WE  
2 BROUGHT HIM IN, HE SAID IT WILL TAKE SEVERAL YEARS TO DO WHAT  
3 NEEDS TO BE DONE. THREE YEARS I THINK WAS IF NUMBER OF YEARS  
4 HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. AND HE'S A LITTLE OVER A YEAR INTO HIS  
5 PERMANENT TENURE. AND WHETHER HE CAN SUCCEED OR NOT REMAINS TO  
6 BE SEEN. HIS PREDECESSORS DID NOT SUCCEED. NEITHER HAVE WE  
7 SUCCEDED. WE TALK ABOUT HAVING BEEN ON TOP OF THIS YOU FOR 20  
8 YEARS, 15 YEARS, 10 YEARS, HOWEVER LONG EACH OF US HAS BEEN  
9 HERE. WE CARE ABOUT IT DEEPLY. THERE ISN'T A MEMBER OF THIS  
10 BOARD THAT DOESN'T CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO ARE OUR  
11 RESPONSIBILITY. NOTHING MAKES ME MORE ANGRY THAN TO SEE A  
12 CHILD SUFFER ANYWHERE, WHETHER IT'S IN L.A. COUNTY OR ON MY  
13 BLOCK OR IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD. NOTHING HAS EVER BROUGHT  
14 TEARS TO MY EYES AS AN ADULT OTHER THAN TO SEE CHILDREN  
15 SUFFER. AND I THINK THAT GOES FOR EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THIS  
16 BOARD, AS WELL. BUT THE QUESTION IS: HOW DO YOU GET IT DONE?  
17 WE HAVE MORE THAN 20 YEARS, ALMOST 30 YEARS OF REPORTS, AS DON  
18 KNABE ELOQUENTLY POINTED OUT. THIS IS THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF  
19 BOARD MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING  
20 FOR THIS OR THAT INVESTIGATION TO THIS OR THAT INCIDENT OR  
21 POLICY. FIVE YEARS' WORTH. AND, YET, WE STILL HAVE THE PROBLEM  
22 WE HAVE. A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE CALLED ME A COUPLE OF WEEKS  
23 AGO, WYEH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS PROPOSED THIS MOTION, AND  
24 ASKED ME WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. OF COURSE, HE WANTED TO BE  
25 ON THE COMMISSION. AND I SAID I WASN'T INCLINED TO SUPPORT IT



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1 BECAUSE-- NOT BECAUSE IT WASN'T WELL-MOTIVATED AND GENUINELY  
2 MOTIVATED BUT BECAUSE AFTER WE GET THROUGH THIS SIX, NINE, 12-  
3 MONTH PERIOD, HOWEVER LONG IT'S GOING TO END UP BEING, THE DAY  
4 AFTER THEIR REPORT COMES OUT, I'M SORRY TO SAY, SOMETIME AFTER  
5 THAT REPORT COMES OUT, A CHILD WILL BE ABUSED, A CHILD MAY  
6 EVEN DIE, AS THEY HAVE AFTER EVERY ONE OF THE OTHER REPORTS.  
7 AND THEN WHAT DO WE SAY? SO, MY POINT IS: THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS. WINSTON CHURCHILL ONCE SAID: "EVERYTHING THAT  
9 NEEDS TO BE SAID HAS BEEN SAID. BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS SAID IT."  
10 SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER COMMISSION, WHICH IS GOING TO  
11 SAY-- AND I CAN ALMOST VERBATIM TELL YOU WHAT THE COMMISSION  
12 REPORT WILL SAY. YOU GOT TO HIRE A LOT MORE SOCIAL WORKERS.  
13 YOU GOT TO HAVE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND MORE TRANSPARENCY. ALL  
14 OF THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE ASKED OUR CURRENT  
15 DIRECTOR, WE WILL ASK OUR NEXT DIRECTOR, AS WE ASKED OUR  
16 PREVIOUS DIRECTOR, TO DO. AND WE NEED AT SOME POINT TO LET THE  
17 DIRECTOR BREATHE AND DO HIS WORK UNDER CAREFUL SCRUTINY AND  
18 ACCOUNTABILITY BY THE BOARD. BUT NONE OF US ARE RUNNING THAT  
19 DEPARTMENT. NONE OF US CAN RUN THAT DEPARTMENT. NONE OF US  
20 APPLIED FOR THE JOB. JUDGE NASH DID NOT APPLY FOR THE JOB.  
21 NEITHER DID PHIL BROWNING APPLY FOR THE JOB. BUT HE CAME TO  
22 THE JOB BECAUSE WE ASKED HIM TO OUT OF A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO  
23 THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY FAMILY, LOYALTY TO THE CLIENTS, IN THIS  
24 CASE THE CHILDREN THAT THAT DEPARTMENT SERVES. SO, I'M, AS  
25 MANY OF YOU KNOW, AN AVID FAN OF AN ADHERENT OF JOHN WOODEN,





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1 THE FORMER U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL COACH WHO HAD A GREAT LINE,  
2 AMONG MANY GREAT LINES, WHICH IS "DON'T MISTAKE ACTIVITY FOR  
3 ACHIEVEMENT." THIS IS ACTIVITY. ALL OF THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN  
4 ACTIVITY. THIS IS ACTIVITY. THERE'S VERY LITTLE ACHIEVEMENT  
5 REPRESENTED IN ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS, WHY? NOT BECAUSE THE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS WEREN'T GOOD BUT BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T  
7 EXECUTED. AND SO I THINK OUR CHALLENGE NOW IS TO EXECUTE WHAT  
8 WE KNOW NEEDS TO BE DONE. WHY HAVEN'T THEY BEEN EXECUTED OVER  
9 THESE LAST 20 OR MORE YEARS? 30 YEARS? BECAUSE EVERY TIME  
10 SOMEBODY IN MR. BROWNING'S POSITION OR IN OUR POSITION DECIDES  
11 TO MAKE A DIFFICULT DECISION, THERE ARE 100 PEOPLE WHO COME  
12 OUT OF THE WOODWORK AND SAY "THAT'S THE WRONG DECISION." AND  
13 THIS COMMISSION IS GOING TO GIVE EVERY ONE OF THOSE FOLKS THE  
14 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR CASE ONE MORE TIME. BUT IT'S  
15 ACTIVITY, BECAUSE WHILE ALL OF THAT IS GOING ON, MAKE NO  
16 MISTAKE, THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND HIS EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT  
17 TEAM WILL BE FOCUSED ON THAT, ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION,  
18 FAR MORE THAN HE'S GOING TO BE FOCUSED ON ANYTHING ELSE,  
19 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO DEMAND IT. AND THERE'S ONLY 24 HOURS IN  
20 A DAY. AND WHEN HE HAS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN DEALING WITH A CRISIS  
21 IN LANCASTER OR IN SOUTH L.A. OR IN THE WEST SIDE OR IN SAN  
22 GABRIEL VALLEY, HE HAS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THAT AND PROVIDING AN  
23 ANSWER TO A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS FROM THE BLUE RIBBON  
24 COMMISSION OR FROM US, HE'S GOING TO DO THE LATTER. AND THERE  
25 ARE ONLY 24 HOURS IN A DAY. HOW MUCH CAN ONE DEPARTMENT OR





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1 FOUR OR FIVE DEPARTMENTS DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES? I SAY  
2 AGAIN, IF WE HAD NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, IF THERE HAD NEVER  
3 BEEN A STUDY OF D.C.F.S. BEFORE, IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN A  
4 BARRAGE OF STATE AUDITS BEFORE, THERE HAD NOT BEEN A C.S.I.U.,  
5 WHICH WAS OUR INVESTIGATIVE UNIT CREATED WHICH FOLLOWED AN  
6 INSPECTOR GENERAL WHICH WE HAD CREATED AFTER ANOTHER CHILD  
7 DEATH, WE DIDN'T THINK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS ENOUGH SO WE  
8 BROUGHT IN THE C.S.I.U., THEN WE BROUGHT IN THE OFFICE OF  
9 INDEPENDENT REVIEW FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT A COUPLE OF  
10 YEARS AGO WHO DID AN EXTENSIVE 95-PAGE REPORT WITH 88  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, IF WE HAD NEVER DONE ANY  
12 OF THAT, THEN I WOULD SAY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS THE WAY TO  
13 GO. BUT THIS IS ACTIVITY, AND WHETHER THERE'S ACHIEVEMENT  
14 REMAINS TO BE SEEN. SO HAVING SAID ALL OF THAT, WHEN THIS  
15 PASSES, AND IT WILL, IT WILL BE OUR RESPONSIBILITY-- I KNOW  
16 THAT ALL FIVE MUCH US WILL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, PUT SERIOUS  
17 PEOPLE ON THAT COMMISSION, GIVE IT THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO  
18 DO ITS WORK, AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT  
19 THAT HE STILL HAS A DEPARTMENT TO RUN. HE STILL HAS 25, 30,000  
20 KIDS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. AND HE'S GOT TO BE GIVEN SOME  
21 SPACE, A LOT OF SPACE, TO CONTINUE TO DO HIS JOB. NOW  
22 HOPEFULLY WE'LL ALL KEEP THAT IN MIND IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS  
23 AHEAD. MR. CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS AND  
24 YOUR BRINGING THIS MOTION IN. I KNOW IT'S MOTIVATED BY TRYING  
25 TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THIS AND TO SOMEHOW BREAK THE GORDIAN KNOT



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1 THAT HAS BEEN CONFOUNDING ALL OF US FOR SO LONG. I FEAR I'M  
2 RIGHT, I HOPE I'M WRONG ABOUT WHAT WILL COME OF THIS. THANK  
3 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
6 YAROSLAVSKY, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ALL MEMBERS HAVE WEIGHED  
7 IN AND HAVE OFFERED THEIR RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW. I THINK  
8 IT IS VALUE ADDED, IN THE LARGER SENSE OF WHAT THAT MEANS. THE  
9 CONTRARIAN POINTS OF VIEW THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED HAVE BEEN  
10 DONE SO QUITE ELOQUENTLY AND I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. AT THE  
11 SAME TIME I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE REINFORCED THE  
12 POINT OF WHY WE SHOULD HAVE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. IT IS  
13 URGENT FOR US TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE ANEW. THESE CHILDREN,  
14 THEIR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITY DESERVE NO LESS. I BELIEVE WE  
15 HAVE TRIED BUT OUR ATTEMPTS HAVE NOT BEEN GOOD ENOUGH. AND I  
16 DON'T BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO SETTLE FOR SCADS OF REPORTS, REAMS  
17 OF PAPER, MULTIPLE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT  
18 THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WHICH PARENTHETICALLY DOESN'T  
19 FOCUS ON ANY SINGLE DEPARTMENT HEAD. IT IS DESIGNED TO BE  
20 SYSTEMIC IN NATURE. AND I'M PLEASED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD  
21 WHO HAS COME FORWARD HAS WELCOMED THE ASSISTANCE THAT IT MAY  
22 AFFORD, BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, I'M FRANKLY JUST NOT  
23 WILLING TO FEEL THAT WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST WORK. TO THE EXTENT  
24 THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE I BELIEVE  
25 IT'S WORTHY OF OUR TIME, OUR TALENTS AND OUR COMMITMENTS TO GO



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1 AT THIS WITH A NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE, A HIGHLY GIFTED GROUP OF  
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT TO MAKE SOMETHING OF  
3 CONSEQUENCE HAPPEN AND MOVE US BEYOND THE STATUS QUO. I  
4 BELIEVE WE CAN DO THAT. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD DO THAT. IT  
5 IS NOT MY VIEW FOR ONE MOMENT THAT IT OUGHT TO BE SECOND  
6 GUESSED OR DEAD PANNED. WE OUGHT TO LIFT THIS UP AND MAKE IT  
7 DO WHAT IT CAN DO; AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT, I BELIEVE  
8 WE'LL ALL FEEL BETTER ABOUT HAVING DONE OUR BEST WORK. MADAME  
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEM, AS  
10 AMENDED.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MOTION IS BEFORE  
13 YOU AS AMENDED. AT ONE POINT I BELIEVE I HEARD A REQUEST FOR A  
14 DIVISION OF THE QUESTION TO TAKE OUT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
15 AMENDMENT AND HAVE A SEPARATE VOTE ON THAT?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE CAN PROCEED WITH  
18 THE MOTION OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO I'LL CALL THE ROLL--

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I WITHDRAW THAT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE IS NO DIVISION OF THE  
2 QUESTION?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO THE ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP AS A  
7 WHOLE AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? AYE.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AYE.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]  
2 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION ON THIS ISSUE. WE  
3 WILL NOW MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE US. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
4 OFFICER?

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WOULD BE ITEM  
7 NO. 20. AND IF I COULD ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON THAT ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SO ITEM 20 IS NOW  
12 BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US.  
15 JUDI ERICKSON AND YEGHIG KESHISHIAN, ARE THOSE TWO INDIVIDUALS  
16 HERE? LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR COMING AND  
17 TESTIFYING TODAY. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
18 LEAVE AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE AS THE BOARD IS STILL IN SESSION.  
19 MA'AM, SIR.

20

21 **JUDI ERICKSON:** JUDI ERICKSON WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
22 BUSINESS FEDERATION. WE REPRESENT OVER 100 BUSINESS  
23 ASSOCIATIONS WITH 200,000 BUSINESS OWNERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.  
24 I'M ALSO HERE REPRESENTING A COALITION OF NEARLY 60 BUSINESS  
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES THAT HAVE COALESCED AROUND THIS



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1 PARTICULAR ISSUE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. WE  
2 ALL ARE UNITED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. WE COMMEND THIS  
3 MOTION. WE ARE ALSO UNITED IN SUPPORT OF THE RELATED MOTION AT  
4 METRO TWO DECADES AGO WHEN THE C.M.P. WAS PUT INTO PLACE. IT  
5 WAS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE METRICS. A  
6 LOT HAS HAPPENED IN THE TWO DECADES SINCE THEN. IT'S BEEN  
7 SUPERSEDED. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. IT'S A  
8 SMALL AGENDA ITEM BUT VERY IMPORTANT FOR L.A. COUNTY'S  
9 TRANSPORTATION FUTURE. WE NEED TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION ON  
10 THIS. WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT. AND AS YOUR ROLES ON THE METRO  
11 BOARD, WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT THERE, AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE TAKE  
14 THAT NOTE AND TURN TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **YEGHIG KESHISHIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
19 THE BOARD ROOM IS IN ORDER. SIR?

20

21 **YEGHIG KESHISHIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YEGHIG KESHISHIAN WITH THE  
22 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTING OUR 350  
23 MEMBERS WHICH COLLECTIVELY EMPLOY MORE THAN 400,000  
24 INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES REGION. ECHOING THE  
25 SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUE, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE C.C.A.'S



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1 STRONG SUPPORT OF KNABE'S MOTION TODAY. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS  
2 IS IN KEEPING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. AND AS WE  
3 CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH WITH THE VARIOUS METRO BOARD MEMBERS, WE  
4 LOOK TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. AS WAS  
5 MENTIONED, MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE 1991, THE CONGESTION  
6 MITIGATION PROGRAM WAS FIRST IMPLEMENTED. CASE IN POINT, 8032,  
7 S.B.-375 AND ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH MEASURE R. AND WE  
8 BELIEVE THAT AS METRO STAFF CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR LEGISLATIVE  
9 ALTERNATIVES, THIS WOULD HELP US MEET MY LONG TERM  
10 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS WITHOUT HINDERING INVESTMENT OR ECONOMIC  
11 DEVELOPMENT COUNTYWIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, I'D MOVE THE ITEM.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED BY  
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IT'S BEEN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
19 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE ARE NO COMMENTS TO BE HEARD IN ADDITION  
20 TO THAT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED, PLEASE RECORD A  
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE NOW MOVE TO ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
22 HELD THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. MR. CHAIRMAN, MY REASON FOR HOLDING IT IS,  
25 ONE, TO SEE IF A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION PASSED, WHICH IT





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1 OBVIOUSLY JUST DID. BUT I WOULD HOPE THE TASK UNDER THE BLUE  
2 RIBBON COMMISSION, SHOULD IT MOVE FORWARD IN SOME WAY, WOULD  
3 REVIEW THE MULTIPLE COMMISSIONS THAT WE HAVE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. I  
8 KNOW IT'S A VERY UNPOPULAR THING TO SAY, BUT PART OF THE TUG  
9 AND PULL EACH AND EVERY DAY IN THE DEPARTMENT IS BECAUSE OF  
10 THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND THE COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS. I MEAN  
11 NOT THAT THEY'RE NOT ALL GOOD. I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE BAD. I'M  
12 JUST SAYING THE TUG AND PULL. SO HOPEFULLY A REVIEW OF THE  
13 COMMISSIONS THAT ARE NOW IN PROCESS AND IN PLACE THAT AGAIN  
14 HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF CERTAIN ISSUES THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OR IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD OR A FAMILY, THAT THIS BE  
16 PUT INTO THE BASKET, IF I CAN PUT IT THAT WAY, FOR THE BLUE  
17 RIBBON COMMISSION TO REVIEW.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
20 KNABE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** --THAT WE LOOK AT ALL OF THEM FIRST, IS THAT WHAT  
23 YOU'RE SAYING?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M SAYING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS NOW  
2 FORMED, SO I'M SAYING THAT EVERY COMMISSION THAT AFFECTS THE  
3 LIFE OF A CHILD SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AND REVIEWED BY THE BLUE  
4 RIBBON COMMISSION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
9 ALL THOSE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WOULD THAT HAPPEN BEFORE THE SUNSET OF THIS ONE?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD THINK.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE GET THE REPORT BACK-- [INAUDIBLE] FOR 2017?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH  
18 THE COMMISSION. AND EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I'M SAYING [INAUDIBLE]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I HAVE NO  
23 OBJECTION TO ITS EXTENSION. AT THE SAME TIME, I BELIEVE THAT  
24 EVERYTHING THAT'S IN PLACE HAS TO BE REVIEWED.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT SOMETHING WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WERE  
2 TO ACT UPON OR ELIMINATE OR MAKE A RECOMMENDATION-- MR.  
3 KRATTLI? MR. KRATTLI? BY SETTING THIS SUNSET DATE TODAY OR  
4 APPROVING THAT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T TAKE AN ACTION TO  
5 ELIMINATE IT, IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7 **JOHN KRATTLI:** NO, YOUR BOARD CAN ALWAYS MODIFY THE SUNSET  
8 DATE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO HEARING THAT, WE  
13 SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE MATTER THAT IS BEFORE US WITH THE  
14 CLEAR EXPECTATION THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL REVIEW  
15 ALL COMMISSIONS THAT RELATE TO THE BUSINESS OF CHILD  
16 PROTECTION AND SERVICES. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? IF NOT,  
17 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NO. 23.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT WOULD ALSO BE TIED TO  
20 ITEM NO. 33, AS WELL, THE ORDINANCE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WILL  
23 BE THE ORDER.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 28 IS BEFORE US.  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? 28.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF  
6 COME FORWARD? ON THIS ITEM, IN JUNE OF 2012, THE BOARD  
7 APPROVED A LIST OF CONTRACTORS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR 25  
8 MILLION, UP TO \$25 MILLION IN DEBRIS REMOVAL ACTIVITY. DO YOU  
9 RECALL THAT?

10

11 **BILL WINTER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS BILL WINTER, DEPUTY  
12 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOW WE'RE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE ANOTHER  
15 LIST OF CONTRACTORS, OF WHICH THERE IS CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP,  
16 FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL NEEDS THAT AMOUNT TO MORE THAN \$100 MILLION  
17 OR MORE IN THE ULTIMATE DISASTER, CORRECT?

18

19 **BILL WINTER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S A REQUIREMENT, A  
22 NEED FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL OF, SAY, \$20 MILLION? YOU WILL GO TO  
23 THE \$25 MILLION LIST BEFORE YOU GO TO THIS LIST?

24



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1 **BILL WINTER:** THAT IS OUR EXPECTATION. THIS PARTICULAR LIST,  
2 THE ITEM BEFORE YOU, IS NOT INTENDED FOR ANY EVENT BELOW THE  
3 \$100 MILLION

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF WE HAVE AN EARTHQUAKE OR BRUSH FIRE OR  
6 A FLOOD THAT HAS \$50 MILLION, FIVE-OH, WORTH OF DEBRIS REMOVE  
7 AM, YOU HAVE A CONTRACT NOW, YOU HAVE A LIST FOR UP TO 25  
8 MILLION, YOU HAVE A LIST FOR 100 MILLION OR MORE, HOW ARE YOU  
9 GOING TO HANDLE THE \$50 MILLION DEBRIS REMOVAL?

10

11 **BILL WINTER:** CLEARLY WE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD  
12 TO GET AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. THE 25 MILLION WAS  
13 JUST AN ESTIMATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLING THE LIST BUT  
14 BEFORE WE COULD USE ANY OF OUR CONTRACTORS ON THE LIST WHICH  
15 IS AN AS-NEEDED LIST--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WHAT I'M ASKING IS,  
18 WHICH LIST DO YOU GO TO? YOU NOW HAVE TWO LISTS. IF YOU HAVE A  
19 35, \$45 MILLION, ANYTHING BETWEEN 25 AND 100, WHICH LIST DO  
20 YOU GO TO TO APPROVE CONTRACTS?

21

22 **BILL WINTER:** IT WOULD BE THE FIRST LIST, THE ESTABLISHED LIST.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE ONLY TIME YOU WOULD GO TO THIS LIST  
25 WHICH YOU'RE ASKING US TO APPROVE TODAY IS IF THERE'S A MEGA-



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1 EVENT, WHATEVER THE EVENT IS, IT HAS 100 MILLION OR MORE IN  
2 DEBRIS REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS IN ONE HE HAVENT?

3

4 **BILL WINTER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT NOW. I HAVE NO OTHER  
7 QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS  
10 ON THE PART OF ANY OTHER MEMBER AT THIS POINT? HEARING NONE,  
11 THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A  
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE. SHALL WE MOVE, THEN, TO THE NEXT ITEM WITH  
13 ITEM NO. 29? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 29, I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT  
16 OF PEOPLE HERE THAT WISH TO SPEAK. AND I'D LIKE TO AMEND MY  
17 MOTION WITH THE FOLLOWING BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE WORKED OUT  
18 AN ARRANGEMENT WITH CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO REALLY GET AT  
19 GETTING AN R.F.P. OUT. SO I AM ASKING THAT WE EXTEND THE  
20 CURRENT CONTRACT WITH HEALTH- RIGHT 360 FOR A PERIOD OF 12  
21 MONTHS. SECOND OF ALL THAT WE PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE  
22 BOARD AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING SIX MONTHS FROM TODAY  
23 AND NINE MONTHS FROM TODAY AND IMMEDIATELY TAKE ALL STEPS  
24 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO COMPLETE AN R.P.F. PROCESSES FOR  
25 SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE EXISTING CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH



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1 THE CURRENT MODEL, WHERE APPLICABLE ENSURE THAT HEALTH- RIGHT  
2 360 ESTABLISHES BASE FUNDING TO ARE THEIR SUB-CONTRACTOR  
3 AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH EACH SUB-CONTRACTOR'S PRIOR UNITS  
4 AND EXPENDITURES ALSO IF ADDITIONAL SERVICES ARE REQUIRED BY  
5 SUBCONTRACT TO BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE BASE FUNDING RATE AND,  
6 FIVE, ENSURE THAT THE R.F.P. IS GEARED TOWARD SERVICES THAT  
7 ARE CONSISTENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND CLEAR  
8 DELIVERABLES TO ENSURE OPTIMUM SERVICES AND OUTCOMES. I  
9 FURTHER MOVE HAVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE  
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASSIST THE  
11 PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN MEETING ITS DEADLINE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE  
14 US. THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. THERE ARE SEVERAL.  
15 YOU PERHAPS WERE--

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M HOPING THAT MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE MIGHT  
18 RECOGNIZE THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO SPEAK IF IN FACT THEY WERE  
19 OPPOSING THE ORIGINAL. I THINK WE'VE COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE  
20 THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN THAT REGARD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
23 WE'LL TEST THAT THEORY.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF NOT, WE CAN GO BACK TO THE OTHER MOTION.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S NOT DO THAT. ITEM NO. 29  
3 IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. AS AMENDED. THERE ARE  
4 SEVERAL PERSONS WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH TO BE HEARD. AND  
5 WE INVITE YOU TO INVOKE YOUR RIGHT TO WAIVE. FRED WALKER,  
6 WAIVE, OR ARE YOU COMING FORWARD? HE WAIVES. IT'S A GOOD  
7 START. DEDRA DIXON? WAIVE. SANDRA VELASQUEZ? THANK YOU.  
8 WHITNEY MULLINS? YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD. YOU HAVE THE  
9 RIGHT TO WAIVE. HERIC TURO? MARIA ALEXANDER? JULIO MARTINEZ?  
10 WALTER TAYLOR, WAIVE. ROXANNA NATALE-BROWN? THANK YOU. CANDICE  
11 COCHRAN? THANK YOU. ROBERT ANDERSON? THANK YOU. JANIE HODGE?  
12 THANK YOU. LYNNE LYMAN? THANK YOU. DANA KING? THANK YOU. MARK  
13 FAUCETTE? THANK YOU, SIR. PETER STARKS?

14

15 **PETER STARKS:** WAIVE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRANDON FREDERICK.

18

19 **BRANDON FREDERICK:** WAIVE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE EXHAUSTED THE PUBLIC D  
22 COMMENT PORTION OF THE MATTER, SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS  
23 AMENDED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. IT HAS BEEN PROPERLY  
24 SECONDED. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION BEYOND THAT WHICH IS BEFORE  
25 US? SEEING NONE, WE'VE REACHED A CONSENSUS. PLEASE RECORD A



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1 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE ON TO THE NEXT  
2 ITEM.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 35-B.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 35-B IS BEFORE US. I KNOW YOU  
7 DID.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, 35-B IS  
12 BEFORE US. THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR COMING OR  
13 SITTING THROUGH THE TESTIMONY OR HEARING.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE AMENDMENT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE A  
16 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE BOARD WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A FIVE-  
17 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR URGING THE GOVERNOR TO  
18 CONTRACT RETENTION FACILITIES TO REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION  
19 AND KEEP THE 358 COUNTIES HARMLESS.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN CALLED TO  
22 OUR ATTENTION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO AMEND 35-B.  
23 HE HAS CIRCULATED HIS AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO  
24 THE AMENDMENT? HEARING NONE, 35-B IS BEFORE US. AND WE HAVE  
25 SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, DIANA



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1 ZUNIGA. SHEILA PINKEL AND EMILIO LACQUES. ARE THOSE  
2 INDIVIDUALS HERE? GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SIR? YOU REPRESENT  
3 THE ENTIRETY OF THOSE WHO MIGHT WISH TO BE HEARD? OH, THEY'RE  
4 COMING.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I CAN'T SAY.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. ALL RIGHT. HERE WE ARE.

9

10 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND--

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I GOT A LITTLE EXCITED. BUT GO  
13 AHEAD.

14

15 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR  
16 MOLINA HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDED. I STILL, BECAUSE I  
17 BELIEVE THAT IT WAS VERY APT FOR HER TO ASK FOR THE BOARD TO--

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE ON 35-B NOW.

20

21 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** RIGHT, RIGHT, TO SPEAK OUT. THIS IS ABOUT, IS  
22 IT THE CHANGED ONE THAT WAS FOR A LETTER FROM THE BOARD, IS  
23 THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT IS STILL A LETTER.

3

4 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YEAH. WELL THEN MY COMMENT IS VERY APT TO  
5 WRITE A LETTER NOW, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THE LETTER ACTUALLY  
6 PRESENT THE CONCERNS THAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS  
7 OVER THE PAST YEAR AND MORE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE INADEQUACY  
8 OF 3-N AS BEING THE STANDARD FOR WHO'S GOING TO BE REALIGNED  
9 TO EITHER COUNTY PROBATION OR WHO WILL BE HELD, NEWLY  
10 SENTENCED PEOPLE IN THE JAILS. WHAT I THINK IS NOW WITH THE  
11 MATTER COMING BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AND OF COURSE THE COURT  
12 CRISIS WITH THE STATE CONTINUING, THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT  
13 TIME FOR THE BOARD TO OFFER TO ACTUALLY-- IF ITS NEEDS THAT  
14 YOU FOLKS HAVE VOICED MAKING SURE THAT THE EXTRA SERVICES ARE  
15 WELL-FINANCED AND THAT THERE IS A GOOD PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT,  
16 TO WRITE THE LETTER INSTEAD OF ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO  
17 RESIST IMPLEMENTATION, ACTUALLY TO SAY THE COUNTY CAN HELP  
18 WITH THE STATE PRISON POPULATION REDUCTION, WITH ALL THE  
19 MEASURES PROVIDED THAT WHAT YOU HAVE VOICED MANY TIMES A  
20 REALLY GOOD SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT OF PEOPLE AND AN ASSESSMENT  
21 OF PEOPLE IN PROGRAMS. SOME OF THESE TERRIBLE CRIMES THAT  
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE MENTIONED  
23 THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN OUR COUNTY WITH RELEASED PEOPLE REMEMBER  
24 THEY WERE RELEASED TO COUNTY PROBATION OR THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN  
25 RELEASED TO STATE PAROLE, LET'S HAVE A REALLY GOOD STUDY, GOOD



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1 ASSESSMENTS AND CONSTANTLY IMPROVING ASSESSMENTS MATCHING  
2 PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS. AND NOW'S THE TIME IT'S GOING TO BE TAKEN  
3 UP BY THE LEGISLATURE. LET'S MAKE THAT CALL.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
6 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME'S DIANA ZUNIGA, AGAIN AND I'M  
9 REPRESENTING CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET.  
10 WE'RE A STATEWIDE COALITION OF OVER 50 ORGANIZATIONS  
11 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA THAT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN INTERESTED IN  
12 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRISON POPULATION REDUCTION  
13 STRATEGIES AND HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR IT AT THE STATE LEVEL.  
14 I JUST KIND OF WANT TO GIVE YOU ALL A PICTURE OF WHAT'S  
15 ACTUALLY GOING ON WITHIN THE PRISON SYSTEM. I DON'T KNOW IF  
16 YOU ALL ARE AWARE, BUT I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM A LOT OF MOTHERS  
17 WHOSE SONS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH VALLEY FEVER THAT'S  
18 HITTING THE CENTRAL VALLEY AREA. IT'S A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.  
19 AND ABOUT THREE DOZEN PEOPLE HAVE DIED. MOTHERS WHOSE SONS ARE  
20 PROP 36 ELIGIBLE AND FROM L.A. COUNTY AND CONTINUE TO BE IN  
21 CALIFORNIA'S TRAUMATIC PRISONS. I'M HEARING FROM WOMEN  
22 INCARCERATED IN THE THREE WOMEN'S PRISONS IN CALIFORNIA THAT  
23 ARE NOW ABOUT 170 PERCENT OVER CAPACITY. ALONG WITH THAT,  
24 WE'VE ALSO KNOWN THAT THE HUNGER STRIKE IS GOING TO HAPPEN  
25 AGAIN ON JULY 8TH, AND THIS IS ALSO A CONCERN BECAUSE OF THE



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1 EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN INSIDE  
2 CALIFORNIA'S PRISONS. THE RECENT COURT RULING SEEMS LIKE A  
3 GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD ACTUALLY BE  
4 SUPPORTING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE JUST WANT TO URGE YOU  
5 ALL TO SUPPORT THAT PARTICULAR MEASURE. I AGREE WITH THE  
6 AMENDMENT THAT WAS JUST DONE TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION.  
7 AGAIN, WE SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTING ANY LEASING OF BEDS IN ANY  
8 OF THE COUNTIES, SO THANK YOU FOR ACTUALLY PROPOSING THAT. BUT  
9 WE ALSO URGE YOU ALL TO LOOK AT STEINBERG AND PEREZ'S RECENT  
10 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MEDICAL PAROLE AND ALSO MODIFY  
11 PAROLE FOR LOW LEVEL ELDERLY PRISONERS. AND WE WANT THIS TO  
12 ALSO BE SOMETHING THAT L.A. COUNTY IS SUPPORTING. AGAIN NOT  
13 SUPPORTING THE LEASING OUT OF BEDS FROM OUT OF STATE PRISONS  
14 OR INSTATE PRIVATE PRISONS OR COUNTY JAILS, BUT SUPPORTING  
15 GOOD TIME CREDIT EXTENSION, EXPANSION OF ELDER PAROLE AND  
16 PRISON PAROLE. WE BROUGHT YOU IN REGARD TO YOUR  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20 MA'AM.

21

22 **SHEILA PINKEL:** MY NAME IS SHEILA PINKEL. I'M WITH L.A. NO MORE  
23 JAILS. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION A RECENT LOS  
24 ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE IN WHICH IT REPORTS THAT IN 2009  
25 HEARINGS, FIVE EXPERTS ON CRIME, PUNISHMENT AND PRISONS TOLD



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1 THE COURT THAT ALLOWING INMATES WITH GOOD BEHAVIOR TO SHORTEN  
2 THEIR PRISON TERMS BY SEVERAL MONTHS HAD LITTLE IF ANY EFFECT  
3 ON CRIME IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I  
4 KNOW THAT THIS BODY IS CONCERNED WITH. AND ACCORDING TO JAMES  
5 AUSTIN IN THIS SAME ARTICLE, THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE IN  
6 RECIDIVISM RATES BY THE LENGTH OF STAY. SO I DO THINK-- I DO  
7 SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF 10,000 PRISONERS BY THE-- REQUESTED BY  
8 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I KNOW THAT THE LAST MEETING BY THIS  
9 BODY, THERE WAS GREAT CONCERNS ABOUT THE DESIGNATION OF NON,  
10 NON, NON, WHICH HAS BEEN BASED ON THE LAST CONVICTION BY A  
11 PERSON. AND SO I DO THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EITHER THIS  
12 BODY OR SOME BODY INSTRUCT THE C.D.C.R. TO DO A MORE NUANCED  
13 ASSESSMENT OF THE BACKGROUND OF PEOPLE BEFORE THEY ARE  
14 DESIGNATED NON, NON, NON'S SO THAT WHEN THEY RETURN TO LOCAL  
15 JURISDICTIONS, LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CAN HAVE THE CONFIDENCE  
16 THAT THOSE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SAFELY RE-ENTER SOCIETY  
17 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PROBATION OFFICER. WE KNOW THAT  
18 THERE'S A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL  
19 PROBLEMS AND SO IN ORDER TO HELP THEIR RE-RENTY, I DO PROPOSE  
20 AND SUGGEST THIS BODY HELP SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF MENTAL  
21 HEALTH FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT THOSE PEOPLE CAN  
22 RE-ENTER SUCCESSFULLY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
25 AND WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR FINAL SPEAKER ON THIS SUBJECT.





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1  
2 **EMILIO LACQUES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EMILIO LACQUES AND  
3 I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE NO MORE  
4 JAILS COALITION. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT IN DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE  
5 TO URGE YOU TO PLEASE REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION TO CREATE A  
6 MORE HUMANE COUNTY AND LAY OUT TANGIBLE AVENUES FOR PUBLIC  
7 SAFETY. PLEASE UPHOLD AND SUPPORT THE FEDERAL COURTS NINTH  
8 CIRCUIT RULING TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATION BY 9,500. WE DO  
9 THIS BECAUSE OUR LOVED ONES ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, AND  
10 INCARCERATION REALLY IS NOT PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY FOR OUR  
11 COMMUNITIES. AS YOU KNOW, GOVERNOR BROWN IS TRYING TO APPEAL  
12 THIS FEDERAL COURT RULING, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL STAND  
13 WITH US AND NOT SUPPORT THIS APPEAL. THE CONDITIONS OF  
14 CONFINEMENT ARE OPPRESSIVE AND INHUMANE IN MANY WAYS THAT WE  
15 SEE. WOMEN'S PRISONS ARE CURRENTLY 184 PERCENT OVERCROWDED  
16 BEYOND THEIR DESIGN CAPACITY. THE CALIFORNIA MEN'S PRISONERS  
17 ARE BEGINNING THEIR HUNGER STRIKES AGAIN IN THE S.H.U.  
18 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT PRISONS NEXT MONTH BECAUSE OF THE  
19 CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT AUTHORIZE  
20 LEASING OF COUNTY JAIL SPACE AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT ALSO  
21 NOT LEASE INSTATE PRIVATE PRISONS. SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN DO  
22 TO HELP REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION WITHOUT HARMING PUBLIC  
23 SAFETY ARE EXPANDING GOOD TIME CREDITS FOR ALL PRISONERS AND  
24 ALSO TO ALLOWING THE PRISONERS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT TO HAVE  
25 GOOD TIME CREDITS TO ALSO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS WHO



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1 WERE SENTENCED AS ADULTS UNDER THE AGE OF 25 OR YOUTH. WE CAN  
2 ALSO PAROLE ELIGIBLE LIFERS. AND WE HOPE TO EXPAND THE  
3 ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN PRISON. THERE'S A LOT  
4 OF AVENUES WE CAN TAKE TO WORK ON REDUCING PRISON POPULATION  
5 AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL STAND WITH US ON THIS ISSUE. THANK  
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 35-B IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. ARE THERE ANY OTHER FURTHER  
10 COMMENTS TO BE OFFERED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SEEING NONE,  
11 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO A  
12 ROUND OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WE BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH. FIFTH DISTRICT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE  
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PASTOR MANARD GILES, WHO WAS A PASTOR OF  
17 COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IN LANCASTER AND PASSED AWAY  
18 AT THE AGE OF 77 IN THAT TRAGIC HEAD-ON COLLISION OF A WRONG-  
19 WAY DRIVER ON THE 14 FREEWAY THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY. THE  
20 PASSENGER IN HIS CAR IS ALSO IN VERY CRITICAL CONDITION, AS  
21 WELL. HE WAS RETURNING HOME FROM A CHURCH RETREAT IN SAN DIEGO  
22 WHEN THE DRIVER WHO DROVE ON THE WRONG WAY ON THE FREEWAY HIT  
23 HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS NINE CHILDREN. MARLENE SEGAL WAS  
24 THE WIFE OF MAYOR MICKEY SEGAL OF ARCADIA. SHE PASSED AWAY ON  
25 JUNE 21ST. HENRY WILFONG, JR. WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-



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1 AMERICAN COUNCILMEMBER ELECTED IN THE CITY OF PASADENA PASSED  
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE WAS ELECTED IN 1973, AND HE SERVED  
3 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WAS FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL  
4 ASSOCIATION OF SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS, AND HE IS  
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. DARRELL MCCRORY, HE  
6 WORKED MONTELEONE AND MCCROREY LAW FIRM. HE HAD SERVED IN THE  
7 ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II AS AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT INFANTRY OFFICER.  
8 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HERTA CHIKATO PASSED AWAY AT  
9 THE AGE OF 74, SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, JIM AND MEL WHO ARE  
10 THE OWNERS OF CHIKATO BROTHERS ICE COMPANY. SHE WAS FROM  
11 GERMANY WHO MARRIED A CROATIAN AND THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE  
12 ICE COMPANY BUSINESS. AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN NOW RESIDE IN  
13 SANTA CLARITA, ANTELOPE VALLEYS. SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN  
14 BOTH COMMUNITIES. HERB CITRIN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91,  
15 FOUNDER OF THE FIRST NATION'S VALET PARKING SERVICES AND  
16 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS A  
17 GOOD FRIEND AND SUPPORTER FOR MANY YEARS. RICHARD BORZAGA,  
18 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, SERVED AS THE  
19 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CARPENTERS UNION, VETERAN OF THE UNITED  
20 STATES NAVY. HE IS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MY DEPUTY CHRISTINE  
21 WHO WORKS IN MY ANTELOPE VALLEY FIELD OFFICE. MARY VIRGINIA  
22 PRATTE OF LA CANADA WORKED AS AN EDUCATOR, LONGTIME VOLUNTEER  
23 FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT BENEFITED CHILDREN, ACTIVE IN ST.  
24 BEDE'S PARISH SCHOOL. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. FRANCIS  
25 DAMB, WORKED IN THE CORPORATE OFFICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL



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1 HOUSE OF PANCAKES AND PRIOR TO THAT HAD BEEN ADMINISTRATIVE  
2 ASSISTANT AT HUGHES AIRCRAFT. ADRIAN MENDEZ, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO  
4 THE TWIN TOWERS. JOHN HALL SR. PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 15TH,  
5 RETIRED SERGEANT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
6 WHOSE LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. RAY BARNHART  
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85, WHO SERVED IN THE REAGAN  
8 ADMINISTRATION AS THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR. AND JUDGE  
9 GEORGE MARTIN DELL, RETIRED JUDGE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR  
10 COURT. HE HAD ATTENDED THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND  
11 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AFTER THE ARMY, HE WENT TO  
12 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL. AND ALEX  
13 BEY, RESIDENT OF SUNLAND. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.  
14 RECIPIENT OF TWO BRONZE STARS AND TWO PURPLE HEARTS, AND HE  
15 RETIRED FROM PARAMOUNT MOTION PICTURES. THOSE ARE MY  
16 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A READ-IN MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. EXCUSE  
21 ME. "THE RECENT AGREEMENT MADE WITH THE STATE ON MEDI-CAL  
22 EXPANSION UNDER HEALTH CARE REFORM CREATES CASH FLOW  
23 CHALLENGES AS A RESULT THE STATE WITHHOLDING THE REIMBURSEMENT  
24 METHODS INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S  
25 BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ON



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1 MANAGING THESE CASH FLOW ISSUES. HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC IMPACT  
2 OF THE STATE'S POLICIES CANNOT BE ACCURATELY PROJECTED AT THE  
3 TIME AND IS CONTINGENT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH REVIEW OF THE  
4 DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE. SO I'D MOVE FOR NEXT WEEK THAT THE  
5 BOARD DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY  
6 REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF ITS ANALYSIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S  
7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, ITS IMPACT ON CASH FLOW AND HOW  
8 SHORTAGES WILL BE MANAGED. THESE REPORTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED  
9 BEGINNING IN MARCH OF 2014.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ASK ALL MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CAPTAIN JANET CHATELAIN WHO SERVED WITH  
16 FIRE STATION 41, BATTALION 13 WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
17 CAPTAIN CHATELAIN WAS A DEVOTED 14-YEAR MEMBER OF THE FAMILY  
18 AND TODAY WE HONOR HER LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. BUT BEFORE  
19 WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND  
20 COLLEAGUES, LET ME SAY THAT CAPTAIN CHATELAIN WAS ONE OF THE  
21 PEOPLE THAT CAME TO US AND TALKED ABOUT THE GENDER  
22 DISCRIMINATION THAT WAS GOING ON WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
23 AND WANTED TO SEE THOSE KINDS OF MISTAKES CORRECTED. SHE NEVER  
24 FILED A LAWSUIT. SHE NEVER COMPLAINED OR ARGUED. WHAT SHE  
25 WANTED WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WOMEN WHO JOIN THE LOS



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1 ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2 ARE GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS ANY OTHER  
3 FIREFIGHTER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I HOPE ALL OF  
4 HER COLLEAGUES ARE LISTENING BECAUSE SHE DID IT. SHE WAS VERY  
5 DEVOTED. AND SHE WANTED EVERY SINGLE WOMAN WHO CHOSE SUCH A  
6 CAREER TO HAVE A PATHWAY WITHOUT ANY SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANY  
7 BARRIERS WHATSOEVER. SHE SERVED PROUDLY AND UNFORTUNATELY WE  
8 HAVE NOW LOST A VERY, VERY DEVOTED FIREFIGHTER TO LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. ALL MEMBERS.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE GO ON, ON  
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, I KNOW HE INDICATED I JUST  
15 NEED CLARIFICATION. HE'D INDICATED FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA,  
16 IT'S A REPORT BACK, SO DO YOU WANT IT STILL ON THE AGENDA?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE COULD DO IT TODAY AS A REPORT BACK.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MUCH  
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.  
24 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
25 KAREN ORSI, RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHO



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1 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF  
2 50. CERTIFIED PARALEGAL, SHE WAS ALSO A TALENTED PRINT  
3 JOURNALIST AND FORMER ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND REAL ESTATE  
4 PROFESSIONAL. SHE SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JIM SCHMALTZ AND  
5 DAUGHTER NATALIE. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GARY  
6 DAVID GOLDBERG, LONGTIME A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND AND  
7 EMMY-WINNING CREATOR OF SUCH HIT T.V. SHOWS AS "FAMILY TIES,"  
8 "SPIN CITY"AND "BROOKLYN BRIDGE." HE WAS A WRITER ON THE "LOU  
9 GRANT", 'M.A.S.H.'" AND OTHER PROGRAMS WHO RECENTLY DIED AFTER  
10 A BOUT WITH CANCER AT THE AGE OF 68 AT HIS HOME IN MONTECITO.  
11 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DIANA MEEHAN, TWO DAUGHTERS, SHYNA  
12 SILVERI AND CAILIN GOLDBERG-MEEHAN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN.  
13 CHRISTINE CALDERON, A YOUNG WOMAN RESIDENT OF LYNWOOD WHO DIED  
14 TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 23 LAST WEEK WHEN SHE BECAME THE  
15 VICTIM OF RANDOM VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS OF HOLLYWOOD. VERY  
16 WELL-PUBLICIZED INCIDENT IN HOLLYWOOD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
17 MOTHER, YOLANDE TASSIN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.  
18 AND--

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RESIDENT OF LYNWOOD APPARENTLY  
21 I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSOLUTELY. AND FINALLY, I ASK THAT WE  
24 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY JONAS. I THINK MANY OF US  
25 KNEW DOROTHY, PROMINENT FEMINIST LEADER AND WOMEN'S ADVOCATE,





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1 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE SERVED AS THE  
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA RAPE TREATMENT CENTER, RAPE  
3 FOUNDATION, WAS FORMER CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON  
4 THE STATUS OF WOMEN, A CO- FOUNDER AND OFFICER OF THE  
5 COALITION FOR FAMILY EQUITY IN LOS ANGELES, AND FORMER CO-  
6 CHAIR OF THE N.O.W. TASKFORCE ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN  
7 MARRIAGE. SHE WAS AN OUTSPOKEN FAMILY LAW REFORM ADVOCATE AND  
8 EXPERT IN THE IMPACT OF JOINT CUSTODY AGREEMENTS ON WOMEN AND  
9 DIVORCE. SHE WAS A DEDICATED AND TENACIOUS ACTIVIST. SHE IS  
10 SURVIVED BY HER MANY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE FIELD AND  
11 FAMILY MEMBERS. HER LATE HUSBAND ALLEN JONAS PREDECEASED HER  
12 ONLY BY FIVE MONTHS. I ASK THAT WE--

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. SHE WAS  
17 VERY SPECIAL, SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE SPECIAL PEOPLE. MR.  
18 CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO READ IN. IT'S A REPORT  
19 BACK MOTION. "LAST WEEK, OUR COMMUNITY WAS SHAKEN BY THE  
20 TRAGIC INCOMPREHENSIBLE STABBING OF CHRISTINE CALDERON WHO DID  
21 NOTHING MORE THAN PAUSE TO SNAP A PHOTOGRAPH OF SEVERAL  
22 PANHANDLERS IN THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE  
23 SENSE OF THIS TRAGEDY, I DIRECTED MY STAFF TO OBTAIN FURTHER  
24 INFORMATION. WE HAVE NOW DETERMINED THAT THE ALLEGED  
25 PERPETRATOR, DUSTIN JAMES KINNEAR, WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM



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1 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION  
2 UNDER THE STATE'S A.B.109 PROGRAM, AND ON THAT BASIS REMAINED  
3 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. IT IS CRITICAL  
4 THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD ANY ENCOUNTERS WITH MR.  
5 KINNEAR IMMEDIATELY ANALYZE THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS THAT  
6 TRANSPIRED BETWEEN THE TIME OF HIS RELEASE FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
7 PRISON SYSTEM AND THE MOMENT HE ENCOUNTERED MISS CALDERON ON  
8 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD. THIS TIMELINE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR  
9 UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SPECIFIC SITUATION AND INFORM  
10 INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE THAT PROBATIONERS ARE ENGAGED IN  
11 APPROPRIATE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, HIGH RISK INCIDENCES ARE  
12 DETERRED AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS PRESERVED. ADDITIONALLY IT IS  
13 IMPERATIVE THAT MORE THAN A TIMELINE IS CONSTRUCTED. THE L.A.  
14 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH  
15 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE THE MOST INVOLVEMENT  
16 WITH AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS RELEASED UNDER THE  
17 A.B.109 PROGRAM MUST DETERMINE WHETHER CURRENT LAWS OR  
18 PROCEDURES ARE ADEQUATE TO PROTECT AGAINST ANY OF THE POSSIBLE  
19 GAPS IN THE A.B.109 PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS  
20 RELEASED FROM STATE PRISONS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN  
21 REHABILITATIVE SERVICES AND DETERRED FROM ENGAGING IN CRIMINAL  
22 ACTIVITY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
23 REQUEST THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF AND DIRECT THE  
24 DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND  
25 PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROVIDE A FULL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS IN THE CHRONOLOGY OF RELEVANT EVENTS COMMENCING  
2 WITH THE RELEASE OF MR. KINNEAR FROM STATE PRISON ON APRIL 6,  
3 2013 TO THE DAY OF THE MURDER ON JUNE 18TH, 2013. THE REPORT  
4 SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATING TO WHETHER THE PROTOCOLS  
5 FOR RELEASE BY THE STATE WERE FOLLOWED, WHETHER WE WAS RE-  
6 ARRESTED FOR PAROLE VIOLATIONS AFTER HIS INITIAL RELEASE,  
7 INCLUDING HOW MANY TIMES AND WHEN HE WAS RE-ARRESTED; WHETHER  
8 MR. KINNEAR WAS EVALUATED FOR ANY MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE  
9 ABUSE DISORDER, AND WHETHER APPROPRIATE TREATMENT WAS PROVIDED  
10 TO HIM IN A TIMELY MANNER; WHETHER THE CURRENT LAWS OR  
11 PROCEDURES ARE ADEQUATE TO PROTECT AGAINST ANY OF THE POSSIBLE  
12 GAPS IN THE A.B.109 PROCESS THAT MAY HAVE LED TO OR  
13 CONTRIBUTED TO THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT, AND TO THE EXTENT THEY  
14 ARE NOT, PROPOSE CHANGES THAT WOULD ADDRESS THOSE  
15 SHORTCOMINGS. THIS REPORT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ANY KNOWN  
16 RELEVANT HISTORY PRIOR TO, AND LEADING TO HIS STATE PRISON  
17 INCARCERATION. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPARTMENTS  
18 BE REQUESTED TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THEIR FINDINGS  
19 WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. IT'S A REPORT BACK,  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. I'M DONE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RELEASED ARE NOT  
4 REQUIRED OR MANDATED FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OR ANY TYPE  
5 OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR WHATEVER. AND WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF  
6 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED, APPROXIMATELY 11,700 RELEASED TO  
7 PROBATION FROM THE STATE PAROLE, OVER 5,000 HAVE COMMITTED NEW  
8 CRIMES AND BEEN RE-ARRESTED. SO THAT'S THE BREAKDOWN.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT. THAT'S WHY  
11 I WANTED..

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE, BUT IT POINTS OUT THAT 109--

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S ILLUSTRATIVE, THOUGH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, IT IS. TRAGICALLY CHANGED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A LOT IN THIS STORY WHICH WILL  
20 INFORM US ON A GOING-FORWARD BASIS THAT HOPEFULLY WILL SAVE  
21 LIVES.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, PLEASE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'D ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN  
2 ME IN MEMORY OF HEDI GOUDREAU, BELOVED MOTHER OF KAREN MORAN  
3 IN OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HEDI IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND PHILIP, FIVE CHILDREN, KARIN, GITA,  
5 MARK, DIANE AND BART, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT  
6 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MIKE COX, A LONGTIME  
7 FAMILY FRIEND, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND  
8 OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING THIS VERY  
9 DIFFICULT TIME. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE  
10 ROSE RODRIGUEZ, A RESIDENT OF BELLFLOWER WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER  
11 A BATTLE, LONG BATTLE, WITH LEUKEMIA, 78 YEARS OLD. SHE IS  
12 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 35 YEARS, VICTOR, HER SIX CHILDREN,  
13 DANIEL, ESTHER, DELILAH, MAGDALENA, SAMSON AND MOSES. ALSO WE  
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WALTER ADRIAN ROEBUCK OF LAKEWOOD WHO  
15 PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 51. SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS,  
16 ED AND JANICE, BROTHER RONNIE, SISTER-IN-LAW HILLARY, HIS  
17 NEPHEW AND NIECE, SACHEL AND SAGE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
18 OF MARILYN SABO, RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD FOR OVER 54 YEARS,  
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
20 RUDY, SONS STEVE, RUDY, MARK, SCOTT AND KENNETH AND FIVE  
21 GRANDSONS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEN JURY, WHO  
22 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED  
23 STATES NAVY THEN JOINED OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE  
24 RETIRED AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS  
25 CHURCH, THE ELKS CLUB AND PARTICULARLY THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE



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1 AND MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, WHERE HE WAS A BOARD MEMBER AND  
2 TREASURER FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CHRIS,  
3 SON MICHAEL AND THE L.A. COUNTY AND FIRE MUSEUM FAMILY. ALSO  
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDA FERRELL, LONGTIME RESIDENT  
5 OF LAKEWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. SHE RETIRED FROM  
6 BOEING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER MARY, DAUGHTER KATHLEEN,  
7 THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR SIBLINGS. AND THEN WE'RE ALL  
8 MEMBERS ON CAPTAIN CHATELAIN'S.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE  
15 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. ANY SPECIALS? THEN WE'LL MOVE TO PUBLIC  
16 COMMENT. ALL RIGHT. STEPHANIE MOSS, VIESTA BROWN, LINA DUVALL,  
17 ARNOLD SACHS, LORI MARTIN, ARCKADY SHAFIROVICH. PATRICK GUNN,  
18 IRENE PANG, JESSIE THOMPSON, CHRIS MARTIN, ERIC PREVEN. ALL  
19 RIGHT, MA'AM, YOU MAY TAKE A SEAT. PROCEED.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
22 ACTIVITY VERSUS ACHIEVEMENT, A FASCINATING MEETING. BLAH,  
23 BLAH, BLAH. THAT'S ACTIVITY. THAT'S WHAT WE GET FROM THE  
24 BOARD. I APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMATION, SUPERVISOR KNABE, ABOUT  
25 THE AMOUNT OF REPORTS. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMATION,



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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF REPORTS. SOMEWHAT  
2 REMINDS ME OF METRO. WHEN YOU DECIDED TO BUILD, OH, A SUBWAY  
3 LINE HERE OR A LIGHT RAIL LINE THERE, THE AMOUNT OF STUDIES  
4 THAT GO INTO IT, 20 STUDIES HERE, 25 STUDIES THERE, 30  
5 STUDIES, 50 STUDIES, 40 STUDIES. BUT THOSE STUDIES ALL COST  
6 MONEY. AND HOW WE DON'T GET AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT THAT  
7 ACCOUNTABILITY IS FOR. AND YET SPEAKING OF METRO, ANOTHER  
8 DEPARTMENT THAT YOU HAVE NO OVERSIGHT OF, WHERE AS D.C.F.S.  
9 YOU DO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF, THE THINGS YOU EXPECT THE PUBLIC TO  
10 BELIEVE. THIS CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY IS THE SAME AS THAT  
11 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WE NEED THE GREEN LINE CONSTRUCTION  
12 AUTHORITY TO GO TO THE AIRPORT. NO, WE DON'T NEED THE GREEN  
13 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO GO TO THE AIRPORT BECAUSE WE  
14 HAVE THE CRENSHAW NONPROFIT THAT TAKES THE PLACE OF THE GREEN  
15 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. SUPPORT THIS, DON'T SUPPORT THAT.  
16 YOU KNOW, SPEAKING OF THE D.C.F.S. AND THIS BLUE RIBBON  
17 COMMISSION, WE HAVE A LOT OF COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
18 THAT THEY'RE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE LAWS, BUT WE  
19 DIDN'T HEAR ANYBODY HERE DISCUSSING THE ABILITY OF THE STATE.  
20 YOU WERE A STATE REPRESENTATIVE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, OR  
21 YOU WERE IN THE STATE LEGISLATION, SOMETHING. WE HEARD STATE  
22 LAW SUPERSEDES COUNTY LAW. BUT SOME OF THE PARTS OF D.C.F.S.,  
23 IS THAT AN INVOLVEMENT IN THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WITH  
24 SHARING THE INFORMATION BECAUSE NOBODY MENTIONED THAT? SO IF





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1 YOU DON'T MENTION THAT AND YOU DON'T ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM, YOU  
2 GOT--

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** METRO, GO METRO.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, SIR?

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** MR. PREVEN SPEAKING, ERIC PREVEN FROM THE COUNTY  
11 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. BEFORE WE PASS BY THE METRO SUBJECT,  
12 I WAS WONDERING IF THIS BODY COULD, MANY OF WHICH SIT ON THE  
13 BOARD OF-- SORRY, WHO SAID, OKAY. GIVE ME FIVE SECONDS BACK.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO. PROCEED.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE WIFI  
18 IN SOME OF THE METRO STOPS BECAUSE IT IS-- IT WOULD BE A GREAT  
19 SERVICE TO THE COMMUTERS. I KNOW THE MAYOR IS A HYPER-  
20 CONNECTIVITY FREAK AND ALL OF YOU ARE BIG METRO SUPPORTERS. I  
21 DO THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA. WE'RE COLLECTING REVENUE NOW ON THE  
22 TURNSTYLES. IT'S VERY INEXPENSIVE AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY CAN  
23 INFORM YOU OF. HE PUT A WI-FI, IT WAS ONLY 5 GRAND INTO THE  
24 GOVERNOR'S ROOM ON THE MUSIC CENTER SO IT WOULD BE REALLY A  
25 GOOD SERVICE. I THINK SOMEONE SHOULD STEP UP AND DO THAT. NOW



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1 FOR THE SUBJECT THAT NOBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT BUT WE'RE  
2 GOING TO TALK ONE MORE TIME, BECAUSE WE HEARD A LOT TODAY  
3 ABOUT THE D.C.F.S. I'M FLUMMOXED, FRANKLY, BY THE BOARD'S  
4 CONFUSION ON THIS, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND, IT'S CHALLENGING, SO  
5 MAYBE A WINSTON CHURCHILL QUOTE WILL BE ILLUSTRATIVE, ANOTHER  
6 ONE BECAUSE WE HEARD ONE FROM ZEV. "CONTINUOUS EFFORT, NOT  
7 STRENGTH OR INTELLIGENCE IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING OUR  
8 POTENTIAL." AND THAT'S WHY THAT WHEN THE C.C.J.V., FOR  
9 EXAMPLE, MET REGULARLY, THERE WAS MEDIA ATTENTION, THERE WAS  
10 PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THEY STOPPED MEETING. IT'S BEEN A DISASTER.  
11 IT'S BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE THAT COMMISSION HAD ITS FINDINGS.  
12 WE STILL DON'T HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL. MR., THE MAYOR, IF I  
13 MAY, THE CHAIR, THOUGHT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WAS WORTH LOOKING  
14 AT. IT NEVER MATERIALIZED. AND APPOINTING TWO INDIVIDUALS  
15 EACH, YOU KNOW, IT'S IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BECAUSE MAYBE THIS  
16 IS GOING TO BE THE PIECE THAT BREAKS THE BACK, BUT I'M JUST  
17 SURPRISED THAT THIS BOARD DOESN'T DO MORE ITSELF IN THE WAY OF  
18 DEMANDING CHANGES AS OPPOSED TO 20 YEARS OF MORE OF THE SAME.  
19 SO GOOD LUCK. I HOPE IT WORKS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, MA'AM, YOU MAY COME OVER  
22 AND SEIZE THE MICROPHONE. AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT KEITH  
23 GREEN, TAMMI STEFANO, OSCAR JOHNSON, DAVID SERRANO, TERRY  
24 SIGMUND, JORDAN SIGMUND, JOHN WALSH, TONY GUNN, TEODI MALLARI,



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1 AND FINALLY NEILANI BESSANA ALL COME FORWARD AND BE PREPARED  
2 TO SPEAK. SIR?

3

4 **PATRICK GUNN:** MY NAME IS PATRICK GUNN. I LIVE IN THE FIFTH  
5 DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY MICHAEL ANTONOVICH. SO I'LL DIRECT MY  
6 COMMENTS TOWARDS HIM. I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF  
7 THE MEETING AND I'VE HEARD MUCH MORE-- PEOPLE TALK ABOUT MUCH  
8 MORE SERIOUS ITEMS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE TO GO TO TO HELP  
9 ME WITH THIS EXCEPT MR. ANTONOVICH. ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, MY  
10 NEIGHBOR ACQUIRED SEVERAL P PEACOCKS, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
11 HAVE A NIGHT WITHOUT PEACOCK NOISE SINCE. I AM AWAKENED  
12 NIGHTLY BY THE SCREECHES AND MATING CALLS THAT COULD BE HEARD  
13 FOR BLOCKS. SOME OF THE NOISE SOUNDS LIKE A SMALL CHILD IN  
14 DISTRESS. BECAUSE OF THIS NIGHTLY NOISE, I CALLED A BUSINESS  
15 APPROVED BY FISH AND GAME TO RELOCATE THE PEACOCKS THAT THEY  
16 LEFT THIS PERSON'S PROPERTY. THE WORKER I CALLED WENT PAST MY  
17 HOUSE TO THE END OF SUMMIT TRAIL. THERE HE ATTEMPTED TO TURN  
18 HIS VEHICLE AROUND BUT WAS STOPPED BY MY NEIGHBOR WHO  
19 THREATENED TO SHOOT HIM. HE MADE A COMPLAINT TO THE SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT. I CALLED THE CASTAIC ANIMAL CONTROL, BUT THEY  
21 REFUSED TO TRY AND CATCH ANY OF THE PEACOCKS AND RELOCATE THEM  
22 TO A ZOO OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE PLACE. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP  
23 BECAUSE I AM AWAKENED NIGHTLY BY THE PEACOCK NOISE AND JUST  
24 WANT TO GET SOME SLEEP. PLEASE ASK ANIMAL CONTROL TO REMOVE  
25 THE PEACOCKS. I'M AN OWNER OF PROPERTY WHOSE RIGHT TO THE



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1 QUIET ENJOYMENT OF MY PROPERTY IS BEING VIOLATED. PLEASE HELP.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** KAREN STACK FROM THE CASTAIC SHELTER HAS SENT  
7 YOU AN ANIMAL NUISANCE FORM. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECEIVED THAT  
8 YET, BUT IF YOU FILL THAT OUT. ALSO THE PREVIOUS  
9 INVESTIGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WERE DISMISSED FOR  
10 LACK OF PROOF. I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- I KNOW IN PARTS OF MY AREA  
11 THE PEACOCKS THEY ARE WILD. THEY FLY INTO NEIGHBORS' HOMES AND  
12 WHATEVER. SO AS FAR AS NEIGHBORS RAISING THEM, I WOULD ASSUME  
13 THAT COULD BE A VIOLATION. BUT PLEASE FILL OUT THAT NUISANCE  
14 FORM. BUT IF THEY'RE JUST WILD, PEACOCKS FLYING AROUND, THEY  
15 ARE A NOISY BIRD, BUT WE HAVE THAT IN LA CANADA, WE HAVE IT IN  
16 ARCADIA.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE IT IN THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, TOO.

19

20 **PATRICK GUNN:** I WILL FILL OUT THE FORM ALTHOUGH THESE PEACOCKS  
21 ARE OWNED BY MY NEIGHBOR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THEN THE DISPUTE  
24 RESOLUTION INTERVENTION MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE, SUPERVISOR  
25 ANTONOVICH. AND ADDRESS IT FROM THAT VANTAGE POINT, AS WELL.



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1 THE COUNTY HAS A NUMBER OF SUCH ENTITIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES OVERSEES THEM. PERHAPS THE  
3 APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL FROM YOUR STAFF CAN  
4 PROVIDE HIM ASSISTANCE. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM NOW. THANK  
5 YOU SO MUCH. MA'AM?

6

7 **SJESSIE THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS JESSIE THOMPSON AND I'M HERE  
8 BECAUSE A GROUP OF PEOPLE ARE HARASSING AND STALKING ME AND  
9 BULLYING ME. I WAS RAPED. THEY WON'T EVEN LET ME GET ANY  
10 MEDICAL ATTENTION. AND ONCE I WENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
11 THEY WERE CHANNELING ON THE DETECTIVE AND EACH TIME I TRY AND  
12 TELL SOMEBODY, THEY'RE DOING HYPNOSIS AND CHANNELING ON ME. ME  
13 AND MY KID WAS RAPED AND THEY MADE ME LOSE EVERYTHING. I HAD  
14 AN ATTORNEY, BUT THE PEOPLE AT THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS  
15 BULLYING ME, TOO, TRYING TO GET MORE MONEY OUT OF ME. AND EACH  
16 TIME I TRY TO TELL MY FAMILY MEMBERS, THEY'RE DOING MAGIC LIKE  
17 CHANNELING THROUGH ME AND MY FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGH HYPNOSIS  
18 TO GET ANYONE NOT TO HELP ME. THEY'RE JUST DOING ALL KINDS OF  
19 THINGS. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR MYSELF. THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE  
20 ME OUT TO BE NOT THE VICTIM BUT THE VICTIMIZER, AND THEY'RE  
21 DOING ALL KIND OF THINGS TO STOP ME FROM HAVING ANYTHING AND  
22 TRYING TO MAKE ME GO ON DISABILITY LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING  
23 WRONG WITH ME. I'M A RAPE VICTIM. AND THERE'S MORE TO IT. THEY  
24 TRY TO MAKE ME LOSE EVERYTHING THAT I GOT, MY JOB, THEY WERE  
25 CHANNELING ON ME AT WORK DOING ALL KIND OF STUFF.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
3 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU MIGHT WISH TO TELL US WHERE YOU  
4 RESIDE, WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE?

5

6 **JESSIE THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS JESSIE THOMPSON, LYNWOOD.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LYNWOOD, ALL RIGHT, IF YOU'D  
9 HAVE A SEAT RIGHT OVER HERE, I'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM MY STAFF  
10 COME SEE YOU IN JUST FEW MOMENTS. MISS PANG?

11

12 **IRENE PANG:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IRENE. I'M  
13 CONCERNED ABOUT I LEAVE MY CAR IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT IS  
14 REALLY TRUE, THEY PROTECT ALL THE INFORMATION OF THE  
15 GOVERNMENT. IN THE MATTERS INVOLVED TO THE TORTURES THE  
16 [INAUDIBLE] ALL THE ILLEGALS TAKE OTHERS PERSONAL OR REALLY  
17 PROPERTY FROM THE GOVERNMENTS; THEREFORE ANYONE THAT AGAINST  
18 THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES. SAY AGAIN. I'M UNITED STATES  
19 CITIZEN. WHEN I SAME AS THE OTHERS SEEKING THE TREATMENT, I DO  
20 ASK THEM YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO GIVE THE  
21 ANTIVIRUS MEDICINE TO CURING MY DISEASE. HELPING AND HEALING  
22 AND-- HELPING AND HEALING IS THE GOVERNMENT STAFF AND PATIENT  
23 ARE PROFESSIONAL, THE GOOD MANNERS AND DUTY. I ASK YOU DO YOU,  
24 DO YOU MIND THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAY TO YOU TO PROTECT THE  
25 NATION U.S.? MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT BEHIND OTHERS. I ASK



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1 THE GOVERNMENT THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ AND SUPPORT, NOT THE OTHERS. THE  
2 VIOLATION FORCE TO MORE ATTACK ON MY FAMILY MEMBERS. MY FAMILY  
3 MEMBERS WORK HARD TO PROTECT THE NATION. ALSO MY FAMILY MEMBER  
4 NEED THE PROTECTION FROM GOVERNMENT. FOUR, I NEED THE HOUSE  
5 FOR MY INVENTION, MY EARNING FOR MY INVENTION FOR UNITED  
6 STATES. YEARS AGO I WROTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS.  
7 NUMBER FIVE, I NEED THE M.V.A. DEPARTMENT CLARIFY MY DRIVING  
8 RECORD.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS PANG?

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12 **IRENE PANG:** THEN UNDER EMANCIPATION, AND I WORKING TO DELIVER  
13 THE \_\_\_\_ THAT RELATE TO THE CERTAIN FIELD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS PANG?

16

17 **IRENE PANG:** TO CLARIFY ABOUT THE MATTERS, TO CLARIFY THE \_\_\_\_\_  
18 OF THE PUBLIC.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY.

22

23 **IRENE PANG:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. MR. SERRANO?





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1  
2 **DAVID SERRANO:** THE HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, THE  
3 CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. INFINITE JESUS  
4 CHRIST WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN  
5 OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. JESUS CHRIST PREACHED  
6 THE WORD OF GOD, FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS AND HE DID MANY  
7 MIRACLES INCLUDING RAISING THE DEAD TO LIFE. CHRIST WAS  
8 BETRAYED BY A SINNER INTO THE HANDS OF SINNERS. ALL PEOPLE ARE  
9 SINNERS AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. AND THE PUNISHMENT  
10 FOR SIN IS DEATH IN HADES, WHICH IS EXCLUSION FROM HEAVEN. BUT  
11 THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.  
12 INNOCENT JESUS CHRIST WILLINGLY SHED HIS PRECIOUS, HOLY BLOOD,  
13 AND HE DIED IN OUR PLACE ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS AS THE  
14 PERFECT, ALL SUFFICIENT SACRIFICE OF ATONEMENT FOR THE SINS OF  
15 THE WORLD TAKING UPON HIMSELF THE PUNISHMENT OF DEATH AND  
16 HADES WHICH ALL PEOPLE DESERVE AS OUR SUBSTITUTE BY THE GRACE  
17 OF GOD EFFECTIVE THROUGH FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. AND  
18 AFTER HOLY JESUS' FLESH BODY DIED ON THE CROSS, HOLY GOD  
19 ALMIGHTY JESUS' SPIRIT AND SOUL DESCENDED INTO HADES AND JESUS  
20 PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF GOD TO THE IMPRISONED SOULS AND SPIRITS  
21 OF THE DEAD THREE DAYS WHILE HIS FLESH BODY WAS TAKEN DOWN  
22 FROM THE CROSS AND WAS ENTOMBED. THEN ON THE THIRD DAY WHEN  
23 HOLY GOD ALMIGHTY CHRIST JESUS' SPIRIT AND SOUL ASCENDED OUT  
24 OF HADES OUR GOOD LORD, SAVIOR AND REDEEMER JESUS CHRIST  
25 RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB, AMEN. THEN JESUS CHRIST



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1 APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF 40  
2 DAYS, AND THEN JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. JESUS CHRIST IS  
3 TRANSFIGURED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY IN  
4 HEAVEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN HEAVEN  
5 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. ALL PEOPLE WHO  
6 DIE AS UNBELIEVERS RECEIVE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR  
7 OWN SINS. ALL MUSLIMS SHALL BURN IN THE LAKE OF BURNING  
8 SULFUR. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST AND  
9 YOU WILL HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN HEAVEN AMEN.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
12 SIR. MS. SIGMUND?

13

14 **TERRY SIGMUND:** YES. I'M VERY GLAD THAT YOU MADE THE DECISION  
15 TO HAVE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND  
16 WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE D.C.F.S.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WHO'S NEXT?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SHE'S SPEAKING.

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22 **TERRY SIGMUND** OKAY. YEAH. CAN YOU RESET--?

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24 **>>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.

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1 **TERRY SIGMUND:** I'M GLAD THAT YOU DID THAT. HOWEVER, IT IS TRUE  
2 WHAT DENISE POINTED OUT, IF YOU DON'T GIVE THEM AUTHORITY TO  
3 DO ANYTHING, MEANING THEY CAN'T INTERACT. THEY CAN ONLY MAKE  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS, I THINK IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE USEFUL IF YOU  
5 ACTUALLY PUT AN AGENCY IN PLACE THAT CAN ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING  
6 ABOUT IT, BLESS YOU. AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE WITH  
7 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, BECAUSE AGAIN AS PARENTS UP IN  
8 HERE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE DONE NOTHING TO NOT  
9 REINSTATE. I HAVE RIGHTS THAT ARE BEING VIOLATED. AND YOU HAVE  
10 DONE NOTHING FOR MY RIGHTS TO BE RESPECTED BY THE D.C.F.S. SO,  
11 STILL, EVEN THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, IT SEEMS THERE IS  
12 NOWHERE FOR US PARENTS TO GO AND ACTUALLY SAY, "ALL RIGHT,  
13 MAKE THEM DO WHAT THEY'RE DOING." SO, WHAT, I'LL GO WHEREVER I  
14 HAVE TO GO. BUT IT SEEMS THE ONLY TIME THAT YOU ACTUALLY ARE  
15 MOTIVATED FOR ANYBODY'S RIGHTS TO BE ACCEPTED IS WHEN THE  
16 MEDIA IS ON YOU. SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO THE MEDIA. BUT THAT'S  
17 NOT THE PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE SHOULD BE THAT ALL PARENTS HAVE  
18 THAT RIGHT AND THAT THERE IS A PERSON OR AN ENTITY TO GO WHERE  
19 THE PARENTS CAN CALL IN, HAVE A MEETING, SHOW THEIR EVIDENCE  
20 AND THEN THERE IS A RIGHT THAT'S GOING TO BE ENFORCED, NOT  
21 RECOMMENDED. IT'S THE LAW. FORGET THE RECOMMENDATION, IT'S  
22 ALREADY LAW. AND ESPECIALLY IT SERVES NOT THE MINORITIES  
23 BECAUSE MINORITIES THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO  
24 THEM. THE ATTORNEY SPEAKS FOR THEM FOR FIVE MINUTES BEFORE AND  
25 YOU HAVE TO GIVE THESE MINORITIES A VOICE. AND YOU ALWAYS SAY,



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1 "OH YEAH, THERE'S A COURT AND THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF IT." THAT  
2 IS NOT TRUE. YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH THAT PREMISE AND THEN  
3 SOOTHE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS. YOU SHOULD HAVE TO SEE THE REALITY  
4 OF IT, THAT MAINLY MINORITIES ARE NOT HELPED. AND WITH THE  
5 TIME THING, I'M NOT SURE, SO I'M GOING TO BE DONE FOR TODAY.  
6 GOD BLESS YOU, BUT THERE'S SOME MORE THINGS THAT HAVE TO  
7 HAPPEN FOR MINORITIES' PURPOSES.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT FEDERAL  
12 GOVERNMENT SELECTED SOME PEOPLE CALLED TARGETED INDIVIDUALS  
13 AND THEY DO A LOT OF NASTY THINGS TO US. THEY RADIATE US WITH  
14 ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY 24/7 EVERY SECOND. AND THIS IS VERY  
15 PAINFUL AND AFFECTS OUR HEALTH. THEY ENTER OUR HOME. THEY  
16 DESTROY THINGS AND STEAL. THEY CONTROL OUR COMMUNICATIONS LIKE  
17 PHONE, MAIL, INTERNET. AND THEY FOLLOW US DAY AND NIGHT.  
18 POLICE DOES NOT TAKE REPORTS TO MAKE US NOT BELIEVABLE, ALMOST  
19 EVERYONE IS MADE EITHER CRIMINAL OR CRAZY OR SOMETHING. SO TO  
20 MAKE US NOT TRUSTWORTHY. THEY INSTALL CHIPS IN MANY PEOPLE.  
21 AND WHENEVER WE COMPLAIN TO ANYONE, IT DOESN'T WORK. ZEV  
22 YAROSLAVSKY STAFF DID NOT RESPOND. THE SAME I LIVE NOW IN THE  
23 DISTRICT OF MR. KNABE, THE SAME THING. NO MATTER HOW MANY  
24 CALLS I MADE TO VELASQUEZ, HE DOES NOT RETURN CALLS. BY THE  
25 WAY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU PERSONALLY, MR. KNABE. I'M NOT



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1 GIVEN ENOUGH TIME. BUT I SEE THAT GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE  
2 DOES NOT EXIST.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND YOUR SILENCE IS ACTUALLY COULD BE EQUAL TO  
7 TREASON.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. JOHNSON, PLEASE.

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11 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED. I  
12 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.  
13 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT RELIGION, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND  
14 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. FREEDOM ENJOYING PERSONAL RIGHTS OR  
15 LIBERTY AS A PERSON WHO IS NOT A SLAVE, A LAND OF FREE  
16 PEOPLES, CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED. FREEDOM, PERSONAL  
17 LIBERTY, POLITICAL OR NATIONAL ARE INDEPENDENT. WE SHOULD, THE  
18 BLACK AMERICA MUST HAVE A RELIGION EDUCATION. RELIGION  
19 EDUCATION CAN HELP CHANGE OUR WAY OF THINKING. WE SHOULD HAVE  
20 HOPE AND FAITH FOR A BETTER TOMORROW THAT WE CAN HAVE A BETTER  
21 SOCIETY IF WE COULD COME TOGETHER AND WORK, UNITE AND WORK  
22 TOGETHER. WE SHOULD REMOVE THE VICIES THAT ARE IN AMERICA THAT  
23 IS STOPPING AMERICA FROM BEING A FREE COUNTRY. WE SHOULD STOP  
24 DRUGS FROM COMING INTO AMERICA. WE SHOULD STOP DRUGS FROM  
25 BEING MADE IN AMERICA. WE SHOULD STOP GUNS FROM COMING INTO



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1 AMERICA. WE SHOULD STOP GUNS FROM BEING MADE IN AMERICA. WE  
2 SHOULD END UNFIT AUTHORITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE SHOULD TRY  
3 TO FIND A WAY TO SEPARATE TRUTH FROM FALSEHOOD. WE NEED MORE  
4 RESPONSIBILITY. THE CITIZENS OF AMERICA IS GIVING THE  
5 GOVERNMENT OUR RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE SHOULD HAVE  
6 RESPONSIBILITY OURSELVES. UNITED WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TO  
7 WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL MANKIND. WE SHOULD SPREAD THE  
8 SHARIA ACROSS AMERICA. WE CAN SPREAD SHARIA ACROSS AMERICA, WE  
9 CAN CHANGE AMERICA FROM THE BEAST TO THE BEAUTIFUL. THE LAST  
10 PROPHET, THE LAST MESSENGER OF GOD, HE WAS THE SHARIA WAS  
11 FOUNDED BY THE LAST MESSENGER OF GOD.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. WALSH.

14

15 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
16 THANK YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, FOR CALLING FOR THIS  
17 INVESTIGATION. HERE IS A PICTURE OF THE DUSTIN KINNEAR. AND AS  
18 YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS A SIGN. IT SAYS F.U. GIVE ME A DOLLAR,  
19 PLEASE. AND THERE'S A SMILY FACE. NOW WE KNOW THAT THE REASON  
20 HE WAS THERE IS BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR BROWN PRISONER DUMP.  
21 IF THERE HADN'T BEEN A PRISON DUMP-- LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THIS  
22 MAN. THIS IS PURE AND SIMPLE A HATE CRIME. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS  
23 MAN. I'M SORRY. TAKE A LOOK OUGHT THIS MAN WITH THE NOSE RING  
24 AND THE BLOND HAIR. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL ANY BLACK PERSON THIS  
25 MAN LOOKS LIKE A POSTER CHILD FOR THE ARYAN NATION. AND I SAY



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1 THIS AS A WHITE MAN. AND I AM AN EXPERT ON RACISM BECAUSE,  
2 AFTER ALL, I'M A WHITE BOY. WE CREATED IT. THIS IS THE KIND OF  
3 PERSON. NOW, THEY DON'T WANT TO, THE SHERIFFS AND THE CITY, NO  
4 NOT THE SHERIFFS, THE L.A.P.D. DO NOT WANT TO PROSECUTE THIS  
5 AS A HATE CRIME. LOOK AT HIM. AND THEY CALLED HIM IN THE TIMES  
6 WITHOUT HIS PICTURE, A TRANSIENT. WE KNOW WHAT TRANSIENT  
7 MEANS. IT MEANS A BLACK PERSON. THAT'S WHAT IT REALLY MEANS.  
8 DOES HE LOOK BLACK TO YOU? AND THE WOMAN, THE VICTIM, THEY  
9 JUST GAVE HER NAME, CALDERON. SO IT SOUNDED IN THE PRESS IN  
10 THE MEDIA AS IF IT WAS A BLACK MAN KILLING AN HISPANIC WOMAN  
11 WHEN WHAT WAS IT? IT WAS A WHITE MAN KILLING A BLACK WOMAN.  
12 AND ALL HER RELATIVES HAVE SAID IT. THIS IS A HATE CRIME. IF  
13 IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE OTHER WAY AROUND, CAN YOU IMAGINE IF IT  
14 HAD BEEN A BLACK MAN STABBING A WHITE WOMAN? DO YOU THINK--  
15 LOOK, I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG IF YOU  
16 WANT TO SEE THE PICTURE AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.  
17 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THANK YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. WALSH,  
20 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE BALANCE OF THE TESTIMONY,  
21 INCLUDING JOEY TERUCHA AND DENISE PAZ, PLEASE COME FORWARD.  
22 ALL RIGHT. PLEASE. YOUR NAME, SIR.

23

24 **JOEY TARUCHA:** YEAH, HI, MY NAME IS JOEY, TARUCHA, AND I'M A  
25 LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH





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1 REHABILITATION CENTER IN LONG BEACH. I HAVE WORKED THERE SINCE  
2 YEAR 2000. I LIKE HELPING PATIENTS AND SEEING THEM GET BETTER.  
3 THE PROBLEM IS THAT SAFETY IS A CONSTANT CONCERN. WITHOUT  
4 SECURITY GUARDS AT LA CASA, WE'RE LEFT TO DEFEND OURSELVES.  
5 AND IN SOME CASES, THE COMPANY HAS EVEN DISCOURAGED US FROM  
6 CALLING THE POLICE TO HELP. EMPLOYEES AT LA CASA HAVE ASKED  
7 THE OWNER, TELECARE CORPORATION TO HIRE A SECURITY GUARD. THE  
8 COMPANY SAID NO. WE ASK THEM TO INSTALL THE PLEXIGLAS AROUND  
9 THE NURSE'S STATION TO PROTECT US. THE COMPANY SAID NO ALSO.  
10 ALSO, WE ASK THEM TO IMPROVE THE EMPLOYEE TRAINING TO REDUCE  
11 THE THREAT OF INJURY TO PATIENTS AND WORKERS. AND OF COURSE  
12 THE COMPANY SAID NO. AND I WISH THE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS ONLY  
13 AFFECT EMPLOYEES, BUT IT ISN'T. IT ALSO AFFECTS THE PUBLIC.  
14 OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, 31 PATIENTS HAVE ESCAPED FROM LA  
15 CASA. HAVING THEM ON THE LOOSE MEANS THAT THEY COULD HARM  
16 THEMSELVES OR NEIGHBORS IN SURROUNDING AREA. THAT'S WHY WE  
17 HAVE TAKEN THE STEP OF GOING ON AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES  
18 STRIKE AGAINST TELECARE. WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND  
19 WHAT'S GOING ON AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION  
20 CENTER, AND WE ASK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD THE  
21 COMPANY ACCOUNTABLE. THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN LA CASA MORE THAN 54  
22 MILLION OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS TO CARE FOR THOSE MENTAL  
23 ILLNESSES, BUT THE SITUATION IS OUT OF CONTROL. AND WE NEED  
24 YOUR HELP TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR PATIENTS, WORKERS AND THE  
25 PUBLIC. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
3 TESTIMONY. IT IS NOTED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **TONY GANN:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS TONY GANN AND I'M A MENTAL  
6 HEALTH WORKER AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION  
7 CENTER IN LONG BEACH. AS OF TODAY, WORKERS ARE SET TO GO ON  
8 STRIKE TOMORROW AT 4 P.M. JUNE 26TH. THE LAST THING WE WANT TO  
9 DO IS TO STRIKE, BUT IT APPEARS IT'S OUR ONLY OPTION LEFT TO  
10 GET HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT TO BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH WITHOUT  
11 PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES, PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC.  
12 THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING ON AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE STRIKE.  
13 IT'S BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE VERY  
14 DIFFERENT FROM LA CASA MANAGEMENT. THEY DON'T SEEM TO SHARE  
15 OUR CONCERN FOR SAFETY AND CARE. THAT OFTEN MEANS WORKERS, AND  
16 PATIENTS ARE INJURED, CARE IS COMPROMISED AND THE SURROUNDING  
17 COMMUNITY VIEWS US WITH SUSPICION. OUR PATIENTS ARE HERE TO  
18 GET WELL. AND THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING  
19 SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. EMPLOYEES ARE HERE TO DELIVER CARE, AND  
20 THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO FEAR BEING KICKED, PUNCHED, SLAMMED TO  
21 THE GROUND. AND THE PUBLIC SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT  
22 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES ESCAPING FROM THE FACILITY AND  
23 INTO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES HAS A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH  
25 REHABILITATION CENTER. IT PAYS \$450 FOR EVERY PATIENT FOR EACH



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1 DAY THEY STAY AT THE FACILITY. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS PAID LA CASA \$54 MILLION, AND THAT'S  
3 A LOT OF MONEY WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY. WE URGE THE BOARD  
4 OF SUPERVISORS TO EXAMINE HOW TAXPAYERS' MONEY IS SPENT AT LA  
5 CASA. OTHER MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS ARE NOT AS OUT OF CONTROL  
6 AS LA CASA. NO TAXPAYER SHOULD ACCEPT THE POOR SAFETY RECORD  
7 OF LA CASA. 200 ASSAULTS JUST LAST YEAR. 30 ESCAPES IN 2010  
8 INCLUDING ONE LAST MONTH WHERE THE PATIENT DIED IN POLICE  
9 CUSTODY. I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL JOIN US IN CALLING ON LA  
10 CASA TO TAKE THE SAFETY AND CARE OF OUR PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS  
11 AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AS SERIOUSLY AS WE DO, THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
14 SIR?

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16 **TEODI MALLARI:** GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS TEODI  
17 MALLARI, AND I AM A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AT LA CASA MENTAL  
18 HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTER IN LONG BEACH. AS A CAREGIVER,  
19 SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY FOR PATIENTS, WORKERS AND THE  
20 COMMUNITY AROUND US. WE'RE BOTH AT THE JOINT S.E.I.U. H.W. TO  
21 ENSURE SAFETY AND QUALITY CARE AND HAVE PUT FORWARD VERY  
22 SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS.  
23 UNFORTUNATELY, THE CARE AND CONDITION AT TELECARE LA CASA  
24 LEAVE BOTH CAREGIVERS AND PATIENTS AT RISK. MORE THAN 640  
25 ASSAULTS WERE REPORTED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. LONG BEACH



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1 POLICE RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 230 CALLS DURING THE SAME PERIOD  
2 FOR EVERYTHING FROM PATIENT ESCAPES TO RAPE AND THE MANAGEMENT  
3 CELEBRATED THE FACT THAT THERE WERE ONLY 12 ESCAPES IN MARCH  
4 ALONE THIS YEAR. IT'S AN UGLY AND DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE  
5 THERE ISN'T ENOUGH STAFF ON THE FLOOR, MANAGEMENT RELIES ON ME  
6 TO INTERVENE WHEN EMERGENCIES HAPPEN. I'M PROUD TO BE A BIG  
7 GUY. BUT ASKING ME TO STAFF HARDLY QUALIFIES AS A SAFETY PLAN.  
8 WE HAVE BEEN BARGAINING IN THE CONTRACT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.  
9 AND I HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE DAY ONE. WE KEEP COMING UP WITH  
10 IDEAS ON HOW TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND CARE, BUT LA CASA  
11 MANAGEMENT CONTINUES TO BARGAIN IN BAD FAITH AND REFUSE TO  
12 LISTEN. WE CALL ON TELECARE CORPORATION TO BEGIN BARGAINING IN  
13 GOOD FAITH AND QUICKLY RESOLVE THIS STRIKE. THEY ARE NOT IN A  
14 POSITION TO NEGOTIATE WITH US AS THE LAW REQUIRES AND MAKE  
15 THIS A SAFER FACILITY. IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO BEGIN FOLLOWING  
16 THE LAW. I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN  
17 IMPROVE SAFETY. WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT, I AM  
18 CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN PROTECT PATIENTS, WORKERS AND THE  
19 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL TAKE  
22 THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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24 **NEILANI BESSANA:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS NEILANI BESSANA AND  
25 I WORK AS A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH



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1 REHAB IN LONG BEACH. I HAVE WORKED THERE FOR ALMOST FIVE  
2 YEARS. NO EMPLOYEE SHOULD HAVE TO RISK BEING ASSAULTED WHILE  
3 ON THE JOB, YET THAT'S THE SITUATION ME AND 185 OTHER WORKERS  
4 AT LA CASA FACE EVERY DAY. WE CARE ABOUT THE PATIENTS WE  
5 SERVE, AND WE WANT THEM TO GET WELL, BUT THAT'S HARD TO DO  
6 WHEN THERE ISN'T ENOUGH STAFF AND PATIENTS ARE HURTING EACH  
7 OTHER AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OR RUNNING AWAY FROM THE FACILITY.  
8 THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES IN WHICH LA CASA HAS  
9 BARGAINED IN GOOD FAITH. TWO YEARS AGO I WAS ATTACKED TWICE IN  
10 THE SAME WEEK BY THE SAME FEMALE PATIENT. SHE HAD A HISTORY OF  
11 ASSAULTING OTHER FEMALE EMPLOYEES AND CLIENTS. SHE WAS CLEARLY  
12 NOT READY TO ENTER A RECOVERY FACILITY LIKE OURS. ONE DAY, THE  
13 CLIENT ATTACKED ME AND HIT ME WITH A PHONE. IT WAS A SCARY  
14 EXPERIENCE. THE NEXT DAY, THEY ASSIGNED ME IN THE SAME UNIT.  
15 AND DURING DINNER TIME, SHE ATTACKED ME AGAIN PUSHING ME  
16 AGAINST THE WALL AND TRYING TO PUNCH ME. THE ONLY THING THAT  
17 KEPT ME FROM BEING INJURED MORE SERIOUSLY WAS THAT A DIFFERENT  
18 PATIENT STEPPED IN TO PROTECT ME. SADLY, I'M NOT THE ONLY  
19 EMPLOYEE WHO'S BEEN ATTACKED AND ENDED UP INJURED OR IN THE  
20 EMERGENCY ROOM. THERE IS NO SECURITY GUARD ON SITE TO HELP US  
21 WHEN PATIENTS GET OUT OF CONTROL AND BECOME VIOLENT. THAT'S  
22 WHY LONG BEACH POLICE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE FACILITY MORE  
23 THAN 230 TIMES OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, AND MANY EMPLOYEES  
24 HAVE BEEN INJURED BY PATIENTS. MY COWORKERS AND I ARE NOT  
25 ASKING FOR THE MOON AND SKY. WE JUST WANT TO WORK IN A PLACE



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1 THAT IS FREE OF VIOLENCE. AT THE SAME TIME, AREA RESIDENTS  
2 SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF A PATIENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES  
3 RUNNING AROUND THEIR AREA. THE FACILITY'S OWNERS, TELECARE, IS  
4 IN A POSITION TO MAKE THE SITUATION BETTER. THE QUESTION IS:  
5 WILL THEY COME BACK TO THE TABLE READY TO BARGAIN WITH US AS  
6 THE LAW REQUIRES? WILL THEY HAVE ENOUGH-- WILL THEY CARE  
7 ENOUGH TO ACT? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
10 MS. PAZ, YOU HAVE THE LAST WORD TODAY.

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12 **DENISE PAZ:** OKAY. I'M HERE TO INTRODUCE THE THREE CONVICTS  
13 WHERE MY CHILDREN ARE LIVING THROUGH ADOPTION. WE GOT CONVICT  
14 NUMBER 1 WITH BASSET TATTOOED ACROSS HIS CHEST WE GOT CONVICT  
15 NO. 2 THAT JUST GOT RELEASED FROM STATE PENITENTIARY. AND WE  
16 HAVE CONVICT NUMBER 3. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW D.C.F.S. APPROVED  
17 THIS HOME SAYING THAT IT'S A WHITE PICKET FENCE HOME WHEN IT'S  
18 REALLY HELL LIVING THERE. MY KIDS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO BRUTAL  
19 RAPES, HOMICIDE DETECTIVE RAPES, SHERIFF RAPES AND I KNOW IT'D  
20 CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED. BUT AS A MOTHER, I DID HIRE A  
21 PRIVATE ATTORNEY IN 2011. AND I PROVIDED ALL THE  
22 DOCUMENTATION. AND THE SOCIAL WORKER BY THE NAME OF ROSA  
23 SANDOVAL, NOT TO COMMENTS PROCEEDINGS IN JUVENILE COURT THESE  
24 ALLEGATIONS, BECAUSE INADEQUATE REQUESTS AS THERE ARE NO  
25 ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTED, OR THERE'S NO



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1 ADDRESS WHERE THE LOCATIONS ARE MINORS. I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY  
2 TO GO NOW. I'M VERY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF MY CHILDREN,  
3 SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LISTENING TO MY TESTIMONY TODAY. THANK  
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
7 IS ADDRESSING YOU.

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9 **DENISE PAZ:** I LIVE IN MR. MARK RILEY'S-- YOUR DISTRICT, BUT MY  
10 CHILDREN ARE IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN BASSETT, CITY OF BASSETT  
11 OR VALINDA, WHICH IS MRS. GLORIA MOLINA'S FIRST DISTRICT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. DENISE PAZ: THANK  
14 YOU, SIR.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. PAZ.  
17 THANK YOU, MISS HAMAI.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
20 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD  
21 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM  
22 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
23 LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3 AND C.S.-7, CONFERENCES WITH  
24 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AS  
25 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.





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No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-3 or CS-7.

In open session, items CS-2, CS-4, CS-5 and CS-6 were continued one week to July 2, 2013.



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