



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 ON PAGE 249]**

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 21ST MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN HAVE FIRST BE LED IN PRAYER BY  
8 STEVE MORTAN, LAY LEADER OF THE SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL-USA.  
9 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY LUJUANA MEDINA, FORMER PETTY  
10 OFFICER, THIRD CLASS WHO SERVED IN OUR GREAT UNITED STATES  
11 NAVY. THE AUDIENCE WILL PLEASE RISE.

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13   **STEVE MORTAN:** IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU  
14 THIS MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR OF ADDRESSING THE ENTIRE  
15 BOARD. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
16 THOMAS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'VE COME HERE AS A BUDDHIST TO  
17 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOUR  
18 CIVIL SERVICE STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO DAY IN AND DAY OUT  
19 TO SERVE THE OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT CALL LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY THEIR HOME. LOS ANGELES IS A HUGE AND COMPLEX COUNTY  
21 WITH MANY DAUNTING NEEDS; HOWEVER, WITH YOUR VISION AND  
22 PERSISTENCE, I BELIEVE THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, THAT YOU  
23 WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE MEANINGFUL STRIDES TOWARDS IMPROVING THE  
24 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ANGELINOS. THE SPIRIT OF HOPE IS THE  
25 ESSENCE OF BUDDHISM. BUDDHISM TEACHES THAT THE SAME POWER

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1 WHICH MOVES THE UNIVERSE EXISTS WITHIN OUR LIVES. EACH  
2 INDIVIDUAL HAS IMMENSE POTENTIAL AND A GREAT CHANGE IN THE  
3 INNER DIMENSION OF ONE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE HAS THE POWER TO  
4 TOUCH THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND TRANSFORM SOCIETY. WHEN WE  
5 CHANGE OUR INNER DETERMINATION, EVERYTHING BEGINS TO MOVE IN A  
6 NEW DIRECTION. HOPE, IN THIS SENSE, IS A DECISION. WHEN WE  
7 POSSESS THE TREASURE OF HOPE, WE CAN DRAW FORTH OUR INNER  
8 POTENTIAL AND STRENGTH. I BELIEVE A PERSON OF HOPE CAN ALWAYS  
9 ADVANCE. I JOIN ALL OF YOU IN PRAYER TODAY SO THAT EACH OF US  
10 CAN ADVANCE IN A SPIRIT OF HOPE, ACTING TO REDUCE THE  
11 SUFFERING OF OTHERS AND BRINGING JOY TO THEIR LIVES. I PRAY  
12 THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL SHINE AS A BEACON  
13 OF DIVERSITY AND HUMAN HARMONY DEMONSTRATING THE COURAGE TO  
14 TRULY KNOW AND BE KNOWN BY OTHERS SO THAT WE MAY ACT AGAINST  
15 THE SUFFERING OF HATRED AND MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAS BECOME  
16 TOO STRONG IN OUR WORLD TODAY. EACH OF US, NO MATTER WHAT OUR  
17 FAITH OR NATIONALITY, GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR  
18 ETHNICITY YEARN FOR PEACE. LET THE BEST PARTS OF OUR  
19 TRADITIONS BE THE ENGINES THAT SUPPORT THAT QUEST. IT IS  
20 STATED IN THE LOTUS SUTRA. WHAT FALLS FROM THE CLOUD IS WATER  
21 OF A SINGLE FLAVOR, BUT THE PLANTS AND TREES, THICKETS AND  
22 GROVES EACH ACCEPT THE MOISTURE THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO ITS  
23 PORTIONS. ALL THE VARIOUS TREES TAKE WHAT IS FITTING FOR THE  
24 LARGE OR SMALL, AND EACH IS ENABLED TO SPROUT AND GROW. ROOT.  
25 STEM. LIMB. LEAF. ONE RAIN EXTENDS TO THEM. AND ALL ARE ABLE

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1 TO BECOME FRESH AND GLOSSY. THE MOISTENING THEY RECEIVE IS  
2 ONE, BUT EACH GROWS AND FLOURISHES IN ITS OWN WAY. I PRAY THAT  
3 EACH OF US MAY GROW AND FLOURISH AND CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING A  
4 WORLD OF PEACE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **LUJUANA S. MEDINA:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG AND  
7 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
8 RECITED.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, I'M  
13 PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING STEVE MORTAN WHO IS A LAY  
14 LEADER FOR THE SOKA GAKKAI U.S.A. LOS ANGELES FRIENDSHIP  
15 CENTER. HE'S BEEN WITH THIS FABULOUS ORGANIZATION FOR SOME 14  
16 YEARS. AND WITH THE LOS ANGELES FRIENDSHIP CENTER, PRECISELY  
17 SINCE 2008. HE HAS BEEN A LAY LEADER FOR 30 YEARS AND  
18 COMPLETED HIS EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST LEADERSHIP  
19 TRAINING SEMINARS AND SIX NORTH AMERICAN AND OCEANA INTENSIVE  
20 BUDDHIST STUDY SEMINARS. HE HAS BEEN A KEYNOTE PRESENTER AND A  
21 CONFERENCE ORGANIZER FOR OVER 30 NATIONAL BUDDHIST LEADERSHIP  
22 CONFERENCES, AND HE HAS GIVEN OVER 170 BUDDHIST STUDY  
23 LECTURES. LOS ANGELES FRIENDSHIP CENTER NOW SERVES AS THE  
24 CENTRAL BUDDHIST CENTER FOR SOKA GAKKAI U.S.A. SUPPORTING THE  
25 GRASSROOTS ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTES PEACE, CULTURE, EDUCATION

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1 THAT SPANS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
2 HONOLULU, HAWAII, TO JUNEAU, ALASKA. AND UNDER MR. MORTAN'S  
3 LEADERSHIP, MORE THAN 30,000 MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER  
4 HAVE CONTINUOUSLY ENGAGED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES AS  
5 AGENTS FOR PEACE AND HARMONY THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS  
6 INCLUDING VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE PROGRAMS, TREE PLANTINGS AND  
7 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
8 DAY ACTIVITIES. THE CULTURE OF PEACE, DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER  
9 SERIES AND INTERFAITH PROGRAMS. IT WAS ON OCTOBER THE 15TH  
10 THAT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER THIS COMING OCTOBER, THEY WILL  
11 CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WHERE MEMBERS AROUND THE NATION  
12 WILL COMMEMORATE THE DAY BY CREATING A WAVE OF POSITIVE CHANGE  
13 IN SOCIETY THROUGH PROMOTING NONVIOLENCE AND WORKING FOR THE  
14 HAPPINESS OF HUMANITY. STEVE IS MARRIED TO BOBBIE STEMPLER WHO  
15 ALSO PRACTICES SOKA GAKKAI, NICHEY CHEN BUDDHISM. AND WE WANT  
16 TO SAY TO YOU TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS, STEVE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION,  
18 YOUR INVOCATION AND WE DO THIS WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF  
19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR.  
20 STEVE MORTAN. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
25 ACKNOWLEDGE LUJUANA FOR LEADING US THIS MORNING IN THE PLEDGE

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1 OF ALLEGIANCE. IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE HER HERE TODAY. THE  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. AND AT THIS  
3 TIME I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY INTRODUCE HER. LUJUANA MEDINA SERVED  
4 OUR COUNTRY IN THE U.S. NAVY, THE MEDICAL CENTER IN SAN DIEGO,  
5 CALIFORNIA. SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN THE  
6 COMMUNITY OF EL SERENO. FROM 1995 TO 2000, HER HIGHEST RANK  
7 EARNED WAS A PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS. WHEN SHE RETURNED  
8 HOME, SHE BEGAN WORKING FOR LADIES OF LOS ANGELES, LOLA, A  
9 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL DIVERSE WOMEN WHO  
10 ENRICH, INSPIRE AND MENTOR YOUNG, LOW INCOME WOMEN. SHE  
11 CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF LADIES OF LOS  
12 ANGELES AND IS MOTHER TO JOAQUIN SOLOMON. ON BEHALF OF THE  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT HER THIS  
14 CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,  
15 LUJUANA MEDINA. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND  
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION  
19 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM NO. S-2, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT  
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 11, 2015. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA  
21 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE  
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK  
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1

2 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17, ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS ITEM WILL  
4 BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION WITH ITEM S-1. ON ITEM NO. 4,  
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS  
6 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR  
7 DISCUSSION WITH ITEM S-1. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISORS KNABE,  
8 SOLIS AND ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
9 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS  
10 AND AMENDMENTS AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON  
11 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
12 REQUEST THAT IT BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD  
13 OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 16, CONSENT  
19 CALENDAR, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 51. ON ITEMS NO. 18, 19 AND 20, A  
20 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE  
21 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 22, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT  
22 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4, 2015. ON ITEM  
23 NO. 23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
24 HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 25, 26 AND 27, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE  
25 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 28, THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 29, THE  
3 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 28, 2015. ON ITEMS NO. 30, 31, 32  
5 AND 33, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE  
6 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 35 AND 36, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF  
7 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 39, A  
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
9 NO. 41, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
10 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 42, SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL AND A  
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
12 NO. 50, MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
13 AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE  
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 34, ORDINANCE FOR  
20 INTRODUCTION, ON ITEM 52, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS  
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4, 2015. ON  
22 ITEM NO. 53, SEPARATE MATTER, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
23 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO LEVYING THE  
24 2015/'16 SPECIAL TAXES FOR SPECIAL FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1,  
25 2, 3 IMPROVEMENT AREAS B AND C, NO. 4 IMPROVEMENT AREA C, NO.

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1 5, NO. 6 IMPROVEMENT AREA A AND NO. 7. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.  
5 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 35, MISCELLANEOUS  
8 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
9 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
10 AGENDA. ON ITEM 54-A, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION  
11 WITH ITEM S-1. ON ITEM 54-B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE  
13 38, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-1, A MEMBER OF THE  
14 PUBLIC REQUEST IN THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM CS-2, SUPERVISOR  
15 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST  
16 4, 2015. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
18 NO. 1.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST ASK FOR SUPERVISOR DON  
21 KNABE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS. FOLKS OUT THERE. WE  
24 HAVE A VERY SPECIAL TREAT. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME UP HERE  
25 TO PLAY SOME BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOU MR. ARTURO SANDOVAL, A

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1 LEGENDARY TRUMPETER. GO AHEAD AND GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE  
2 AHEAD OF TIME. [APPLAUSE.] WHEN WE PRESENT HIM HIS SCROLL IN  
3 HONOR OF ARTURO SANDOVAL DAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'LL  
4 GO THROUGH THOSE 19 EMMY NOMINATIONS, AND 19 OF ALL KINDS OF  
5 AWARDS. BUT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT FOR  
6 YOU. ARTURO? [APPLAUSE.] [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW ABOUT THAT? I LOOK OUT THERE, ARTURO, AND BOTH  
9 SIDES ARE CLAPPING. ANYWAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY  
10 PRIVILEGE, AS I SAID, TO HONOR ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT  
11 MUSICIANS. AND HE HAS RECEIVED 19 GRAMMY NOMINATIONS, RECEIVED  
12 10 GRAMMY AWARDS, 6 BILLBOARD AWARDS AND AN EMMY. HE WAS A  
13 2013 RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF HONOR -- MEDAL OF  
14 FREEDOM, EXCUSE ME. AND MR. SANDOVAL PERFORMS REGULARLY WITH  
15 LEADING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, HAS  
16 COMPOSED HIS OWN CONCERTO FOR TRUMPET AND ORCHESTRA WHICH CAN  
17 BE HEARD ON ARTURO SANDOVAL, THE CLASSICAL ALBUM. FROM HIS  
18 BIRTH IN A SMALL TOWN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HAVANA, CUBA, TO THE  
19 MOST FAMOUS PERFORMANCE VENUES ACROSS THE ENTIRE WORLD, ARTURO  
20 HAS BEEN SHARING THIS GIFT WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE HIS SAME  
21 PASSION FOR JAZZ AND FOR MUSIC IN GENERAL. IN ADDITION, I  
22 WOULD ADD, HE HAS HIS OWN INSTITUTE. AND IN THAT INSTITUTE, HE  
23 NURTURES YOUNG PEOPLE. HE BUYS THEIR INTEREST. GIVES THEM  
24 SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS THEM. AND EVEN WHEN THEY NEED HEALTH  
25 INSURANCE, HE HELPS THEM WITH HEALTH INSURANCE. IT'S AN

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1 INCREDIBLE INSTITUTE HE HAS AND HE SPREADS IT THROUGHOUT THE  
2 WORLD. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD AND  
3 THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE AND OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE IN LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE PROUD TO WELCOME YOU AND PROUD TO SAY  
5 WELCOME TO ARTURO SANDOVAL DAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU  
9 SO MUCH. IT'S A BIG PRIVILEGE FOR ME BECAUSE WE MOVE HERE ONLY  
10 SIX YEARS AGO FROM FLORIDA, BUT WE LOVE CALIFORNIA. WE LOVE  
11 CALIFORNIA SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE] AND TO HAVE THIS RECOGNITION,  
12 IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
13 MR. KNABE, FOR THIS PRESENTATION, WHAT I REALLY KEEP VERY  
14 CLOSE TO MY HEART. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.  
15 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
18 WELCOME NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM LITHUANIA TO LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY AND THAT'S CONSUL GENERAL DARIUS GAIDYS. HE SERVED AT  
20 NUMEROUS EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FROM 1993 TO '97 HE  
21 WAS THE LITHUANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK. FROM 2001-2004  
22 ECONOMICS COUNSELOR AT THE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. AND  
23 FROM 2011-2014 IN CHARGE OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE EMBASSY IN  
24 BULGARIA AND KOSOVO. BETWEEN THE FOREIGN POSITIONS HE SERVED  
25 AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RISING TO THE LEVEL OF

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1 AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION DEPARTMENT FROM 2014  
2 TO 2015. AND FROM THAT POSITION HE COMES TO LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY. HE'S A GRADUATE OF A UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. BEEN  
4 AWARDED STATE DECORATIONS FROM HUNGARY, PORTUGAL, THE  
5 NETHERLANDS, CHILE AND SPAIN. HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO SONS. SO  
6 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU AND GIVE YOU  
7 THIS PLAQUE. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **DARIUS GAIDYS:** HONORABLE MAYOR ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE MEMBERS  
10 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE  
11 AT THIS HALL TODAY. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT MY GOVERNMENT TOOK A  
12 DECISION TO OPEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES,  
13 THE THIRD ONE IN AMERICA AFTER CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. ALTHOUGH  
14 WE ARE SEPARATED BY 16 HOURS BY AIR FLIGHT, PEOPLE OF LOS  
15 ANGELES AND LITHUANIA HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. WE SHARE THE SAME  
16 VALUES. WE ARE HARDWORKING, INNOVATIVE PEOPLE. DURING MY FOUR  
17 YEARS' TENURE HERE, I WILL DO EVERYTHING TO PROMOTE TRADE AND  
18 BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND LITHUANIA, BETWEEN  
19 BIG CORPORATIONS AND BETWEEN SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES,  
20 BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND BETWEEN  
21 UNIVERSITIES. I WILL STRIVE TO FOSTER CULTURAL AND SPORTS  
22 RELATIONS. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YESTERDAY 13 LITHUANIAN SPORTS  
23 MEN PARTICIPATED IN SPORTS AND WERE GREETED AT LOS ANGELES  
24 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. I WANT TO SHARE THE STORY OF A FAMOUS  
25 SON OF LOS ANGELES AND LITHUANIA, FRANK LABIN OR [INAUDIBLE]

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1 AS HE WAS KNOWN IN LITHUANIA. HE WAS BORN IN GLENDALE AND 79  
2 YEARS AGO HE PLAYED FOR UNITED STATES NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM  
3 AND BECAME AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION IN BERLIN. ONE YEAR LATER, IN  
4 1938 HE BECAME EUROPEAN CHAMPION OF BASKETBALL PLAYING FOR  
5 LITHUANIA NATIONAL TEAM AND HE REPEATED THAT TWO YEARS LATER.  
6 IN 1940 WHEN LITHUANIA WAS OCCUPIED BY SOVIET UNION, HE  
7 RETURNED TO GLENDALE AND SPENT ALL HIS LIFE HERE. SO THIS IS  
8 MY IDEA TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COMMEMORATE THE MEMORY  
9 OF FRANK LABIN. NEXT YEAR AT THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS  
10 VICTORY AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. MR. MAYOR, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE  
11 BOARD, TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF  
12 YOU TO ATTEND LITHUANIAN NATIONAL DAYS TO BE HELD HERE ON THE  
13 3RD AND 4TH OF OCTOBER IN ST. KASHMIR PARISH. THANK YOU VERY  
14 MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS THE 103RD CONSUL GENERAL  
17 AMBASSADOR LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE HAVE THE MOST  
18 CONSUL GENERALS OF ALL NATIONS EXCEPT IN HONG KONG AND NEW  
19 YORK CITY. SO WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO NEW YORK CITY, AS WELL. AND  
20 THAT'S THE INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT  
21 REPRESENTS ALL THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD JUST IN  
22 OUR GREAT COUNTY. SO THIS, TAKE SOME PICTURES. SUPERVISOR MARK  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS? AMBASSADOR?

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I KNOW TODAY WE ARE  
2 RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. AND  
3 WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR WOMEN'S RECIPIENTS, SCHOLARSHIP  
4 RECIPIENTS. CATHERINE DELGARILLO REPRESENTS OUR FIRST DISTRICT  
5 AND I'M VERY DELIGHTED TO HAVE HER WITH US THIS MORNING. SHE  
6 HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY HARD WORK TO RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP  
7 THROUGH PERSEVERANCE AND HER OWN ACHIEVEMENTS. WE KNOW THAT  
8 SHE'LL BE AN OUTSTANDING FUTURE LEADER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
9 ANGELES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. CATHERINE GUADALUPE DEL  
10 GARDILLO SOTO SUCCESSFUL FULLY GRADUATED FROM MONTEBELLO HIGH  
11 SCHOOL IN JUNE 2015 WITH A 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. [APPLAUSE]  
12 THAT'S NOT ALL. MISS DEL GARDILLO SOTO WILL ATTEND THE  
13 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES DURING THE FALL OF 2015  
14 TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A PHYSICIAN. THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF  
15 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] MISS DEL GARIDDO SOTO HAS ALWAYS  
16 DEMONSTRATED A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND COMBINED HER EFFORTS  
17 FOR WORK AND HAS EXCELLED IN MANY SUBJECT AREAS, INCLUDING  
18 MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE. MISS DEL GARDILLO SOTO WILL BE THE  
19 FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE. HER MOTIVATION,  
20 RESILIENCY AND INTELLIGENCE SET HER APART FROM SO MANY OTHER  
21 YOUNG WOMEN. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS OUTSTANDING  
22 ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANK  
23 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND  
2 GENTLEMEN, IT GIVES ME A HIGH DEGREE OF PLEASURE AND HONOR TO  
3 INVITE TO THE STAGE THE RECIPIENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT'S  
4 SCHOLARSHIP. AND WE THANK THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. THIS IS  
5 GIRLS AT-RISK SCHOLARSHIP. AND WE KNOW THAT THESE YOUNG LADIES  
6 ARE DOING GREAT THINGS. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO  
7 CHELSEA ROBINSON. [APPLAUSE.] CHELSEA IS JOINED BY HER MOTHER  
8 BRENDA ROBINSON. GIVE BRENDA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL.  
9 [APPLAUSE] CHELSEA GRADUATED FROM THE VENICE HIGH SCHOOL  
10 FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAGNET IN JUNE WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF  
11 3.81. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. SHE DESERVES IT.  
12 [APPLAUSE] SHE HAS STUDIED JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR  
13 THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND PLANS TO STUDY ABROAD. SHE IS A  
14 SCHOLAR ATHLETE, HAVING PLAYED IN MULTIPLE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS  
15 AND ALSO SERVING AS A TENNIS COACH THROUGHOUT A NUMBER OF  
16 SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES. CHELSEA WILL BE ATTENDING THE  
17 CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY THIS FALL PURSUING A DEGREE IN  
18 MULTIMEDIA ART AND ANIMATION. CONGRATULATIONS FOR CHELSEA  
19 ROBINSON. [APPLAUSE] NOW I'M PLEASED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO  
20 ANOTHER RECIPIENT. AND SHE IS CRISTIANA TYLER. GIVE HER A BIG  
21 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.] CHRISTIANA IS JOINED  
22 BY HER MOTHER, DANIELLE TYLER, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR MS.  
23 TYLER, AS WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] CHRISTIANA GRADUATED IN  
24 JUNE FROM JAMES APRIL SHAY LEARNING CENTER WITH A 3.46 G.P.A.  
25 CONGRATULATIONS, CHRISTIANA. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH

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1 CAREERS ACADEMY, A THREE-YEAR CAREER AND COLLEGE PREPARATION  
2 ACADEMY WHERE SHE STUDIED ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY AND WAS  
3 CERTIFIED IN C.P.R. CHRISTIANA WAS ALSO AN AMBASSADOR FOR NET  
4 GENERATION AND GIRLS INC. AND SERVED AS A POLL WORKER FOR THE  
5 2014 ELECTIONS. SHE'S CIVICALLY MINDED. CHRISTIANA WILL BE  
6 ATTENDING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY PURSUING PSYCHOLOGY. AND  
7 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE ARE PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AND  
8 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE,  
9 CHRISTIANA AND THAT YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE. BIG ROUND OF  
10 APPLAUSE FOR THESE WONDERFUL YOUNG LADIES. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S MY HONOR TO HONOR THE RECIPIENT FROM  
13 THE THIRD DISTRICT, VERONICA CORTES. AS THE SUPERVISOR WOULD  
14 SAY, PLEASE GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]  
15 SORRY. IT'S SO MUCH BETTER TO READ WHEN YOU CAN SEE.  
16 [LAUGHTER.] VERONICA CORTES CURRENTLY ATTENDS LOS ANGELES  
17 MISSION COLLEGE WHERE SHE IS PURSUING A CAREER IN CRIMINAL  
18 JUSTICE. MS. CORTES IS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT FOCUSED ON HER  
19 EDUCATION AND HER CAREER GOALS; SHE IS LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR  
20 A CAREER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AS WITH MANY OF OUR RECIPIENTS,  
21 HER RESILIENCE HAS HELPED HER TO OVERCOME MANY ADVERSITIES TO  
22 REMAIN IN SCHOOL AND TO CARE FOR HER FAMILY. HER ABILITY TO  
23 SIMULTANEOUSLY MANAGE WORK, FAMILY AND HER SCHOOL SCHEDULE AND  
24 TO ACHIEVE WELL IN EVERY AREA IS THE REASON THAT WE COMMEND

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1 HER TODAY. SO PLEASE THANK AND APPLAUD VERONICA CORTES, OUR  
2 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO  
5 WELCOME FOR YOUR APPLAUSE, PLEASE WELCOME MARY CATHY STANKY.  
6 [APPLAUSE] MARY CATHERINE SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED FROM SAN  
7 PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, GO PIRATES, RIGHT?

8

9 **MARY CATHY STANKY:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS PAST JUNE WITH A G.P.A. OF 4.35. [APPLAUSE]  
12 MARY CATHERINE WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN  
13 DIEGO STARTING IN THE FALL OF 2015 TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A  
14 BIOCHEMIST. SHE'S A DEDICATED HONORS STUDENT WHO HAS GIVEN THE  
15 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THREE YEARS WITH A G.P.A. OF 4.25 AND  
16 ALSO THE PRESTIGIOUS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE  
17 CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION AT SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS ALSO  
18 SELECTED TO REPRESENT HER SCHOOL AT THE NATIONAL STUDENT  
19 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND WAS THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
20 THE RECEPTION FOR DR. ANNA FISHER, A NASA ASTRONAUT. MARY  
21 CATHERINE IS ALSO VERY ACTIVE WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,  
22 TAE KWON DO, ICE SKATING, SAILING, SWIMMING, RUNNING, DRAWING,  
23 MODERN DANCE AND LEARNING TO SPEAK ITALIAN. SHE WAS VERY  
24 ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE GIRL SCOUTS AND WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE  
25 SILVER AWARD, AT THE SAME TIME GARNERING HER FIRST DEGREE

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1 BLACK BELT IN TAE KWON-DO. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MARY  
2 CATHERINE STANKY. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT WE HAVE WAN  
5 SUE WHO IS A GRADUATE OF SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDING  
6 THE CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE THIS FALL PURSUING A DEGREE IN LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT. CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL POLICE  
8 EXPLORERS PROGRAM, PARTICIPATING IN POLICE-RELATED TRAINING  
9 AND ASSISTS OFFICERS DURING THE POLICE RIDE-ALONGS.

10 [APPLAUSE.] A GRADUATE OF DUAN YO, A GRADUATE OF GABRIELINO  
11 HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE ATTENDING CAL STATE LOS ANGELES AND SHE  
12 WILL BE PURSUING A CAREER IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS OLIVIA  
15 RODRIGUEZ AND I'M THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS,  
16 SELECTION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE THAT WE HAVE IN LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. WE'RE PROUD OF THE WOMEN THAT WE  
18 SELECTED HERE TO REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT  
19 THEY'RE GOING TO DO GREAT WORK ONCE THEY FINISH THEIR COLLEGE  
20 EDUCATION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE HAVE THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT  
23 BOARD. WE HAVE THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD AND  
24 RECOGNIZING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY. THIS WAS  
25 CREATED BY CONGRESS IN 1998 TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL

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1 SERVICES TO THOSE FOR EMPLOYMENT. OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, 80  
2 INDIVIDUALS HAVE SERVED AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEB  
3 REPRESENTING ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AS WELL AS OUR  
4 BUSINESS, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY-BASED  
5 ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES. FIVE OF OUR  
6 COMMISSIONERS, JERRY GAINES, DENNIS NEDAR, RICHARD NICHOLAS,  
7 PAUL GLUCOW, AND HELEN ROMERO SHAW HAVE SERVED FOR OVER 20  
8 YEARS. AND DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS, THEY HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED  
9 AS NATIONAL LEADERS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THE WEB'S  
10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE SERVING MORE THAN 100,000 YOUTH AND  
11 ADULTS ANNUALLY THROUGH ITS NETWORK OF 17 JOB CENTERS AND 17  
12 YOUTH PROVIDERS, PLACING THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS EACH YEAR IN  
13 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING. AS THE WORK OF THE WEB  
14 ENDED ON JUNE 30TH OF THIS YEAR, WE WANT TO TAKE THIS  
15 OPPORTUNITY, ALL SUPERVISORS, TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE AND  
16 SALUTE THE DEDICATED OFFICERS AND 80 COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE  
17 CONTRIBUTED TO THE WEB'S 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS. TODAY MY FELLOW  
18 SUPERVISORS HAVE A DISTINCT HONOR OF THANKING THEM, WHO HAVE  
19 DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.  
20 SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] FLORA SHOCKLY. SOMARI DAVIS,  
21 FRANK ROBERTS FORMER MAYOR OF LANCASTER. PAUL CARL, RICHARD  
22 DEL. GENEVIEVE WILSON. JUNE BURKEHAM. DAVID FLAX. STEVE  
23 JAFFEY. WON CHONG. LUTHER EVANS. IRSHAD HAGE, JORY POTTS, AND  
24 ADA IRAGIAN. SO, EVERYBODY, THIS IS ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, RIGHT?  
25 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

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1  
2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
3 TAKE THIS MOMENT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT  
4 BOARD COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED AS MY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
5 FIRST DISTRICT. THEY HAVE SERVED IN KEY LEADERSHIP ROLES,  
6 INCLUDING AS TWO OF THE FIVE WHO SERVED AS THE WIB CHAIRS.  
7 THEY HAVE SERVED DILIGENTLY IN THE EXECUTIVE AND OTHER  
8 STANDING COMMITTEES AND THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND MATURE WORKER  
9 COUNCIL, THE FIRST AND ONLY SUCH COUNCIL NATIONWIDE. THESE  
10 COMMISSIONERS HAVE REPRESENTED DIVERSE CONSTITUENCIES,  
11 INCLUDING BUSINESS, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ONE  
12 STOP PARTNERS. AS A RESULT OF THEIR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP, THEY  
13 HELPED LAUNCH STRATEGIES IN HIGH GROWTH SECTORS. THEY FORMED  
14 DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES,  
15 PROVIDED HIGH QUALITY WORKFORCE TRAINING TO ADULTS, YOUTH AND  
16 PRIORITY POPULATIONS. BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS, L.A. COUNTY IS  
17 NOW WELL POISED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND  
18 OPPORTUNITY ACT WHICH TOOK EFFECT JULY 1, 2015. TODAY I HAVE  
19 THE DISTINCT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS,  
20 INCLUDING ONE OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS WHO SERVED 23 YEARS AS  
21 THE FIRST INTERIM CHAIR OF THE WIB. NOW, YES, ROUND OF  
22 APPLAUSE, THEY ALL DESERVE IT. [APPLAUSE] I'D LIKE TO  
23 RECOGNIZE THEM IN THIS ORDER: HELEN ROMERO SHAW, PUBLIC  
24 AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY IS ONE OF  
25 THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THANK YOU,

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1 HELEN, FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE AND YOU CONTINUE TO DO. SHE  
2 HAS REPRESENTED THE FIRST DISTRICT AS THE BUSINESS  
3 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL AND THE  
4 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR OVER 22 YEARS. SHE WAS THE  
5 FIRST INTERIM CHAIR OF THE WIB AND ALSO SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE  
6 WIB'S MATURE WORKER COUNCIL FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. IN  
7 ADDITION SHE WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
8 WORKFORCE BOARDS. LORI TRACKMAN WHO IS AN ATTORNEY AND HAS  
9 EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN LABOR RELATIONS AND IS AN ACTIVE BOARD  
10 MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE  
11 WORKFORCE AND CAREER READINESS TO OUR YOUTH. SHE WAS APPOINTED  
12 AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO MY DISTRICT THIS YEAR, 2015. THANK YOU,  
13 LORI. [APPLAUSE.] CORINE SANCHEZ. LONGTIME FRIEND AND ADVOCATE  
14 FOR OUR YOUTH AS THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PROJECTO  
15 DEL BARIO. DURING HER CAREER SHE HAS PROVIDED OCCUPATIONAL JOB  
16 TRAINING SKILLS, JOB PLACEMENT, AND CAREER PLANNING SERVICES.  
17 SHE WAS APPOINTED AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT  
18 IN 2015. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CORINE. [APPLAUSE] I ALSO WANT TO  
19 RECOGNIZE ANNA ABADALIAN WHO IS A TITLE 5 PROGRAM  
20 ADMINISTRATOR FOR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
21 SENIOR SERVICES. SHE HAS SERVED FOR THREE YEARS AS A  
22 REPRESENTATIVE OF TITLE 5 AS A MANDATED PARTNER UNDER WIA.  
23 THANK YOU SO MUCH, ANNA. AND JOE HERRERA WHO IS SENIOR VICE  
24 PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR A.E.G. AND STAPLES CENTER. HE  
25 SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE. HE'S NOT HERE

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1 WITH US, BUT WE WANT TO ALSO APPLAUD HIM. [APPLAUSE] THANK  
2 YOU. AND LASTLY A LONGTIME FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, ROY  
3 HASSO WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR WELLS  
4 FARGO BANK. HE SERVED FOR ONE YEAR AS OUR BUSINESS  
5 REPRESENTATIVE. AND FOR ALL OF YOU FOR SERVING ON THE  
6 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND HELPING TO MOVE L.A. COUNTY  
7 FORWARD, WE WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU AND MUCHICIMAS GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, COLLEAGUES, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO  
11 MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SET OF PRESENTATIONS FOR THE WORKFORCE  
12 INVESTMENT BOARD. AND I'M DELIGHTED TO DO SO AND WELCOME TO  
13 OUR DAIS THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
14 DISTRICT. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]  
15 THEY HAVE SERVED IN VARIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES, INCLUDING VICE  
16 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE  
17 COMMITTEE AND MANY OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES. TODAY THEY  
18 REPRESENT DIVERSE CONSTITUENCIES, INCLUDING BUSINESS, LABOR OR  
19 ONE STOP PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.  
20 COLLECTIVELY THEY HAVE SERVED OVER 30 YEARS IN THEIR POLICY  
21 AND OVERSIGHT ROLES FOR ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST EMPLOYMENT  
22 DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS. THEIR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP HAS HELPED  
23 L.A. COUNTY IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC WORKFORCE SYSTEM BY  
24 CREATING FORWARD THINKING SECTOR STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE  
25 BUSINESSES AND LABOR IN L.A. COUNTY'S HIGH GROWTH SECTORS OR

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1 BY TAILORING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND SERVICES TO  
2 MEET THE NEEDS OF HIGH PRIORITY POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY.  
3 AND SO I'M HONORED TODAY TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR  
4 OUTSTANDING WORK AND THEIR VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ON THE  
5 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND THE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THEY  
6 EVIDENCE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF L.A. COUNTY AT  
7 LARGE. PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE THEM. ANGELA GIBSON. JUST RAISE  
8 YOUR HAND, ANGELA. WE'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE FRED LARKIN. FRED?  
9 JOYCE WALDEN? LOLA SMALLWOOD CUEVLAS, LOLA? [APPLAUSE] THOSE  
10 ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LOLA SAID SHE WAS GOING TO BUY LUNCH FOR A  
11 LITTLE LATER, WE UNDERSTAND. [LAUGHTER.] PAULA STAR. PAULA?  
12 ERIC VIDUSCO VEGA. ERIC? AND CRYSTAL WALKER. LADIES AND  
13 GENTLEMEN, THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
14 DISTRICT, WE SAY THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND AFTER THE THIRD DISTRICT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONERS, REPRESENTING THE  
21 THIRD DISTRICT AND THOSE WITH TIES TO THE THIRD DISTRICT HAVE  
22 SERVED AS OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND STANDING  
23 COMMITTEES AS WELL AS CHAIR OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL. THEY  
24 REPRESENT DIVERSE CONSTITUENCIES INCLUDING BUSINESS, LABOR,  
25 EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS. COLLECTIVELY

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1 THEY SERVED MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN THEIR POLICY AND OVERSIGHT  
2 ROLES FOR ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT  
3 AND RE-EMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS. THEIR LEADERSHIP HAS ANTICIPATED  
4 THE VISION NOW ADVANCED AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS OF A  
5 PUBLIC WORKFORCE SYSTEM WHERE THE NEEDS OF BUSINESSES AND  
6 WORKERS DRIVE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, WHERE ONE STOP JOB CENTERS  
7 PROVIDE EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE TO JOB SEEKERS, WORKERS AND  
8 EMPLOYERS, AND WHERE THE PUBLIC WORKFORCE SYSTEM SUPPORTS  
9 STRONG REGIONAL ECONOMIES BY MEETING THE CURRENT AND EMERGING  
10 NEEDS OF LOCAL BUSINESSES. THEY HAVE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THE  
11 IMPORTANCE OF -- DO YOU WANT TO APPLAUD THEM? GO AHEAD. I  
12 THINK IT'S A GREAT THING THAT THEY'VE DONE. [APPLAUSE] THESE  
13 MEN AND WOMEN HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF AND  
14 PRIORITIZED STRONG REGIONAL COLLABORATION WITH DIVERSE  
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST  
16 COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES. I'M VERY PLEASED  
17 TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC  
18 SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF L.A. ROSS VISSelman, IS  
19 ROSS HERE TODAY? THERE HE IS. ROSS SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS AS A  
20 BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE. HE'S AN ATTORNEY WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY  
21 LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS PRIOR TO HIS CURRENT  
22 ROLE WITH THE CALIFORNIA BAR ASSOCIATION. PLEASE GIVE GIVE HIM  
23 SOME APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] DR. MONTY PEREZ, THE PRESIDENT OF  
24 MISSION COLLEGE, SERVED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER  
25 EDUCATION FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AND A BOARD MEMBER ON THE

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1 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKFORCE BOARDS. MONTY COULDN'T BE  
2 WITH US TODAY BUT GIVE HIM SOME APPLAUSE, ANYWAY. [APPLAUSE]  
3 JESSE AVILA WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO,  
4 APPOINTED TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD IN 2015. A VERY  
5 GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED IN THIS MATTER ON THIS  
6 BOARD. PLEASE GIVE JESSE A BIG HAND. [APPLAUSE] OTHER  
7 COMMISSIONERS WITH TIES TO THE THIRD DISTRICT: DR. CHRISTINE  
8 BOSWORTH. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE ROACHER GROUP,  
9 SERVED AS A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR SIX YEARS, CHAIR OF  
10 THE BYLAWS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. PLEASE GIVE HER SOME  
11 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] AND FINALLY DR. PATRICIA RAMOS, SHE'S THE  
12 DEAN OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE. SHE  
13 SERVED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FIVE YEARS  
14 AND CHAIR OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.  
15 PLEASE GIVE IT UP FOR ALL OF OUR HONOREES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR --

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS. I'M PLEASED TO  
20 REPRESENT FIVE INDIVIDUALS HERE WHO HAVE HAD A TOTAL OF 57  
21 YEARS SERVE ON THE DISTINGUISHED WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD.  
22 JERRY GAINS HAS REPRESENTED THE FOURTH DISTRICT ON THE WIB FOR  
23 13 YEARS. JERRY ALSO HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF BEING CHAIRMAN  
24 OF THE WIB FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. I WANTED TO THANK JERRY  
25 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE LEADERSHIP YOU BROUGHT TO THE WIB DURING

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1 THE RESTRUCTURING. JOHN ADLEMAN IS THE PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC  
2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND THE MAYOR OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES.  
3 MAYOR ADLEMAN HAS SERVED ON THE WIB FOR 12 YEARS. MEREDITH  
4 PERKINS IS THE FORMER MAYOR OF DOWNEY. MAYOR PERKINS HAS  
5 SERVED ON THE WIB FOR 7 YEARS. ALSO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
6 DEDICATED SERVICE OF MR. MIKE PATEL. HE IS ONE OF FOUR  
7 COMMISSIONERS WHO SERVED OVER 20 YEARS. YEAH, BIG TIME.  
8 [APPLAUSE] HE'S PERFORMED A RANGE OF DUTIES INCLUDING SERVING  
9 AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WIB AND BYLAWS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE.  
10 AND, FINALLY, WALTER LARKINS, THE ROOKIE. WALTER IS PRESIDENT  
11 OF C.D.R. FINANCIAL SERVICES IN LONG BEACH. HE'S BEEN A MEMBER  
12 OF THE WIB FOR THREE YEARS. AS I WAS MENTIONING WHEN YOU  
13 REMEMBER THE 10,000 JOBS PROGRAM THAT WE STARTED A FEW YEARS  
14 BACK DURING THE VERY DIFFICULT TIME, WALTER'S COMPANY C.D.R.  
15 FINANCIAL WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COMPANIES TO STEP UP AND HIRE  
16 22 INDIVIDUALS. SO HERE WE ARE, FOURTH DISTRICT MEMBERS, 57  
17 YEARS OF SERVICE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW IT'S A SAD DAY BECAUSE WE'RE  
20 RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF A YOUNG LADY WHO'S BEEN WITH ME  
21 FOR 25 YEARS, BRENDA DANIELS, WHO IS RETIRING, WHO HAS SERVED  
22 THE RESIDENT OF OUR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT WORKING OUT  
23 OF MY DOWNTOWN OFFICE AND THEN IN THE SAN DIMAS OFFICE. OVER  
24 THE COURSE OF HER CAREER, BRENDA HAS SHARED HER INSTITUTIONAL  
25 KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTY WITH OTHER STAFF OR INTERNS, RESIDENTS

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1 AND HELPED RESOLVE THOUSANDS OF CONSTITUENTS' ISSUES. SO SHE'S  
2 BEEN VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PARDON ME, MR. MAYOR. SERGEANTS, IF YOU  
5 WOULD ASSIST US IN RESTORING SOME LEVEL OF ORDER AND THE STAFF  
6 WHO ARE ENGAGING PEOPLE UP FRONT, THEY NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
7 THE MAYOR IS MAKING A PRESENTATION. ALL PERSONS WHO ARE  
8 STANDING SHOULD BE SEATED SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY  
9 FASHION.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS I SAID, BRENDA IS RETIRING AFTER 25  
12 YEARS AND IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE HER ON THE STAFF,  
13 WORKING WITH OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. AND, AGAIN, SHE'S BEEN  
14 THE MOST PRODUCTIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL MEMBER OF  
15 OUR STAFF. SO, BRENDA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS. AND  
16 WITH HER IS HER SISTER BETTY AND HER BROTHER-IN-LAW BEN.  
17 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND I'M ONLY 39. [LAUGHTER.]

18

19 **BRENDA DANIELS:** I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL  
20 25 YEARS. I'VE ENJOYED BEING PART OF MIKE'S STAFF. IT'S BEEN  
21 AN EXPERIENCE. EACH DAY IS DIFFERENT WHERE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT  
22 TO EXPECT WHEN WE GET INTO THE OFFICE. THE STAFF IS WONDERFUL.  
23 I'VE HAD A BEAUTIFUL TIME. NOW IT'S TIME TO COAST OFF INTO MY  
24 RETIREMENT AND ENJOY SLEEPING IN AND NOT HAVING TO GET UP AT 6

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1 AND PACK A LUNCH AND GO TO WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'VE  
2 ENJOYED. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE FRANK BACIO  
5 WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION WHO IS RETIRING  
6 AFTER 17 YEARS. HE WAS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA  
7 IN 1998. HE'S COACHED JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS FOR OVER 23  
8 YEARS IN OUR COUNTY JAILS AND SERVED AS AN ADULT EDUCATION  
9 ADVISER WITH THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. A NATIVE OF  
10 L.A. COUNTY, ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS. AND HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS  
11 DEGREE WAS FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
12 HIS WIFE MARGE HE IS HERE ALONG WITH COMMISSIONERS ELEANOR,  
13 BARBARA, AND DONALD, TWO OF MY COMMISSIONERS, AND SUPERVISOR,  
14 YOUR COMMISSIONER. CONGRATULATIONS.

15

16 **FRANK BACIO:** THANK YOU, MAYOR, AND ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS. IT  
17 WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
18 THESE PAST 16 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE PUCINO. EIGHT YEARS  
21 OLD. MINIATURE PINCHER. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE -- OH, HE'S GOT  
22 A LITTLE POT BELLY. OOP. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. LITTLE  
23 PINCHER. SO YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 OR ANYBODY IN THE  
24 AUDIENCE WHO'S INTERESTED IN ADOPTING LITTLE PINCHER OR

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1 ANYBODY FROM THE MEDIA. BRING SOME JOY AND LAUGHTER TO THE  
2 STUDIO. SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND THEN KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. MAYOR AND  
5 COLLEAGUES, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE DAIS THE DEAN OF THE  
6 U.C.L.A. LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, DR. FRANK GILLIAM.  
7 GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]  
8 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR FOR SOME 30 PLUS YEARS IN THE ACADEMIC  
9 COMMUNITY HERE AND ABROAD SUPERVISOR KUEHL CAN HARDLY RESIST  
10 APPROACHING -- GO AHEAD AND GIVE HIM A BIG HUG. SHEILA AND  
11 FRANK ARE HUGGING RIGHT NOW. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
12 THE PUBLIC EMBRACE. [APPLAUSE] WELL, YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW  
13 THAT DR. GILLIAM WAS CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM AT DRAKE  
14 UNIVERSITY, AND HIS FATHER WAS AN N.F.L. EXECUTIVE WITH THE  
15 MINNESOTA VIKINGS. DR. GILLIAM COULD HAVE STAYED IN THE  
16 MIDWEST AND PURSUED A VERY DIFFERENT CAREER PATH. INSTEAD, IN  
17 1983, HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA WITH A  
18 DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND AFTER TEACHING AT GRINNELL  
19 COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, HE ESCAPED THE SUBZERO  
20 TEMPERATURES AND ACCEPTED AN ASSISTANT PROFESSORSHIP AT THE  
21 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES. AND DURING HIS -- ALL  
22 RIGHT. SOMEBODY WANTS TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT FOR U.C.L.A.?  
23 [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. WELL, DURING HIS DISTINGUISHED TENURE AT  
24 U.C.L.A. HE SERVED AS FACULTY MEMBER, A RESEARCHER, A DIRECTOR  
25 FOR THE CENTER FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES AND THE FIRST EVER

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1 ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN THE  
2 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM. WELL, IN 2008, SINCE THAT  
3 TIME, HE HAS LED U.C.L.A. LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS  
4 ITS DEAN. AMONG HIS MANY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IS THE  
5 RAISING OF SOME 50 MILLION PLUS DOLLARS IN TERMS OF NAMING  
6 GIFTS FROM A RANGE OF EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS MEYER AND RENEE  
7 LUSKIN AND THEN WENT ON BEYOND THAT AND HAS DISTINGUISHED  
8 HIMSELF AS BEING EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HE  
9 CHAIRS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE BLUES SHOW OF CALIFORNIA  
10 FOUNDATION AND SERVES ON THE BOARDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
11 GRANT MAKERS AS WELL AS THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES.  
12 HE'S ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE UPTON SINCLAIR AWARD FROM THE  
13 LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO CREATIVE PROBLEM  
14 SOLVING IN THE ARENA OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. AND NEXT THE MONTH, HE  
15 ASSUMES THE NEW POSITION OF LEADERSHIP AS CHANCELLOR OF THE  
16 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSVILLE. GIVE HIM A ROUND  
17 OF APPLAUSE. HE IS FRANK D. GILLIAM. [APPLAUSE] AND SO HE ASKS  
18 -- WE ASK HIM TO COME TODAY BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GIVE TRIBUTE  
19 TO HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, AND HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
20 TO THE STUDENTS, THE STAFF AND FACULTY TO U.C.L.A. AND MIGHT I  
21 SAY WELL BEYOND THAT IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY THERE BUT  
22 THROUGH THE U.C. SYSTEM, BEYOND THE U.C. SYSTEM TO THE NATION  
23 AS A WHOLE. AND SO, FRANK, I THANK YOU FOR OUR CAMARADERIE,  
24 OUR COLLABORATION, AND I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT  
25 YOU'VE BEEN AN ASSET TO THIS REGION. AND WE CERTAINLY

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1 CELEBRATE YOUR ASCENDANCY. WE CERTAINLY WANT TO SAY THAT WE  
2 WISH YOU WELL AND WISH YOU MORE IN THE FUTURE. THE ONE AND  
3 ONLY DEAN FRANK D. GILLIAM, JR. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **FRANK D. GILLIAM:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO FIRST SHARE  
6 MY APPRECIATION WITH ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE, MANY OF WHOM  
7 I'VE WORKED WITH FOR MANY YEARS. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE  
8 TO THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
9 GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE U.C.L.A. BRUINS AND BRUINS-TO-BE  
10 WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE. [APPLAUSE] I KNOW THIS HURTS DEEPLY TO  
11 THE SUPERVISOR, BUT TODAY HE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE BRUIN POWER. I  
12 WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAFF AT LUSKIN AND MY COLLEAGUES AND  
13 STUDENTS. IT'S BEEN A GREAT 29 YEARS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I  
14 WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF THE L.A. COMMUNITY. AND IT WILL ALWAYS  
15 BE PART OF ME. AND, FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY WIFE JACKIE.  
16 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE, AND THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH FOR WAITING THROUGH THIS, MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN  
20 HONORED AND MORE OF YOU SHOULD BE HONORED, AND I KNOW THAT YOU  
21 UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO EACH ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
22 IS UP HERE. BUT I WANT TO INTRODUCE AND HONOR TODAY A REAL  
23 HERO, MOLLIE LOWREY IF YOU COULD COME HERE. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS  
24 A WOMAN ABOUT WHOM MAYOR TOM BRADLEY SAID "HER LOW KEY  
25 APPROACH CATCHES YOU OFF GUARD, BUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SHE'S

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1 LIKE A WHIRLING DERVISH GETTING THINGS DONE AND YOU JUST DON'T  
2 KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED." L.A. TIMES COLUMNIST STEVE LOPEZ, WHO  
3 IN MY MIND DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE ANYBODY. [LAUGHTER.] SAID OF  
4 MOLLIE, "SHE HAS THE HEART OF AN ACTIVIST AND THE SOUL OF A  
5 SAINT." AND THE REASON IS SHE IS ONE OF THE MOST REVERED AND  
6 RESPECTED LEADERS IN THE MOVEMENT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS  
7 ANGELES. UNLIKE MANY -- [APPLAUSE] YES, YES, APPLAUSE AFTER  
8 EVERY SENTENCE. A LOT OF US HERE AND IN THE AUDIENCE HAVE BEEN  
9 WORKING ON ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND RELATED ISSUES FOR MANY  
10 YEARS, BUT I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY VERY, VERY FEW AS LONG AS  
11 MOLLIE LOWREY. SHE'S BEEN WORKING WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
12 HOMELESSNESS SINCE BEFORE WE CALLED IT THAT. SINCE BEFORE WE  
13 REALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT PEOPLE ON THE STREET WERE NOT JUST  
14 INDIVIDUALS DOWN ON THEIR LUCK, BUT THAT THERE WAS A SOCIAL  
15 CONNECTION AND IT WAS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK IT OUT. SHE'S  
16 BEEN WORKING ON THESE ISSUES SINCE 1975. BEGINNING WITH THE  
17 OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. AND SHE WAS THERE FROM THE  
18 BEGINNING WHEN IT WAS RUN BY A COLLECTIVE. HOW MANY OF YOU  
19 EVER PARTICIPATED IN A COLLECTIVE IN THE EARLY DAYS? THAT  
20 MEANS YOU DIDN'T GET PAID BUT YOU DID ALL THE WORK. SHE WAS A  
21 DIRECTOR. SHE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE SOJOURN SHELTER FOR  
22 BATTERED WOMEN WHICH WAS THE SECOND SHELTER TO BE FOUNDED IN  
23 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FIRST ONE FOUNDED ON THE  
24 PHILOSOPHY OF EMPOWERMENT AND ENDING VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY.  
25 SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROWTH OF MANY PROGRAMS AT O.P.C.C.,

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1 STEPPING STONE, DAYBREAK, MANY OTHERS. SHE WENT ON TO FOUND  
2 TWO EXTRAORDINARY ORGANIZATIONS, THE LAMP COMMUNITY ON SKID  
3 ROW, AND HOUSING WORKS, WHICH SERVES PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
4 HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY. SHE WAS NOT  
5 ONLY A PIONEER IN HOMELESS SERVICES, BUT ONE OF THE FIRST  
6 PRACTITIONERS OF THE HOUSING FIRST AND HARM REDUCTION MODELS,  
7 WHICH HAVE BEEN GONE ON TO BE PROVEN AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE  
8 STRATEGIES FOR ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. MOLLIE'S WORK IS  
9 FOCUSED ON REACHING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING THE MOST EXTREME FORMS  
10 OF MENTAL ILLNESS: CO-OCCURRING ADDICTIONS, CHRONIC HEALTH  
11 AILMENTS AND HOMELESSNESS AND SHE'S A MASTER OF ENGAGEMENT.  
12 SHE USES HER COMPASSION AND HER CREATIVITY TO REACH PEOPLE  
13 VIRTUALLY CUT OFF FROM EVERYONE ELSE IN SOCIETY BY THEIR  
14 DISABLING CONDITIONS AND EXTREME POVERTY. AND BEYOND HER  
15 EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO HELP PEOPLE ONE AT A TIME, SHE'S A  
16 SKILLED TRAINER AND ADVOCATE, A TEACHER. SHE'S TRAINED  
17 HUNDREDS OF WORKERS WHO ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN  
18 THE MOVEMENT TO END HOMELESSNESS. AND ALSO USED HER EXPERIENCE  
19 TO ADVOCATE FOR BETTER MODELS AND INCREASED RESOURCES FOR THE  
20 PEOPLE SHE SERVES. SHE'S BEEN AT HOUSING WORKS AND IS NOW  
21 LEAVING. AND WE WILL MISS HER LEADERSHIP THERE AND HOPE THAT  
22 RETIREMENT TURNS OUT TO BE NOTHING OF THE SORT BUT WILL ALLOW  
23 HER MORE TIME TO GUIDE THIS BODY AND MANY OTHERS ON THE ISSUE  
24 OF HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH INTEGRATION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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1 REFORM. PLEASE HELP ME TO CHEER AND GIVE ACCOLADES TO ONE OF  
2 OUR SHEROS, MOLLIE LOWERY. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **MOLLIE LOWERY:** BOY, I AM REALLY GLAD I FOLLOWED THE DOG  
5 ADOPTION. [LAUGHTER.] I REALLY AM BECAUSE WHAT IT MADE ME  
6 THINK OF IS I DIDN'T BRING ANY OF THE HOMELESS FOLKS WITH ME  
7 SO I COULD HAVE THEM STANDING HERE SO YOU COULD ADOPT THEM, AS  
8 WELL, ALL RIGHT? THERE'S 1 OUT OF 226 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY ARE HOMELESS. WE GOT TO DO SOMETHING MORE. WE GOT TO  
10 CONTINUE THE WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TOPIC  
11 UP TODAY THROUGH ME AND, SHEILA, FOR YOUR WORK. AND, YOU KNOW,  
12 THE ONE THING I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THE COUNTY IS I FEEL LIKE  
13 YOUR ROLE IS PREVENTION. YOU KNOW? WE'RE PICKING UP AND  
14 RESCUING AND HELPING PEOPLE STAY HOUSED, BUT WE GOT TO DO MORE  
15 ABOUT GETTING ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE  
16 ABUSE TREATMENT AND PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE BECAUSE THAT'S GOING  
17 TO BE -- THAT'S GOING TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BECOMING  
18 HOMELESS. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO  
21 WELCOME UP HERE MATT KATNIK. COACH DIAZ AND THE PARENTS JOHN  
22 AND MICHELLE KATNIK. MATT HAS EXCELLED, REALLY EXCELLED DURING  
23 HIS FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN BOSCO IN BELLFLOWER.  
24 TODAY WE ARE HONORING HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC AS WELL  
25 AS SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN ACADEMIC AND SPORTS, SOME OF

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1 HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE: HE WAS SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT.  
2 HE WAS THE VALEDICTORIAN. HE WAS THE C.I.F. SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF  
3 THE YEAR. C.I.F. FOR CHARACTER AWARD. FOOD BALL FOOTBALL HE  
4 WAS THE TRINITY LEAGUE OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR. FIRST  
5 TEAM ALL C.I.F. ALL STATE AND CO-M.V.P. ON HIS TEAM. IN TRACK  
6 AND FIELD HE WAS THE TURNEY LEAGUE SHOTPUT CHAMPION  
7 C.I.F.CHAMPION, MASTER'S SHOTPUT CHAMPION. C.I.F. STATE  
8 CHAMPION. ON AND ON AND ON AND NATIONAL LEADER WITH THE  
9 SHOTPUT OF 72 FEET 3 INCHES. HE WAS THE ST. JOHN BOSCO TRACK  
10 AND FIELD M.V.P. AND THE HE WAS THE 'LONG BEACH PRESS  
11 TELEGRAM'S" ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. HE IS GOING TO ATTEND ON A  
12 FULL RIDE U.S.C. [APPLAUSE] NOW, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW HE  
13 LOOKS VERY BIG BEHIND ME HERE BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO PLAY  
14 FOOTBALL. HE'S GOING ON A FULL TRACK SCHOLARSHIP, SHOTPUT WITH  
15 A GOAL OF MAKING THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM. [APPLAUSE]  
16 SO, ANYWAY, MATT, WE REALLY WANT TO HONOR YOU AND WISH YOU THE  
17 VERY, VERY BEST AND CONGRATULATE YOU BOTH FOR YOUR ATHLETIC  
18 ABILITY, MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR SCHOLASTIC ABILITY. AND  
19 WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST YOUR FUTURE AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
20 SEEING YOU ON THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM. CONGRATULATIONS.  
21 [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **MATT KATNIK:** GOOD MORNING, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE  
24 AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR WELCOME ME. THANK YOU FOR  
25 MAKING LOS ANGELES SUCH A GREAT PLACE. I CAN'T WAIT TO SPEND

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1 THE NEXT FOUR YEARS HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
2 CALIFORNIA. FIGHT ON!

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FIGHT ON! THAT'S WHAT I SAY! OH! FIGHT ON!  
5 START RIGHT HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

6

7 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, I  
8 BELIEVE AT THIS TIME, IT IS 11:15, SO WE CAN CALL UP ITEM NO.  
9 S-1, AND WITH THAT, WE'LL BE CALLING UP ITEM NO. 2, NO. 9, 54-  
10 A AND AT THIS TIME WE'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP NO. 4.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
13 BRIAN, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANTED TO ASK FOR  
16 OUR STAFF, BRIAN STIGER, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER BUSINESS  
17 AFFAIRS, TO COME FORWARD, BARBARA HOUSEY AND CYNTHIA BANKS. AS  
18 YOU KNOW, MEMBERS --

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR SOLIS? PLEASE FORGIVE  
21 ME, BUT WE ASKED THE MAYOR OF L.A. TO COME TO OPEN THE  
22 SPEAKING AND I THOUGHT YOU PERHAPS OUT OF COURTESY, OUR LIST  
23 OF SPEAKERS MIGHT GO -- I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL INTEGRATED  
24 TOGETHER.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AT  
2 LEAST THAT OUR STAFF COULD JUST HELP PROVIDE AN OVERLAY OF  
3 INFORMATION REGARDING THE STUDY THAT WAS DONE, WHICH I THINK  
4 IS ALL A PART OF THIS. I DON'T THINK THEY'LL TAKE THAT MUCH  
5 LONGER. IF YOUR PREFERENCE IS TO HAVE THE MAYOR SPEAK, I'D BE  
6 HAPPY TO ALLOW HIM TO. HE'S OKAY? HE'S SIGNALING HE'S OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, THEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'RE  
9 ALL GOING TO BE BRIEF, I THINK. AS WE TOLD OUR SPEAKERS TWO  
10 MINUTES.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, BRIAN. THANKS, STAFF. AND I WANT  
13 TO THANK THE C.E.O. FOR HELPING US CONDUCT THIS STUDY THAT WAS  
14 DONE IN RECORD TIME. SO WHEN PEOPLE SAY THE COUNTY CAN'T MOVE,  
15 I DISAGREE. THEY CAN MOVE. AND I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR SOME OF  
16 YOUR COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK VERY QUICKLY AND ALSO FROM BARBARA  
17 HALSEY, THANK YOU.

18

19 **BRIAN STIGER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF  
20 THE BOARD AND WE WILL BE BRIEF. I'M BRIAN STIGER, DIRECTOR OF  
21 THE PROGRAM OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WITH ME TODAY  
22 ARE MY COLLEAGUES CYNTHIA BANKS, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND  
23 SENIOR SERVICES AND BARBARA HALSEY WHO SERVED AS OUR  
24 CONSULTANT ON THIS PROJECT. ON JUNE 23RD ON A MOTION BY  
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED OUR

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1 DEPARTMENTS ALONG WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REPORT  
2 BACK IN 21 DAYS ON A PROPOSED PLAN FOR USING COUNTY RESOURCES  
3 TO HELP SUPPORT AND ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES TRANSITION TO A  
4 NEW MINIMUM WAGE IF ONE IS ADOPTED. WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT  
5 BACK TODAY THAT WE HAVE, AFTER REACHING OUT TO COUNTY  
6 DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND  
7 ENGAGING IN SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A  
8 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THE SMALL  
9 BUSINESS INITIATIVE IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNED TO ASSIST  
10 SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS TRANSITIONING TO THE NEW INCREASED  
11 MINIMUM WAGE. AND WITH THAT, I'LL HAVE CYNTHIA TALK ABOUT THE  
12 PROCESS.

13

14 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** THANK YOU, BRIAN AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.  
15 I'M CYNTHIA BANKS, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
16 SERVICES. IN THIS PROJECT, WE EMPLOYED A FOUR-PRONG APPROACH.  
17 WE CONDUCTED ON SITE INTERVIEWS AND ENGAGED A NUMBER OF SMALL  
18 BUSINESSES THAT ARE IN THE GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE  
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE ALSO SURVEYED ALL OF THE COUNTY  
20 DEPARTMENTS TO DETERMINE WHAT POTENTIAL RESOURCES WERE  
21 AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. WE HELD FIVE FOCUS GROUPS IN  
22 EACH OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS TO GET INPUT FROM SMALL  
23 BUSINESSES. AND WE HAD AN ONLINE SURVEY THAT WAS DEPLOYED AND  
24 MADE AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. WE ARE GRATIFIED BY  
25 THE RESOURCES OF THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AND THEIR

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1 INPUT INTO OUR STUDY. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY  
2 DEPARTMENTS THAT PARTICIPATED, AS WELL. WE WANT TO THANK THE  
3 BOARD OFFICES, AS WELL. AND BARBARA HALSEY OF HALSEY  
4 CONSULTANTS PROVIDED THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND THE ANALYSIS  
5 OF THE DATA. AND SHE IS HERE TO SHARE OUR FINDINGS AND  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS.

7

8 **BARBARA HALSEY:** THANK YOU, DIRECTOR BANKS. GOOD MORNING, MR.  
9 MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU  
10 TODAY. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DIRECTOR STIGER, DIRECTOR  
11 BANKS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND THE WORK OF THEIR  
12 STAFF IN MAKING SURE THAT THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO  
13 ACCOMPLISH THE WORK THAT WAS ENCOMPASSED IN THIS PROJECT WERE  
14 READILY AVAILABLE. I JUST HAVE TO SAY WHAT AN AWESOME  
15 EXPERIENCE IT WAS TO WORK WITH THESE DEPARTMENTS FROM THE  
16 COUNTY OF L.A. SO AS MEPTIONZED OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD FROM  
17 JUNE 26 TO JULY 10 OF 2015, D.C.V.A. AND C.S.S. ENGAGED 220  
18 SMALL BUSINESSES IN TOTAL VIA THE METHODS THAT DIRECTOR BANKS  
19 HAS DESCRIBED TO YOU. DURING THAT COURSE OF TIME, WE HEARD  
20 VALUABLE IDEAS ON THE SERVICES, STRATEGIES AND ALLOWANCES THAT  
21 THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER THAT MIGHT ASSIST THEM WITH  
22 IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED WAGE INCREASE. THEIR COMMENTS WERE  
23 DELIVERED TO THE BOARD IN A FORMAL REPORT. THE FOLLOWING  
24 THEMES AROSE DURING OUR CONVERSATION WITH THESE SMALL  
25 BUSINESSES. THEY'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT OPTIONS THERE WILL BE

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1 FOR TAX RELIEF, INTERESTED IN WHAT FEES MAY BE ADJUSTED,  
2 WAIVED, OR REDUCED, VERY INTERESTED IN INCREASING THE  
3 OPPORTUNITIES THAT BUSINESS HAS IN ORDER TO GROW THEIR  
4 BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HAD A NUMBER OF  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST THEM WITH  
6 BUSINESS GROWTH. THEY'RE INTERESTED IN TRAINING AND WAGE  
7 SUBSIDIES FOR THEIR WORKERS, SPECIAL FINANCING, ADVOCACY AND A  
8 GREATER DEGREE OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AROUND THE KINDS  
9 OF SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THEM.  
10 DIRECTOR STIGER HAS ALREADY REVIEWED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT  
11 WAS MADE TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE AND TO DO THAT  
12 COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE  
13 COUNTY AS WELL AS WITH EXTERNAL BUSINESS-SERVING  
14 ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WON'T ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS EXCEPT TO SAY  
17 THAT I FEEL COMFORTABLE IN THE WORK THAT YOU DID, ESPECIALLY  
18 REACHING OUT TO MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.  
19 AND I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY CAN  
20 PROVIDE NOW THROUGH OUR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, THROUGH  
21 JOB SHARING AND THROUGH ALSO LOOKING AT EXPEDITING PERMITTING  
22 PROCESSES AND ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU MENTION. I THINK THOSE  
23 ARE GOOD STEPS AND I HOPE LATER ON WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE IN  
24 THAT DIRECTION AS WE MOVE THIS PACKAGE FORWARD. SO I DON'T  
25 HAVE ANYMORE QUESTIONS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS ALSO

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1 FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ALSO SUPERVISOR KNABE WHO JOINED IN THAT  
2 EFFORT TO LOOK AT WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS. ONE,  
5 THIS WAS ONLY A THREE-DAY STUDY. AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE  
6 PEOPLE THOUGHT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONGER BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T  
7 REPLY QUICKLY.

8

9 **BARBARA HALSEY:** SO IN PARTICULAR, THE THREE-DAY PERIOD WAS A  
10 TIME-LIMITED PERIOD DURING WHICH THE ONLINE SURVEY WAS  
11 AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES TO FILL OUT. WE WOULD HAVE ENJOYED  
12 OFFERING A GREATER LENGTH OF TIME FOR THAT SURVEY TO BE  
13 AVAILABLE. BUT BECAUSE OF THE TIME CONSTRAINTS AROUND THE  
14 PRODUCTION OF THE REPORT AND THE ANALYSIS OF DATA, IT WASN'T -  
15 - IT JUST WASN'T POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO GET THE REPORT TO THE  
16 BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONSES  
19 INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO OUR REDUCTIONS, OR LIMIT THE  
20 ABILITY TO HIRE OR EXPAND AND DIFFICULT TO COMPETE WITH LARGE  
21 COMPANIES. SO HOW DID THE INITIATIVE ACTUALLY ADDRESS THOSE  
22 SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THAT SMALL BUSINESSES SAID WOULD IMPACT THEM  
23 IN THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE WAS APPROVED?

24

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1 **BARBARA HALSEY:** SO, MR. MAYOR, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS VERY  
2 CLEAR IN OUR FOCUS GROUPS, IN THE SURVEYS THAT WE DID ON FOOT  
3 BUSINESSES IN YOUR DISTRICTS AND THROUGH THE ONLINE SURVEY WAS  
4 THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PANACEA TO THE KIND OF SUPPORT THAT SMALL  
5 BUSINESS NEEDS. AND I THINK ANY OF US WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED  
6 WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
7 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNDERSTAND THAT IT TAKES A RANGE OF  
8 SERVICES, A MENU OF SERVICES. AND THAT WAS REALLY TAKEN INTO  
9 CONSIDERATION IN THE WAY THE RECOMMENDATION WAS WRITTEN TO  
10 ENGAGE ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT ALL HAVE SOME TOUCH  
11 POINTS WITH BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO  
12 REALLY EVALUATE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE AND TO DEVELOP A  
13 COMPREHENSIVE MENU OF SERVICES THAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE  
14 SMALL BUSINESSES TO ASSIST THEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE SURVEY ONLINE HAD 80 PERCENT OF  
17 BUSINESSES SAY THEY WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE STAFF OR REDUCE  
18 HOURS. THE IN-PERSON SURVEY SHOWED THAT 30 PERCENT WOULD DO  
19 THAT. WHY IS THERE A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE TWO?

20

21 **BARBARA HALSEY:** I CAN'T EXPLAIN THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE  
22 TWO. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT INDIVIDUALS RESPONDING ONLINE HAD A  
23 GREATER SENSE OF ANONYMITY THAN THOSE SURVEYED IN PERSON.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OF THE 13,550 BUSINESS IN THE  
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, HOW MANY WERE STUDIED OR ASKED FOR THIS  
3 SURVEY? AND, SECONDLY, BESIDES THE USER UTILITY TAX AND THE  
4 PROPERTY TAX, WHAT OTHER TAX CUTS IS THE COUNTY ABLE TO  
5 INITIATE?

6

7 **BARBARA HALSEY:** SO, I'LL TAKE YOUR LAST QUESTION FIRST. ONE OF  
8 THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE -- IN OUR RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT  
9 THAT'S A FISCAL IMPACT STUDY THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO  
10 THROUGH ITS OWN DEPARTMENTS. SO WE CAN'T RESPOND TO THAT  
11 BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY DIDN'T HAVE TIME DURING THE LENGTH OF  
12 THIS STUDY TO DO FISCAL IMPACT. SO THAT WILL BE LEFT TO YOUR  
13 DEPARTMENTS TO EVALUATE. OF THE 13,500 BUSINESSES, DURING OUR  
14 WALKING SURVEY, WE CONTACTED 547 BUSINESSES OF THAT, 128  
15 AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY. WHEN WE DID THE ONLINE  
16 SURVEY, WE ACTUALLY HAD 243 RESPONSES. WHEN WE WENT IN AND  
17 ELIMINATED THOSE WHO WERE OVER THE 25 OR UNDER OR WHO  
18 INDICATED THEY WEREN'T IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND THOSE  
19 WHO DID NOT ANSWER THE SURVEY FULLY, WE ENDED UP WITH 63  
20 USABLE SURVEYS FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY, SO 63 BUSINESSES WERE  
21 INCLUDED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ONLINE SURVEY THAT WAS SENT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOUR SURVEY HAD SUGGESTIONS TO  
24 HELP SMALL BUSINESSES, EXEMPTING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM THE  
25 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, PHASING IT IN OVER SEVEN YEARS,

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1 ALLOWING BUSINESSES TO INCLUDE BENEFIT PACKAGES IN THE  
2 CALCULATION OF WAGES. NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO REPORT BACK ON  
3 JANUARY 12TH? THAT WILL INCLUDE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS?

4

5 **BARBARA HALSEY:** I'M NOT AWARE OF A REPORT REQUIRED ON JANUARY  
6 12TH.

7

8 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** MAYOR, I BELIEVE THERE IS A MOTION THAT IS  
9 PENDING REQUESTING FROM SUPERVISORS KNABE AND SOLIS FOR SMALL  
10 BUSINESS INITIATIVE TO BRING BACK A REPORT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S IN THE MOTION THAT'S ON THE  
13 BOARD. AND I JUST INTRODUCE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REQUEST  
14 THAT THE DEPARTMENT, IN THAT REPORT, BEFORE IMPLEMENTING ANY  
15 PARTS OF INITIATIVE INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD  
16 OFFICES ON THE STAKEHOLDERS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I URGE THAT WE VOTE ON THIS  
19 MEASURE AFTER WE'VE HEARD FROM ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT. SO MY  
20 POINT WAS MERELY TO HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THE REPORT THAT WAS  
21 DONE THAT YOU ALL HELD IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND YOU DID  
22 THAT. SO I THINK YOU ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS. AND I KNOW WE'LL  
23 HAVE A VOTE ON THESE LATER AS WE HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU EACH VERY MUCH. LET ME CALL  
2 UP MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI. MARQUEECEHARRIS-DAWSON. PATRICIA  
3 SALAZAR. AND VICTOR NARRO. LISTEN, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW  
4 APPLAUSE BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LIFT THE ROOF WITH YOUR  
5 HANDS. LIFTING THE ROOF.

6

7 **MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.  
8 MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALLOWING ME  
9 TO COME BACK HERE ASKING ME TO TESTIFY. THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THE INVITATION.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU FOR WAITING.

13

14 **MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI:** THE LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN EXERCISED ON  
15 BEHALF OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS IN THIS COUNTY BY THIS  
16 ENTIRE BOARD. LET ME JUST SAY SIMPLY: POVERTY IS VERY, VERY  
17 EXPENSIVE. POVERTY IS EXPENSIVE FOR OUR FAMILIES. POVERTY IS  
18 EXPENSIVE FOR OUR GOVERNMENT. POVERTY IS EXPENSIVE FOR OUR  
19 ECONOMY. WHEN WE LOSE BILLIONS IN LOST WAGES, WHEN WE SEE  
20 FOLKS THAT CAN'T SUPPORT THEMSELVES, WHO WINDS UP PAYING FOR  
21 IT? WE DO. TODAY'S VOTE IS A VOTE LIKE WE HAD IN LOS ANGELES  
22 CITY FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY. NOT FOR PEOPLE NOT TO WORK, BUT FOR  
23 PEOPLE TO WORK AND TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES, THEIR  
24 COMMUNITIES, THEIR MAIN STREETS, THEIR SMALL BUSINESSES. THE  
25 MARKETPLACE IS REMARKABLE, AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD DO

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1 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE MARKETPLACE  
2 WHEREVER POSSIBLE. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO HELP IT. AND WE KNOW  
3 THE MARKETPLACE DOESN'T DO EVERYTHING. THE MARKETPLACE DOESN'T  
4 ANSWER 911 CALLS. THE MARKETPLACE DOESN'T LOOK AT ABUSES OF  
5 WORKERS. THE MARKETPLACE IS THERE TO DO WHAT IT DOES WELL.  
6 GOVERNMENT IS HERE TO MAKE SURE WE DO WHAT WE DO WELL.  
7 TOMORROW THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HERE  
8 TO TALK ABOUT THE GROWING MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY TO RETURN  
9 TO AN OLD VALUE, NOT A NEW SPACE BUT AN OLD VALUE THAT HARD  
10 WORK SHOULD BE REWARDED, THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR  
11 FAMILIES, BE HOME TO HELP OUR KIDS WITH HOMEWORK AND SPEND  
12 MONEY ON THE MAIN STREETS. AND THE NATION IS WATCHING WHAT WE  
13 DO IN LOS ANGELES AS A REGION. I HAVE LOVED THE LAST TWO YEARS  
14 BEING A REGIONAL MAYOR, ONE OF 88, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE OFTEN  
15 REMINDS ME, ONE OF 89, TODAY, MR. MAYOR, THOSE, ALL OF US, WHO  
16 REPRESENT AREAS WITH THE STRENGTH THAT WE WERE GIVEN BY THE  
17 PEOPLE TO REPRESENT. BUT A HIGHER WAGE IN THIS COUNTY, IN  
18 UNINCORPORATED AREAS LIKE IN THE CITY, WILL ATTRACT THE BEST  
19 WORKERS IN, THE HARDEST WORKING, THE LEAST TRAINING, THE BEST  
20 COST SAVINGS FOR OUR BUSINESSES. AND WE WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT  
21 I THINK ALL OF US TOGETHER ARE NOT DOING THIS IN A VACUUM. WE  
22 DON'T BELIEVE RAISING THE WAGE BY ITSELF IS A COMPREHENSIVE  
23 STRATEGY. WE'RE FOCUSED ON KEY INDUSTRIES TOGETHER. SUPERVISOR  
24 KNABE AND I WITH FOUR COUNTIES REVIVING OUR MANUFACTURING AND  
25 OUR AEROSPACE. ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT OF GOING TO SACRAMENTO TO

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1 BOOST THE FILM TAX CREDIT THAT ALREADY IS BRINGING TENS OF  
2 THOUSANDS OF JOBS BACK IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO CALIFORNIA  
3 AND FILM. NEW INDUSTRIES LIKE TECH AND GREEN JOBS, ET CETERA.  
4 KEY INFRASTRUCTURE. ALL OF YOU AS M.T.A. BOARD MEMBERS,  
5 INVESTING IN FIVE NEW RAIL LINES. KEY REFORMS LIKE REDUCING  
6 TAXES LIKE WE'RE DOING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS WE'RE  
7 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. SO IN CONCLUSION, LET ME SAY THIS.  
8 THE L.A. BUSINESS JOURNAL HAD A WONDERFUL PIECE WRITTEN A  
9 COUPLE WEEKS AGO THAT SAID MORE AND MORE BUSINESSES GET THAT A  
10 HIGHER WAGE IS BETTER FOR THEIR BOTTOM LINE. IT'S BETTER FOR  
11 OUR MAIN STREETS AND IT STRENGTHENS EDUCATION. IT STRENGTHENS  
12 HOUSING. IT STRENGTHENS OUR ECONOMY. IT STRENGTHENS THE  
13 CUSTOMERS FOR SMALL BUSINESS. I URGE YOU TODAY TO VOTE TO  
14 RAISE THE WAGE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. TOGETHER, WE CAN TACKLE  
15 THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS AND GO BACK TO WHAT AMERICA HAS ALWAYS  
16 STOOD FOR, THAT HARD WORK SHOULD BE REWARDED AND THIS IS A WAY  
17 TO DO IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **MARQUEECEHARRIS-DAWSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO  
22 THANK THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR  
23 INVITING ME TO BE HERE TODAY AND A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO MY OWN  
24 SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE  
25 THIS MORNING. MANY OF YOU KNOW I'M A NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF

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1 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT.  
2 [APPLAUSE] THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR MAYOR AND  
3 COUNCILMEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LABOR  
4 MOVEMENT, THEY ACTUALLY VOTED TO RAISE THE WAGE BEFORE I COULD  
5 GET THERE AND GET SWORN IN. BUT I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO  
6 LEND MY VOICE IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN ALL  
7 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE EIGHTH DISTRICT IS BORDERED BY  
8 SEVERAL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED INCLUDING  
9 WESTMONT, ATHENS, LADERA HEIGHTS, ROSEMONT, ALL OF THESE AREAS  
10 HAVE POVERTY RATES EXCEEDING 20 PERCENT. THIS IS A SITUATION  
11 WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THOSE DISTRICTS WORK. IN  
12 MY OWN COUNCIL DISTRICT, OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK, FULLY 45  
13 PERCENT OF THEM MAKE LESS THAN \$15 AN HOUR. AND SO AS YOU MOVE  
14 THE BALL FORWARD TODAY, YOU'RE MOVING IT FORWARD FOR AN ENTIRE  
15 COMMUNITY. I WILL CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT AND  
16 ROLE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN IN THIS COUNTY. WHERE AFRICAN-  
17 AMERICAN WOMEN ARE PAID 64 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR TO WHITE MALE  
18 WORKERS. RAISING THE BOTTOM FOR EVERYBODY HELPS CLOSE THAT GAP  
19 IN A WAY THAT ALMOST NO OTHER ACTION CAN. SO YOU HAVE THE  
20 OPPORTUNITY TODAY -- [APPLAUSE] (GAVEL)

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PLEASE, RAISE THE ROOF.

23

24 **MARQUEECEHARRIS-DAWSON:** TO NOT JUST MOVE THE BALL FOR THESE  
25 WORKERS HERE BUT TO SEND A SIGNAL TO THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES,

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1 THAT IT CAN BE DONE. IT SHOULD BE DONE. AND AT LEAST IN LOS  
2 ANGELES IT WILL BE DONE. LASTLY, AS WE WALK THE DISTRICT, WE  
3 TALKED TO RESIDENTS BUT WE ALSO TALKED TO SMALL BUSINESSES.  
4 AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN MY COMMUNITY SAID RESOUNDINGLY: "YEAH,  
5 I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING TO PAY MORE IN WAGES, BUT  
6 WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME IS TO HAVE CUSTOMERS THAT CAN  
7 ACTUALLY AFFORD TO BUY THE GOODS AND SERVICES THAT I'M  
8 SELLING. [APPLAUSE] AND SO I'LL PAY A COUPLE HUNDRED DOLLARS,  
9 I'LL GLADLY TRADE AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGES FOR THE  
10 INCREASE IN THE OVERALL INCOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS  
11 COMMUNITY." SO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND WE LOOK  
12 FORWARD TO JOINING YOU AND MAKING HISTORY.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD I ASK THE  
15 AUDIENCE, ALTHOUGH CHEERING AND APPLAUDING IS REALLY GREAT, IT  
16 ACTUALLY WILL ADD AN EXTRA HOUR BY THE END OF ALL THE  
17 SPEECHES. SO IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND DOING THIS INSTEAD, AS THE  
18 MAYOR ASKED, WHICH IS WHAT WE USUALLY DO HERE. AS THE MAKER OF  
19 ONE OF THE MOTIONS, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANKS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **PATRICIA SALAZAR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SALAZAR. I  
24 LIVE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. I LIVE IN PALMDALE SPECIFICALLY. I'M  
25 GOING TO USE MY OWN LANGUAGE TO SHARE MY STORY, OKAY?

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1 [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETER] WHEN MY BOSS INDICATED TO ME  
2 THAT HE WILL PAY ME \$60 FOR EVERY APARTMENT. I WAS VERY  
3 ENTHUSED BECAUSE IT WAS PART OF MY JOB. WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT  
4 WOULD BE IN PLACE, I PROCESSED IT BUT THE ONLY THING I  
5 RECEIVED WAS JUST HARSH WORDS. WHEN HE CALLED TO MY ATTENTION  
6 THAT I JUST NEEDED TO WORK. BECAUSE HE WAS PAYING ME TO CLEAN  
7 TWO APARTMENTS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. I HAD TO INVEST IN MY OWN  
8 CLEANING PRODUCTS AND ALSO MY OWN GASOLINE BECAUSE THE  
9 EMPLOYER DID NOT PAY FOR THAT. NOW THAT I'M A MEMBER OF  
10 CHIRLA, I AM AWARE THAT NOT ONLY MYSELF BUT THERE ARE OTHERS  
11 THAT ARE ABUSED. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE REPRESENTING MANY PEOPLE.  
12 AND I'M HERE TO INFORM WITH REGARDS TO WAGE THEFT. IT IS VERY  
13 IMPORTANT TODAY TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE WHICH PROTECTS THE  
14 PEOPLE FROM WAGE THEFT AND PREVENT ABUSE. THANK YOU.

15 [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL.]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP YANIN SINACHI.  
18 ROBERTO BALANZAR, MARIA ELENA DURAZO. YES, SIR.

19

20 **VICTOR NARRO:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
21 IS VICTOR NARRO, I'M A PROJECT DIRECTOR OF U.C.L.A. DAVIS  
22 CENTER. YOU JUST SAW THE TESTIMONY OF WAGE THEFT. LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY WAGE THEFT IS 20 PERCENT HIGHER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER PUBLISHED  
25 AN EXTENSIVE SURVEY IN WHICH WE FOUND IN ANY WORKWEEK, 8 IN 10

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1 LOW WAGE WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES, ABOUT 655,000 TOTAL SUFFERED  
2 FROM WAGE THEFT. 80 PERCENT OF THESE WORKERS WORK OVERTIME ARE  
3 NOT PROPERLY COMPENSATED. ANOTHER 80 PERCENT OF THESE WORKERS  
4 ARE DENIED THEIR RIGHT TO MEAL AND REST BREAKS. ALL THIS  
5 AMOUNTS TO \$26.2 MILLION PER WEEK STOLEN FROM WORKERS IN WAGE  
6 THEFT VIOLATIONS, WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.4 BILLION A YEAR.  
7 INDIVIDUALLY THESE WORKERS LOSE \$2,000 ANNUALLY OUT OF AN  
8 AVERAGE EARNING OF \$16,500. WHICH MEANS THAT'S MORE THAN 10  
9 PERCENT OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE LOST IN WAGE THEFT. RESEARCH  
10 INTO THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES HAS CONFIRMED ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE  
11 THAT WAGE THEFT HARMS WORKERS EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-  
12 BEING, IN PARTICULAR WAGE THEFT INTRODUCES OR AGGRAVATES  
13 STRESS-RELATED CONDITIONS SUCH AS DIABETES, HYPERTENSION,  
14 ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION. EVERY YEAR WE ESTIMATE WAGE THEFT ROBS  
15 THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BETWEEN \$103 AND \$153 MILLION  
16 IN LOST TAX REVENUES. \$11.7 TO \$25.5 MILLION OF WHICH IS LOST  
17 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS THE COUNTY CONSIDERS RAISING  
18 THE MINIMUM WAGE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND ENFORCING THAT  
19 WAGE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS RAISING IT. ALL 10 MUNICIPALITIES  
20 IN CALIFORNIA HAVE RAISED THEIR MINIMUM WAGE HAVE AUTHORIZED  
21 AND FUNDED ENFORCEMENT OF THE WAGE THEFT. SPECIFICALLY WE  
22 WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT THAT WILL  
23 AUTHORIZE TO RECEIVE, INVESTIGATE, AND ADJUDICATE CLAIMS FOR  
24 VIOLATION OF BASIC WAGE THEFT PROTECTION INCLUDING WAGES,  
25 RETALIATION, DISCRIMINATION WHICH OFTEN GOES HAND-IN-HAND,

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1 CONDUCT FOR ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT THE TARGETS OF BAD ACTORS AND  
2 INDUSTRIES WHERE YOU HAVE HIGH-LEVEL WAGE THEFT AND ALSO  
3 PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS TO EDUCATE WORKERS AND  
4 BUSINESSES ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH LABOR STANDARDS. IF L.A.  
5 COUNTY HOPES TO MAKE ITS NEW MINIMUM WAGE A REALITY, IT WOULD  
6 NEED TO ENFORCE IT VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **YANIN SENACHAI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YANIN SENACHAI, I'M A  
11 WORKER'S RIGHTS ATTORNEY WITH ASIAN-AMERICANS ADVANCING  
12 JUSTICE LOS ANGELES. WE ARE THE NATION'S OLDEST AND LARGEST  
13 LEGAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SERVING ASIAN AMERICANS,  
14 NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC-ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. WE SUPPORT THE  
15 MOTION TO RAISE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AND  
16 THIS IS WHY. ASIAN-AMERICAN WORKERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PART OF  
17 THE LOW- WAGE WORK FORCE. WE REPRESENT THE RESTAURANT WORKERS,  
18 YOUR NAIL SALON WORKERS AND THE APPAREL AND GARMENT WORKERS.  
19 FROM 2005 TO 2010, THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD WORTH OF ASIAN-  
20 AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS DROPPED BY 59 PERCENT. AN INCREASE IN THE  
21 MINIMUM WAGE WOULD MEAN THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN  
22 PAYING FOR FOOD AND PAYING FOR MEDICINE. AND WE ALSO KNOW AS  
23 ECONOMISTS HAVE SHOWN US, INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE  
24 INCREASES CONSUMER SPENDING AND STIMULATES THE ECONOMY. AS A  
25 WORKERS' RIGHTS ATTORNEY, I AM DISHEARTENED BY THE MANY CASES

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1 I'VE SEEN WHERE AFTER MY CLIENTS HAVE WON THEIR CLAIMS FOR  
2 UNPAID WAGES, THEY GO THROUGH SUCCESSIVE JOBS WHERE THEY  
3 CONTINUE TO BE DENIED THE MINIMUM WAGE BECAUSE OF LACK OF  
4 ENFORCEMENT. TO THAT END, WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY IN CREATING AN  
5 AGENCY SPECIFICALLY TASKED TO LOOKING AT ENFORCEMENT SO THAT  
6 THE WORKERS WHO NEED OUR HELP THE MOST WILL ACTUALLY BENEFIT  
7 FROM THIS INCREASE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KERRY  
10 DOI, LINDSEY HORVATH.

11

12 **MARIA ELENA DURAZO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARIA ELENA DURAZO, VICE  
13 PRESIDENT WITH THE UNION OF HOTEL AND FOOD SERVICE WORKERS.  
14 [APPLAUSE] YOU KNOW, I LIVE A VERY PRIVILEGED LIFE. BECAUSE  
15 EVERY DAY I GET TO WORK WITH REMARKABLE PEOPLE. THEIR JOBS,  
16 COOKING, CLEANING, WASHING DISHES MAY SEEM QUITE ORDINARY, BUT  
17 THEIR STORIES, THEIR STORIES, THEIR DREAMS AND THEIR WILL  
18 POWER ARE WONDERFULLY EXTRAORDINARY. THEY WORK VERY HARD IN  
19 THE VERY PROFITABLE AND PROSPEROUS HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM  
20 INDUSTRY. THEY WORK IN HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS AND STADIUMS AND  
21 ARENAS. IN 2014, THEY GREETED AND SERVED 44 MILLION TRAVELERS  
22 IN LOS ANGELES AIRPORTS. AND THOSE TRAVELERS SPENT \$19 BILLION  
23 IN OUR REGION. HOSPITALITY WORKERS HELPED GENERATE MILLIONS  
24 AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUE TO L.A. COUNTY AND CITY  
25 GOVERNMENT. THEY DESERVE A WAGE INCREASE. THEY'RE WORTH A WAGE

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1 INCREASE. THEY HAVE WAITED TOO LONG. IN MY UNION, HOTEL  
2 HOUSEKEEPERS ARE MAKING FAR MORE THAN \$15 AN HOUR AND THEY  
3 HAVE GREAT FAMILY BENEFITS. BUT MOST HOSPITALITY WORKERS DON'T  
4 HAVE WHAT WE'VE WON. NEITHER DO THE TRASH RECYCLERS OR THE  
5 RESTROOM CLEANERS, THOSE WHO WASH OUR CARS OR WASH THE BODIES  
6 OF THE BED RIDDEN. THESE PEOPLE ARE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.  
7 HOW SHOULD WE TREAT THEM? WELL LAST WEEK IN BOLIVIA, POPE  
8 FRANCIS SPOKE, AND THIS IS WHAT HE SAID, "DO WE REALIZE THAT  
9 SOMETHING IS WRONG IN THE WORLD WHERE SO MANY FARM WORKERS ARE  
10 WITHOUT LAND, SO MANY FAMILIES WITHOUT A HOME, SO MANY  
11 LABORERS WITHOUT RIGHTS AND SO MANY PERSONS WHOSE DIGNITY IS  
12 NOT RESPECTED?" WHEN DR. KING SPOKE TO THE STRIKING SANITATION  
13 WORKERS, HE SAID, "SO OFTEN WE OVERLOOK THE WORK AND THE  
14 SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN THE PROFESSIONAL JOBS, OF  
15 THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN THE SO-CALLED 'BIG' JOBS. BUT LET ME SAY  
16 THAT WHENEVER YOU ARE ENGAGED IN WORK THAT SERVES HUMANITY AND  
17 IS FOR THE BUILDING OF HUMANITY, IT HAS DIGNITY AND IT HAS  
18 WORTH." ONE DAY OUR SOCIETY MUST COME TO SEE THIS. THAT DAY  
19 HAS ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES. THAT DAY IS TODAY. THANK YOU VERY  
20 MUCH.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE NOT LIFTING THE ROOF HIGH  
25 ENOUGH. LET ME ALSO CALL SCOTT BUDNICK. YES, SIR.

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2 **ROBERT BALANZAR:** GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS, AND ALL THE WORKERS THAT CAME HERE TO SUPPORT \$15  
4 MINIMUM WAGE. MY NAME IS ROBERT BALANZAR AND I AM A FULLTIME  
5 STUDENT AND A FULLTIME FAST FOOD WORKER IN UNINCORPORATED L.A.  
6 COUNTY, I WORK AT BURGER KING. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR  
7 SHEILA KUEHL FOR ANSWERING THAT CALL THAT WE THE FAST FOOD  
8 WORKERS PUT OUT FOR \$15 AN HOUR AND UNION RIGHTS. EVERY DAY IN  
9 LOS ANGELES IT IS BECOMING VERY DIFFICULT TO SURVIVE WITH LESS  
10 THAN \$15 AN HOUR. THERE'S 3 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY  
11 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM WILL  
12 BENEFIT FROM THE WAGE HIKE. LET'S MAKE HISTORY TODAY. LET'S  
13 FIRE ANOTHER SHOT THAT WILL BE HEARD AROUND THE COUNTRY, BY  
14 LETTING EVERYONE KNOW LOS ANGELES IS A POVERTY WAGE FREE ZONE.  
15 YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN AND I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE YES. THANK  
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **LINDSEY HORVATH:** MY NAME IS LINDSAY HORVATH, I'M THE MAYOR OF  
21 THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. THANK YOU MR. MAYOR, AND COUNTY  
22 BOARD AND THANKS ESPECIALLY TO COUNTY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL  
23 FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE HAVE COME TO  
24 SEE AN UNFORTUNATE NEW NORMAL IN OUR SOCIETY. A NEW GENERATION  
25 ENTERING THE WORKFORCE WITH CRIPPLING STUDENT DEBT, A HOUSING

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1 CRISIS LIKE OUR STATE HAS NEVER SEEN, FAMILIES WORKING TWO AND  
2 THREE AND FOUR JOBS JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND PUT FOOD ON THE  
3 TABLE. THIS IS NOT THE AMERICAN DREAM OF MY GRANDPARENTS'  
4 GENERATION OR EVEN MY PARENTS' GENERATION. RAISING THE MINIMUM  
5 WAGE IS NOT JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO; IT'S THE THING TO DO  
6 RIGHT NOW. OUR COMMUNITIES CAN'T WAIT. LOS ANGELES HAS CREATED  
7 A NEW STANDARD FOR OUR REGION, A PLATFORM UPON WHICH ALL 88  
8 CITIES CAN BUILD AND GROW. I'M GRATEFUL TO MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI  
9 AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO VOTED TO SUPPORT WORKING- CLASS  
10 ANGELINOS, CITIES LIKE SANTA MONICA AND MY CITY OF WEST  
11 HOLLYWOOD ARE EXPLORING WHAT MORE WE CAN DO TO BUILD UPON  
12 THEIR EXAMPLE TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES, SINGLE PARENTS, YOUNG  
13 PEOPLE ENTERING THE WORKFORCE TO EARN A WAGE THAT IS  
14 REFLECTIVE OF THE VALUE OF THEIR WORK AND THE COST OF LIVING  
15 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO RAISING THE WAGE WITH  
16 YOU. TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE THIS EFFORT, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE  
17 YOU TO MY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE C.E.O. WHO TESTIFIED AT OUR  
18 COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT THAT THEY'RE SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
19 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. LEADERS IN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAVE  
20 ASKED IF THEY COULD STAND WITH ME IN OUR LOCAL EFFORT TO SHOW  
21 JUST HOW MUCH BUSINESSES WILL SURVIVE AND THRIVE WHEN THEY  
22 SUPPORT THEIR WORKERS. NOW, I KNOW WEST HOLLYWOOD IS A SPECIAL  
23 PLACE, WHICH IS WHY I'M SO PROUD TO CALL IT HOME, BUT WE ARE  
24 NOT UNIQUE. WE FACE THE SAME CHALLENGES THAT EXIST THROUGHOUT  
25 L.A. COUNTY. THEY'RE REAL. THEY'RE TOUGH. AND WE SHARE THEM

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1 WITH YOU. WHICH IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR THE BOARD'S  
2 SUPPORT IN RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. OUR CITY WILL WORK WITH  
3 YOU TO ENSURE A NEW FUTURE FOR L.A. COUNTY'S WORKERS, ONE WE  
4 CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JUAN  
7 GARZA AND GABRIEL BUELNA. KERRY?

8

9 **KERRY DOI:** I'M KERRY DOI REPRESENTING THE PACIFIC ASIAN  
10 CONSORTIUM AND EMPLOYMENT OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PACE. WE ARE AN  
11 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN SERVING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA  
12 FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS SMALL  
13 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT  
14 WE'RE DEALING WITH TODAY BECAUSE ESPECIALLY BECAUSE SMALL  
15 BUSINESSES DRIVE -- ARE THE DRIVERS OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY  
16 AND CREATE MORE JOBS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HURT  
17 THE SMALL BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE'RE PROUD OF BEING  
18 ABLE TO PLACE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INTO JOBS. WE  
19 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALSO HELP THE SMALL BUSINESSES. FOR  
20 THE LAST 20 YEARS, 10,000 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WE'VE WORKED  
21 WITH HAVE EITHER CREATED OR SUSTAINED 15,000 JOBS. AND  
22 OFTENTIMES WE USE THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT AS A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO  
23 PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. BECAUSE OF LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING  
24 ABILITIES, BECAUSE OF LACK OF MARKETABLE SKILLS, THESE PEOPLE  
25 ARE NOT ABLE TO FIND JOBS. BUT IF THEY HAD THE ENTREPRENEURIAL

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1 DRIVE, WE HELP THEM WITH STARTING THEIR OWN BUSINESSES. WE  
2 TRAIN THEM IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF CLASSES, FROM FINANCIAL  
3 MANAGEMENT TO BUSINESS LICENSE AND TO PROCUREMENT OF  
4 CONTRACTS. ONE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL IS A GUY NAMED JEFF OF  
5 SERVICE TECH SOLUTIONS. JEFF CAME TO US AND ASKED FOR SOME  
6 HELP. AND AFTER EXTENSIVE COUNSELING AND TRAINING, WE PROVIDED  
7 HIM WITH A MICROLOAN OF \$10,000. AND THEN HELPED HIM GET A  
8 CONTRACT WITH L.A.U.S. D. AFTER PERFORMING ON THAT CONTRACT,  
9 THEY EXPANDED THE CONTRACT AND HE CAME BACK TO US AND ASKED  
10 FOR A \$50,000 LOAN. WE PROVIDED IT TO HIM TO PURCHASE  
11 EQUIPMENT AND HIRE NEW STAFF. HE NOW, AFTER TWO YEARS, HAS 15  
12 EMPLOYEES PAYING AN AVERAGE WAGE OF \$24 AN HOUR. WE ALSO  
13 HELPED A LADY NAMED MARIA, A REFUGEE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, WHO  
14 REALLY WANTED TO OPEN UP A KABOB STAND IN A SWAP MEET AND  
15 AFTER WORKING WITH HER AND TRAINING HER AND PROVIDING HER A  
16 SMALL BUSINESS LOAN, SHE'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN NOT ONLY  
17 GENERATES ABOUT \$4,000 A MONTH IN REVENUE, BUT ALSO IS ABLE TO  
18 TAKE HER FAMILY OUT OF WELFARE. AS A RESULT OF THESE KINDS OF  
19 EFFORTS, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AND WE REALLY WANT TO THANK  
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR INTRODUCING THIS  
21 MOTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, KERRY. GOOD TO SEE YOU  
24 AGAIN.

25

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1 **KERRY DOI:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

4

5 **SCOTT BUDNICK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND CITIZENS  
6 OF THIS INCREDIBLE COUNTY. MY NAME IS SCOTT BUDNICK. I AM A  
7 FILM PRODUCER AND ADVOCATE FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH AND THE  
8 FOUNDER OF A NONPROFIT THAT EMPLOYS 12 HARD-WORKING PEOPLE. I  
9 BEGAN MY CAREER PRODUCING FILMS AT WARNER BROTHERS.  
10 EXCEPTIONALLY MATURE MOVIES LIKE "THE HANGOVER", AND AS A  
11 PRODUCER, I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME LOOKING AT BUDGETS AND  
12 HIRING 400 TO 500 EMPLOYEES PER FILM. IN 2004 I WAS ASKED TO  
13 BE A GUEST SPEAKER AT A WRITING CLASS AT A JUVENILE HOME IN  
14 SYLMAR. I SAT AT THE TABLE WITH 10 BOYS 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD WHO  
15 SHARED EXPERIENCES OF HORRIFYING ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF ADULTS  
16 BUT ALSO OF THEIR SINGLE MOTHERS WORKING TWO TO THREE JOBS A  
17 DAY TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. IF WE ARE A SMART SOCIETY, A  
18 FISCALLY PRUDENT SOCIETY, A SOCIETY THAT VALUES HUMAN DIGNITY  
19 AND PUBLIC SAFETY, WE MUST CARE ABOUT THESE CHILDREN COMING  
20 HOME AND ALL OF THEM ARE COMING HOME. WE MUST CARE ABOUT  
21 MILITARY VETERANS COMING HOME AND FOSTER YOUTH WITHOUT A HOME.  
22 RE-ENTRY IS COST EFFICIENT. INCARCERATION IS EXPENSIVE. THE  
23 YEARLY COST TO INCARCERATE IS JUST BELOW \$200,000, THREE TIMES  
24 HARVARD. THE CURRENT RECIDIVISM RATE FOR YOUNG ADULTS IS 72  
25 PERCENT. WE SPEND BILLIONS TO FAIL 7 OUT OF 10 TIMES AND IN

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1 THE END THE PUBLIC IS LESS SAFE. THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO JIVE  
2 WITH EITHER DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES. THAT IS  
3 SIMPLY DUMB ON CRIME. FOR A FRACTION OF THIS AMOUNT, WE COULD  
4 SEND THESE YOUNG MEN, WOMEN INTO OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY  
5 COLLEGE SYSTEM, TRAIN THEM TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE OR GIVE THEM  
6 A PATH INTO A CAREER. THAT IS FISCALLY PRUDENT. BUT DESPITE  
7 THESE DAUNTING ODDS, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ANTIRECIDIVISM  
8 COALITION ARE SUCCEEDING. WITH A FELONY ON THEIR RECORD, THEY  
9 HUSTLE 10 TIMES HARDER, THEY SHOW UP 30 MINUTES EARLY AND STAY  
10 AN HOUR LATE. IN THE CROWD BEHIND ME IS OSCAR, HECTOR, JAMES,  
11 JULIO, JOSE, ALEX, RUBEN, KENT AND RYAN, GUYS, COULD YOU STAND  
12 UP FOR A SECOND? [APPLAUSE] THESE ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE  
13 SPENT, COMBINED, 200 TO 300 YEARS IN PRISON; BUT EVERY DAY  
14 THEY GET UP, THEY GO TO WORK EARLY. THEY PROVIDE FOR THEIR  
15 FAMILIES. THEY PAY TAXES. THEY RAISE THEIR KIDS WITH LOVE. TO  
16 SAY NO TO CRIME. NO TO GANGS. THEIR KIDS ARE NOT FOLLOWING  
17 THEIR PATH. THEIR KIDS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL AND GOING TO  
18 COLLEGE. THEIR KIDS WILL PAY TAXES. SOMEHOW THESE MEN AND  
19 WOMEN ARE PULLING THEMSELVES UP BY THEIR BOOTSTRAPS EVEN  
20 THOUGH \$9 AN HOUR DOESN'T PAY FOR BOOTS OR STRAPS. [APPLAUSE]  
21 ESPECIALLY AFTER RENT, BUS TOKERS OR CAR INSURANCE. IT'S TIME  
22 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR. IT'S THE MORALLY  
23 RIGHT THING TO DO. IT IS THE FISCALLY PRUDENT THING TO DO. AND  
24 IT'S MUCH CHEAPER THAN THE ALTERNATIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
25 [APPLAUSE]

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [GAVEL.] AGAIN,  
3 RAISE THE ROOF FOR YOUR RESPONSE. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TRACEY  
4 RAFTER.

5

6 **DR. GABRIEL BELNA:** SUPERVISOR, IN PARTICULAR MY SUPERVISOR,  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING. MY NAME IS  
8 DR. GABRIEL BEULNA, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLAZA  
9 COMMUNITY SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. AS A  
10 NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 STAFF, WE  
11 REPRESENT CHILDCARE WORKERS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKERS, WORKERS  
12 WHO WORK WITH VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AS A NONPROFIT, WE  
13 HAVE SPECIAL CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM WAGE.  
14 HOWEVER, THE BENEFITS CLEARLY OUTWEIGH THE CHALLENGES IN THE  
15 NONPROFIT SECTOR. NONPROFITS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE PROVIDING  
16 SERVICES TO THE MOST ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED IN OUR REGION.  
17 OUR SERVICES ARE CRITICAL TO HELPING THE COUNTY MEETING ITS  
18 MISSION TO ENRICH LIVES THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE.  
19 AND THEREFORE WE MUST DO THE SAME FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH US.  
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S STAFF REACHED OUT TO ME AND OTHERS TO GET  
21 OUR INPUT ON HOW THE COUNTY CAN HELP NONPROFITS MANAGE THE  
22 TRANSITION TO THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE WITHOUT DISRUPTION AND  
23 REDUCTION OF SERVICES. IT WAS REASSURING TO KNOW THAT  
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE AND OTHER SUPERVISORS ARE THINKING  
25 AHEAD AND ENGAGING WITH NONPROFITS ON THE ISSUE. I LOOK

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1 FORWARD TO THAT DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
2 RECOGNIZE AND BE SPECIFIC AND UNAMBIGUOUS. THE INCREASE IN THE  
3 MINIMUM WAGE IS NEEDED. OUR CLIENTS NEED IT. OUR COMMUNITIES  
4 NEED IT. AND THE TIME IS NOW. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]. THANK  
5 YOU, EVERYONE, AND WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR  
6 COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
9 RUSTY HICKS. YES, SIR.

10

11 **JUAN:** BUENOS DIAS. [SPEAKING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER] GOOD  
12 MORNING. MY NAME IS JUAN. I LIVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. I COME  
13 HERE AND ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE US TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM  
14 SALARY IN OUR CITY. WHEN YOU GUYS INCREASE THE MINIMUM SALARY,  
15 HERE IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO GO UP IN ALL  
16 OUR CITIES. THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT ALL OF US THAT LIVE OUTSIDE  
17 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND I SUPPORT THE INCREASE TO \$15, BUT THAT  
18 WAGE THEFT STOPS. AND IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH THE WAGE  
19 THEFT, THAT WILL CHANGE MY LIFE. I HAVE A WIFE. SHE DOES NOT  
20 WORK. I BRING ALL THE MONEY INTO THE HOUSE RENT. I PAY RENT.  
21 FOOD, CLOTHING -- EXCUSE ME. [APPLAUSE] I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF  
22 YOU COULD HELP US WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP M.C. TOWNSEND.  
25 TRACEY?

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1  
2 **TRACY RAFTER:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. HI, I'M  
3 TRACY RAFTER, THE FOUNDING C.E.O. OF BIZFED THE L.A. COUNTY  
4 BUSINESS FEDERATION, A MASSIVE, DIVERSE, GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE  
5 OF MORE THAN 140 TOP BUSINESS GROUPS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE,  
6 INDUSTRY TRADES, ASSOCIATIONS, MINORITY BUSINESS GROUPS. WE  
7 HAVE 272,000 EMPLOYERS EMPLOYING 3 MILLION PEOPLE RIGHT HERE  
8 IN L.A. COUNTY. FIRST WE WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
9 HER LEADERSHIP AND EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE SMALL  
10 BUSINESS INITIATIVE. REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE COUNTY DOES ON  
11 MINIMUM WAGE, THIS KIND OF SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS IS MUCH  
12 NEEDED AND LONG OVERDUE. IN FACT, IN 2015, OUR BIZFED MEMBER  
13 SURVEY IDENTIFIED STREAMLINING THE LOCAL PERMITTING PROCESS OF  
14 ONE OF THE TOP FIVE ISSUES FOR DOING BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY  
15 AND GROWING AND BEING ABLE TO ADD JOBS. WE'RE SO PLEASED THAT  
16 THE MOTION INCLUDES THAT AS A KEY AREA FOR THE COUNTY TO  
17 IMPROVE. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE HOPE TO WORK WITH COUNTY STAFF TO  
19 INCORPORATE THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE. WHILE STREAMLINING  
20 PERMITTING, REDUCING OR ELIMINATING TAXES AND FEES CANNOT  
21 OFFSET THE COST THAT BUSINESSES WILL INCUR FROM THE MINIMUM  
22 WAGE INCREASE, THESE STEPS CAN PROVIDE SOME RELIEF FROM THE  
23 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF THE OVERLAPPING POLICIES THAT RAISE THE  
24 COST OF DOING BUSINESS AND ULTIMATELY HINDER JOB CREATION IN  
25 THE COUNTY. REGARDING MINIMUM WAGE ITSELF, WHILE WE THINK

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1 THERE ARE OTHER MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS POVERTY SUCH AS  
2 TACKLING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COSTS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
3 AND SO ON, WE HOPE THAT NOW IS THE TIME WE CAN WORK TOGETHER  
4 ON WHATEVER THE DETAILS ARE AND THE ORDINANCE AS IT MOVES  
5 FORWARD. WE ESPECIALLY LOOK TO SUPERVISORS KNABE AND  
6 ANTONOVICH TO LEAD ON ISSUES SUCH AS PROTECTING EXEMPTIONS FOR  
7 TEEN AGED EMPLOYERS, FOR NONPROFITS, PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT  
8 SERVICES, AND AVOIDING A DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE THAT ACTUALLY  
9 IMPEDES BUSINESSES THAT WORKED ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL LINES.  
10 AND ENSURING THE MINIMUM WAGE RULES APPLY TO EVERYONE  
11 REGARDLESS OF THEIR UNION STATUS. WE HOPE THAT ALL CAN WORK  
12 TOGETHER TO GET THE DETAILS RIGHT OVER THE COMING WEEKS. WHILE  
13 WE REITERATE OUR DEEP CONCERN THAT SUCH A FAST AND LARGE  
14 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE WILL IMPACT OUR ECONOMY. IN FACT, WE  
15 KNOW ABOUT 1/3 OF THE BUSINESSES WILL ACTUALLY REDUCE JOBS AND  
16 REDUCE HOURS, BUT WE UNDERSTAND IT'S MOVING FORWARD AND WE  
17 HOPE THAT WE CAN BE A VOICE TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE  
18 ORDINANCE FOR ALL. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THE PROCUREMENT ISSUE IN GETTING SMALL  
20 BUSINESSES UP TO 25 PERCENT. WE'RE A GREAT SUPPORTER. AND I'M  
21 JUST GOING TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE WALL. "THIS COUNTY IS  
22 FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE. LET'S CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE  
23 IT." THANK YOU.  
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP HOLLY SCHROEDER.

2 GARY TOBIN. YES, SIR.

3

4 **RUSTY HICKS:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS RUSTY  
5 HICKS, THE HEAD OF THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CO-  
6 CONVENER OF THE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THE WAGE. I THINK THE  
7 QUESTION BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A SIMPLE ONE. IS IT A GOOD OR A  
8 BAD THING THAT 37 PERCENT OF WORKERS IN THE COUNTY MAKE LESS  
9 THAN \$15 AN HOUR? WHEN A SINGLE PERSON NEEDS MORE THAN \$15 AN  
10 HOUR JUST TO SURVIVE. IS IT GOOD OR BAD THAT 8 OUT OF 10 LOW-  
11 WAGE WORKERS EXPERIENCE WAGE THEFT? IS IT GOOD OR BAD THAT  
12 FOUR OUT OF FIVE LOW WAGE WORKERS WHO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH  
13 PEOPLE HAVE NO EARNED SICK LEAVE? I WOULD ARGUE THAT THESE ARE  
14 BAD THINGS. THEY'RE BAD FOR FAMILIES. THEY'RE BAD FOR WORKERS.  
15 THEY'RE BAD FOR COMMUNITIES. THEY'RE BAD FOR OUR ECONOMY. IT'S  
16 NEVER GOOD WHEN WE FAIL TO GIVE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE WHO WORK  
17 HERE WHO SHOP HERE, TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE  
18 OF THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER L.A.  
19 AND THERE ARE SOME CRITICS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS  
20 RIDICULOUS CLAIM THAT RAISING AND ENFORCING THE WAGE IS  
21 SOMEHOW BAD FOR WORKERS. THAT SOMEHOW HAVING MORE MONEY TO  
22 SPEND IS SOMEHOW BAD FOR BUSINESS. OTHER CRITICS WILL CLAIM  
23 THAT BUSINESSES ARE GOING TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS OR SIMPLY MOVE  
24 TO A NEIGHBORING CITY. YOUR OWN STUDIES AND REPORTS SHOW THAT  
25 THIS WILL SPUR DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOB CREATION. IT'S GOING TO

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1 BRING INCREASED REVENUES FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IT'S  
2 GOING TO REDUCE A RELIANCE ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.  
3 SO, IN CLOSING, I WOULD SAY THIS: DO YOU HAVE TO MOVE  
4 CAREFULLY IN CRAFTING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY THAT MAKES SENSE?  
5 ABSOLUTELY. BUT YOU'VE DELIBERATED. YOU'VE STUDIED. YOU'VE  
6 LISTENED. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. BUT THIS IS NOT AN ACADEMIC  
7 EXERCISE. FOR MANY WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY THIS IS LITERALLY  
8 LIFE AND DEATH. A STUDY THAT WAS COMPLETED BY THE SAN  
9 FRANCISCO RESERVE BANK CONCLUDED THAT LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A LOW  
10 WAGE WORKER IS ON AVERAGE 5.6 YEARS SHORTER THAN THEIR BETTER  
11 PAID CALIFORNIANS. BY RAISING AND ENFORCING THE WAGE TODAY,  
12 YOU'LL ANSWER THE CALL OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WHO  
13 SIMPLY WANT THE OPPORTUNITY, A CHANCE, TO NOT JUST SURVIVE BUT  
14 MAYBE TO THRIVE. SO FOR EVERYBODY IN THIS COUNTY WHO WORKS  
15 HARD SIMPLY TO GET BY, LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING. LET'S DO THE  
16 GOOD THING. LET'S DO THE SMART THING. LET'S RAISE AND ENFORCE  
17 THE WAGE TODAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEWART  
20 WALDMAN. YES, MA'AM. MISS TOWNSEND.

21

22 **M.C. TOWNSEND:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR. AND THE  
23 CERTAINLY HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE. I AM M.C.  
24 TOWNSEND, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE REGIONAL BLACK CHAMBER  
25 OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTING SOME 35 PLUS MINORITY CHAMBERS

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1 AROUND THE STATE. I ALSO SIT HERE AS CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION COMMONLY KNOWN AS L.A. BIZFED. I  
3 WANT TO FIRST TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK  
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, MY GOODNESS, ON BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF SMALL,  
5 MINORITY, WOMEN AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN L.A. COUNTY  
6 FOR TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE OF INCREASING THE PROPORTION OF  
7 THE COUNTY CONTRACTS TO GO TO THESE BUSINESSES. AS YOU KNOW,  
8 REGARDLESS WHETHER YOU RAISE THE WAGE AT WHAT LEVEL, BY STATE  
9 LEVEL OR COUNTY LEVEL, INCREASING PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
10 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IS A CRITICAL WAY TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS  
11 OF THESE ENTREPRENEURS WHO TRULY DRIVE OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY.  
12 AND IT'S, FRANKLY, SOMEWHAT SHOCKING THAT THE L.A. COUNTY HAS  
13 NOT YET TAKEN A REAL MEANINGFUL GOAL IN THIS AREA. AND I AM  
14 VERY PLEASED THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THIS BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS IS NOW TAKING ON THAT CHALLENGE. SECONDLY AND  
16 LASTLY, I WANT THE GIVE MY STRONG SUPPORT TO THE SMALL  
17 BUSINESS INITIATIVE, THE REGIONAL BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
18 AND OTHER BIZFED MEMBERS ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE MANY  
19 CHALLENGES CREATED BY SLOW AND CUMBERSOME PERMIT PROCESSING  
20 AND THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU NOW HAVE BEFORE YOU TO SUPPORT THE  
21 SMALL BUSINESS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL. WE WANT TO THANK  
22 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KNABE, AS WELL, FOR  
23 BRINGING THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL  
24 JOIN WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND MAKING IT A SUCCESS.  
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TERRY  
3 CRANE. YES, HOLLY?

4

5 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** GOOD MORNING. MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF  
6 THE BOARD, MY NAME IS HOLLY SCHROEDER. I'M PRESIDENT AND  
7 C.E.O. OF THE SANTA CLARITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.  
8 I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT IN PRACTICALITIES ABOUT HOW WE  
9 MOVE FORWARD, ECHOING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT TRACY RAFTER  
10 SAID EARLIER. WHEN THE BOARD COMMISSIONED THE REPORTS, STARTED  
11 LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE, YOU REALLY LOOKED AT IT IN THREE WAYS:  
12 HOW WOULD THE WAGE INCREASE APPLY TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES? HOW  
13 WOULD THE WAGE INCREASE APPLY TO COUNTY CONTRACTORS? HOW WOULD  
14 THE WAGE INCREASE APPLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY?  
15 THE FIRST AREA IS YOUR PREROGATIVE AS EMPLOYERS. AND THERE'S  
16 AN ESTIMATED COST IN THE STUDY THAT THE TAXPAYERS ULTIMATELY  
17 WOULD NEED TO ABSORB IF YOU PASS THIS MOTION. THE SECOND AREA,  
18 ON CONTRACTS, YOU ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT  
19 BECAUSE THAT INFORMATION WAS INCOMPLETE. SO AS YOU MOVE  
20 FORWARD ON THIS, YOU'RE ACTUALLY SIGNING ESSENTIALLY A BLANK  
21 CHECK ON THAT. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU MAYBE LOOK AT THAT AND  
22 PAUSE ON THAT. THE THIRD AREA AS YOU LOOK AT APPLYING THIS  
23 WAGE INCREASE TO BUSINESSES THAT ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
24 COUNTY, I REALLY WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL  
25 DIFFERENCE OF LAND USE FOR THE COUNTY THAT YOU'RE BASICALLY

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1 USING YOUR LAND USE AUTHORITY. AND IT'S FUNDAMENTALLY  
2 DIFFERENT THAN THE ACTION THAT WAS TAKEN THAT THE MAYOR OF THE  
3 CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPOKE OF EARLIER. THE COUNTY HAS ISLANDS.  
4 THESE LITTLE POCKETS OF UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES. SO BUSINESSES  
5 MIGHT BE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM ANOTHER BUSINESS THAT  
6 WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THIS WAGE INCREASE, THEREFORE PUTTING  
7 IT AT A SIGNIFICANT DISADVANTAGE. WE HAVE BUSINESSES IN THE  
8 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA THAT HAVE SOME OF THEIR FACILITIES IN  
9 THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES, SOME OF THE THEIR FACILITIES IN  
10 THE CITY. AND IT CREATES A LOT OF COMPLICATION FOR THEM HOW  
11 THEY WOULD ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THIS WAGE INCREASE  
12 CREATING THIS GREAT DISPARITY. IF YOU EMPLOY THE RULE AROUND  
13 THAT IS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ABOUT IF YOU WORK  
14 MORE THAN TWO HOURS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, THIS IS A  
15 REALLY INTERESTING ONE FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, BECAUSE  
16 I5 RUNNING NORTH IS IN THE CITY, I5 RUNNING SOUTH IS IN THE  
17 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. SO A EMPLOYEE STUCK IN TRAFFIC PERHAPS  
18 IS COUNTING TOWARDS THOSE TWO HOURS. THERE ARE A TREMENDOUS  
19 NUMBER OF DETAILS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. A LOT OF  
20 QUESTIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND PLEASE GIVE  
21 THIS A LOT OF THOUGHT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, HOLLY.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS, THE BUSINESSES THAT THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF  
3 COMMERCE HAS HEARD FROM OVER THE LAST 10 MONTHS AND MANY THAT  
4 YOU HEARD FROM WHEN YOUR STAFF DID THE SURVEY JUST RECENTLY  
5 INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE FORCED TO CONSIDER LAYOFFS AND  
6 REDUCED HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE INCREASED  
7 LABOR COSTS PROPOSED IN THIS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. FOR THAT  
8 REASON, THE CHAMBER SUPPORTS THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS  
9 AND KNABE TO ESTABLISH A SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE TO HELP  
10 SMALL BUSINESSES TRANSITION THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF INCREASE IN  
11 THE MINIMUM WAGE. WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO THE SUPERVISORS AND  
12 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT WILL BE ENGAGED IN THIS INITIATIVE  
13 AND CHARGED WITH PREPARING A REPORT BY JANUARY 26TH AND  
14 IMPLEMENTING A FULLY OPERATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE BY  
15 JULY 1, 2016. AS SUPERVISORS, YOU GOVERN THE LARGEST  
16 COLLECTION OF LOCAL PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
17 BUT THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 PROVIDE MORE THAN 85 PERCENT OF THE JOBS. HELPING THOSE  
19 BUSINESSES GROW AND PROSPER SO THEY CAN HIRE MORE PEOPLE AND  
20 HELP YOU EXPAND THE TAX BASE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AN  
21 ESSENTIAL PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, I HAVE A TIE ON  
22 TODAY BUT MOST OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE WORKING IN LOS  
23 ANGELES COUNTY DON'T HAVE A TIE ON. THEY WORK 5, 6, 7 DAYS A  
24 WEEK. AND THEY HAVE INVESTED EVERYTHING THEY HAVE IN THEIR

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1 SMALL BUSINESS. I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS  
2 INITIATIVE; THEY NEED EVERY OUNCE OF YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TOM  
5 CHRISTIANSON.

6

7 **STUART WALDMAN:** STUART WALDMAN, I AM PRESIDENT OF THE VALLEY  
8 INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE BUSINESSES  
9 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. FIRST, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR  
10 EFFORTS ON THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE. APPRECIATE THE  
11 APPROACH YOU'RE TAKING ON THAT. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF COMMENTS  
12 MADE ON BOTH SIDES. ONE OF THE INTERESTING COMMENTS THAT I  
13 HEAR IS THAT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL PUMP MONEY INTO THE  
14 ECONOMY. WHAT MAKES ME VERY CURIOUS ABOUT THAT IS WHERE IS  
15 THIS MONEY COMING FROM? THE MONEY'S ALREADY THERE. IT'S JUST  
16 GOING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER PLACE. SO THERE'S NOTHING NEW  
17 HERE. THERE ARE BENEFITS, OBVIOUSLY, FOR SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE  
18 GOING TO GET RAISES. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE A LOT OF  
19 PEOPLE WHO AREN'T GOING TO SEE BENEFITS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING  
20 TO LOSE THEIR JOBS. WE SPOKE TO OUR MEMBERS. WE PUT OUT A  
21 SURVEY AND WE ASKED THEM WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO IF THIS  
22 WAGE INCREASE HAPPENS? AND WE ONLY ASKED THE ONES THAT HAVE  
23 MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEES. SOME OF THEM SAID THAT THEY WOULD  
24 REDUCE HOURS. SOME OF THEM SAID THAT THEY WOULD ELIMINATE  
25 EMPLOYEES. SOME SAID THAT THEY WOULD ELIMINATE SOME BENEFITS

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1 THAT EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY HAVE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
2 SOMEONE IS GOING TO END UP PAYING FOR IT, WHETHER IT'S THE  
3 CONSUMER WHO HAS TO PAY HIGHER PRICES AT THE RESTAURANTS OR  
4 THE DRY CLEANER OR IT'S THE EMPLOYEE WHO ENDS UP HAVING TO PAY  
5 MORE FOR THEIR HEALTH CARE OR GETS FIVE FEWER HOURS EVERY  
6 WEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GIOVANNI  
9 D'EGIDIO, AND HELEN HUA.

10

11 **TERRY CRANE:** HI, I'M TERRY CRANE, THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF  
12 THE SANTA CLARITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE REPRESENT 1,200  
13 BUSINESSES AND 60,000 EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE SANTA CLARITA  
14 VALLEY. THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IS AN INTERESTING DEMOGRAPHIC  
15 WHERE WE HAVE CITY LIMITS AND THEN WE HAVE LOTS OF COUNTY  
16 UNINCORPORATED. I'M GOING TO SPEAK JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
17 COUNTY UNINCORPORATED OF THIS TOWN OF CASTAIC AND THE TOWN OF  
18 VAL VERDE. THE TOWN OF CASTAIC IS A MECCA FOR SMALL BUSINESS  
19 MOM AND POP SHOPS. THEY CURRENTLY LOST TWO LARGE SUPER MARKETS  
20 AND AN ABUNDANCE OF FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS WHICH IS A LOSS OF  
21 JOBS. THIS IS BEFORE THIS INITIATIVE EVEN TAKES PLACE. SO THE  
22 BURDEN OF THESE HIGHER WAGES IS GOING TO FALL ON MOM AND POPS  
23 WHO ARE ALREADY OVERTAXED PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AND  
24 OVERBURDENED FINANCIALLY. ALSO WITHIN THE TOWN OF VAL VERDE,  
25 VAL VERDE IS SERVED BY SAM DIXON HEALTHCARE. UNFORTUNATELY

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1 THEY COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. BUT SAM DIXON HEALTHCARE IS A  
2 NONPROFIT HEALTHCARE CORPORATION. THEY WILL HAVE TO CLOSE  
3 THEIR FACILITY IN THIS TOWN OF VAL VERDE, WHICH IS AN  
4 IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITY WITHIN L.A. COUNTY IN THE FIFTH  
5 DISTRICT. I URGE YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPACT TO  
6 THE SMALLER OUTLYING COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AS WELL AS  
7 THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY, PALMDALE,  
8 LANCASTER AREA. THIS IMPACTS MORE THAN SMALL POCKETS OF L.A.  
9 WITHIN THE BIGGER PICTURE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE  
10 SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP KEVIN  
13 KORENTHAL AND BRIAN SCOFELD.

14

15 **GIOVANNI D'EGIDIO:** MY NAME IS GIOVANNI D'EGIDIO AND I'M HERE  
16 AGAIN. THREE WEEKS AGO YOU GUYS WERE SUPPOSED TO DID A STUDY.  
17 SEEMS LIKE NOTHING HAS CHANGED. BUT I JUST WANT TO POINT SOME  
18 THINGS OUT. ONE, MOST OF MY EMPLOYEES ARE HIGH SCHOOL  
19 STUDENTS. THEY ARE PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEES. I DO HAVE A  
20 PLACE IN CASTAIC. THAT WILL BE THE FIRST PLACE THAT I CLOSE  
21 BECAUSE IT'S BARELY HOLDING ON. MY OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE  
22 MAKING MONEY SUPPORTS THAT BUSINESS. AS YOU GUYS INCREASE OUR  
23 MINIMUM WAGE FOR OUR SALARIES TO OUR EMPLOYEES OVER 50  
24 PERCENT, EVERYTHING GOES UP WITH IT. WORKERS' COMP, OUR  
25 INSURANCES. ARE WE GOING TO GET ANY HELP ON THAT? IS THE

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1 COUNTY GOING TO HELP WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES? AND AS YOU GUYS  
2 GIVE RAISES TO YOUR OWN STAFF IN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, DO  
3 YOU GUYS GIVE A 50 PERCENT RAISE OVER FIVE YEARS? I DON'T  
4 THINK SO. SO HOW CAN YOU IMPOSE SOMETHING SO DRASTIC TO US?  
5 I'M ALL FOR SOME SORT OF RAISE INCREASE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
6 THE BUSINESS OWNERS WHO HAVE THEIR LIVES INVESTED IN THEIR  
7 BUSINESS, THEY NEED TO HAVE SUPPORT, TOO. AND REAL STUDIES.  
8 NOT THESE STUDIES THAT WE HEARD TODAY THAT THEY ARE POLLING  
9 1,000 PEOPLE AND 200 PEOPLE SAY IT'S BAD OR GOOD. THOSE  
10 FIGURES ARE OFF. YOU GUYS ARE PAYING FOR THAT. IT'S PRETTY  
11 SCARY TO SEE IN THIS COUNTY CAN PULL SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON  
12 US. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS THE FIRST INTRO LEVEL OF GOING  
13 INTO THE JOB FORCE. WE GAVE ALL OUR GREAT JOBS AWAY TO ASIA,  
14 CANADA AND MEXICO. NOW WE GOT PEOPLE BACK HERE THINKING THAT  
15 BURGER KING IS A LIFE PATH JOB. THAT'S AN INTRO JOB. I WILL  
16 START THERE. BUILD A RESUME. WORK MY WAY UP INTO OWNING A  
17 BUSINESS OR MANAGING A RESTAURANT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
18 COUNTY IS DOING. IT'S PRETTY SAD THAT YOU GUYS ARE ELECTED  
19 OFFICIALS. YOU CAN'T RUN THE COUNTY ON A 50 PERCENT INCREASE.  
20 HOW COULD YOU IMPOSE A SMALL BUSINESSMAN WHO PAYS THE TAXES SO  
21 YOU CAN RUN THE COUNTY? IT'S VERY SAD, GUYS. IT'S VERY, VERY  
22 SAD.  
23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KEN  
25 WISEMAN. YES? YES, MA'AM.

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1  
2 **HELEN HUA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HELEN HUA. REPRESENTING  
3 THE ROSEMEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
4 LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF CHAMBERS WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 16  
5 CHAMBERS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND ALSO A PROUD MEMBER OF  
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. WE HAVE BEEN  
7 ACTIVELY MOBILIZING OUR BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT MEMBERS TO  
8 ENSURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD AND EXPRESSLY CONSIDERED  
9 EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IN THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE  
10 CONVERSATION UNDER CONSIDERATION. OUR BUSINESS AND NONPROFITS  
11 WANT TO GIVE INPUT AND HAVE BUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS  
12 IMPEDE THEIR EFFORTS TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS AS FAST AS THE  
13 COUNTY IS MOVING IT ALONG. HOWEVER, OUR COALITION HAS  
14 DILIGENTLY WORKED TO STAY WITHIN THE RESTRICTED CONFINES OF  
15 THE ESTABLISHED TIMELINES TO SOLICIT INPUT THE MOST FREQUENT  
16 RESPONSE THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OUTREACH WE'VE DONE AND  
17 SPECIFIC COMMENTS GIVEN BY OUR BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT  
18 ORGANIZATIONS IS THAT AN INCREASE WILL HURT THEM AND THEY WILL  
19 EITHER HAVE TO RAISE PRICES, PERHAPS EVEN LEAVE THE COUNTY AND  
20 IN INSTANCES INCLUDING THE NONPROFITS MAY HAVE TO REDUCE  
21 WORKFORCE OR DECREASE SERVICES, AMONG OTHER REPERCUSSIONS. IN  
22 FACT, THE CURRENT STATEWIDE INCREASE THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR  
23 IS ALREADY BEING FELT AND ALL THE WHILE OTHER OPERATING  
24 EXPENSES CONTINUE TO RISE. I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE  
25 COALITION IS NOT AGAINST THE IDEA OF INCREASING THE WAGE, BUT

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1 WE CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AGAINST THE CURRENT PROPOSED PLAN  
2 CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHILE IT'S WONDERFUL THAT THERE  
3 ARE COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN ADJUST TO THIS OR ARE  
4 CURRENTLY PAYING ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE, ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT  
5 ALL. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REALIZE THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE MOTION  
6 HAS THE SUPPORT AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THE DETAILS RIGHT AS  
7 YOU APPLY THESE RULES COUNTYWIDE. WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN  
8 OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE THROUGH  
9 THE COUNTY RESOURCES TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES REPORT AND THE  
10 RECENT MOTION TO INCREASE L.A. COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS  
11 PROCUREMENT GOAL TO 25 PERCENT. THIS KIND OF SUPPORT IS NEEDED  
12 AND LONG OVERDUE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, RIDLEY-THOMAS  
13 AND SOLIS FOR THESE INITIATIVES. FINALLY, THE COALITION LOOKS  
14 FORWARD TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS IN  
15 IMPLEMENTING AND IMPROVING RESOURCES FOR OUR MEMBERS TO ENSURE  
16 THAT ANY IMPLEMENTATION IS EQUITABLE FOR THESE COUNTY  
17 STAKEHOLDERS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **HELEN HUA:** JUST AS EMPLOYEES HAVE GIVEN BLOOD, SWEAT AND  
22 TEARS, BUSINESS OWNERS ALSO HAVE GIVEN BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS  
23 AND CONTINUE TO DO SO AND CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE SAME AMERICAN  
24 DREAM THAT THEIR EMPLOYEES DO.

25

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

2

3 **HELEN HUA:** THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHEILA KELLY  
6 MCCLURE. KEVIN?

7

8 **KEVIN KORENTHAL:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GOOD  
9 AFTERNOON MY NAME IS KEVIN KORENTHAL, I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
10 DIRECTOR OF THE FORGED BY FIRE FOUNDATION. FORGED BY FIRE IS A  
11 501 (C) 3 NONPROFIT ESTABLISHED THREE YEARS AGO TO COME  
12 ALONGSIDE TRAUMATIC INJURY AND DEBILITATING DISEASE SURVIVORS  
13 SO THEY CAN HAVE A BETTER OUTLOOK AND A BETTER LIFESTYLE GOING  
14 FORWARD. I FELT THAT THE COUNTY VENDOR SURVEY WAS NOT  
15 FORMATTED IN A WAY THAT MADE IT EASY FOR NONPROFIT  
16 ORGANIZATIONS. WE NEVER COMPLETED THE SURVEY BECAUSE WE  
17 THOUGHT IT WAS DESIGNED FOR PROFIT BUSINESSES. IF ASKED, WE  
18 WOULD HAVE SHARED THAT THE MAJORITY OF FORGED BY FIRE CLIENTS  
19 ARE DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO GET OFF OF  
20 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, DISABILITY SUPPORT AND INTO A LIFE OF  
21 SELF-SUFFICIENCY. DISABLED PEOPLE FALL TO THE BOTTOM OF THE  
22 PROSPECTIVE HIRING LIST BECAUSE THEY DO NOT REPRESENT A  
23 PREFERRED GROUP OF INTERESTS AND OFTEN HAVE PHYSICAL  
24 LIMITATIONS THAT PRIVATE BUSINESSES STRUGGLE TO DEAL WITH. WE  
25 FEEL THAT THIS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT

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1 THE ABILITY OF DISABLED PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VETERANS TO GET  
2 JOBS THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LIFT THEM OUT OF POVERTY. BUSINESSES  
3 BECAUSE OF THIS POLICY WILL HAVE NO MOTIVATION TO HIRE WORKERS  
4 WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS BECAUSE OF THE ADDED LABOR COSTS  
5 ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLICY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT RAISING  
6 THE WAGE FROM THE BOTTOM UP WILL LEAVE MANY PEOPLE AT THE  
7 BOTTOM. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT. WHAT IS NEEDED IS  
8 MORE OPPORTUNITIES. MORE JOBS SO THAT A GREATER NUMBER OF  
9 COUNTY RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CHALLENGES, CAN FIND  
10 WORK. I WANT TO CLOSE BY POINTING OUT THAT \$15 AN HOUR IS NOT  
11 GOING TO BRING ONE INCOME FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY, BUT IT  
12 WILL, AS THE COUNTY'S OWN REPORT POINTS OUT, RAISE THE COSTS  
13 OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHO RELY ON IT FOR  
14 THEIR EXISTENCE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
17 SERENDRA META. THANK YOU.

18

19 **BRIAN SLOFELD:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M BRIAN SLOFELD: I  
20 HAVE A MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN THE SANTA CLARITA AREA. WE DO  
21 FALL INTO THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICTS. AS A MANUFACTURING  
22 COMPANY, WE SELL TO COMPANIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SO IT'S  
23 GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO RAISE OUR PRICES AND EXPLAIN "YOU'VE  
24 MADE THE UNFORTUNATE DECISION TO BUY FROM A COMPANY THAT'S IN  
25 THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF LOS ANGELES." WE'RE ESTIMATING FOR

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1 OUR ANNUAL INCREASE, IT WILL BE \$70,000 A YEAR FOR A COMPANY  
2 THAT HAS 27 EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW. THE ONLY OPTIONS  
3 WE'RE LOOKING AT TRYING TO ABSORB THIS IS LAYING OFF, REDUCING  
4 HEALTHCARE COSTS. WE DO APPRECIATE THE CONSIDERATION ON TRYING  
5 TO HELP OUT SMALL BUSINESSES. ONE THING THAT DOES STIFLE OUR  
6 GROWTH. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE STAY UNDER THAT THRESHOLD  
7 TO REMAIN IN THE SMALL BUSINESS CATEGORY. AND CERTAIN ASPECTS  
8 OF IT, LIKE REDUCING THE -- OR SPREADING OUT THE FLOW FOR THE  
9 MINIMUM WAGE TO GO INTO EFFECT MAKES IT CHALLENGE IN ITS OWN  
10 RIGHT WHERE WE'D BE OFFERING LESS MONEY THAN A FAST FOOD  
11 RESTAURANT IN OUR SAME AREA. SO FOR US, ANY HELP THAT WOULD GO  
12 TOWARDS REDUCING TAX CUTS WOULD BE THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD  
13 AND BASIC HELP THAT WE'D BE LOOKING FOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
14 TIME.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS SERENDRA META HERE? BILL  
17 LENT? JEREMY HARRIS? BRANDON MATSON? YES, SIR.

18

19 **KEN WISEMAN:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND OTHER SUPERVISORS, SO LET'S  
20 HEAR FROM ANOTHER ONE OF THE FOLKS THAT'S GOING TO BE FUNDING  
21 THE DECISION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE MAKING TODAY. I HAVE A  
22 PAYROLL OF APPROXIMATELY \$16 MILLION AT A.M.S. FULFILLMENT. I  
23 HAVE 8 OPERATIONS IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. 6 OF THEM ARE GOING  
24 TO BE IMPACTED BY THIS DECISION, 2 ARE NOT. THAT'S ABOUT 20  
25 FOOTBALL FIELDS OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS THAT WE SHIP OUT ACROSS

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1 THE COUNTRY, SIMILAR TO THE GENTLEMAN WHO JUST SPOKE, MY  
2 CUSTOMERS WHO I SHIP FOR ABOUT 40 COMPANIES ARE  
3 INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL COMPANIES. THEY REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT  
4 JUST OUR MINIMUM WAGE HERE. I AM COMPETING AGAINST OTHER  
5 COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. OUT OF 360 EMPLOYEES, I HAVE  
6 140 THAT ARE MAKING BETWEEN \$9 AND \$10 AN HOUR. TRUST ME,  
7 THEY'RE NOT PAYING OFF SCHOOL LOANS. I WORK VERY CAREFULLY  
8 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO EMPLOY AT-RISK YOUTH. AT  
9 LEAST 30 OF THEM ARE AT-RISK YOUTH. I WORK WITH  
10 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS. I HAVE 18 WORKING FOR ME.  
11 THERE'S REASONS WHY THEY CAN'T WORK BEYOND 9 OR 10, I'LL TALK  
12 ABOUT THAT LATER. I ALSO WORK WITH SEVERAL LOW-SKILLED OR  
13 NONENGLISH SPEAKING ADULTS WHO ARE ABLE TO GET SKILL SETS IN  
14 MY EMPLOYMENT THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO GO ON EVERY DAY OR EVERY  
15 WEEK I'M SIGNING LAST COMPENSATION CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES MAKING  
16 \$9 AND \$10 AN HOUR BECAUSE WHILE I PROVIDE PROMOTION  
17 OPPORTUNITIES, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE EDUCATION THEY'RE  
18 RECEIVING AT MY OPERATION AND ABLE TO GO ON AND GET BETTER  
19 JOBS ELSEWHERE. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS MAKE ME CHANGE THE  
20 WAY I MANAGE MY BUSINESS. I AM LOOKING TO MOVE OPERATIONS  
21 OUTSIDE OF THE AREA IMPACTED BY YOUR DECISION. I'M LOOKING TO  
22 INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY AT THE BASIC WAREHOUSE LEVEL. IT WILL  
23 REPLACE JOBS. AND THERE WILL BE PEOPLE THAT CURRENTLY WORK FOR  
24 ME IN THAT \$9 TO \$10 AN HOUR RANGE WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO  
25 ADJUST TO THE TECHNOLOGY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAY WORKING

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1 FOR US. I'M ACTIVELY TRYING TO HELP WITH THE ANNEXATION OF  
2 COMMERCE CENTER INTO SANTA CLARITA BECAUSE SANTA CLARITA, TO  
3 THE BEST OF MY UNDERSTANDING, ISN'T GOING TO FOLLOW SUIT.  
4 THEY'RE GOING TO BENEFIT FROM ALL OF THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE  
5 GOING TO WANT TO LOCATE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE 5 ON THE EAST  
6 SIDE. WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS GOING TO BE REALLY DAMAGING TO  
7 COMPANIES LIKE MINE. THE INCREASES THAT YOU PROPOSE WOULD  
8 ACTUALLY SURPASS THE PROFIT I MADE IN THE COMPANY THIS YEAR.  
9 TRUST ME. I'VE RUN THIS COMPANY WITH MY PARTNER FOR 12 YEARS.  
10 WE'LL FIGURE OUT TO MAKE IT WORK. IT JUST MIGHT NOT BE IN THIS  
11 COUNTY. (BOOS FROM AUDIENCE. [GAVEL.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP BRANDON MATSON.  
14 YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **SHEILA MCCLURE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MAYOR  
17 ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
18 TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GLENDORA. I'M SHEILA MCCLURE  
19 AND I'M A BUSINESS OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE GLENDORA CHAMBER  
20 OF COMMERCE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO REPORT TODAY THAT THE  
21 GLENDORA CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0 TO OPPOSE THIS  
22 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN OUR CITY BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING  
23 REASONS. THE SURVEY THAT WE TOOK IN OUR CITY OVERWHELMINGLY  
24 DID NOT SUPPORT THIS WAGE INCREASE. OUR BUSINESS OWNERS, HARD-  
25 WORKING INDIVIDUALS, ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO CLOSE

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1 THEIR BUSINESSES DUE TO THESE INCREASED COSTS. THEY'RE  
2 CONCERNED MANY BUSINESSES MAY HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF L.A. COUNTY  
3 AS THE GENTLEMAN JUST REPORTED. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AS  
4 THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BECAUSE OF THESE  
5 INCREASED COSTS. THAT EMPLOYMENT GROWTH MAY SLOW DOWN. AND  
6 THAT COSTS OF CAPITAL AND LABOR MAY ENCOURAGE MORE AUTOMATION.  
7 WE'RE CONCERNED ALSO THAT THE STUDIES DON'T SUPPORT THE  
8 UNDERLYING REASONS FOR THIS WAGE INCREASE TO IMPROVE THE  
9 IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. L.A.E.D.C. REPORT  
10 STATED THE FOLLOWING, 68 PERCENT OF ALL WORKING AGE CIVILIANS  
11 IN POVERTY ARE NOT WORKING. 30 PERCENT OF FAMILIES LIVING IN  
12 POVERTY HAVE NO WORKERS IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD. AND 40 PERCENT WHO  
13 ARE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL  
14 DEGREE AND VULNERABLE TO LABOR SUBSTITUTION. MINIMUM WAGE WAS  
15 NEVER INTENDED TO BE A LIVING WAGE. THE MAIN PROBLEM WITH A  
16 MEASURE SUCH AS THIS IS IT IGNORES BASIC ECONOMICS. HIGHER  
17 WAGES EQUALS HIGHER PRICES, HIGHER PRICES EQUAL LOWER DEMAND.  
18 IT WOULD BE MORE HONEST TO JUST RAISE TAXES. I IMPORE YOU TO  
19 NOT PASS THIS LEGISLATION TODAY AND INSTEAD GO BACK TO WORK TO  
20 FIND A WAY TO HELP OUR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED FAMILIES IN LOS  
21 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP- [BOOS  
24 FROM AUDIENCE].

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PLEASE. SHOW RESPECT TO BOTH SIDES AS  
2 THEY SHOWED RESPECT TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE TESTIFYING. LET ME  
3 ALSO CALL UP CAROL CROSBY AND ROSS TURNER. YES, SIR.

4

5 **BILL LENT:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
6 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS IMPORTANT  
7 TOPIC. MY NAME IS BILL LENT. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF WATER  
8 PARKS FOR PALACE ENTERTAINMENT. WE OWN AND OPERATE AMUSEMENT  
9 PARKS, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS, AND WATER PARKS ACROSS  
10 THE COUNTRY INCLUDING RAGING WATERS HERE IN SAN DIMAS. I  
11 UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE COMPENSATION FOR MINIMUM  
12 WAGE WORKERS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE JOBS PROVIDE THE YEAR  
13 ROUND SUPPORT FOR A FAMILY. OUR BUSINESS, HOWEVER, IS UNLIKE  
14 MOST. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE AN EXCEPTION FOR BUSINESSES LIKE  
15 OURS. RAGING WATERS IS A SEASONAL OPERATION. WE'RE OPEN FOR  
16 ONLY FIVE MONTHS EACH YEAR AND WE OPERATE FOR ONLY 120 DAYS.  
17 WE HAVE ABOUT 750 EMPLOYEES OF WHICH 98 PERCENT ARE SEASONAL.  
18 THE MAJORITY OF OUR STAFF ARE YOUNG ADULTS IN COLLEGE OR HIGH  
19 SCHOOL. 25 PERCENT OF OUR STAFF ARE MINORS. WE ARE OFTEN THE  
20 FIRST JOBS THEY HAVE EVER HAD. AND WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE  
21 THEM TRAINING AS THEY DEVELOP SKILLS THAT HELP THEM ONCE THEY  
22 MOVE ON TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT. I DO NOT THINK THE CURRENT  
23 PROPOSAL FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE WAS DIRECTED AT THIS PARTICULAR  
24 GROUP OF EMPLOYEES. THE YOUNGER ADULTS OFTEN STILL LIVE AT  
25 HOME AND ARE NOT SUPPORTING A FAMILY. I'M ASKING THAT YOU

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1 CONSIDER MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AND  
2 ALLOW SEASONAL OPERATORS LIKE US A GRADUATED PAY SCALE FOR OUR  
3 YOUNG SEASONAL WORKERS. AS YOU KNOW, A PROPOSAL LIKE THIS HAS  
4 BEEN MOVED IN MARYLAND FOR THE SIX FLAGS. AS EVERYONE KNOWS,  
5 LABOR IS ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS,  
6 ESPECIALLY HERE IN CALIFORNIA. AT RAGING WATERS WE SPEND ABOUT  
7 \$3 MILLION A YEAR ON OUR SEASONAL PAYROLL, A MINIMUM WAGE  
8 INCREASE OF 50 PERCENT WOULD ADD ABOUT A MILLION AND A HALF  
9 DOLLARS TO THAT PAYROLL. THIS IS NOT A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY  
10 AND IT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON HOW WE OPERATE.  
11 FIRST AND FOREMOST IT WOULD REDUCE OUR ABILITY TO REINVEST IT  
12 IN RAGING WATERS TO KEEP IT VIABLE. JUST THIS YEAR WE OPENED A  
13 BRAND NEW MILLION DOLLAR HYDROELECTRIC WATER COASTER.  
14 INVESTMENTS LIKE THIS WOULD NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE AND WE WOULD  
15 STRUGGLE TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THIS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE  
16 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARKET. HIGHER LABOR COSTS WILL LEAD TO  
17 OTHER COST CUTTING MEASURES LIKE REDUCED OPERATING HOURS. THIS  
18 IN TURN WILL REDUCE LABOR HOURS, AND ULTIMATELY THE PAY TO  
19 EMPLOYEES EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF THE INTENT OF THE HIGHER  
20 MINIMUM WAGE PROPOSAL. I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS  
21 ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF BASED ON OUR SEASONAL INDUSTRY AND ALLOW  
22 A LOWER SEASONAL WAGE FOR BUSINESSES LIKE OURS. THANK YOU FOR  
23 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.  
24

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1 **JEREMY HARRIS:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, COUNTY STAFF,  
2 GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JEREMY HARRIS. SENIOR VICE  
3 PRESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1,000  
4 MEMBERS STRONG. ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THOSE MEMBERS EMPLOY 25 OR  
5 LESS. OUR ORGANIZATION ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE BIZFED  
6 ORGANIZATION AND WE'RE HERE TO JOIN THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS  
7 TODAY. EVEN THOUGH A SMALL AMOUNT OF UNINCORPORATED AREA  
8 PERTAINS TO THE LONG BEACH AREA, WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH RAPID  
9 INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL HAVE ULTIMATE NEGATIVE  
10 IMPACTS ON OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. HOWEVER, WE STAND WITH BIZFED  
11 AND THEIR CONCERNS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER TODAY TO INCLUDE  
12 EXEMPTION FOR THE TEENAGE WORKFORCE, NONPROFITS THAT PROVIDE  
13 JOB SERVICES AND JOB TRAINING AND WE'RE EXTREMELY CONCERNED  
14 ABOUT THE LANGUAGE THAT DEFINES AN EMPLOYEE AS ANYONE WORKING  
15 TWO HOURS PER WEEK IN L.A. COUNTY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
16 COMMUNICATE OUR POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS  
17 INITIATIVE AND WE COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KNABE AND  
18 LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AND COUNTY STAFF ON THIS  
19 PARTICULAR INITIATIVE. WHILE WE ARE ADDRESSING THIS POINT, WE  
20 ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ELEMENTS OF STREAMLINING THE  
21 PERMITTING PROCESS AND TAX AND FEE RELIEF THAT THIS SMALL  
22 BUSINESS INITIATIVE CONTAINS. I WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT GOAL OF 25  
24 PERCENT, A MUCH NEEDED FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THANK

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1 YOU FOR THAT. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO ENTER  
2 OUR COMMENTS INTO THE RECORD TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP CAROL CROSBY AND  
5 CHRISTINA DAVIS. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **CAROL CROSBY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CAROL CROSBY. I  
8 REPRESENT THE WHITTIER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND AS THE  
9 VOICE OF BUSINESS, IT'S OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE OUR MEMBERS'  
10 VOICES ARE HEARD. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY. I THINK WE COULD  
11 ALL AGREE THAT WE WANT WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY TO HAVE MORE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND HAVE A BETTER  
13 QUALITY OF LIFE. HOWEVER, CURRENT PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE  
14 MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 BY 2020 WILL WIND UP HARMING THE ECONOMY  
15 BECAUSE SIMPLY IT'S TOO MUCH TOO FAST. AFTER POLLING OUR 620  
16 CHAMBER MEMBERS, MANY OF THEM LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED  
17 WHITTIER, THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE AGAINST THIS  
18 INCREASE AND BELIEVES THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE PROPOSAL WILL SLOW  
19 ECONOMIC GROWTH, DEVALUE THE WORKFORCE, LIMIT THE CREATION OF  
20 JOBS AND NOT ACTUALLY REACH THOSE IT INTENDS TO HELP. THEY  
21 ALSO BELIEVE THAT IF IMPLEMENTED THEIR BUSINESS WILL SIMPLY  
22 NOT BE ABLE TO ABSORB OR PASS ON TO THEIR CUSTOMERS A MINIMUM  
23 WAGE INCREASE OF ALMOST 50 PERCENT IN THREE SHORT YEARS  
24 WITHOUT REDUCING OR LIMITING EMPLOYMENT. BUSINESS OWNERS WE  
25 POLLED ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WAGE INFLATION FOR TRAINED AND

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1 CERTIFIED ENTRY LEVEL WORKERS. THEY WORRY ABOUT HOW THIS WAGE  
2 HIKE WILL AFFECT EXEMPT EMPLOYEES. THEY WORRY ABOUT  
3 POTENTIALLY NEEDING TO REDUCE THEIR STAFF TO BE ABLE TO KEEP  
4 THEIR DOORS OPEN. AND THEY EVEN WORRY ABOUT HAVING TO PACK UP  
5 THEIR BUSINESS AND RELOCATE JUST TO SURVIVE. AS A BUSINESS  
6 ORGANIZATION, OUR CHAMBER IS CONCERNED ABOUT LOCAL JOB  
7 CREATION, BUSINESS RETENTION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. IN  
8 CALIFORNIA, WE'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT BUSINESS-FRIENDLY  
9 MEASURES THAT WILL MAKE OUR STATE A COMPETITIVE PLACE FOR  
10 BUSINESSES TO COME TO. THIS STEEP INCREASE IS NOT BUSINESS-  
11 FRIENDLY. IT PUTS THE COMPLETE BURDEN ON THE BACKS OF  
12 BUSINESSES. WHITTIER HAS A SPECIAL CONCERN FOR THE NONPROFITS  
13 IN OUR AREA THAT SERVE MANY L.A. COUNTY FAMILIES AND  
14 INDIVIDUALS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE LIMITED BY THE FUNDING  
15 THEY RECEIVE, WHICH AS YOU KNOW HAVE DECREASED DRASTICALLY IN  
16 THE PAST YEARS. ACCORDING TO MANY WE HEARD FROM, NONPROFITS  
17 ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PAY PEOPLE MORE THAN THE CURRENT  
18 MINIMUM WAGE AND HAVING TO DO SO WILL SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE  
19 THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TO THOSE IN NEED. THE WHITTIER  
20 CHAMBER SHARES THE VISION OF BETTER WAGES, MORE JOBS AND A  
21 STRONGER ECONOMY. THAT'S WHAT WE STAND TO DO EVERY SINGLE DAY.  
22 BUT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE THAT HIGH IN THAT SHORT AMOUNT  
23 OF TIME IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **CAROL CROSBY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND WE HAD BRANDON  
5 MATTESON. DEMASSIO ALVAREZ. MATT SUTTON. YES, SIR.

6

7 **ROSS TURNER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROSS TURNER AND I AM THE  
8 C.E.O. AND COFOUNDER OF GUIDED DISCOVERIES, A CALIFORNIA  
9 NONPROFIT THAT HAS OPERATED THE CATALINA ISLAND MARINE  
10 INSTITUTE AND THE CATALINA SEA CAMP FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. WE  
11 ARE PART OF A VERY UNUSUAL UNINCORPORATED SECTION OF L.A.  
12 COUNTY AND THAT IS THE INTERIOR OF CATALINA ISLAND. THE SEVEN  
13 YOUTH CAMPS ON THE ISLAND ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH THE MOTION  
14 TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE AND THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT IT  
15 WILL HAVE UPON ALL OF THE YOUTH CAMPS. WE ARE CONCERNED  
16 THROUGH COST CUTTING MEASURES, WE MAY HAVE TO INCREASE FEES,  
17 WHICH WILL HAVE SOME FAMILIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO  
18 SEND THEIR KIDS TO CAMP TO HAVE THIS LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE.  
19 AND ALSO MIGHT CAUSE US TO REDUCE OUR STAFFS, DENYING MANY  
20 YOUNG PEOPLE THIS GATEWAY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. CAMPS EMPLOY  
21 PRIMARILY HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS AND RECENT COLLEGE  
22 GRADUATES, NONE OF WHICH ARE REALLY IN THE TARGET GROUP THAT  
23 WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY. RESIDENT CAMPS PROVIDE ROOM AND BOARD,  
24 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, JOB TRAINING AND A SUPPORTED COMMUNITY  
25 IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE WORK. CAMPS ARE MISSION-DRIVEN

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1 ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSING ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE WILL BE AT A  
2 COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE FROM CAMPS WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF L.A.  
3 COUNTY. AND MOST OF OUR COMPETITION, IF YOU CAN CALL THAT A  
4 NONPROFIT CAMP, COMES FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. FINALLY  
5 CATALINA ISLAND IS A TRULY UNIQUE L.A. COUNTY RESOURCE AND THE  
6 CAMPS THAT USE THE ISLAND FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ENRICHMENT  
7 PURPOSES COULD BE PUT IN JEOPARDY IF WE WEREN'T GIVEN SOME  
8 KIND OF AN EXEMPTION FOR OUR OPERATION. WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT  
9 OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND  
10 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY GIVING CONSIDERATION FOR AN  
11 EXCEPTION THAT WOULD PROVIDE ORGANIZED YOUTH CAMPS AND OUTDOOR  
12 EDUCATION CENTERS AN AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP GILBERT MANILA.  
16 YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **CHRISTINA DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
19 NAME IS CHRISTINA DAVIS AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAX  
20 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 530 BUSINESSES IN  
21 THE COMMUNITIES OF WESTCHESTER, PLAYA DEL REY, PLAYA VISTA AND  
22 MARINA DEL REY UNINCORPORATED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK  
23 WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE. FIRST AND FOREMOST LET ME  
24 SAY THAT L.A. WORKERS DESERVE A FAIR WAGE. HOWEVER, THE  
25 PROPOSED INCREASE PUTS AN INCREDIBLE BURDEN ON MANY OF OUR

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1 SMALL BUSINESSES. AND I'M NOT SURE ACHIEVES THE GOAL OF  
2 IMPROVING IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES. NO MATTER  
3 WHAT HAPPENS TODAY, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH  
4 OUR SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF TO CONSIDER ITEMS LIKE TOTAL  
5 COMPENSATION FOR TIPPED EMPLOYEES, EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFITS  
6 THAT PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, CARVE OUT TEEN WORKERS, AND  
7 THAT THERE IS NO UNION EXEMPTION FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE. I WORK  
8 VERY CLOSELY WITH MANY SMALL BUSINESSES, AND I'M ON THE  
9 FRONTLINES. THE REALITY AFTER SPEAKING TO SEVERAL COMPANIES IN  
10 OUR MEMBERSHIP IS THAT THE WAGE INCREASE WOULD HURT OUR SMALL  
11 BUSINESSES. MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES ARE WORRIED THAT THEY  
12 WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK WITHOUT RAISING THEIR  
13 PRICES OR CUTTING THEIR STAFF OR MAYBE EVEN WORSE CLOSING  
14 THEIR DOORS. AS ONE OF MY RESTAURANT OWNERS SAID: "HOW MUCH  
15 ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR A HAMBURGER?" OUR CHAMBER ALSO  
16 REPRESENTS THE CENTRIC CORRIDOR WHERE THE LIVING WAGE HAS  
17 ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. JUST LAST WEEK I SPOKE TO A  
18 HOTELLIER ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THIS INCREASE, AND HE HAS  
19 INFORMED ME DUE TO THE INCREASED COSTS THAT HE WILL BE CLOSING  
20 DOWN THEIR FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT DURING LUNCH, WHICH  
21 UNFORTUNATELY MEANS THAT HE'LL BE LAYING OFF TWO COOKS, THREE  
22 BUSSERS AND TWO WAIT STAFF. ADDITIONALLY, HE'LL BE CLOSING HIS  
23 ONSITE LAUNDRY SERVICE AND OUTSOURCING THIS JOB. THIS IS JUST  
24 ONE STORY I HAVE TODAY. AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF  
25 COMMERCE, A SMALL PRIVATELY FUNDED NONPROFIT I CAN TELL YOU

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1 HOW HARD IT IS TO RUN A BUSINESS: COMPLIANCE ISSUES. WORKER'S  
2 COMP. PAYROLL TAXES. HEALTH INSURANCE. \$15 AN HOUR IS NOT \$15  
3 AN HOUR. IT'S A WHOLE LOT MORE. BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION  
4 TODAY, PLEASE CONSIDER THE BIGGER IMPACTS OF YOUR VOTE. OUR  
5 BUSINESSES ARE JUST STRUGGLING TO RECOVER FROM AN ECONOMIC  
6 DOWNTURN. LET'S NOT LOSE THE JOBS THAT WE'VE CREATED. THANK  
7 YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO -- WE  
10 SAID BRANDON MATSON. BRANDON MATSON. DEMASIO ALVAREZ. MATT  
11 SUTTON. GILBERT MANILLA. MICHAEL SCHAEFFER. BOB BRANT. CHRIS  
12 ROSSBERG. BILL LINT. DAVID GREEN. GILDA VALDEZ. MELISSA  
13 HERNANDEZ. YES, SIR.

14

15 **MATT SUTTON:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
16 MATT SUTTON. I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION.  
17 WE'RE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE AS MEMBERS MANY OF THE SMALL  
18 RESTAURANTS THAT ARE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT  
19 THE COUNTYWIDE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IS LIKELY BUT WE WANT TO  
20 BE PRODUCTIVE PARTNERS IN THAT. WE URGE EXTREME CAUTION. THE  
21 CITY OF L.A. TOOK NEARLY NINE MONTHS TO DEVELOP THEIR PROPOSAL  
22 WITH MANY, MANY PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE WOULD SUGGEST FURTHER  
23 REVIEW. BUT THE BACKDROP TO ALL THIS IS THE STATEWIDE MINIMUM  
24 WAGE INCREASE THAT TOOK EFFECT JULY 1 AND WILL HAVE ANOTHER  
25 INCREASE JANUARY 1ST. THAT CUMULATIVE IMPACT WITH WORKER'S

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1 COMPENSATION, COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT,  
2 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX INCREASES, ALL OF THAT PILED ON  
3 TOGETHER IS HAVING A REAL IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND  
4 RESTAURANTS. NEVER HAVE WE RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE TO THAT  
5 LEVEL AT THE STATE, EVER. NO ONE HAS STUDIED THE IMPACT OF THE  
6 \$2 INCREASE ON THE STATE OR LET ALONE THE L.A. COUNTY ECONOMY.  
7 THOSE ARE THREE THINGS. WE THINK MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES SHOULD  
8 BE SMARTER AND NOT ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO ACHIEVE THEIR INTENDED  
9 IMPACTS. SO WITH THAT, WE WOULD SAY GRADUAL INCREASES OVER  
10 TIME THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO THE C.P.I. BUT HAVE BUILT-IN  
11 MECHANISMS TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AS THE INCREASES  
12 TAKE PLACE WOULD BE WISE. WE THINK A YOUTH WAGE WOULD BE  
13 IMPORTANT FOR THOSE THAT ARE 20 AND UNDER. WE PRIDE OURSELVES  
14 ON BEING AN ENTRY POINT FOR YOUTH INTO THE WORK WORLD,  
15 TEACHING THEM SOFT SKILLS. AS YOU GET INTO THESE HIGHER  
16 MINIMUM WAGES OF THE \$13, \$14 AND \$15 LEVEL THE DATA SHOWS  
17 THAT YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IS EXACERBATED. THAT'S SOMETHING WE  
18 DON'T WANT. AND THEN, FINALLY, IN CALIFORNIA, THE AVERAGE  
19 AMOUNT OF EARNINGS THAT A TIPPED SERVER IS MAKING IS \$21. I  
20 DON'T THINK THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU'RE INTENDING TO GIVE A  
21 RAISE WITH THIS PROPOSAL. SO IF WE WERE TO CONSIDER A TOTAL  
22 COMPENSATION STRUCTURE THAT WE'VE OUTLINED IN OUR LETTER TO  
23 YOU, THAT WOULD FREE UP LIMITED LABOR DOLLARS THAT SMALL  
24 RESTAURANTS HAVE AND CAN DEVOTE TO THE HEART OF THE HOUSE THE  
25 COOKS, THE DISHWASHERS, THOSE THAT DON'T MAKE MINIMUM WAGE,

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1 MAKE HIGHER THAN MINIMUM WAGE BUT DON'T SHARE IN TIPS. AND WE  
2 WOULD ENSURE A MINIMUM OF \$15 EARNINGS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LILLIAN  
5 CABRAL. YES, SIR.

6

7 **MICHAEL SCHAEFFER:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHAEL SCHAEFFER. I'M THE  
8 CHEF AND THE OWNER OF TWO RESTAURANTS IN THE TORRANCE, SOUTH  
9 BAY AREA. THIS WAGE INCREASE WILL IMPACT MY BUSINESS IN MANY  
10 WAYS. ONE, IT WILL ELIMINATE JOBS. I WILL HAVE NO OTHER  
11 RESOURCE BUT TO CUT OUT CERTAIN SERVICES TO MY GUESTS. THE  
12 FACT THAT IT WILL ALSO BE A DOMINO EFFECT ON PURCHASING. WHEN  
13 I STARTED IN BUSINESS 23 YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE, A SIDE OF  
14 SALMON COST \$3 PER POUND. IT'S NOW UP TO \$9 PER POUND. PLUS  
15 THERE'S DELIVERY CHARGES. AND THESE ARE GOING TO GO UP. THE  
16 DOMINO EFFECT OF THIS WAGE INCREASE IS GOING TO SEVERELY  
17 DAMAGE THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY. ALSO, WE NEED TO HAVE A WAGE  
18 FOR TIPPED EMPLOYEES. WE ARE ONE OF THE VERY FEW STATES, I  
19 BELIEVE IT'S FOUR OR FIVE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT DOES NOT  
20 HAVE A TIP WAGE SCALE. WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THAT AND TRY TO  
21 PUT THAT INTO PRACTICE HERE IN CALIFORNIA. WE'RE LOSING JOBS  
22 AND BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA. IN MY AREA, A LARGE COMPANY, YOU  
23 MIGHT HAVE HEARD ABOUT THEM, CALLED TOYOTA, JUST DECIDED TO  
24 PULL OUT OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY ARE 1.2 MILES FROM MY  
25 BUSINESS AND ONE OF MY MAIN, MAIN COMPANIES THAT I DO BUSINESS

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1 WITH. NOT ONLY AS A BUSINESS PARTNER BUT AS PART OF THE  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD. THROUGH MY BUSINESS, I RAISE OVER \$700,000 FOR  
3 THE ED FOUNDATIONS AND THE HOSPITALS AND THE LOCAL CHARITIES  
4 BY PARTICIPATING IN CHARITY EVENTS. MR. KNABE WILL ATTEST TO  
5 THIS. AND I WILL HAVE TO CUT BACK ON THOSE DONATIONS TO THESE  
6 CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE HOSPITALS AND THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE I WILL  
7 HAVE TO THEN USE THE MONEY THAT I PAY FOR THESE SPECIAL  
8 DINNERS TO PAY FOR MY WAGE INCREASE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOU NEED TO PUT MR.  
11 KNABE ON A DIET, THOUGH. [LAUGHTER.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. [LAUGHTER.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU. MORE  
16 VEGETABLES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CAN EAT ALL THE VEGETABLES FOR ME. [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **ROBERT BRANT:** YES, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING  
23 ME. MY NAME IS ROBERT BRANT. MY BUSINESS IS THE RED CAR  
24 BREWERY AND RESTAURANT LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN TORRANCE. I'VE BEEN  
25 THERE FOR 16 YEARS. I HAVE A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE

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1 FROM USC IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
2 AND AM A PROFESSIONAL BREWER BY TRADE. OUR SALES ARE OVER A  
3 MILLION AND A HALF A YEAR AND WE EMPLOY 35 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE  
4 BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON MANY OCCASIONS OVER  
5 THE YEARS AND RECENTLY BY EVEN THIS BODY, THE L.A. COUNTY  
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR OUR CIVIC SUPPORT IN INVESTMENT IN  
7 COMMUNITY. MY WIFE AND I ARE BUSINESS PARTNERS. WE'VE LIVED IN  
8 TORRANCE FOR 20 YEARS AND ARE RAISING TWO CHILDREN. LIKE MOST  
9 RESTAURANTS AND THOSE BUSINESSES IN THE SERVICE SECTOR, WE ARE  
10 A HIGH USER OF MINIMUM WAGE LABOR. ROUGHLY 60 PERCENT OF OUR  
11 LABOR IS PAID MINIMUM WAGE, AND MOST OF THAT IS PAID TO  
12 SERVERS WHO MAKE TIPS ON TOP OF MINIMUM WAGE. MINIMUM WAGE  
13 INCREASES, HOWEVER, AFFECT 100 PERCENT OF MY WORKFORCE. THE  
14 PROBLEM IS WHEN MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES, WE EXPERIENCE WHAT IS  
15 KNOWN AS WAGE COMPRESSION. ALL OTHER HOURLY WORKERS ABOVE  
16 MINIMUM WAGE BELIEVE THEY ARE NOW ENTITLED TO A RAISE EACH  
17 ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED A DOLLAR INCREASE TO MAINTAIN PARITY  
18 ABOVE THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. SO A MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE  
19 DOESN'T JUST AFFECT MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS; IT ALSO HAS THE  
20 UNINTENDED EFFECT OF BUMPING UP ALL HOURLY WAGE WORKERS, AS  
21 WELL. I HAVE ROUGHLY 2,500 HOURS A WEEK IN PAYROLL. SO  
22 ACCOUNTING FOR A DOLLAR MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, THE EFFECTS OF  
23 WAGE COMPRESSION AND INCREASE IN EMPLOYER PAYROLL  
24 CONTRIBUTIONS, MY ANNUAL WAGE INCREASE WILL BE \$160,000. IN  
25 YEAR TWO, YOU CAN MULTIPLY THAT BY 2. IN YEAR TWO, I WILL SEE

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1 A \$320,000 INCREASE FROM THE DOLLAR INCREASE PER HOUR. YEAR  
2 THREE, \$480,000. YEAR FOUR, \$640,000. AND IN YEAR FIVE, YOU  
3 GET THE IDEA, \$800,000. I USED TO BE AN EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC  
4 PERSON REGARDING MY BUSINESS AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH AND  
5 FOR THAT MATTER MY OWN FINANCIAL HEALTH. THE OVERALL ECONOMY  
6 IS ANEMIC. MY BUSINESS IS STRUGGLING. WHAT GROWTH I HAVE MADE  
7 YEAR TO DATE IN REVENUE IS DUE TO MY LATEST ROUND OF PRICE  
8 INCREASES. YOU SAY IT'S ONLY A DOLLAR A YEAR, BUSINESSES CAN'T  
9 ABSORB IT. THAT WALL RIGHT THERE SAYS THE COUNTRY IS FOUNDED  
10 ON FREE ENTERPRISE. FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE  
11 IT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO SELWYN YOSSLOWITZ?  
14 YES, SIR.

15

16 **KIRK ROSSBERG:** MY NAME IS KIRK ROSSBERG I'M THE OWNER OF  
17 TORRANCE BAKERY. I'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. AND  
18 ON A GOOD YEAR, A REALLY GOOD YEAR, WE MAKE A MODEST 5 PERCENT  
19 PROFIT. HOWEVER, MOST YEARS FALL AROUND 3 PERCENT OR LESS.  
20 OVER 50 PERCENT OF OUR REVENUE GOES TOWARDS PAYROLL. IT'S A  
21 SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS, AND WE HAVE NO EMPLOYEES WHO CURRENTLY  
22 MAKE MINIMUM WAGE. I'M GRATEFUL THAT MANY ON OUR STAFF HAVE  
23 BEEN WITH US FOR 10 TO 30 YEARS AND OUR BAKERY HAS GONE FROM  
24 90 HARDWORKING PEOPLE WHO EARN BETWEEN \$10 AND \$25 AN HOUR,  
25 WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR BAKERIES. ALL OF THESE

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1 EMPLOYEES WILL EXPECT TO MAKE AT LEAST \$6 AN HOUR MORE FROM  
2 THE MINIMUM WAGE GOES TO UP \$15. WE CAN'T CURRENTLY COMPETE  
3 PRICE-WISE WITH THE LARGE BAKERIES AND BIG BOX STORES, SO WE  
4 CREATED A NICHE IN MAKING CUSTOM COOKIES AND PASTRIES THAT ARE  
5 MADE BY HAND AND NOT PRODUCED WITH A LOT OF AUTOMATION.  
6 HOWEVER, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH VALUE FOR THIS SERVICE. AND WHEN  
7 MINIMUM WAGE REACHES \$15 PER HOUR, I WILL HAVE TO RAISE MY  
8 CURRENT PRICES AT LEAST 31 PERCENT TO COVER THIS EXTRA COST. I  
9 FEAR THAT THE DEMAND FOR MY CAKES AND PASTRIES WILL DIMINISH  
10 AS MY PRICES INCREASE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO STAY AFLOAT, BUT  
11 I'M AFRAID THAT OUR BEST OPTION NOW IS TO SEEK MORE WAYS TO  
12 STOP HIRING MORE EMPLOYEES, FORGET ABOUT EXPANSION AND CUT OUT  
13 SPECIAL ORDERS THAT HAVE MADE US A LITTLE BIT MORE UNIQUE. IF  
14 I DO CLOSE MY DOORS, THAT'S 90 PEOPLE OUT OF WORK. AND SINCE  
15 THERE'S NOT A LOT OF BAKERIES AROUND, THEY'LL HAVE TO CHANGE  
16 CAREERS AND BE RETRAINED BEFORE RE-ENTERING THE WORKFORCE.  
17 I'VE ALWAYS EQUATED MINIMUM WAGE WITH STARTING WAGE. AND I  
18 DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S BEEN MORPHED INTO LIVING WAGE. MY  
19 PERCEPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN IF YOU WORK HARD, OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
20 ADVANCEMENT WILL FOLLOW. I'M ALL FOR PEOPLE MAKING MORE MONEY,  
21 BUT I BELIEVE THIS MOVE IS TOO MUCH TO ABSORB AT ONE TIME.  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

25

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1 **DAVID GREEN:** GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
2 GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. MY NAME IS DAVID GREEN. I'M A  
3 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M A PROUD CHILDREN'S SOCIAL  
4 WORKER FOR L.A. COUNTY. I'M A MEMBER AND TREASURER FOR  
5 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 WHICH REPRESENTS NEARLY 60,000 L.A. COUNTY  
6 WORKERS. ON JUNE 2ND, I CELEBRATED MY 15-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS  
7 AN L.A. COUNTY WORKER. I STARTED WHEN I WAS 12 YEARS OLD. I  
8 SEE YOU DOING THE MATH. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE \$15 AN HOUR  
9 MINIMUM WAGE AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
10 MOTION TO ADJUST THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. FOR TOO LONG,  
11 CONTRACT A JOBS HAVE BEEN USED TO REPLACE GOOD JOBS WITH  
12 POVERTY JOBS. THE TIME IS NOW TO TAKE AWAY THE INCENTIVES FOR  
13 CONTRACTING OUT. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE COMPLICIT IN  
14 PERPETUATING POVERTY WAGES BY DOING BUSINESS WITH CONTRACTORS  
15 WHO WANT TO PAY LESS THAN \$15 AN HOUR. WE NEED TO CREATE  
16 OPPORTUNITIES RATHER THAN CREATING POVERTY. L.A. COUNTY LOSES  
17 MONEY WHEN CONTRACTORS PAY POVERTY WAGES BECAUSE IN THE END,  
18 THESE PEOPLE END UP IN LONG LINES OF OUR ALREADY OVERBURDENED  
19 SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM. WE CANNOT INCENTIVIZE THESE LOW ROAD  
20 CONTRACTORS. CONTRACT WORKERS ALSO DESERVE A FAIR WAGE TO  
21 SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. L.A. COUNTY  
22 MUST SET THE BAR FOR A JUST WAGE. IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
23 AIRPORT CONTRACTORS ARE ALREADY BEING HELD TO THE \$15 MINIMUM  
24 STANDARD. L.A. COUNTY CAN HOLD CONTRACTORS TO THIS STANDARD,  
25 TOO. WE NEED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES. WE CANNOT CREATE

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1 POVERTY. NEW PROPOSITION A IN CAFETERIA SERVICE AGREEMENTS  
2 SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE MINIMUM WAGE OF \$15 AN HOUR.  
3 THIS SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO ANY EXTENSION OF CURRENT CONTRACTS.  
4 AS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES  
5 AREA, L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. WE NEED TO CREATE  
6 OPPORTUNITIES, NOT POVERTY. WE NEED TO DEFINE WHAT THE  
7 STANDARDS SHOULD BE FOR ALL EMPLOYERS, BIG AND SMALL. THIS IS  
8 YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE THE RACE TO THE BOTTOM BY INSURING  
9 THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE EARN AT LEAST \$15 AN HOUR. WE  
10 NEED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITY, NOT CREATE POVERTY. THE FAMILIES  
11 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS. LET'S MAKE IT  
12 A REALITY. I ASK YOU TO VOTE YES AND SET L.A. COUNTY ON THE  
13 RIGHT PATH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **MELISSA HERNANDEZ:** TESTING, TESTING. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME  
16 IS MELISSA HERNANDEZ. I'M L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH PARKS AND  
17 RECREATION. I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOW 19 YEARS. SO,  
18 YES, YOU CAN DO THE MATH THERE FOR ME. I DID START AT 15. I  
19 PROUDLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION FOR \$15 AN HOUR. I'M  
20 NERVOUS BECAUSE I'M NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENTING MYSELF. I'M A  
21 DISTRICT MANAGER. SO I MAKE MORE THAN \$15 AN HOUR. BUT I'M  
22 HERE FOR MY STAFF. MY RECREATION SERVICE LEADERS WHO CAN'T  
23 AFFORD TO BE HERE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS WORK AND  
24 THEY DON'T HAVE A VOICE. SO I WANT TO BE THEIR VOICE. SO I'M  
25 HERE FOR THEM, FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES MAKING UNDER \$15 AN HOUR. I

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1 STRUGGLE AS A SINGLE MOM. AND I MAKE A DECENT LIVING, HAVE A  
2 COLLEGE DEGREE. THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE THOSE SAME OPPORTUNITIES  
3 THAT I HAVE ARE STRUGGLING EVERY DAY. AND I'M STRUGGLING TO  
4 KEEP THEM ON STAFF. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE UNDER \$15 AN HOUR.  
5 RENT IS GOING UP. THE PRICE OF GAS JUST WENT UP IN THE LAST  
6 TWO WEEKS LIKE YOU CAN'T BELIEVE. AND L.A. COUNTY'S BIG. SO  
7 TRAVELING TO SITES IS VERY HARD. THESE ARE HARDWORKING PEOPLE  
8 AND THEY NEED MORE TO GET AHEAD. THEIR FAMILIES ARE  
9 STRUGGLING. AND HOW ARE THEY EXPECTED TO DO IT ON \$15 AN HOUR?  
10 THEY CAN'T. WE NEED \$15 AN HOUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A  
11 GOOD WAY TO START. OUR COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM, I  
12 SEE THIS EVERY DAY ARE SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR HIGHER WAGES.  
13 WE CAN'T AFFORD CHILDCARE, SO WE'RE PUTTING THEM IN THE PARKS  
14 AND RECREATION PROGRAMS. AND IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF  
15 BECAUSE I CAN'T PAY THEM ENOUGH WE CAN'T PROVIDE THOSE  
16 SERVICES. SO AS PARENTS, IT'S SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TO MEET OUR  
17 CHILDREN'S NEEDS WITH UNDER \$15 AN HOUR. AND WE DON'T WANT TO  
18 REPEAT THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. SO I ASK YOU PLEASE TO HELP WITH  
19 SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE CHILDREN AND FOR OUR  
20 COMMUNITIES AND FOR MY STAFF. AND ON BEHALF OF MY STAFF,  
21 PLEASE HELP OUR ECONOMY AND GETTING \$15 AN HOUR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JAMES  
24 MCNEAL. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **GILDA VALDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GILDA VALDEZ. AND I  
2 STAND HERE BEFORE YOU AS A CHIEF OF STAFF FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL  
3 721 AND ALSO AS PRESIDENT FOR THE FIGHT FOR 15 FAST FOOD  
4 WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION TO INCREASE  
5 THE MINIMUM WAGE IS A KEY STEP IN CREATING A FLOOR FOR WHICH  
6 WORKING FAMILIES CAN RISE. A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, A GROUP OF  
7 L.A. WOMEN AND MYSELF WENT ON A 15-DAY FAST TO HIGHLIGHT THE  
8 URGENCY TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE. WHY A FAST? BECAUSE  
9 RIGHT NOW, PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES ARE ALREADY FASTING ON A  
10 DAILY BASIS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PUT FOOD ON  
11 THE TABLE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. LIFE IN L.A. IS  
12 EXPENSIVE. A TRIP TO THE GAS PUMP OR GROCERY STORE CAN LEAVE A  
13 WORKING FAMILY STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR RENT. ANYTHING LESS  
14 THAN \$15 IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEARD  
15 THE CALL OF FAST FOOD WORKERS TOOK THE FIRST STEP TO GET US TO  
16 \$15 AN HOUR. AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS BIG  
17 VICTORY. L.A. COUNTY CAN SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE BIG  
18 CORPORATIONS THAT POVERTY WAGES IN THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. JUST RECENTLY CALIFORNIA  
20 BERKELEY RELEASED A STUDY DEMONSTRATING THAT IT COSTS  
21 TAXPAYERS \$150 BILLION A YEAR AND SPECIFIC TO L.A. COUNTY 12  
22 BILLION BECAUSE WE AUGMENT THE WAGES OF LOW WAGE WORKERS  
23 BECAUSE THE EMPLOYERS WILL NOT PAY THEM A PROPER WAGE OR A  
24 LIVING WAGE. CAN WE AFFORD THAT? THE ARGUMENT ISN'T ABOUT  
25 SMALL BUSINESSES VERSUS A WORKING POOR AND WORKING FAMILIES OF

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1 LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO  
2 THESE MULTINATIONALS THAT DO NOT PAY A LIVING WAGE TO THEIR  
3 EMPLOYEES. I WANT TO THANK THE FAST FOOD WORKERS WHO ARE  
4 PRESENT AND THOSE THAT ARE HERE IN SPIRIT. THEY WERE THE ONES  
5 WHO FIRED THE SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD WHEN THEY SET OFF  
6 THEIR FIRST FAST FOOD STRIKE IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE COME THIS  
7 FAR THANKS TO THE COURAGE OF HARD WORKING FAMILIES TAKING A  
8 STAND AND DEMANDING BETTER PAY FOR OUR THEIR FAMILIES, FOR OUR  
9 LOCAL ECONOMY AND FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S TIME FOR OUR  
10 SUPERVISORS TO BRING IT HOME. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE] YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **DONNA DUPPERON:** MR. MAYOR AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DONNA DUPPERON, I'M PRESIDENT AND  
16 C.E.O. OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE REPRESENT  
17 IN OUR ORGANIZATION 857 BUSINESSES. WE ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF  
18 BIZFED. I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF THE TORRANCE  
19 BUSINESS COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH MOST OF OUR BUSINESSES WOULD NOT  
20 BE DIRECTLY SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE, MANY WILL BE FORCED TO  
21 RAISE THEIR WAGES TO COMPETE FOR LABOR. RAISING THE MINIMUM  
22 WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR INCREASES LABOR COSTS BY 60 PERCENT FOR  
23 MINIMUM WAGE-PAYING BUSINESSES. ACCORDING TO L.A.E.D.C.'S  
24 STUDY OF THIS PROPOSAL, 96 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES WITH MINIMUM  
25 WAGE WORKERS WILL PASS THESE COSTS ON TO CONSUMERS WITH 87

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1 PERCENT ALSO ABSORBING THE COSTS THROUGH REDUCED PROFITS.  
2 ALTHOUGH PROPONENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE TOUT THAT ONLY 6 PERCENT  
3 OF THESE BUSINESSES PLAN TO CUT MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEES, OVER  
4 THE LONG RUN, AS ECONOMIC GROWTH SLOWS AND PRICES INFLATE,  
5 DEMANDS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES WILL REDUCE THROUGHOUT THE  
6 COUNTY AND PLACE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF JOBS AT RISK. THE  
7 NEGATIVE IMPACTS THIS WILL HAVE WILL NOT BE ISOLATED TO  
8 BUSINESSES LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE CITY OF  
9 TORRANCE -- CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUT WILL ALSO AFFECT  
10 BUSINESSES IN INCORPORATED CITIES LIKE TORRANCE. I URGE THE  
11 HONORABLE BODY TO STAND UP FOR THE CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES BY  
12 OPPOSING THIS ORDINANCE WHICH WILL DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE  
13 COST OF LIVING AND THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY.  
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SELWYN YOSSLWITZ?

17

18 **SELWYN YOSSLWITZ:** YES.

19

20 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON OF L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LILLIAN CABRAL AND I'M A RESIDENT OF  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM ALSO AN L.A. COUNTY HEAD CLERK AT  
23 LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER FOR OVER 37 YEARS. I AM A PROUD  
24 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF S.E.I.U. 721 AND  
25 REPRESENTING NEARLY 60,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I AM HERE TODAY

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1 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' MOTION TO ADJUST THE LIVING  
2 WAGE ORDINANCE IS THE KEY TO LIFTING L.A. COUNTY'S WORKING  
3 FAMILIES. AS EVERYONE THAT IS HERE IN THIS ATTENDANCE HAS  
4 MENTIONED, IT IS EXTREMELY HARD TO SURVIVE IN LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY WITH LESS THAN \$15 AN HOUR. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
6 EVERY WORKER WHO PROVIDES SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY ALSO  
7 BENEFITS FROM THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE. IT'S TIME L.A. COUNTY SET  
8 A BAR FOR A BETTER WAY. CONTRACTORS WHO PAY THEIR WORKERS  
9 UNDER \$15 ARE SIMPLY PASSING THE BUCK. PAYING THEIR WORKERS  
10 POVERTY WAGES ONLY MEANS THAT L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES WILL  
11 HAVE TO PICK UP THE REST THROUGH FOOD STAMPS AND CASH AID TO  
12 MAKE ENDS MEET. A PERSON WHO GETS UP IN THE MORNING GOING TO  
13 WORK FOR THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND APPLY  
14 FOR PUBLIC SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY JUST TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR  
15 BILLS. THAT MAKES NO SENSE AND IT HURTS OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
16 OUR ECONOMY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN RAISE THE STANDARDS, RAISE  
17 FAMILIES UP AT THE SAME TIME PROTECT ITSELF FROM THE COST OF  
18 SUBSIDIZING LOW ROAD CONTRACTORS. A LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE  
19 HELPS US TO DEFINE WHAT THE STANDARD SHOULD BE FOR ALL  
20 EMPLOYEES. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE THE RACE TO THE  
21 BOTTOM BY ENSURING AS MANY WORKERS AS POSSIBLE EARNED THE \$15  
22 AN HOUR. LET'S MAKE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S PROPOSAL A REALITY  
23 WORKING FAMILIES CAN DEPEND ON. I ASK YOU FOR THE YES VOTE.  
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DR.  
2 GENE NEBEKER:

3

4 **SELWYN YOSSLOWITZ:** MY NAME IS SELWYN YOSSLOWITZ, I'M ONE OF  
5 THE FOUNDER OF THE GROUP OF EIGHT RESTAURANTS. WE HAVE MANY IN  
6 YOUR DIFFERENT DISTRICTS. I ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY ABOUT 35  
7 YEARS AGO WITH \$600 IN MY POCKET. I'VE SINCE BEEN ABLE TO  
8 MORTGAGE MY HOME, TAKE OUT LOANS FROM BANKS, PERSONALLY  
9 GUARANTEE AND PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR ABOUT 475 EMPLOYEES HERE  
10 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I DO THIS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE ARE  
11 ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE JOBS AND INCOME FOR ALL OUR EMPLOYEES.  
12 IT PAINS US WHEN WE LOOK AT THE SUPERVISORS WHEN WE JUST HOPE  
13 THEY WILL CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF TOTAL COMPENSATION. WE WANT  
14 EVERY EMPLOYEE TO EARN A LIVING WAGE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT  
15 WE HAVE REALLY A DIFFICULT TIME WHEN THE SUPERVISORS IGNORE  
16 THE CONCEPT OF TOTAL COMPENSATION, THAT IS WHAT OUR EMPLOYEES  
17 EARN IN TIPS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRES US TO PROVIDE A  
18 RETURN SHOWING WHAT OUR TIPPED EMPLOYEES EARN. AND OUR TIPPED  
19 EMPLOYEES EARN BETWEEN \$25 TO \$40 AN HOUR. SO YOU ARE  
20 REQUIRING EMPLOYERS FOR US TO PAY \$15 IN ADDITION TO THE \$25  
21 TO \$40 AN HOUR. THAT'S A GREAT HARDSHIP BECAUSE IT TAKES AWAY  
22 OUR ABILITY TO PAY THE HEART OF THE HOUSE WHO RICHLY DESERVE  
23 THESE INCREASES. WE'RE NOT FIGHTING A MINIMUM WAGE. WE WANT IT  
24 TO BE FAIR THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO PROVIDE OUR EMPLOYEES

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1 EMPLOYMENT ON A PERMANENT BASIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
2 HEARING ME OUT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JAMES MCNEAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND FELLOW  
5 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JAMES MCNEAL. DIRECTIONER OF  
6 OPERATIONS FOR SCHAEFFER AMBULANCE SERVICES. I AND OTHERS IN  
7 THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S  
8 DESIRE TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE. HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO BRING  
9 TO YOUR ATTENTION THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE WILL HAVE A  
10 SIGNIFICANT AND UNIQUE IMPACT UPON THE COUNTY'S PRIVATE  
11 AMBULANCE INDUSTRY. MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL MAKE UP 70 PERCENT  
12 OF THE INDUSTRY'S CALLS. 10 PERCENT COME FROM COMMERCIAL  
13 INSURANCE. THE REMAINING 10 PERCENT OF THE PATIENT ACCOUNTS  
14 ARE WRITTEN OFF DUE TO PATIENTS' INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO  
15 PAY FOR SERVICE. UNFORTUNATELY MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL  
16 REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IS WOEFULLY  
17 INADEQUATE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COSTS SET BY THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES FOR A BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RESPONDING UNIT IS \$1,012.75.  
19 HOWEVER, MEDICARE REIMBURSES THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY AT 25  
20 PERCENT OF THAT AMOUNT. MEDI-CAL'S REIMBURSEMENT IS AROUND 9.5  
21 PERCENT OF THAT AMOUNT. THAT MEANS THE AMBULANCE COMPANIES  
22 LOSE 90.5 PERCENT AND 75 PERCENT FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS. OF THE  
23 70 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL CALL VOLUME. AN INCREASE IN THE  
24 MINIMUM WAGE WILL HAVE A HIGH IMPACT ON THE INDUSTRY BECAUSE  
25 LABOR COSTS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE AMBULANCE

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1 SERVICE, LABOR COSTS. THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS THE  
2 AMBULANCE INDUSTRY WOULD LIKE TO TIE AN INCREASE TO THE  
3 MINIMUM WAGE THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE RATES CHARGED. IN  
4 JOINING WITH OTHER COMPANIES, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU  
5 -- THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT LANGUAGE WITHIN THE  
6 COUNTY'S GENERAL PUBLIC AMBULANCE RATE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW  
7 AMBULANCE RATE INCREASES TO BE TIED TO THE MINIMUM WAGE  
8 INCREASE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE COUNTY'S RATE ORDINANCE WOULD  
9 NOW INCLUDE A NEW MODIFIER; THAT IS IN THE MINIMUM WAGE OF X  
10 AND THE CORRESPONDING WOULD BE Y. THE CHANGE IS NECESSARY  
11 BECAUSE THE RATE AN AMBULANCE COMPANY CAN CHARGE IS SET BY THE  
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, MAKING IT THE ONLY INDUSTRY THAT CAN'T  
13 UNILATERALLY INCREASE WHAT CHARGES IT FACES WITH NEW MINIMUM  
14 WAGE INCREASE. THE NEW LANGUAGE IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PUBLIC  
15 AMBULANCE RATE ORDINANCE WILL HELP THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY IN  
16 OFFSETTING THE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE COUNTY'S  
17 MINIMUM WAGE. TO DO THIS WILL ALLOW THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY TO  
18 CONTINUE THE SAFETY NET AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS  
19 OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL  
22 UP LISA DUPUY, MEREDEITH MILLER, PHILIP SOLOMON.

23

24 **DR. GENE NEBEKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS  
25 GENE NEBEKER, I'M AT THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 FARM BUREAU. THE COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE  
2 TELLS ME THAT AT ONE TIME THE AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION IN THIS  
3 COUNTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WAS GREATER THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY  
4 IN THE STATE. IN FACT, AT THAT TIME IT WAS GREATER THAN ANY  
5 OTHER COUNTY IN THE NATION. IN FACT, IT WAS ALSO GREATER THAN  
6 ANY STATE IN THE NATION. NOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS  
7 PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 1 OF AGRICULTURE IN THE COUNTY. THE AV  
8 GROUND WATER ADJUDICATION REDUCES OUR GROUND WATER PUMPING TO  
9 LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF HISTORICAL USE. THIS MIGHT BE  
10 ACCEPTABLE IF IT'S BASED ON CORRECT SCIENCE. BUT IT'S NOT  
11 TRUTHFUL. HOWEVER, IT WAS CONCOCTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE  
12 JUDGE ACCEPTED IT BEFORE SIX MONTHS BEFORE HE HEARD ANY  
13 EVIDENCE IN COURT. ALTHOUGH THE STATE HAS EXPERIENCED A  
14 HORRIBLE DROUGHT. THE COUNTY HAS CREATED A GROUNDWATER DROUGHT  
15 IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE ONE DOES NOT EXIST. THE A.V. AERIAL  
16 PLAN WILL REDUCE VAST AMOUNTS OF OUR PROPERTY IN ANTELOPE  
17 VALLEY TO LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE AND  
18 CREATES HEALTH AND SAFETY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH BLOWING  
19 DUST AND SAND. THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN AWAY MOST OF OUR WATER,  
20 DRAMATICALLY REDUCED THE PROPERTY VALUES AND CREATED HEALTH  
21 AND SAFETY PROBLEMS AND NOW IS CONSIDERING INCREASING THE  
22 MINIMUM WAGE BY 66 PERCENT. I HAD TALKED RECENTLY TO  
23 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND PALMDALE WHO  
24 TELL ME THEIR COUNCILS ARE NOT CONSIDERING MINIMUM WAGE  
25 INCREASES BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE RECALLED. AND THEY'RE NOW

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1 GETTING QUITE A BIT OF REQUESTS FOR ANNEXATION TO GET OUT OF  
2 THE COUNTY'S AREA. I URGE YOU TO THINK VERY CONSTRUCTIVELY AND  
3 INNOVATIVELY ABOUT HOW TO HELP LOW INCOME WAGE PEOPLE. AND THE  
4 COUNTY, I THINK THEY SHOULD BE BASED ON OPPORTUNITY. THE FARM  
5 BUREAU WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO COME UP  
6 WITH PLANS AND IDEAS HOW TO DO THIS BECAUSE WE THINK WE NEED  
7 TO DO THIS AND NOT DESTROY SMALL BUSINESSES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAQUERI BUSHU.

11

12 **PHILIP SOLOMON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PHILIP SOLOMON. I'M  
13 THE C.E.O. OF SAMUEL DIXON FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE SANTA  
14 CLARITA VALLEY. WE OPERATE THREE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ONE  
15 OF WHICH IS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF VAL VERDE. HOWEVER,  
16 BECAUSE WE HAVE COUNTY CONTRACTS AND GRANTS, THE WAGE INCREASE  
17 WILL IMPACT ALL THREE OF OUR HEALTH CENTERS. WE HAVE BEEN  
18 SERVING OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDING HEALTHCARE TO THE UNINSURED  
19 FOR OVER 30 YEARS NOW. AND LAST YEAR ALONE WE SERVICED OVER  
20 4,700 INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 15,000 PATIENT VISITS.  
21 40 PERCENT AS OF TODAY ARE STILL UNINSURED EVEN WITH THE  
22 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN  
23 SUCH AS MY HEALTH L.A., C.H.D.P., EVERY WOMAN COUNTS. WE  
24 PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS TO HELP FIND HEALTHCARE  
25 COVERAGE FOR THOSE THAT ARE UNINSURED. LAST YEAR ALONE, WE

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1 INCURRED OVER \$700,000 OF UNPAID MEDICAL CARE THAT WE PROVIDED  
2 TO THE OVER 5,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SERVED. WITH THIS WAGE  
3 INCREASE, I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH THE  
4 FUNDS TO COVER THOSE HEALTHCARE COSTS THAT WE'LL INCUR FOR  
5 THIS YEAR ALONE SINCE EXPANDING OUR SERVICES. I DO KNOW THAT  
6 WE ARE LOOKING AT REDUCING ACCESSIBILITY TO OUR PATIENTS BY  
7 REDUCING HOURS, REDUCING STAFF, REDUCING SERVICES. AND THAT  
8 WILL HAVE A DRASTIC IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE  
9 HEALTHCARE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD IT IN AN AREA THAT  
10 HEALTHCARE IS AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IS NOT AS ACCESSIBLE. I  
11 WISH THAT THE COUNTY WOULD SERIOUSLY TAKE A LOOK AT THIS AS IT  
12 WILL HAVE A DRASTIC IMPACT ON THE OVER 5,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT  
13 WE PROJECT TO SERVE THIS YEAR FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IN THE  
14 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JULIE  
17 KYLE. JULIE KYLE. JOHN HOLLAND. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **MEREDITH MILLER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MEREDITH MILLER, AND I  
20 AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND I  
21 ALSO OWN TWO BUSINESSES IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY AND  
22 ALTADENA. AND I WANT TO SAY HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON NOW. IT'S  
23 NOT GOOD MORNING ANYMORE TO EVERYBODY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PRETTY SOON IT WILL BE GOOD EVENING.

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1  
2 **MEREDITH MILLER:** WHERE'S LUNCH? I WANT TO SAY THAT EVERYBODY  
3 HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT THEIR CHAMBERS. OUR CLAIM TO FAME RIGHT  
4 NOW IS PROBABLY THE SMALLEST CHAMBER IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'VE GOT  
5 ABOUT 100 MEMBERS, OF WHICH WE'RE VERY PROUD OF RIGHT NOW. OUR  
6 CHAMBER'S BEEN STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN  
7 ABLE TO BRING A LOT OF NEW BUSINESSES INTO OUR COMMUNITY FOR  
8 QUITE A LONG TIME. AND I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE  
9 REASONS THAT I FEEL THAT IS THE PROBLEM. WE STRUGGLE WITH HIGH  
10 PERMIT FEES. WE STRUGGLE THAT MAKE IT VERY UNATTRACTIVE AND  
11 UNBUSINESS FRIENDLY IN OUR COUNTY FOR PEOPLE TO COME IN. WE  
12 LOSE A LOT OF BUSINESS TO PASADENA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE SAN  
13 GABRIEL VALLEY. WE HAVE C.S.D. RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE OUTDATED.  
14 I KNOW WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING RIGHT NOW. WE REALLY  
15 NEED TO MAKE THAT GO AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. AND, REALLY, WE HAVE  
16 A BIG PROBLEM WITH PARKING. WE HAVE NO PARKING. THESE ARE NOT  
17 ISSUES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH A MINIMUM WAGE, BUT IT ALL WORKS  
18 TOGETHER. WE NEED TO BE HELPED QUITE A BIT UP THERE BECAUSE  
19 WHAT'S HAPPENING IS NEW PEOPLE ARE MOVING IN. SO, I'M GOING TO  
20 CUT TO THE CHASE, I AM. I SEE 33 SECONDS, NOT VERY MUCH TIME  
21 HERE. I'VE HEARD A LOT OF WHAT EVERYBODY HAS ALREADY SAID  
22 ABOUT WHAT THIS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE POTENTIALLY WILL DO. I  
23 WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WILL THE COUNTY REALLY DO TO HELP OUR  
24 SMALL BUSINESSES? I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEVELOPING  
25 PROGRAMS FOR EXISTING, FOR BUSINESS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY

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1 DON'T JUST DEVELOP FOR NEW BUSINESS. DEVELOP FOR EXISTING  
2 BUSINESS. ONCE WE'RE DONE PERMITTING AND LICENSING, NONE OF  
3 THAT IS GOING TO HELP US ANYMORE. WE'D LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN  
4 COUNTY CONTRACTS PROGRAMS THAT ARE FOR SMALL BUSINESS ONLY SO  
5 WE CAN COMPETE FOR THEM. MY TIME IS EXPIRED. THE LAST THING,  
6 PLEASE LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME COUNTY  
7 FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO BE A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
8 WORK WITH OUR BUSINESSES. WE ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY ALIVE UP  
9 THERE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALEX DAVIS AND EDDIE  
12 TORRES. YES MA'AM.

13

14 **LISA DUPUY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LISA DUPUY, WITH THE  
15 CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
16 DIRECTOR THERE. OUR CHAMBER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1925  
17 AND IT CURRENTLY HAS OVER 350 MEMBERS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
18 WHOM ARE SMALL TO MID SIZE MOM AND POP LOCALLY OWNED  
19 BUSINESSES. THE CHAMBER IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY,  
20 INCLUDING IN THE IN THE LA CRESCENTA-MONTROSE AREA WHERE IT  
21 HOLDS VARIOUS BUSINESS EXPOS, MIXERS, RELATED BUSINESS  
22 PROMOTIONAL EVENTS. IN THIS REGARD, THE CHAMBER TAKES PRIDE IN  
23 KNOWING THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY ON BUSINESS-RELATED ISSUES.  
24 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE CHAMBER HAS HAD INFORMAL  
25 DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS MEMBERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ABOUT THEIR

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1 OPINION ON THE PENDING MINIMUM WAGE HIKE. THE CITY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES RECENTLY IMPLEMENTING SUCH A HIKE. THE DISCUSSIONS  
3 HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE PRESSING AND LIVELY BECAUSE THE RATE  
4 INCREASE IS NO LONGER AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT. THE CHAMBER ALSO  
5 FORMALLY SURVEYED ITS MEMBERS BY EMAIL, WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE  
6 AND MAIL QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT THEIR OPINION ON SUCH A RATE  
7 HIKE. THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND THE SURVEY ARE QUITE  
8 CLEAR. BUSINESS OWNERS AND RESIDENTS IN LA CRESCENTA-MONTROSE  
9 ARE OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST A MANDATORY RATE HIKE BECAUSE OF  
10 THE NEGATIVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IT WILL HAVE ON  
11 BUSINESSES AND THE GREATER ECONOMY. THE BETTER STRATEGY, OUR  
12 BOARD BELIEVES, IS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO AND ALLOW THE  
13 MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE  
14 COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO WILL ALLOW THE  
15 COUNTY TO SEE WHAT IMPACT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S RATE HIKE  
16 WILL HAVE ON BUSINESSES THERE AND IT WILL IN NO WAY LIMIT OR  
17 HAMPER THE RIGHT OF BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES TO NEGOTIATE  
18 THEIR OWN INDIVIDUALIZED INCREASES AS NEEDED BASED UPON THEN  
19 MARKET FORCES. SO THANK YOU FOR HEARING ALL THE VARIOUS  
20 PERSPECTIVES ON THIS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

23

24 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHN HOWLAND WITH THE  
25 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE EXPRESSED SOME OF OUR

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1 RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SPEED OF THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE  
2 PREVIOUSLY. BUT C.C.A. DOES SUPPORT EFFORTS IMPOSING WAGE  
3 THEFT LAWS AND HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE THOSE BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE  
4 WHO STEAL FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES. WAGE THEFT IS A CRIME. C.C.A.  
5 ENCOURAGES THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE WAGE THEFT LAWS. AND WE ASK  
6 THAT BEFORE CREATING A NEW BUREAUCRACY WITH PUNITIVE  
7 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, YOU WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE AND  
9 COMPANIES WHO ABIDE BY THE LAW ARE NOT UNWITTINGLY PUNISHED OR  
10 FORCED TO DEAL WITH NEW UNYIELDING REGULATIONS. AGAIN,  
11 COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO DELIBERATELY BREAK THE LAW AND  
12 STEAL FROM EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE PUNISHED. BUT EMPLOYERS WHO  
13 MAKE LEGITIMATE MISTAKES SHOULD NOT BEAR THE BRUNT OF A  
14 PUNITIVE LAW AIMED AT EGREGIOUS ACTIONS. GO AFTER THE BAD  
15 GUYS. PLEASE DO NOT INADVERTENTLY PUNISH THE GOOD ONES. PLEASE  
16 WORK WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BRING BALANCE TO THIS  
17 ENDEAVOR AND LET'S CREATE A SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS BOTH  
18 EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS WHO ARE TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL HENRY  
21 ROGERS. JULIE KYLE. WILLIAM LEIGHTY. YES, SIR.

22

23 **ALEX DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS ALEX DAVIS, I  
25 AM WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A.

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1 SINCE THE BOARD BEGAN DISCUSSING RAISING THE COUNTY'S MINIMUM  
2 WAGE, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN CLEAR. RAISING WAGES  
3 DOES NEGATIVELY AFFECT AN EMPLOYER'S ABILITY TO OFFER MORE  
4 HOURS, MORE SHIFTS AND BETTER BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES NOW FACING  
5 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LABOR COSTS, SOMETHING WILL HAVE TO GIVE.  
6 AS THE CHIEF GOVERNING BODY OVER THESE RESIDENTS AND  
7 BUSINESSES, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST ADOPT POLICIES THAT  
8 LOWER THE ALREADY HIGH COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY. PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR BUSINESSES TO JOIN THIS  
10 COMMUNITY. DON'T SHOW THEM THE WAY OUT. HELP THESE RESIDENTS  
11 BY PROVIDING TOOLS AND RESOURCES THAT MAKE LOCAL BUSINESSES  
12 COMPETITIVE AFTER YEARS OF BAD BUSINESS POLICY, WE OWE IT TO  
13 THEM. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO ASKED DAQUERI BUSHU AND WILLIAM  
16 LEIGHTY. OKAY. YES, SIR.

17

18 **EDDIE TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES. GOOD  
19 AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I REPRESENT THE EAST LOS  
20 ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ON JUNE 8TH, I RECEIVED AN ONLINE  
21 SURVEY AND IT ASKED US TO SEND IT OUT TO ALL OUR SMALL  
22 BUSINESS MEMBERS AND SAID WE HAD A -- IT WAS RECEIVED AT 11  
23 A.M. AND IT WAS ASKED TO BE ANSWERED BY 5 P.M. THAT DAY. WE  
24 FELT AND SO DID ALL THE PEOPLE WE TALKED TO FROM THE SMALL  
25 BUSINESSES THIS WAS A VERY UNFAIR L.A. ONLINE SURVEY. THEN WE

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1 DID A SURVEY WITH ALL THE OTHER CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE WE COULD  
2 GET AHOLD OF. IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE 3 OF THE HANDOUT I GAVE YOU.  
3 PAGE 3 IT HAS A SURVEY OF THE ALL THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF  
4 THE COUNTY. WE LISTED 133. AND OUT OF THAT, THE  
5 REPRESENTATIVES BY THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, YOU HAVE 26,  
6 SURVEYED 13 THAT WE COULD CONTACT. THEY DID NOT RECEIVE THE  
7 SURVEY OUT OF THOSE 13 WAS 8. OUT OF THE THIRTEEN, EIGHT  
8 OPPOSED IT AND ALSO OF THE FIVE THAT HAD NO STAND ON THE ISSUE  
9 THEY NEEDED MORE INFORMATION. THAT MEANS THAT OVER 70 PERCENT  
10 OF THESE UNINCORPORATED WERE REPRESENTED AND OUT OF THE SURVEY  
11 62 PERCENT OPPOSED THIS MOTION. L.A. COUNTY HAD A FOCUS GROUP  
12 THAT I JUST HEARD ABOUT RIGHT HERE AND WE WEREN'T INVOLVED. IN  
13 THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA, WE SURVEYED 30 INDIVIDUAL  
14 BUSINESSES, THEY ARE ALL OPPOSED TO THIS WAGE INCREASE.  
15 UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. IS MAINLY SMALL BUSINESSES. WE HAVE  
16 ABOUT 2,000 BUSINESSES. OUT OF THAT L.A.E.D.C. INTERVIEWED  
17 226. THAT'S ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF JUST THE EAST L.A.  
18 UNINCORPORATED AREA BUSINESSES. WE FEEL THAT THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION DUE TO THE TWO  
20 SURVEYS: L.A.E.D.C. AND ALSO THE L.A. COUNTY ONLINE SURVEY.  
21 THESE ARE NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN ACCURATE. ALL OF THE  
22 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HERE INCLUDING EAST L.A. HAVE  
23 CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION. THE CITIES THAT ARE WATCHING RIGHT  
24 NOW AND SEE THE EFFECTS AND SEE THE REPERCUSSIONS AND HEAR ALL  
25 THE NEGATIVITIES. DO YOU REALLY, REALLY THINK THAT THEY WILL

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1 FOLLOW SUIT? SO THE EAST L.A. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IS PLEADING  
2 WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GIVING US A 90 DAY REVIEW ON  
3 THE L.A.E.D.C. SURVEY AND A 60 DAY OPEN RECONSIDERATION FOR  
4 THE ONLINE SURVEY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO ANTELOPE  
7 VALLEY. JULIE KYLE IS THERE. WE HAD YOU DOWN HERE. ANYWAY,  
8 WELCOME.

9

10 **JULIE KYLE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD  
11 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JULIE KYLE. WE'RE EMPLOYERS, FARM  
12 EMPLOYERS. AND I'M A FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY FARM BUREAU. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN WITH  
14 THE RAPID AND PROPOSED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. A LITTLE STORY  
15 FOR YOU. I RECENTLY HAD A CUSTOMER COME IN, AND HE BROUGHT UP  
16 THE WAGE INCREASE SUBJECT TO ME. HE'S IN THE CONSTRUCTION  
17 FIELD. AND HE TOLD HIS BOSS THAT HE WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD  
18 TO A 50 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE. HE SAID HIS BOSS LOOKED AT HIM  
19 JUST STUNNED. THE EMPLOYEE PASSED ALONG TO HIS BOSS, HE SAID  
20 "I HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. I'VE BEEN WITH YOU FOR 20 YEARS.  
21 AND I'M NOT OKAY WITH AN INEXPERIENCED OR ENTRY LEVEL PERSON  
22 GETTING A HUGE WAGE INCREASE AND ME NOT GETTING ONE." SO  
23 THAT'S JUST SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT. THIS IS GOING TO  
24 HAVE A SNOWBALL EFFECT ON OUT-OF-CONTROL WAGES THAT MOST  
25 COMPANIES CANNOT PAY. THERE IS A REAL LIMIT TO WHAT EMPLOYERS

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1 CAN PAY. THERE IS AN END. PEOPLE HAVE THE MISGUIDED OPINION  
2 THAT IF YOU'RE IN BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF, THAT YOU'RE WEALTHY.  
3 AND THAT'S NOT THE CASE. INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE ALSO  
4 INCREASES OUR WORKER'S COMP, OUR GENERAL LIABILITY AND TAXES  
5 BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL TIED TOGETHER. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE EGG  
6 INDUSTRY SEEING PRICES AT LOWS NOT SEEN SINCE 2010. YET IN THE  
7 LAST THREE YEARS, OUR ELECTRICITY COSTS HAVE GONE UP 50  
8 PERCENT, CHEMICALS, FUEL, FERTILIZER, PARTS, THEY HAVE ALL  
9 DRASTICALLY INCREASED. OUR SALES COMPETE ON A LOCAL, NATIONAL  
10 AND GLOBAL LEVEL; BUT OUR COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS ARE  
11 LOCALIZED. THE NOTION OF PASSING ON AN INCREASE IN WAGES TO  
12 CONSUMERS IS NOT FEASIBLE IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. AG IS  
13 AN UNUSUAL INDUSTRY. OUR COMPETITORS ARE NOT FACED WITH THE  
14 SAME COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS THAT WE ARE, PUTTING US AT AN  
15 EXTREME COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE RIGHT OFF THE BAT. I CAN TELL  
16 YOU THAT AG EMPLOYERS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN WITH IN OUR AREA ARE  
17 NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO CUT EMPLOYEES, AND THESE  
18 ARE EMPLOYEES THAT MANY OF US HAVE WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH  
19 FOR DECADES. ALSO, THE IDEA OF TYING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO THE  
20 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WHICH IS LINKED TO INFLATION, IS  
21 IRRESPONSIBLE AND WILL BRING AGRICULTURE TO ITS KNEES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **JULIE KYLE:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DAQUERI BUSHU ALSO IN LANCASTER. AND  
3 SAMUEL BRISCO AND FRAN ZAKARI?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THE OTHER PERSON LEFT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS SAMUEL? WELCOME. YOU'RE ON.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** OH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US TODAY. MY  
10 BIGGEST PROBLEM IS I WORK FOR [INAUDIBLE] FARMS FOR QUITE A  
11 FEW YEARS AND THE PROBLEM IS IT DOESN'T SEEM EQUITABLE BECAUSE  
12 WE HAVE COMMUNITIES NEXT DOOR TO US WHO AREN'T INCORPORATED SO  
13 THEY DON'T HAVE TO INCUR THIS COST. SO IT IS AN UNFAIR  
14 ADVANTAGE TO BIG BUSINESSES NEXT DOOR IN THE NEIGHBORING  
15 COMMUNITIES TO US. SMALL BUSINESS, THEY DON'T MAKE A LOT OF  
16 MONEY. THEY DON'T MAKE THE MONEY THAT PEOPLE THINK THEY MAKE,  
17 OKAY. AND TO GIVE US THIS COST IS UNFAIR. WE HAVE TO PASS THAT  
18 COST ON TO CONSUMERS. WE HAVE TO PASS THAT COST ON TO THE  
19 CONSUMER, THE BIG BUSINESSES NEXT DOOR TO US, THE GAS STATIONS  
20 IN THE NEXT COMMUNITIES, THEY DON'T HAVE TO INCUR THAT COST.  
21 ARE YOU NOW AS A CONSUMER GOING TO BUY YOUR GAS IN PALMDALE OR  
22 LANCASTER? BECAUSE THEIR GAS PRICES AREN'T GOING TO BE AS HIGH  
23 AS THOSE IN LITTLEROCK. ARE YOU NOW GOING TO BUY YOUR FOOD OR  
24 EATERIES FROM RESTAURANTS IN PALMDALE OR LANCASTER, NOT IN  
25 LITTLEROCK, OR PEARBLOSSOM OR THE SMALL COMMUNITIES WHO ARE

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1 INCORPORATED? THIS MEASURE IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE IT DOESN'T PASS  
2 THOSE COSTS ONTO THOSE BIG BUSINESSES IN THOSE BIG CITIES WHO  
3 ARE INCORPORATED. TO GO UP SO FAST, EVEN IF YOU GAVE YOUR  
4 EMPLOYEES A RAISE EVERY YEAR OF 5 PERCENT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
5 MEET THAT MINIMUM WAGE. SO SOMEONE WHO WORKS FOR ME FROM 2015  
6 TO 2021, IF THEY START AT \$10, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE MAKING  
7 \$15 AN HOUR EVEN BY 2021. SO NOW THEY HAVE TO GET A RAISE  
8 INCREASE. BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FEEL GOOD BECAUSE THEY'RE  
9 MAKING THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AS SOMEONE WHO COMES IN THE  
10 DOOR IN 2021. THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT FAIR. IF YOU WILL DO THE  
11 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, IT SHOULD BE ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO  
12 EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY, MAYBE THE WHOLE STATE, NOT JUST  
13 UNINCORPORATED BECAUSE THAT'S NOT FAIR TO THE SMALL  
14 BUSINESSES. OKAY. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU IS [INAUDIBLE] THERE? FRAN?  
17 [AUDIO FEEDBACK]. HI FRAN AND THEN STEVE PETZOLD YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **FRAN SERESERES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND  
20 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. MY NAME IS FRAN  
21 SERESERES AND I CONSIDER MYSELF AS AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS AND  
22 PEOPLE THAT CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I AGREE IN A WAY FOR  
23 THE INCREASE OF THE \$15 AN HOUR BUT MY THING IS IT SHOULDN'T  
24 BEGIN IN YEARS TO COME AS A TIDBIT HERE AND THERE OF \$1 HERE  
25 AND A DOLLAR THERE. IT SHOULD BEGIN NOW BECAUSE NOW IS WHEN

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1 THE PEOPLE NEED IT. THE INCREASE IN LATER TIME MEANS THAT THE  
2 INCREASE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE INCREASE SO  
3 THE BALANCE IS NOT THERE. SO WE ARE GOING TO BE IN THE SAME  
4 BOAT WE'RE IN TODAY. IF WE CAN GET THE \$15 INCREASE FOR PEOPLE  
5 BUT HAVE THE BIG BOX BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE MAKING A LOT OF  
6 MONEY, I MEAN BIG BUSINESSES, KEEP THEIR PRICE AS IS AND NOT  
7 INCREASE THEM AT THEIR OWN BACK AT THE PUBLIC WITH THIS  
8 INCREASE OF \$15 AN HOUR FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. ALSO, ON BEHALF  
9 OF THE SENIORS AND LOWER INCOME PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE  
10 SENIORS, WE ARE BARELY MAKING IT WITH WHAT WE HAVE NOW, MOST  
11 OF THEM DON'T EVEN MAKE \$500 TO \$600 A MONTH. THEY BARELY MAKE  
12 THEIR RENT. SOME OF THEM DON'T EVEN HAVE FOOD ON THE TABLE.  
13 BUT IF YOU INCREASE \$15 TO EVERYBODY AND THE BIG BOX BUSINESS  
14 INCREASE THEIR PRICES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE INCREASE, WHERE  
15 DOES IT LEAVE US AT? WE DON'T GET AN INCREASE IN OUR SOCIAL  
16 SECURITY LIKE WE WERE GETTING. WE HAVEN'T GOT ONE FOR A WHILE.  
17 AND I WILL JUST THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME AND GOD BLESS  
18 YOU ALL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS STEVE THERE? HE'S GONE?

21

22 **STEVE PETZOLD:** I'M HERE. I HAD SOME LOGISTICS PROBLEMS HERE.  
23 YES, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME IS STEVE PETZOLD. I RESIDE IN  
24 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I URGE YOU TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL.  
25 I HAVE A SON THAT USED TO WORK AT A.M.S. FULFILLMENT. I CAME

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1 UP HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT AN ISSUE TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN  
2 THAT. BUT WHEN I HEAR A COMPANY LIKE A.M.S. FULFILLMENT SAY  
3 THAT THEY WILL CHANGE THEIR OPERATIONS, MOVE THEIR OPERATIONS  
4 OR HAVE THE AREA ANNEXED, THAT IS A REAL THREAT. MY SON WHO  
5 WENT TO COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS, HAD A VERY NICE JOB THAT FIT  
6 HIS SCHEDULE AT A.M.S. FULFILLMENT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF  
7 COMPANIES IN THIS COMPANY THAT RELY ON THE SERVICES OF A  
8 COMPANY LIKE A.M.S. FULFILLMENT. SO YOUR ADOPTION OF THIS  
9 ORDINANCE IS GOING TO HURT NOT ONLY THAT COMPANY, BUT THE  
10 COMPANIES THAT RELY, COMPANIES IN THIS COUNTY THAT RELY ON  
11 THEM FOR THEIR SERVICES. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE CITY OF SANTA  
12 CLARITA WILL NOT CONSIDER RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. AND THIS  
13 IS GOING TO CREATE A LARGE DISPARITY AS THE MAYOR MAY WELL  
14 KNOW BETWEEN THOSE AREAS WEST OF THE FIVE THAT ARE  
15 UNINCORPORATED AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. THE RESTAURANTS  
16 THAT ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE, ON THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN SIDE WILL  
17 HAVE PRESSURES PUT ON THEM WHERE THOSE IN THE CITY OF SANTA  
18 CLARITA DO NOT. WE CAN SEE THAT THOSE COMPANIES AND RESIDENTS  
19 IN THOSE AREAS MAY WELL DECIDE TO COME ON OVER TO SANTA  
20 CLARITA AND BE ANNEXED. SO I REALLY -- THE HISTORY OF MINIMUM  
21 WAGE INCREASES IS THAT IT KILLS JOBS. AND I DO NOT UNDERSTAND  
22 WHY LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THIS ECONOMIC SITUATION IS  
23 CONSIDERING RAISING THE WAGES THAT WILL HURT THE EMPLOYERS AND  
24 ULTIMATELY HURT THE PEOPLE THAT WORK AT THESE COMPANIES. I  
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND WISH YOU GOOD AFTERNOON.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME SAY WE HAVE  
3 APPROXIMATELY 100 MORE PEOPLE TO SPEAK. APPROXIMATELY. WE WANT  
4 TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED THE BOARD  
5 ALREADY BUT STILL REMAIN, AS I SAY, ABOUT 100. SO WE'RE GOING  
6 TO LIMIT THOSE TO -- WE'RE GOING TO BE HARD TO ONE MINUTE EACH  
7 SO WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS HEARING BECAUSE THIS IS ONLY THE  
8 BEGINNING OF A VERY EXTENSIVE LONG MEETING ON OTHER ISSUES  
9 THAT ARE BEFORE THE SUPERVISORS. SO I'M GOING TO CALL UP DR.  
10 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. CLIFF MARCUSSEN, LORETTA STEVENS. ISELA  
11 CASTRO.

12

13 **CLIFF MARCUSSEN:** MY NAME CLIFF MARCUSSEN, I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
14 DIRECTOR OF OPTIONS FOR LEARNING. WE ARE A CHILDCARE AND  
15 PRESCHOOL NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT SERVES IN THE GREATER SAN  
16 GABRIEL VALLEY, WHITTIER AREA. AND I LIVE IN THE SECOND  
17 DISTRICT. I VERY MUCH WOULD LIKE TO PAY ALL OF MY STAFF A  
18 LIVING WAGE. AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. THE JOBS IN MY  
19 AGENCY ARE PERMANENT JOBS. THEY'RE NOT JUST ENTRY LEVEL JOBS.  
20 THEY REQUIRE COLLEGE EDUCATION. HOWEVER, THE STATE OF  
21 CALIFORNIA DOES NOT FUND US ADEQUATELY AND NOT ONLY MY AGENCY  
22 BUT HUNDREDS OF OTHERS STATE-FUNDED CHILDCARE AGENCIES  
23 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO PAY \$13 OR \$15 AN HOUR. AT \$13 - \$15  
24 AN HOUR, WE WOULD BE FORCED TO CLOSE. WE SERVE LOW INCOME  
25 EARNING PEOPLE. MY REQUEST TO THE BOARD IS THAT IN TANDEM WITH

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1 PASSING THIS RESOLUTION OR THIS ORDINANCE, THAT YOU REQUEST TO  
2 THE CALIFORNIA SENATE, THREE SENATOR DE LEON, THAT THE STATE  
3 WOULD ACTUALLY FUND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AN ADEQUATELY  
4 TO PAY THESE WAGES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
7 LESTER MEZA AND ERICA TORRES. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **LORETTA STEVENS:** OKAY. LORETTA STEVENS ON BEHALF OF THE BLACK  
10 WORKERS CENTER, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-  
11 THOMAS AND SOLIS AND MISS KUEHL FOR ADVOCATING TO INCREASE  
12 MINIMUM WAGE FOR ALL WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. 30 PERCENT OF  
13 BLACK WORKERS EARN LESS THAN \$12 AN HOUR ON THEIR JOBS. THE  
14 LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKERS' CENTER ALSO SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE  
15 ANTI-WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENTS THAT INCLUDE CIVIL RIGHTS  
16 PROTECTIONS AND ENHANCED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ENFORCEMENTS THAT  
17 ADDRESS ISSUES THAT BLACK WORKERS ARE EXPERIENCING AND  
18 SUFFERING FROM SPECIFICALLY DAILY. IN THE MOTION IT TALKED  
19 ABOUT BLACK WORKERS FACING TWICE THE AMOUNT OF WAGE THEFT AS  
20 WHITE WORKERS FACE. DISCRIMINATION'S A PRACTICE THAT PREVENTS  
21 WORKERS FROM COLLECTING THEIR WAGES. EXCLUSIONS FROM JOBS  
22 BASED ON THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN IS ALSO A MAJOR FORM OF WAGE  
23 THEFT. CLOSE TO 20 PERCENT BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE  
24 AND IS DEVASTATING THAT L.A. COUNTY BLACK WORKERS AND THEIR  
25 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. PLEASE ENSURE ALL WORKERS REGARDLESS

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1 OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN OR THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY SPEAK ARE  
2 PROTECTED AGAINST SCANDALOUS PRACTICE BY BAD EMPLOYERS THAT  
3 BENEFIT WITH WEALTH AND PROFIT FROM OUR WONDERFULLY DIVERSE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. INCLUDE SUPPORT CIVIL RIGHTS  
5 PROTECTIONS AND WAGE THEFT PROTECTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

8

9 **LORETTA STEVENS:** I'M IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOSE  
12 RODRIGUEZ. JOSE RODRIGUEZ. NANCY BERLIN. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **ISELA CASTRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ISELLA CASTRO, I'M A  
15 COUNTY RESIDENT AND I LIVE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I SPEAK HERE  
16 TODAY ON BEHALF OF UNITED PARENTS OF GREEN DOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
17 OVER THE LAST YEAR WE'VE BEEN ORGANIZING FOR A CHANGE IN OUR  
18 COMMUNITIES. WE'VE HELD A NUMBER OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL ACTIONS  
19 WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS THE BARRIERS TO LEARNING THAT  
20 EXIST OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. ONE OF THOSE BARRIERS IS THE  
21 MINIMUM WAGE. AT GREEN DOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. 76 PERCENT OF OUR  
22 PARENTS EARN LESS THAN \$13.25 AN HOUR AND 84 PERCENT OF OUR  
23 PARENTS EARN LESS THAN \$15 AN HOUR. ON A DAILY BASIS I WORK  
24 WITH FAMILIES ALL OVER THE COUNTY WHO STRUGGLE TO SUPPORT  
25 THEIR FAMILIES ON MINIMUM WAGE JOBS. IN FACT, SOME OF THESE

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1 PARENTS HAVE TO WORK TWO TO THREE JOBS JUST TO KEEP A ROOF  
2 OVER THEIR HEAD AND MEET THE VERY BASIC NEEDS OF THEIR  
3 FAMILIES. THIS IS NO WAY FOR ANYONE TO LIVE. SO I STAND HERE  
4 TODAY ASKING YOU TO DO US RIGHT. INVEST IN OUR FAMILIES AND  
5 COMMUNITIES AND HELP IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE BY RAISING  
6 THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR WITH STRONG COMPREHENSIVE WAGE  
7 ENFORCEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAVE STABLE INCOMES OUR  
8 COMMUNITIES THRIVE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **ERICA TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERICA TORRES AND I'M  
11 WITH UNITED PARENTS OF GREEN DOT. WE'RE PARTNERS WITH A  
12 NONPROFIT HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES. I'M REPRESENTING A LOT  
13 OF SECTORS. WE ALSO WORK WITH AIDS AND FAMILIES AND THEIR  
14 BUDGETS. WE ALSO OWN, MY HUSBAND AND I OWN A SMALL BUSINESS.  
15 WE ALSO HAVE A NONPROFIT THAT WE HELP FAMILIES WITH ASSET  
16 BUILDING. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP PEOPLE WITH ASSET  
17 BUILDING? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH PEOPLE SAVINGS WHEN  
18 THEY'RE MAKING MINIMUM WAGE? THEY'RE BARELY MAKING MONEY TO  
19 MAKE ENDS MEET. I'M GOING TO BE VERY BRIEF. I'LL SHOW YOU AN  
20 EXAMPLE OF A FAMILY FROM GREEN DOT. IRMAY AND JUAN PEREZ.  
21 THEIR WAGES ARE \$9 AN HOUR. MULTIPLY, DO THE MATH. BOTH OF  
22 THEM WORKING FULL-TIME MAKE \$2,880. THEIR RENT IS \$1,200. GAS  
23 IS \$150. FOOD IS \$1,200. CELL PHONE AND THIS IS NOT LUXURY  
24 WITH INTERNET AND ALL THIS ADDED STUFF, \$100. ELECTRICITY \$50.

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1 THEIR TOTAL IS \$2,700. THEY'RE LEFT WITH \$180. SO PLEASE  
2 CONSIDER.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KUSHAN DASGUPTA  
5 AND ROD MCITOSH. YES, SIR.

6

7 **JOSE RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE RODRIGUEZ. I'M  
8 HERE REPRESENTING THE MUSEUM OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. IS LOCATED IN  
9 THE HISTORIC PART OF LOS ANGELES. THE DOORS TO THE MUSEUM ARE  
10 ABOUT 10 FEET FROM THE CROSS THAT SIGNIFIES THE CITY OF LOS  
11 ANGELES. WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THAT. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF  
12 THIS MOTION OR THE PASSING OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE \$15 AN  
13 HOUR PAY RAISE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT THING FOR  
14 THIS BOARD TO DO. AND WE'RE HAPPY TO BE HERE ON THIS VERY  
15 HISTORIC DAY. AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE AND TO PASS THIS  
16 ORDINANCE THIS AFTERNOON.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DARYL GALE. DARYL  
19 GAYLE. ROSE MARIE MOLINA. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **NANCY BERLIN:** MY NAME IS NANCY BERLIN. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR  
22 FOR THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFITS, A STATEWIDE  
23 ALLIANCE OF NEARLY \$10,000 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE THE  
24 CHAMBER OF THE NONPROFIT SECTOR. NONPROFITS ARE LARGE AND  
25 VITAL PART OF CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND THERE ARE MORE THAN

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1 17,000 OPERATING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYING MORE THAN  
2 347,000 WORKERS. WE APPRECIATE THAT NONPROFITS ARE ALSO BEING  
3 CONSIDERED IN THIS MOTION TODAY AND THAT YOU'RE HEARING OUR  
4 CONCERNS. CAL NONPROFITS HAVE STUDIED THIS MOTION AND ARE  
5 PLEASE TODAY SEE IT ADDRESSES OUR CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITIES  
6 THAT WE SERVE. A SURVEY THAT WE CONDUCTED ON THE MINIMUM WAGE  
7 LAST NOVEMBER SHOWED THAT 77 PERCENT OF OUR NONPROFITS SUPPORT  
8 INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE AS EXPRESSED BY ONE RESPONDENT  
9 WHO STATED "RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IS A BENEFIT FOR OUR  
10 AGENCY, OUR CLIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY. NONPROFIT WORKERS DO  
11 ESSENTIAL WORK. AND WE DESERVE DECENT WAGES, TOO. WE APPLAUD  
12 THESE EFFORTS TO CREATE A NEW MINIMUM WAGE POLICY THAT  
13 BENEFITS ALL OF US."

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ROSEMARIE MOLINA. EDWING  
16 ORTIZ.

17

18 **KUSHAN DASGUPTA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
19 KUSHAN DASGUPTA. I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH ROC-LA WHICH IS A  
20 RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITY CENTER OF LOS ANGELES. WE SUPPORT \$15  
21 WITH ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE RESTAURANT WORKERS ARE THE COUNTY'S  
22 WORKING POOR. THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS STATES THAT  
23 AVERAGE WAGE FOR RESTAURANT WORKER IN GREATER L.A. IS ABOUT  
24 \$11 AN HOUR. YESTERDAY A WORKER CAME TO OUR OFFICE AND I JUST  
25 WANT TO BRIEFLY SHARE HIS STORY TO YOU BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A

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1 SENSE OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GET BY AS THE A RESTAURANT WORKER  
2 IN L.A. COUNTY. FOR A DECADE THIS WORKER THAT CAME IN HE'S  
3 WORKED AS A COOK AT A WELL KNOWN RESTAURANT. WORKING 16 TO 17  
4 HOURS A DAY WORKING UP TO 70 TO 80 HOURS A WEEK HAVE HE DID  
5 NOT RECEIVE BREAKS OR OVERTIME PAY AND THIS IS COMMON. THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOUND THAT 8 IN 10 RESTAURANTS PRACTICE  
7 WAGE THEFT. AND THE IMPACT OF THAT ISN'T JUST ECONOMIC. IT'S  
8 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL. THIS COOK HAS PERMANENT STOMACH PAIN FROM  
9 THE YEARS OF WORKING THROUGH MEALS. PAID SICK DAYS SHOULD ALSO  
10 BE PART OF THE CONSIDERATION GOING ON HERE, AS WELL. IT'S  
11 IRONIC THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARING OUR FOOD CAN BARELY  
12 AFFORD TO FEED THEMSELVES. SO WE URGE THE COUNTY TO RAISE THE  
13 WAGE AND MAKE IT REAL BY PASSING ANTI WAGE THEFT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. KEIRRA PHILLIPS.

16

17 **ROD MACINTOSH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
18 ROD MACINTOSH. I'M A 36-YEAR-OLD FATHER TO A 9-YEAR-OLD SON  
19 AND MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKERS CENTER. AS AN AIR  
20 FORCE VETERAN, I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED MY COUNTRY. I'M A  
21 FULL-TIME STUDENT AND HAVE APPLIED TO MANY POSITIONS AFTER  
22 COMING HOME, BUT I WAS ONLY ABLE TO ACCESS A PART-TIME SALES  
23 JOB AT \$10 AN HOUR. I SUPPORT THE WAGE INCREASE OF \$15 AN HOUR  
24 WITH COMPREHENSIVE WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
25 PROTECTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M NOT ALONE. OVER 50 PERCENT OF

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1 BLACK WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE EITHER UNEMPLOYED OR  
2 UNDEREMPLOYED AND EARNING \$12 OR LESS. THE L.A. COUNTY MINIMUM  
3 WAGE POLICY GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS.  
4 COMPREHENSIVE WAGE ENFORCEMENT MUST ALSO INCLUDE CIVIL RIGHTS  
5 PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE THE SAME EMPLOYERS  
6 WILL STEAL WAGES ARE THE SAME EMPLOYERS WHO WILL ROB WORKERS  
7 OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS QUALITY WORK. SO THANK YOU FOR  
8 STARTING THE PATH TO \$15 AN HOUR BUT WE NEED LOCAL WAGE THEFT  
9 ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT L.A.'S MOST VULNERABLE WORKERS AGAINST  
10 EXPLOITATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. JACQUELINE MEJIA,  
13 EDUARDO HERNANDEZ. YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **DARYL GALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DARYL GALE. I AM AN  
16 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND  
17 LARGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. WE  
18 STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH WORKING PEOPLE TO LIVE A HEALTHIER  
19 LIFE, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DECENT JOB AND THE  
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BE A VIABLE PART OF THE COMMUNITY WHEN PEOPLE  
21 CAN MAKE AT LEAST \$15 AN HOUR, THEY MAY ACTUALLY CONSIDER  
22 GETTING A HYBRID VEHICLE OR AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE. RECENTLY I  
23 WAS AT CITY COUNCIL AND HERB WESSON SPOKE ABOUT HOW LOS  
24 ANGELES LEADS THE NATION IN TREND SETTING THINGS THAT THE REST  
25 OF THE COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW. WELL, WE ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY

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1 TO HAVE THE REST OF THE WORLD FOLLOW. I AM IN HOPE THAT THE  
2 COUNTY WILL BE PART OF OUR PROGRESSIVE HERITAGE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BARBARA ISHIDA. YES, SIR.

5

6 **EDWIN ORTIZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDWIN ORTIZ. I AM A  
7 PORT AND RAIL DRIVER FOR HARBOR RAIL TRANSPORT WHICH IS OWNED  
8 BY GLOBAL GIANT X.P.O. LOGISTICS. I HAUL CONTAINERS FROM THE  
9 PORTS FILLED WITH EVERY DAY THINGS LIKE CONVERSE SHOES AND  
10 BRIDGESTONE TIRES TO THE RAIL YARDS SO THEY CAN BE SHIPPED TO  
11 STORES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE PORTS OF L.A. AND LONG BEACH  
12 ARE AMERICA'S PORT RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. X.P.O. IS A  
13 MULTIBILLION DOLLARS CORPORATION TRADED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK  
14 EXCHANGE. THEY BILL THEMSELVES AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 LOGISTICS  
15 COMPANIES IN THE WORLD. DESPITE BEING WORTH BILLIONS OF  
16 DOLLARS, THEY ARE STEALING PAY FROM DRIVERS LIKE ME THROUGH  
17 ILLEGAL DEDUCTIONS. THIS IS THE EVIDENCE AND THAT'S THE REASON  
18 I'M MAKING THE CLAIM WITH THE CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSIONER TO  
19 GET MY MONEY BACK. IN APRIL, X.P.O. BOUGHT A FRENCH COMPANY  
20 FOR 3-1/2 BILLION DOLLARS IN CASH. MY COWORKERS AND I WHO ARE  
21 STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET BECAUSE OF WAGE THEFT CAN'T HELP  
22 BUT WONDER IF THE REASON THAT X.P.O. HAD ENOUGH CASH ON HAND  
23 TO BUY ANOTHER COMPANY FOR 3-1/2 BILLION DOLLARS ISN'T BECAUSE  
24 THE COMPANY. ALRIGHT THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LINDA GRIFFITH. YES,  
2 MA'AM.

3

4 **JACQUELINE MEJIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE MEJIA,  
5 POLICY ADVOCATE WITH THE COALITION FOR HUMAN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS  
6 OF LOS ANGELES. ALSO KNOWN AS CHIRLA. IT IS A IMMIGRANT RIGHTS  
7 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO ENHANCE THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS IN  
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEYOND. IT IS ALREADY PAYING THE \$15 AN  
9 HOUR AND IS NOT SEEKING AN EXEMPTION. WE SUPPORT THE INCREASE  
10 OF THE MINIMUM WAGE WITH ENFORCEMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
11 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PUTTING  
12 THIS MOTION FORWARD. ALTHOUGH RAISING THE WAGE WOULD HELP LIFT  
13 PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY THERE IS STILL AN ISSUE THAT WE MUST  
14 ADDRESS AND THAT IS WAGE THEFT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS. CURRENTLY  
15 THERE ARE \$26.2 MILLION DOLLARS STOLEN WEEKLY WITH A 13  
16 PERCENT RECOVERY RATE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR ELECTED  
17 OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY ARE PAID FOR THEIR HARD EARNED WORK AND THAT  
19 UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS ARE REGULATED OR NOT PLAYING BY THE  
20 RULES. WE URGE YOU TO RAISE THE WAGE WITH ENFORCEMENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP REAGEM  
23 CORPUZ.

24

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1 **EDUARDO HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS EDUARDO HERNANDEZ. I WORK FOR  
2 GREEN DOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE I EARN \$15 AN HOUR. I AM AN  
3 [INAUDIBLE] FOR OUR SCHOOLS. IN MY ROLE AS AN [INAUDIBLE] I  
4 TALK TO MANY PARENTS. A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE PARENTS IN THE  
5 WATTS-WILLOWBROOK AREA LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY  
6 NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO COLLEGE, HAVE  
7 BETTER LIVES. BUT THEY WORRY ABOUT THE COSTS OF COLLEGE. THEY  
8 ARE WORRIED ABOUT PAYING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES. THEY FEAR THEY  
9 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT BECAUSE THEY  
10 WORK TWO JOBS DAY AND NIGHT. THEY FEEL PAIN FOR THEMSELVES AND  
11 THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO  
12 SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. ON BEHALF OF THE HARD WORKING FAMILIES  
13 IN SOUTH L.A. AND BEYOND; I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE FOR \$15  
14 WITH STRONG ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
17 JERILYN STAPLETON YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **BARBARA ISHEDA:** MY NAME IS BARBARA ISHEDA AND I LIVE IN  
20 ALTADENA. I'M PART OF A GROUP CALLED NEIGHBORS BUILDING A  
21 BETTER ALTADENA WHICH PROMOTES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, WALKABILITY,  
22 AND ECONOMIC VITALITY. I SUPPORT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE AS  
23 IT AFFECTS ME BOTH PERSONALLY AND COMMUNALLY. RECENTLY I LOST  
24 MY JOB. AND MY HUSBAND WORKS A JOB. HE'S NOW THE MAIN  
25 BREADWINNER AND HE MAKES \$10 AN HOUR. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO LIVE

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1 ON. THREE YEARS AGO A NEIGHBORHOOD WALMART ESTABLISHED ITSELF  
2 IN OUR COMMUNITY TOTING JOBS. BUT IF THEY PAY LESS THAN \$10 TO  
3 ENTRY LEVEL WORKERS AND DON'T GIVE ENOUGH HOURS, PEOPLE CANNOT  
4 KEEP PACE WITH THE RISING COST OF HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND  
5 FOOD. RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT IS  
6 THE RIGHT THING TO DO. EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONLY PART OF THE  
7 SOLUTION NEEDED TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC INEQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR  
8 ALL. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ED WASHATKA.

11

12 **LINDA GRIFFITH:** THANK YOU. I'M LINDA GRIFFITH. I WORK IN  
13 ALTADENA AND I WORK WITH NEIGHBORS BUILDING A BETTER ALTADENA.  
14 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PREPARING TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE. I  
15 URGE YOU TO RAISE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW WAGE SCHEDULE BECAUSE  
16 EVEN A SLIGHT RISE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE, POSITIVE  
17 DIFFERENCE. I TAUGHT FOR 40 YEARS AT GLENDALE COLLEGE WHERE I  
18 SAT ON A COMMITTEE TO DECIDE WHO GOT SCHOLARSHIPS.  
19 APPLICATIONS INCLUDED GRADES AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME. MANY WERE  
20 LIKE MY STUDENT, A PERKY HARD WORKER WITH GOOD GRADES. HER  
21 HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR LIVES ON \$12,000 A YEAR. SHE MUST WORK FULL-  
22 TIME WHILE STUDYING. SO IT WILL TAKE MANY YEARS FOR HER TO GET  
23 A TWO-YEAR DEGREE. AND SHE MAY LOSE MOMENTUM AND NEVER FINISH.  
24 A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE IS AN INVESTMENT IN SUCCESS AT PREPARING

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1 FOR A NURSING CAREER THAT CALIFORNIA WILL NEED IN THE FUTURE.

2 PLEASE ENFORCE AN INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP

5 ED WASHATKA, KING CHEUNG.

6

7 **REGEM CORPUZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS REGEM CORPUZ. I REPRESENT

8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND

9 HEALTH AND WE ALSO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

10 INCREASE. AND ALSO OF COURSE THE WAGE ENFORCEMENT TO PREVENT

11 THE WAGE THEFT THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THIS COUNTY. THE

12 REASON WHY WE DO THIS IS BECAUSE WE ARE ALSO A GRASSROOTS

13 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW WAGE WORKERS. AND WE

14 KNOW MOST OF THEM ARE THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO WORK HARD TO

15 JUST PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SO WE BELIEVE THAT BY DOING

16 THIS, THEY CAN ALSO NOT ONLY AFFORD THE RIGHT COSTS OF LIVING

17 BUT ALSO BASIC HEALTHCARE AND OTHER NEEDS TO KEEP THEM

18 WORKING. BUT WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ALLUDE TO THE FACT THAT

19 WHILE THIS IS NOT YET IN PLACE, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT

20 WE CAN CONSIDER PAID SICK DAYS PROVISION. AND THE REASON BEING

21 IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND AS AN OCCUPATIONAL AND SAFETY AND HEALTH

22 ORGANIZATION, IS THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP

23 WORKERS KEEP THEM SAFE AND HEALTHY ON THE JOB EVEN THOUGH THE

24 REPORT BEFORE 28 PERCENT LESS LIKELY OVERALL TO SUFFER

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1 NONFATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES THAN WORKERS WITH ACCESS TO  
2 PAID SICK LEAVE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALEX  
5 REZA. AND RUTH DAWSON. YES, SIR.

6

7 **ED WASHATKA:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS ED WASHATKA AND I AM FOR PASADENAS FOR A  
9 LIVABLE WAGE. A BROAD-BASED COALITION OF FAITH-BASED, LABOR  
10 AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE GATHERED OVER  
11 1,500 SIGNATURES IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, 150 OF WHICH ARE  
12 ALTADENA RESIDENTS. ALL OF OUR PETITIONERS SUPPORT THREE  
13 THINGS AND WE ASK EACH OF YOU TO DO THE SAME. FIRST, PROVIDE  
14 FOR PATH TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR. AND WITH A  
15 COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE OF ONCE WE ACHIEVE \$15 AN HOUR A COST  
16 OF LIVING ALLOWANCE. NUMBER 2 PUT IN PLACE ENFORCEMENT TO STOP  
17 WAGE THEFT. AND NUMBER 3, INCLUDE IN THE LEGISLATION  
18 SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAID DAYS OFF AND SICK LEAVE. THANK YOU FOR  
19 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
22 KENT MINAULT AND MICHAEL BARTH. YES SIR.

23

24 **KING CHEUNG:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KING CHEUNG. I'M A  
25 COCHAIR OF THE CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOR EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT,

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1 C.C.E.D., A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING  
2 WORKERS AND TENANTS. THIS YEAR IS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
3 EL MONTE THAI GOVERNMENT SLAVERY CASE. BEFORE MY RETIREMENT, I  
4 WAS THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE STATE DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS  
5 ENFORCEMENT WHO ORGANIZED THE RAIDS AND SUPERVISED THE FOLLOW-  
6 UP ON THE CASE. PERSONALLY, I FIND IT TO BE THE WORST CASE OF  
7 WAGE THEFT IN MY 25 YEARS OF LABOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. HOWEVER,  
8 WAGE THEFT DOES NOT STOP. IN FACT IS OCCURRING EVERY DAY IN  
9 MANUFACTURING, RESTAURANT, CAR WASH AND OTHER LOW WAGE  
10 INDUSTRIES. THEREFORE I URGE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO RAISE THE  
11 MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 PER HOUR AND ALSO VERY IMPORTANTLY TO  
12 PROVIDE FOR A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE WAGE ENFORCEMENT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CHERRY SHANKER.  
15 AND ROSEMARY JENKINS. YES, SIR.

16

17 **AKEX REZA:** MY NAME IS ALEX REZA. I WAS THE TEACHER AT SAN  
18 FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL FOR 34 YEARS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,  
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WANT TO THANK  
20 YOU FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE, THE  
21 PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY, THEY DESERVE A LIVING WAGE, NOT A  
22 POVERTY WAGE. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES, MOST OF THE  
23 POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT THE MIDDLE CLASS AND THE  
24 WORKING CLASS IS THE KEY TO A STRONG HEALTHY ECONOMY. SO YOU  
25 ARE OUR CHAMPIONS. YOU REMIND ME OF THE PROGRESSIVE ERA WHEN

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1 WE MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2 LEADERSHIP. NOW, WHETHER THE GENTLEMAN REFERRED TO OUR ECONOMY  
3 AS BEING WEAK OR ANEMIC, HE SAID. WELL ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS  
4 IS THEY'RE ANEMIC IS TOO MANY MILLIONS OF OUR WORKERS HAVE  
5 VERY LITTLE DISPOSABLE INCOME. RENTS IN LOS ANGELES ARE  
6 RIDICULOUSLY HIGH AS WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. GAS IS UP.  
7 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES ARE UP. AND SO THANK YOU. AND I WOULD  
8 LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M A RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THANK  
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOSE PAZ AND  
12 DENISE BARLAGE. YES, SIR.

13

14 **KENT MINAULT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR PUTTING THIS  
15 FORWARD. I'M KENT MINAULT. I VOLUNTEER FOR THE SIERRA CLUB.  
16 AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC MOVEMENT. AS WE  
17 STAND ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY HERE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER  
18 THAT THE ENORMOUS WORK AND STRUGGLE THAT'S LED UP TO IT.  
19 CUSTODIAL WORKERS, FAST FOOD WORKERS, OCCUPIERS AND HOME  
20 DEFENDERS, CAR WASHERS AND HOME CARE WORKERS ALL HAVE COMBINED  
21 THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY TO GET HERE. AND IT'S BEEN THE  
22 WORK OF MANY YEARS. THE SIERRA CLUB HAS STOOD WITH THIS  
23 WORKERS MOVEMENT ALL ALONG AND THE REASON SHOULD BE CLEAR. THE  
24 SUSTAINABLE CITY AND COUNTY THAT'S STRUGGLING TO EMERGE HERE  
25 WILL BE CREATED BY THE POPULATION REPRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE IN

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1 THIS ROOM. THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES, SOLAR INSTALLATIONS  
2 AND ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER CONSERVATION  
3 INFRASTRUCTURE, ALL THIS WILL BE CREATED BY WORKING L.A. AND  
4 IT'S FITTING WE MAKE L.A.'S WORKERS AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE. SO  
5 LET'S GET THAT \$15 AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE A STRONG WAGE THEFT  
6 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, AS WELL, SO THE PROSPERITY WE CREATE WILL  
7 BE BROADLY AND JUSTLY SHARED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I MENTIONED DENISE? OKAY.  
10 LET ME ALSO CALL UP LACHELLE WILLIAMS. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **ROSEMARIE JENKINS:** ROSEMARIE JENKINS WITH CLUE AND LAANE. I  
13 THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS FORUM FOR US. ONE OF THE MOST  
14 IMPORTANT, MOST SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO  
15 TODAY IS INDEXING THESE RAISES TO COST OF LIVING EVEN THOUGH  
16 PERSONALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROCESS GO FASTER. BUT THE  
17 MOST IMPORTANT PART IS ONCE WE INDEX COSTS OF LIVING, PEOPLE  
18 WILL NO LONGER BE FALLING BACK BEHIND. AND OF COURSE WAGE  
19 THEFT IS ANOTHER -- WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENT IS ANOTHER  
20 IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE WANT TO ALIGN THE COUNTY WITH WHAT THE  
21 CITY'S ALREADY DONE AND MANY OTHER SMALLER CITIES IN THE  
22 COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL LEAD THE WAY FOR OTHER  
23 CITIES. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT AND OBJECT TO THE ASSUMPTION  
24 THAT SOME HAVE MADE THAT PEOPLE CANNOT MAKE A TRANSITION, THAT

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1 THEY'RE NOT INTELLIGENT ENOUGH, NOT EDUCATED ENOUGH THAT  
2 COMPANIES ALSO I FEEL WON'T MOVE --

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU MA'AM. LET ME  
5 ALSO CALL UP PARKER WATSON, YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I WANT TO THANK MY DISTRICT  
8 SUPERVISOR, MISS SOLIS, FOR PUSHING ON THE 15, AS WELL. I WANT  
9 TO THANK MISS KUEHL AND I'D LIKE TO THANK AS WELL. I LIVE IN  
10 DISTRICT 1, MS. SOLIS, OF HUNTINGTON PARK. I HAVE SEEN SO MUCH  
11 HOW THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE A MAIN FACTOR FOR MANY OF THE  
12 RESIDENTS THERE. EARLIER A LADY SPOKE ABOUT THE HOW SHE WAS  
13 OPPOSING THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE BECAUSE OF EGGS. LET ME  
14 JUST TELL YOU, SIX MONTHS AGO AN 18 COUNT OF EGGS WAS \$2.89. I  
15 PURCHASED EGGS YESTERDAY AT THE STORE AND THEY WERE \$5.79. I'M  
16 SORRY. I HAVEN'T SEEN AN INCREASE IN WAGES TO BENEFIT THAT  
17 COST DIFFERENCE. I HAVE SEEN NOTHING BUT INCREASES IN  
18 EVERYTHING: FOOD, GAS, EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE, BUT NO  
19 INCREASES. I'VE SEEN FAMILIES FOUR OR FIVE ADULTS LIVING IN  
20 ONE BEDROOM HOMES. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TRADER JOE'S ARE MUCH CHEAPER. LET ME  
23 ALSO CALL UP KEVIN STEINHARDT BILL WESTON.

24

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1 **MICHAEL BARTH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
2 IS MICHAEL BARTH. I AM A LAW STUDENT AT U.S.C. GOULD SCHOOL OF  
3 LAW AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG  
4 DEMOCRATS. TODAY I'M HERE TO REPRESENT SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
5 YOUNG DEMS TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR  
6 LEADERSHIP AND VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR RAISING AND  
7 ENFORCING THE WAGE WHICH WE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED. WE ARE  
8 DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT OBSTACLES THAT IMPEDE ABILITY TOO  
9 SUCCEED. WE KNOW THAT THE COSTS OF LIVING IN L.A. ARE  
10 OUTSTANDINGLY HIGH. WE KNOW THAT \$8, \$9, \$10 DOLLARS PER HOUR  
11 IS NOT ENOUGH TO LIVE ON. WE KNOW THAT ALL TOO OFTEN WORKERS  
12 DO NOT RECEIVE PAY THEY'RE OWED FOR HOURS WORKED. MANY FRIENDS  
13 AND COLLEAGUES OF MY OWN HAVE BEEN PRESSURED INTO UNPAID  
14 OVERTIME. IT HAPPENS WAY TOO MUCH. RAISING THE WAGE AND  
15 ENFORCING IT IS A CRUCIAL PIECE OF THE PUZZLE AND REMOVE THESE  
16 BARRIERS TO SUCCESS, FULL CAREERS, AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE  
17 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. FERNANDO ABARCAM ELSA  
20 TUNG, HUMBERTO LOPEZ. MARIA GUZMAN.

21

22 **PARKER WATSON:** MY NAME IS PARKER WATSON. I'M A STUDENT AT  
23 BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS A RESIDENTS OF ALTADENA. I'M IN  
24 SUPPORT OF \$15 AND ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU, COUNTY SUPERVISORS,  
25 FOR PUTTING L.A. COUNTY ON THE PATH TO PASS A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

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1 AS WELL AS A STRONG COMPREHENSIVE WAGE ENFORCEMENT. THERE'S A  
2 MISCONCEPTION ABOUT ALTADENA, I THINK. PEOPLE TEND TO THINK  
3 THAT MOST RESIDENTS ARE WELL OFF BECAUSE WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL  
4 CITY OR THERE ARE AFFLUENT NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING US, BUT  
5 IT'S JUST NOT THE CASE. WHILE I'M FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO COME  
6 FROM A STABLE HOUSEHOLD AND HAVE A SCHOLARSHIP THAT ALLOWS ME  
7 TO ATTEND A GREAT UNIVERSITY, MANY OF MY FRIENDS ARE NOT AS  
8 FORTUNATE AND THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO COLLEGE. FRANKLY,  
9 THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, AS WELL. THEIR  
10 PARENTS OR SINGLE PARENT IN SOME CASES WORK A FULL AND PART-  
11 TIME JOB JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET. AND AS A RESULT, MY PARENTS,  
12 THEY BARELY SEE THEIR KIDS. AND SO THERE'S JUST A LOT OF  
13 PROBLEMS WITH --

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR TESTIFYING.  
16 ERICA SEGURA, RUTH SARNOFF. CARLOS QUINTERO. MICHAEL PRYSNER,  
17 CIPRA NEMETH. YES, SIR.

18

19 **HUMBERTO LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS HUMBERTO LOPEZ. I REPRESENT LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION, I'M A FORMER HEAD START  
21 PARENT. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M FOR THE RAISE  
22 OF THE MINIMUM WAGE. LACOE TOOK ME IN WHEN I GOT INVOLVED WITH  
23 THE FIGHT OF THE REVERSE OF THE SEQUESTER. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE  
24 OF REPRESENTING THEM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LAST YEAR. I CAME  
25 BACK WITH A \$12 MILLION GRANT FOR HEAD START THAT WAS GIVEN

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1 THIS YEAR. TO PARA LOS NINOS CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE AND ST.  
2 ANNE'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LEARNING CENTERS. AND FOR THE  
3 MOST PART, I HAVE SO MANY STORIES I COULD REALLY SHARE ABOUT  
4 FAMILIES THAT REALLY NEED THIS RAISE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME I  
5 TRUST YOU WILL COME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT IS GOOD FOR  
6 EVERYONE. I THINK FOR THE MOST PART DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE  
7 FIGHTING FOR DIFFERENT CAUSES. AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE ALL  
8 IN THE SAME BOAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK SHELIAH WARD.

11

12 **ERICA SEGURA:** I'M ERICA SEGURA. I'M A STUDENT AND I'M HERE TO  
13 SUPPORT \$15 DOLLARS WITH WAGE THEFT AND SICK DAYS. I LIVE ON  
14 THE BORDER OF EAST L.A. AND BOYLE HEIGHTS. TODAY I'M HERE TO  
15 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR INCREASING THE WAGE TO \$15 BECAUSE I  
16 HAVE A FATHER WHO WORKS 12 HOURS A DAY JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET.  
17 I ALMOST NEVER SEE HIM. ALSO, HE IS THE VICTIM OF WAGE THEFT.  
18 AND WHEN EMPLOYERS DON'T PAY HIM, IT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE. SO I  
19 AM HAPPY THAT I WILL SOON TELL HIM THAT THERE IS AN AGENCY AT  
20 THE COUNTY LEVEL TO TAKE AWAY WAGE THEFT MORE SERIOUSLY.  
21 IDEALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY FATHER MORE OFTEN THAN JUST  
22 SUNDAYS. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE RAISE, THE WAGE THEFT  
23 ORDINANCE AND HOPE YOU ALSO GET A SICK DAY, TOO.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
2 MAYA PALEY. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I AM CONCERNED THAT  
5 MUCH OF WHAT WE GAINED THROUGH THE \$15 DOLLARS MINIMUM WAGE  
6 WHICH I TOTALLY SUPPORT MAY BE LOST UNLESS SOME ATTENTION IS  
7 GIVEN TO THE HOUSING SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE ABOUT  
8 HALF A MILLION EMPTY UNITS IN THE CITY. THERE IS A LOT OF  
9 GENTRIFICATION THAT IS CAUSING LOSS OF HOUSING. AND I WOULD  
10 SUGGEST YOU CAN LOOK AT "THE DOWNTOWN NEWS" OF MAY 18TH THIS  
11 YEAR AND ALSO AN ARTICLE FROM "NATION" MAGAZINE IN NEW YORK,  
12 "HOW TO DUMP TENANTS AND MAKE A FORTUNE". IT DEALS WITH THE  
13 HOUSING SITUATION AND THE HOUSING MARKET IS REALLY A THREAT TO  
14 THIS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
17 SHERRY BEAMERS. AND WAYMOND FATHERREE. YES, SIR. YES, SIR.

18

19 **CARLOS QUINTERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS CARLOS  
20 QUINTERO. I'M A PORT DRIVER FOR PACIFIC LINE TRANSPORTATION. I  
21 AM A VICTIM OF WAGE THEFT AND MY COMPANY OWES ME OVER  
22 \$200,000. HERE IS EVIDENCE OF RECEIPTS FOR FUEL, TIRES, LEASE  
23 PAYMENTS, INSURANCE, BRAKE REPAIRS, WINDSHIELD WIPERS, TRUCK  
24 WASHES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS  
25 THEY DEDUCTED FROM MY PAYCHECK EVERY WEEK WITH THE DEDUCTIONS

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1 I'M BELOW MINIMUM WAGE AND YOUR VOTE TODAY TO RAISE THE  
2 MINIMUM WAGE WON'T HELP ME OR MY FAMILY AT ALL. WHY? BECAUSE  
3 AS A MISCLASSIFIED INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, I'M NOT EVEN  
4 ENTITLED TO THE CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE. NOT ENTITLED TO  
5 OVERTIME. WORKER'S COMPENSATION. DISABILITY. THEY SAY I'M NOT  
6 EVEN ENTITLED TO ANYTHING. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE THE  
7 GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY RULED THAT I AM AN EMPLOYEE, THAT I  
8 HAVE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS. MY COMPANY FOR A WHILE EVEN AGREED WITH  
9 THE GOVERNMENT. THEY REACHED A SETTLEMENT AND POSTED UP SIGNS  
10 IN THE OFFICES IN THE COMPANY, BUT THEY NEVER STOPPED THE  
11 ILLEGAL DEDUCTIONS. THEY NEVER GAVE ME A W2 FORM. THEY NEVER  
12 EVEN STARTED PAYING THE PAYROLL TAXES THAT I'VE BEEN PAYING  
13 FOR THEM FOR YEARS. SO I'M ON STRIKE AGAIN. THIS IS MY SIXTH  
14 STRIKE IN TWO YEARS. THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING BACK UNTIL THEY  
15 RECLASSIFY ME AS AN EMPLOYEE AND STOP THE WAGE THEFT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE] LET ME ALSO  
18 CALL UP YOLANDA ANGUIANO. YOLANDA? YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **COMMANDER SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST  
21 HIGH OR HIGHER. I'M CHIEF COMMANDER SHELIAH WARD. I'M HERE TO  
22 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY THAT PAY TAXES  
23 HERE. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR PARKING TICKET  
24 MONIES? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE JAY WALKING TAX MONIES? WHAT  
25 HAPPENED TO THE DEPARTMENT STORE AND GROCERY STORE TAXES? WHAT

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1 HAPPENED TO ALL THE PENALTIES THAT THE I.R.S. HAS PICKED UP  
2 OVER THE LAST HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS? OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE  
3 CARE OF ALL OF THEIR CITIZENS. IMMIGRANTS COME TO THIS COUNTRY  
4 TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THEY RECEIVE \$2,200 CASH EACH  
5 MONTH PER PERSON AND \$500 PER PERSON FOR FOOD STAMPS. THAT'S  
6 MORE THAN OUR MINIMUM WAGE PEOPLE MAKE IN THIS COUNTRY. WE  
7 ELECTED YOU FOR OUR PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE  
8 SUBSIDIARIES AND MODIFY THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM, FOOD STAMPS,  
9 FIRST TIME BUYER PROGRAM FOR CITIZENS AND PAY UTILITY BILLS  
10 FOR ALL POOR CITIZENS, NOT RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE THAT PEOPLE  
11 CANNOT AFFORD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP -- IS YOLANDA  
14 HERE? OKAY. THANK YOU, YOLANDA. FRANKY CARRILLO. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **WAYMOND FATHERREE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S WAYMOND  
17 FATHERREE. I'M A SECURITY OFFICER AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
18 NEWLY CROWNED MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL CAMPUS IN THE  
19 UNINCORPORATED PART OF WILLOWBROOK. FOR MANY OF US, LOW WAGES  
20 REPRESENT DEDICATED ONE WHOLE PAYCHECK TO RENT AND ONE FOR  
21 FOOD WITH LITTLE LEFT FOR ANYTHING ELSE. RAISING THE MINIMUM  
22 WAGE WILL NOT ONLY HELP MY FAMILY'S BUDGET BUT MIGHT EVEN  
23 ALLOW US TO SET ASIDE FOR OUR FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF OUR  
24 CHILDREN SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE BETTER LIVES. IT WILL ALSO HELP  
25 THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, FORGIVE ME A LITTLE STAGE FRIGHT SO WE

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1 COULD HAVE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES NOT ONLY AS WORKERS BUT  
2 FAMILIES THAT WANT BETTER LIVES. LOCAL BUSINESSES STAND TO  
3 BENEFIT ALSO BECAUSE WE WILL GIVE MORE MONEY BACK INTO THE  
4 LOCAL ECONOMY. I MAKE \$12.32 AN HOUR WITH LIVING EXPENSES ON  
5 THE RISE. IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP AND BAD ENOUGH THAT WE STRUGGLE  
6 WITH LOW WAGES WHEN THE HOURS THAT WE WORK ARE NOT EVEN PAID.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LE MEET CALL UP SAMANTHA  
9 ARRENDONDO.

10

11 **SHERRY BEAMER:** HELLO I'M SHERRY BEAMER. I'M WITH C.A.P.C.  
12 WE'RE IN WHITTIER. WE'RE A NONPROFIT THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE WITH  
13 DISABILITIES TO WORK AND BE PART OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND I'M  
14 ALSO PART OF THE LANTERMAN COALITION, WHICH IS A GROUP OF  
15 DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR A RATE INCREASE FOR  
16 DISABILITY PROVIDERS. OUR INDUSTRY HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED WAGE  
17 INCREASES FOR OUR STAFF BECAUSE MOST OF OUR SERVICES ARE  
18 PROVIDED BY ENTRY LEVEL STAFF WHO WORK MULTIPLE JOBS AND OFTEN  
19 LIVE IN POVERTY. THIS YEAR THEY ALSO BENEFITED FROM THE  
20 OVERTIME RULE THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE, SICK LEAVE AND THE  
21 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BENEFITS. BUT AS AN INDUSTRY, WE'RE  
22 CONFLICTED. IN CALIFORNIA OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS WE HAVE ONLY  
23 RECEIVED A 3 PERCENT COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE SUPPORTS  
24 THAT WE PROVIDE. SO WE ASK YOU TO FOLLOW AND SUPPORT THE  
25 GOVERNOR'S RECENT SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO FIND A

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1 SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE RATE STRUCTURE FOR DISABILITY  
2 SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA SO THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
3 AND TO PAY OUR STAFF \$15 AN HOUR. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
6 FRANCISCO FLORES AND OLIVER BUIE.

7

8 **YOLANA ANGUIANO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M YOLANDA ANGUIANO.  
9 REPRESENTING MEND, A POVERTY RELIEF ORGANIZATION IN DISTRICT  
10 3. ONE OF OUR NEWER PROGRAMS IS JOB TRAINING. WE'RE THE  
11 NONPROFIT WITH THE MOST TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYEES,  
12 PAID-TO-WORK EMPLOYEES REFERRED TO US BY GAIN. OUR CLIENTS  
13 SINCE 2013 ARE GETTING THE WORK EXPERIENCE THEY NEED FROM ONE  
14 OF THE 14 CUSTOMER SERVICES ORIENTED DEPARTMENTS. BUY THE TIME  
15 THEY COMPLETE THEIR PROGRAM, THEY'RE ABLE TO APPLY TO JOBS  
16 WITH THE EXPECTATION TO STOP RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
17 MONETARY SYSTEM FROM THE COUNTY AND EARN A LIVABLE WAGE. MOST  
18 OF MY CLIENTS ARE MOTHERS WHO THROUGH LIFE OCCURANCES HAVE TO  
19 BE THE ONLY BREADWINNER AND AT \$9 AN HOUR, THAT IS JUST NOT  
20 THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT THEY'RE EXPECTING TO PROVIDE FOR  
21 THEIR FAMILIES. SO WE SUPPORT THIS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE  
22 THAT'S THE MOTION AT HAND. AND AS THE DAUGHTER OF TWO SMALL  
23 BUSINESS OWNERS, I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS INITIATIVE SHOULD BE  
24 COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD TAKE THE TIME TO  
25 EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS FOR THOSE TYPE OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

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1 THAT DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO COME TO MEETINGS AND TO  
2 PARTICIPATE IN THIS CIVIC PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
5 ANNABELL MAZARIGOS, LORETTA STEVENS. LEON STANDIFER, SIDNEY  
6 ROSS-RISDEN. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. I THINK I SAW JOSEPH WAS HERE.  
7 OKAY. ALSO AM AMADORE ROJAS.

8

9 **SAMANTHA RADONDO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SAMANTHA REDONDO, A  
10 STUDENT AT CALO YOUTH BUILD, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT \$15 WITH WAGE  
11 THEFT AND SICK DAYS. I HAVE LIVED ALL OVER L.A. BUT TODAY I AM  
12 HERE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR INCREASING THE WAGE TO \$15  
13 BECAUSE I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE MINIMUM WAGE JOBS AND THE TRUTH IS  
14 THAT NOBODY CAN SURVIVE ON \$9 AN HOUR. NOT ME. NOT MY  
15 NEIGHBORS IN EAST L.A. ALSO I KNOW TOO WELL HOW REAL IT IS  
16 THAT AN EMPLOYER WILL FIRE YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU GET SICK.  
17 EVERYONE I KNOW WHO WORKS FOR MINIMUM WAGE JOB IS FORCED TO  
18 EITHER GET GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES OR  
19 WORK TWO TO THREE JOBS. WHEN I LIVED IN NORTH CAROLINA, I WAS  
20 -- IT WAS NICE TO BE IN A STATE WHERE MAKING MINIMUM WAGE  
21 WOULD PAY FOR RENT, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION. BUT THE WAY L.A.  
22 IS, WHERE PEOPLE WORK ALL THE TIME, IT IS BREAKING FAMILIES  
23 APART. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN L.A. WHERE FAMILIES CAN PROVIDE TO  
24 THEIR FAMILIES AS OUR CITY CONTINUES TO THRIVE. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

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3 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN. I'M  
4 PART OF THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE WHICH SUPPORTS THE LIVING  
5 WAGE FOR ALL WORKERS. I ALSO LIVE IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
6 DISTRICT. WOMEN ARE THE MAJORITY OF MINIMUM WAGED WORKERS. 40  
7 PERCENT OF SINGLE MOTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN CALIFORNIA  
8 LIVE IN POVERTY, DISPROPORTIONATELY FAMILIES OF COLOR. WHEN  
9 MOTHERS ARE POOR, CHILDREN SUFFER. MOTHERS MAKING LESS THAN  
10 \$15 AN HOUR ARE FORCED TO WORK LONGER HOURS AND MULTIPLE JOBS  
11 TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND CAN'T SPEND THE TIME WE NEED WITH OUR  
12 CHILDREN. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN ARE THE  
13 FASTEST GROWING GROUP OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. FOR THESE REASONS  
14 AND MORE, WOMEN DESPERATELY NEED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
15 INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR. YOU'RE RAISING THE  
16 WAGE OF HOME CARE WORKERS, LONG TERM CARE WORKERS WAS AN  
17 IMPORTANT START AND WE URGE YOU TO EXTEND THAT MINIMUM WAGE  
18 PROTECTION TO ALL IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ALSO NEED STRONG WAGE  
19 ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RAISE IS A REALITY FOR ALL  
20 OF US.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLD ON ONE  
23 SECOND. ANTON FARMBY. YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

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1 **ANNABELLA MAZARGIOS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, GOOD  
2 AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS ANNABELLA  
3 MAZARGIOS. THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR THE POOR PEOPLE IN LOS  
4 ANGELES ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIXED INCOME, FOR THE DISABLED, THE  
5 SENIORS, THE PEOPLE ON SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY, PEOPLE ON  
6 S.S.I. PEOPLE ON WELFARE. THEY ARE NO LONGER GOING TO BE ABLE  
7 TO AFFORD BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO STOP THE PRICE  
8 INDEX. YOU HAVE TO STOP THE INFLATION. YOU HAVE THE POWER AND  
9 YOU NEGLECTED US. YOU ARE GIVING IN TO THE PRESSURE OF THE  
10 UNION, THE CORRUPTION OF THE UNION, ESPECIALLY S.E.I.U. 721.  
11 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHEN YOU FIRST COME TO OFFICE, LOCAL 721  
12 LEANT YOU MONEY FROM OUR STRIKE FUND. YOU DID NOT KNOW,  
13 PROBABLY DID NOT KNOW THAT. I ASKED GARDEAN QUESTIONS BUT DID  
14 HE EVER GET THE MONEY TO US? HE NEVER RESPONDED. I'M STILL  
15 WAITING FOR THAT ANSWER. MORE LIKELY, MISS KUEHL AND MISS  
16 SOLIS, DO YOU GOT ANY MONEY FROM LOCAL 721? IT COMES FROM  
17 LOCAL 721. IT IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY. WE NEED CLARITY. WE NEED  
18 ANSWERS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S JOSEPH MAIZLISH. I  
23 CAME TO COMMENT ON A COUPLE OF OTHER AGENDA ITEMS THINKING  
24 THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH AND THERE CERTAINLY WERE PEOPLE ON ALL  
25 SIDES OF THIS ONE. BUT LISTENING TO THINGS WITH WHAT I CALL MY

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1 MEDIATOR STEREO, HEARING THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND REALLY  
2 THE QUESTION THAT COMES BEFORE YOU OFTEN: HOW ARE YOU GOING TO  
3 APPORTION THE HARDSHIP AND ON WHOM, IS NOT A GOOD POSITION TO  
4 BE IN. WHAT I HEAR FROM THIS IS THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE  
5 HELPED A LOT IF THERE WERE AN INCREASE IN THE STATE AND  
6 COUNTY'S REVENUES TO BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THINGS LIKE THE  
7 CHILDCARE FREE, EDUCATION INCLUDING HIGHER EDUCATION. I'M NOT  
8 COMING FROM A POSITION OF IDEOLOGY ON THIS. JUST SAYING TO GET  
9 THE JOB DONE THAT'S GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. IT WILL  
10 RELIEVE THE PRESSURES ON EVERYONE. AND STOP SOME OF THIS "YOU  
11 WIN I LOSE" KIND OF SITUATION THAT WE HAVE. AND I HOPE THAT  
12 REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGIES, EVERYBODY CAN PULL TOGETHER BECAUSE  
13 THE COUNTY NEEDS IT, THE STATE NEEDS IT AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE  
14 WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY, EVERY ONE OF THEM NEED IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. THANK YOU. LET ME  
17 ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN. YES.

18

19 **AMADOR ROJAS:** [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETER] GOOD AFTERNOON.  
20 MY NAME IS AMADOR ROJAS. I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT THE PORT OF  
21 LOS ANGELES IN LONG BEACH FOR PACIFIC 9 TRANSPORTATION FOR THE  
22 PAST NINE YEARS. I HAUL CONTAINERS FOR COSTCO, C.V.S., FAMILY  
23 DOLLAR, H.P. AND OTHERS FROM THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH TO  
24 COMPANY DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND WAREHOUSES THROUGHOUT AND  
25 BEYOND THE COUNTY. THROUGHOUT THE NINE YEARS I'VE BEEN WORKING

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1 FOR PACIFIC 9 TRANSPORTATION, I'VE BEEN MISCLASSIFIED AS AN  
2 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS  
3 HAVE BEEN DEDUCTED AND ILLEGALLY STOLEN FROM MY WAGES. BUT THE  
4 PERIOD OF 2010 THROUGHOUT 2013, THE COMPANY OWES ME FROM BACK  
5 WAGES APPROXIMATELY \$270,000. AND I'M CURRENTLY IN A LEGAL  
6 BATTLE WITH THE CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION TO RECUPERATE  
7 THESE STOLEN WAGES. ASIDE FROM THE CURRENT WAGES THAT I'M  
8 FIGHTING THE LEGAL BATTLE, THIS COMPANY HAS CONTINUED TO  
9 CLASSIFY ME AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO STILL STEAL MY  
10 WAGES FROM 2013 UNTIL PRESENT. AND I'M IN A CURRENT SEPARATE  
11 LEGAL BATTLE WITH THE COMPANY. TODAY I STARTING MY SIXTH  
12 STRIKE AGAINST PACIFIC 9. I WILL NOT COME BACK UNTIL THE  
13 COMPANY STEPS UP AND CHANGES THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND STOPS  
14 STEALING MY WAGES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
17 HERMAN HERMAN. FERMIN RODRIGUEZ. YES, SIR.

18

19 **ANTON FARMBY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
20 ANTON FARMBY. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. UNITED  
21 SERVICE WORKERS WEST AND THE STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE FIGHT FOR  
22 \$15 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. ON THE HEELS OF THE CITY OF LOS  
23 ANGELES RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR, THERE'S A  
24 GROWING CONSENSUS THAT WE NEED TO BOOST THE MINIMUM WAGE HERE  
25 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE WAGES THAT ARE CAPPED AT \$9.64 AN

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1 HOUR, THE COUNTY LIVING WAGE HAS FALLEN FAR BEHIND THE REAL  
2 RISE IN COST OF LIVING, QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND WAGES HERE IN  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WORSE YET THE LIVING WAGE ACT AS A GLASS  
4 CEILING THAT HOLDS THOUSANDS OF COUNTY'S SUBCONTRACTING  
5 SERVICE WORKERS BACK FROM EVER REACHING PARITY WITH THE  
6 VICTORIES THAT WERE ONE IN L.A. PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICE WORKERS  
7 THROUGH ORGANIZING CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS JUSTICE FOR JANITORS AND  
8 THE STAND UP FOR SECURITY CAMPAIGN. WE FEEL THAT IN ORDER TO  
9 BRING PARITY AND TO LOOK OUT FOR WORKERS WITH THE RISING COSTS  
10 OF WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IN THE COUNTY THAT WE HEARD  
11 THROUGHOUT THE DAY THAT THERE'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN  
12 IN TERMS OF RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE AS WELL AS TAKING CARE OF  
13 THE LIVING WAGE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
14 THE CONVERSATION AROUND HEALTHCARE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A  
15 VOTE YES IN SUPPORT OF THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND ALSO MARTHA MUNOZ. MR.  
18 PREVEN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN A RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3  
21 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I  
22 THINK THIS IN GENERAL WHEN WE HAVE A BIG MEETING, YOU  
23 SHOULDN'T SHORTEN SOME OF THE PEOPLE'S TIME. IT'S BETTER TO  
24 GIVE EVERYBODY THE SAME. IT IS QUITE FRUSTRATING TO THOSE WHO  
25 CAME DOWN HERE. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO THAT PERSONALLY, SIR, BUT

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1 I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF PLANNING ON THIS PARTICULAR DAY AND  
2 EVERYBODY KNEW THAT A LOT WOULD COME DOWN HERE BECAUSE MANY  
3 WERE INVITED. IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR. THAT SAID I AM VERY  
4 SUPPORTIVE AS YOU KNOW, SIR, OF RAISING THE WAGES IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY AND FOR ALL THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES AND THANKS TO  
6 THE MAYOR FOR COMING DOWN FOR HIS V.I.P. PRESENTATION. I  
7 REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. THERE ARE A COUPLE QUESTIONS THAT I  
8 THINK SHOULD BE RAISED. ONE THAT CAME UP. BOTH SIDES HAVE  
9 CLEARLY BEEN ARTICULATED ON THIS. THERE'S A CONCEPT CALLED  
10 TOTAL COMPENSATION THAT ONE OF THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED. HE'S  
11 THE GUY THAT OWNS SOME RESTAURANTS CALLED MARMALADE. IT'S A  
12 VERY INTERESTING QUESTION. IT'S NOT THE PERNICIOUS TIP CREDIT  
13 WHICH IS AN INSIDIOUS IDEA. IT'S TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THIS  
14 ENTIRE PACKAGE THAT PEOPLE GET. I JUST DON'T KNOW IF THE BOARD  
15 HAS LOOKED AT IT. SOMEONE SAID THE STATE IS THE DETERMINER OF  
16 THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE. SO MAYBE YOU COULD ASK YOUR  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE STATE TO MENTION  
18 THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

21

22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IN REGARDS TO SUSTAINABLE WAGES, ISN'T IT  
23 OBVIOUS THAT THE TIMETABLE TO INCREASE OUR WAGES TO PROVIDE  
24 FOR OUR FAMILIES AND THE NEEDS OF EVERY ASPECT OF THE QUALITY  
25 OF LIFE HAS DECREASED EVER SINCE THE IMPERIALISTS INCREASING

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1 OF THOSE WHO PUT THE OPPRESSIVE ACTION UPON US TO COME HERE  
2 AND JUST FIGHT FOR A MINIMUM WAGE. IT'S SADDENING TO THE HEART  
3 AND THE OUTCRY AND OPPOSITION OF BOTH SIDES PROVES A POINT,  
4 THAT THE INCREASING WAGES HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED DUE TO THE  
5 INCONSISTENCIES THAT YOU HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH FAIR LABOR  
6 ACT. AND I FIND IT THAT NOT ONE AMERICAN SHOULD HAVE TO DEAL  
7 WITH THIS UNLESS THERE'S A CIVIL SUIT BY THE ENFORCEMENT OF  
8 THE RIGHTS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO STEP  
9 IN AND UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE AND LOCAL LAW TO  
10 ENFORCE AN INVESTIGATION ON THIS CONDITION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CARMEN FUENTES. AMY MARTINEZ. YES,  
13 SIR.

14

15 **HERMAN RODRIGUEZ:** [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETER] GOOD  
16 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HERMAN RODRIGUEZ. FOR NINE YEARS I  
17 WORKED IN THE SUPERMARKET EL SUPER. IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IT  
18 IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL WORKERS THAT SUPERVISORS TAKE ACTION TO  
19 MAKE SURE THAT THE MINIMUM SALARY, THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE IS  
20 BACKED -- THAT THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE MINIMUM SALARY IS PAID.  
21 MY COWORKERS HAVE REPORTED THAT THEIR PAYCHECKS DID NOT  
22 REFLECT ALL THE HOURS WORKED. ALSO, THE SUPERMARKET CHARGES  
23 UNIFORMS. THE WORKING COMMISSION FOR CALIFORNIA HAS FINED WITH  
24 \$180,000 WORTH OF WAGE THEFT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU  
25 GUYS SUPPORT THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS MARTHA MUNOZ, AMADOR  
3 ROJAS? ARNOLD SACHS. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO LANCASTER FOR  
4 NICOLE. NICOLE? ARE YOU PRESENT, NICOLE?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** NICOLE LEFT FOR THE DAY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE LEFT? OKAY. MORRIS GRIFFIN?  
9 JONATHAN KLEIN,, PETER DREIER.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOCATING THE  
12 ONE MINUTE, FOUR ITEMS ONE MINUTE. I'M NOT AS KIND AS ERIC  
13 PREVEN. I THINK IT'S A LOAD OF CRAP. BUT, ANYWAY, THERE WAS  
14 DISCUSSION ABOUT MINIMUM WAGE. ACCORDING TO YOUR SCHEDULE THAT  
15 YOU HAVE WORKED OUT, ON 9/1/17 AN IN-HOME PERSONAL HEALTHCARE  
16 WORKERS WILL BE MAKING TOP WAGE OF \$11.18 BASED ON MARK  
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE ROAD TO \$15. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU'RE GOING  
18 TO HAVE A \$14.25 MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
19 THE COUNTY. SO MAYBE YOU CAN USE YOUR INITIATIVE, INTELLIGENCE  
20 AND ALL THE OTHER CRAP THAT YOU PUT ON THIS SANDWICH TO  
21 EXPLAIN TO THE BUSINESSES HOW THEY CAN MAKE UP THE \$2.50  
22 DIFFERENCE THAT YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE  
23 WORKERS. WHY DON'T YOU START THERE? BECAUSE WE HEAR SO MUCH  
24 ABOUT ALL THE UNION WORKERS AND ALL THESE EMPLOYEES GETTING  
25 THIS MONEY. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY YOUR WORKERS IN-HOME

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1 HEALTHCARE WORKERS A \$15 PAY WAGE. AND BY THE WAY, HOW MANY  
2 PEOPLE FROM SAN BERNADINO IN HERE TODAY, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
3 WHY DON'T YOU SHOUT OUT TO SAN BERNADINO LIKE YOU DID A COUPLE  
4 WEEKS AGO?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, MR. KLEIN? THANK YOU,  
7 MR. SACHS. [OFF MIC COMMENTS].

8

9 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** HI, MY NAME IS RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN FROM  
10 CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. AS YOU MIGHT  
11 GUESS, WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE AND EXCITED FOR THIS DAY TO HAVE  
12 ARRIVED AT THE COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND  
13 ANY RELIGIOUS LEADERS REALLY COMING OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE ON  
14 THIS ISSUE. MOVING FORWARD A MINIMUM WAGE WITH WAGE  
15 ENFORCEMENT WITH A WAGE THAT GOES UP AND WITH WAGE ENFORCEMENT  
16 IS KEY TO EVERY RELIGIOUS TRADITION'S BELIEF IN THE INHERENT  
17 DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY HUMAN BEING. SO THANK YOU FOR  
18 TAKING THAT STEP FORWARD. AND I WANT TO ADD THAT JOHN HOWLAND  
19 MADE A POINT, CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION, THAT HE SUPPORTED THE  
20 WAGE THEFT COMPONENT. AND I THINK THAT THAT SHOULD SAY THAT ON  
21 THAT PIECE AT THE VERY LEAST WE SHOULD SEE A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN  
22 SUPPORT OF WAGE THEFT -- WAGE ENFORCEMENT. SO THANK YOU FOR  
23 TAKING THE TIME, MAKING THE EFFORT TO MOVE IT FORWARD. AND WE  
24 LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING VERY SHORTLY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

2

3 **PETER DREIER:** MY NAME IS PETER DREIER THE URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL  
4 POLICY DEPARTMENT. OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE. RESIDENT OF PASADENA,  
5 THEREFORE YOUR CONSTITUENT, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'D LIKE TO THANK  
6 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LACHSA. SHE JUST GRADUATED FROM  
7 LACHSA. SHE HAD A GREAT EDUCATION. I HOPE THAT WAS A GOOD USE  
8 OF COUNTY MONEY. I HOPE YOU WILL USE COUNTY MONEY TO ENFORCE  
9 THE \$15 AN HOUR MINIMUM WAGE WHICH I'M SURE WILL PASS TODAY.  
10 LET ME JUST REMIND YOU THAT IN 1997, THE CENTRAL CITY  
11 ASSOCIATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DID A STUDY, THEY HIRED  
12 A CONSULTANT TO DO A STUDY TO SAY THAT THE LIVING WAGE LAW IN  
13 LOS ANGELES WOULD COST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND  
14 COST THOUSANDS OF JOBS. NO SUCH THING. EVERY CHAMBER PERSON  
15 THAT CAME UP HERE TODAY, EVERY BUSINESS LOBBYIST CAME HERE  
16 TODAY WERE CRYING WOLF. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE FROM ANY OF THE  
17 EMPIRICAL STUDIES BY ECONOMISTS THAT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE  
18 WILL DESTROY JOBS, WILL HURT BUSINESSES, WILL HAVE ANY  
19 NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. AND SO I HOPE YOU TAKE THEM INTO  
20 CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU'RE VOTING YES ON THE MINIMUM WAGE TODAY  
21 TO REALIZE THAT THE CRY WOLF OF THE BUSINESS LOBBYISTS TODAY  
22 ARE JUST THAT. THEY'RE LIES. THEY'RE PROPAGANDA AND THEY'RE  
23 NOT BASED ON ANY REAL EVIDENCE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF  
2 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND DOWN AT  
3 THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. [APPLAUSE] I WANT TO COMMEND MY  
4 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE, AS WELL, DURING THIS. DO YOU  
5 WANT TO COMMENT ON THE MOTION FIRST? I HAVE QUESTIONS AND  
6 COMMENTS TOO.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, I GUESS THE FIRST MOTION BEFORE  
9 US IS THE MOTION ON THE MINIMUM WAGE. AND I DID NOT MAKE ANY  
10 KIND OF OPENING STATEMENT BECAUSE I FIGURED I WOULD DO IT ALL  
11 AT ONCE. BUT LET ME SAY AND TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT ARE STILL  
12 HERE WITH US AND THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING BECAUSE AMAZINGLY  
13 ENOUGH, PEOPLE DO WATCH THESE MEETINGS. THEY'RE JUST WAKING UP  
14 NOW WEDNESDAY MORNING WHEN THEY WATCH IT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHICH IS FINE WITH ME BECAUSE WE'RE GOING  
17 TO PHASE THIS IN OVER FIVE YEARS, SO THEY HAVE PLENTY OF TIME  
18 TO CATCH UP WITH US ABOUT THIS MOTION. I WANT TO SAY -- I  
19 THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY FOR US IN L.A. YOU KNOW,  
20 STUDIES ARE DONE. HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD. THOUSANDS OF  
21 CONVERSATIONS ON FRONT PAGES, TOWN HALLS, LIVING ROOMS AROUND  
22 THE COUNTY ON THIS ISSUE. SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE CITY  
23 LAST LABOR DAY, LESS THAN A YEAR AGO BY MAYOR GARCETTI WHO  
24 CAME AND SPOKE TODAY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A REGIONAL  
25 APPROACH. NONPROFITS HAVE WEIGHED IN. SMALL BUSINESSES. LARGE

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1 EMPLOYERS. AND VERY, VERY IMPORTANTLY AS WE'VE HEARD TODAY,  
2 POWERFUL VOICES OF THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE, TENS OF  
3 THOUSANDS OF LOW-WAGE WORKERS WHOSE LABOR HAS BEEN UNDERVALUED  
4 AND TOO OFTEN STOLEN. THIS INDEED IS THE DAY TO ACT. AS  
5 PROFESSOR DREIER JUST SAID, OPPONENTS OF THE HIGHER WAGES HAVE  
6 RAISED THE EXACT SAME OBJECTIONS HERE IN L.A. HE SAID '97? BUT  
7 REMEMBER WHEN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE WAS PUT IN IN 1938,  
8 BUSINESSES SAID THE SAME THING. THEY WERE ALL GOING TO GO OUT  
9 OF BUSINESS. THEY WERE GOING TO MOVE TO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE,  
10 CANADA, BECAUSE OF COURSE IT WAS A FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE. EVEN  
11 THE COURT TRIED TO UNDO IT. BUT IT DID NOT LEAD TO THIS KIND  
12 OF MIGRATION. FRANKLY, WE'VE LOST JOBS TO OTHER COUNTRIES NOT  
13 BECAUSE WE SET A MINIMUM WAGE BUT BECAUSE THEY EXPLOIT THEIR  
14 WORKERS SO TERRIBLY. AND BUSINESSES THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
15 THAT, THOSE ARE NOT THE KIND OF BUSINESSES I WANT TO SUPPORT,  
16 ANYWAY. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE COST MANUFACTURING JOBS  
17 AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF JOBS IN THIS COUNTY, NOT PAYING WORKERS  
18 A FAIR WAGE. BUT I THINK THE THING I WANT TO CLOSE WITH AND  
19 THANK EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS FIGHT, IT'S VERY  
20 MUCH IN MY MIND THE WAY GAY MARRIAGE IS THOUGHT OF. EVERYBODY  
21 SAID "OH, IT HAPPENED SO FAST." IT JUST HAPPENED SO FAST. IT  
22 JUST STARTED ONE DAY AND, BOOM, THEN WE HAD IT. WELL, NO. IT'S  
23 BEEN DECADES AND DECADES OF WORK TRYING TO CONVINCING AMERICAN  
24 SOCIETY THAT IT MAKES SENSE TO EVERYBODY TO PAY A FAIR WAGE.  
25 AND AS ALL OF THE PRICES HAVE RISEN AND ALL OF THE WAGES HAVE

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1 FLATTENED, WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY ABILITY IN OUR LOW WAGE  
2 WORKERS TO EVEN ENTER WHAT WE USED TO CALL "THE WORKING  
3 CLASS." MY FOLKS GREW UP IN THE WORKING CLASS. THEY COULD  
4 AFFORD THEIR RENT. THEY NEVER HAD A DOWN PAYMENT. BUT THEY  
5 COULD AFFORD THEIR RENT. THEY COULD GO TO THE MARKET AND THEY  
6 COULD FEED US. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT PAYING  
7 WORKERS TO BE IN THE WORKING CLASS ANYMORE. THEY ARE NOW IN  
8 THE POVERTY CLASS. AND WHO'S PICKING UP THE SUBSIDIES FOR  
9 BUSINESSES? THE COUNTY. BECAUSE WE'RE THE SAFETY NET. WE'RE  
10 PAYING EXTRA MONEY WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT EARN A FAIR WAGE. SO  
11 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK TODAY. AND OF COURSE ACTION COMES  
12 NEXT. BUT I HAVE TO SAY I'VE BEEN IN THIS CITY AND IN THIS  
13 COUNTY FOR A VERY LONG TIME, AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN PROUDER  
14 THAN I AM TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** GO AHEAD. MOVE DOWN THE LINE, DO YOU WANT TO GO  
19 AHEAD, MARK?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERHAPS IT'S APPROPRIATE TO KNOW HOW WE'RE  
22 GOING TO DISPOSE OF THE FOUR ITEMS BEFORE US. I'M PREPARED TO  
23 SPEAK ON ONE OF THE FOUR AND DISPOSE OF THE OTHERS AS  
24 APPROPRIATE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST ITEM WE'LL VOTE ON WILL BE  
2 MINIMUM WAGE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DO YOU WANT TO TAKE AN AMENDMENT?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT BUT MAKE SOME  
7 COMMENTS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT. SO, THANK  
10 YOU, MR. MAYOR. I DO WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE EVERYONE COMING  
11 OUT TODAY. AND I DO WANT TO THANK OUR STAFF AND ALSO THE --  
12 MR. STIEGER AND OTHERS WHO CAME AND PRESENTED EARLY ON. I  
13 THINK THEY DID ATTEMPT TO DO THEIR BEST IN TRYING TO REACH OUT  
14 TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. AND I FEEL AT THIS TIME THAT  
15 EVERYTHING LOOKS IN THE DIRECTION OF BRINGING THINGS TOGETHER  
16 IN A TIGHTLY KNIT PACKAGE WHERE WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT RAISING  
17 THE MINIMUM WAGE, ADDRESS WAGE THEFT, HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE  
18 TO OUR COUNTY WORKERS AND ALSO EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
19 SMALL BUSINESS SO THAT WE CAN BRING OUR COUNTY FORWARD TO HELP  
20 THOSE THAT NEED ASSISTANCE. I THINK THAT THIS IS A HISTORIC  
21 DAY FOR THE COUNTY. AND I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS  
22 MOVEMENT, SOMETHING THAT I'M FAMILIAR WITH AND HAVE HAD  
23 INVOLVEMENT IN THE PAST 20 YEARS AS A SENATOR ON THE  
24 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN WE RAN A STATEWIDE  
25 INITIATIVE TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE. AND AS LABOR SECRETARY,

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1 ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT TOOLS  
2 AGAINST THOSE THAT WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EMPLOYEES. SO  
3 I'M DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE. I ALWAYS KNEW WE  
4 WOULD REACH THIS POINT. AND IT TAKES A VILLAGE. AND I'M HAPPY  
5 TO BE A PART OF THAT VILLAGE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** A VILLAGE OF THREE. NO. I THINK THAT ALL OF US  
8 REALIZE THAT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOU CANNOT RAISE A  
9 FAMILY ON A MINIMUM WAGE HERE. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO GET TO  
10 IT AND BE PRUDENT HOW WE GET THERE. AND, AGAIN, REMEMBERING  
11 THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE WAS NEVER MEANT AS A FAMILY INCOME BUT  
12 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EARLY EMPLOYMENT, EARLY JOB TRAINING AND  
13 DIFFERENT KINDS OF TRAINING. SO FROM THAT STANDPOINT -- AND I  
14 REALIZE THAT THERE ARE OTHER VOTES HERE TO PASS IT AS IS, BUT  
15 I THINK, REALLY, THE IMPACTS ON BUSINESSES AND ONE GENTLEMAN  
16 CALLED THEM LIES OR WHATEVER THESE OTHER PEOPLE, THAT'S TRULY  
17 NOT THE CASE BECAUSE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS THE THINGS THAT WE  
18 CAN'T SEE, THE THINGS THAT WE WON'T KNOW WILL HAPPEN. AND WHEN  
19 I TALK TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES ABOUT THIS, THEY SAY  
20 "SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT US TO DO. IF YOU  
21 PASS A MINIMUM WAGE, WE'LL ABIDE BY THE LAW. BUT WHAT'S GOING  
22 THE HAPPEN IS I'M GOING TO KEEP THE EMPLOYEES THAT I WANT TO  
23 KEEP, I WILL GIVE THEM MORE HOURS AND I WILL PAY THEM HIGHER  
24 WAGES AND WILL HAVE TO REMOVE SOME OF THE LOWER POSITIONS TO  
25 BE ABLE TO PAY AND DO THAT." THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SAY "I'M

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1 GOING TO LAY YOU OFF OR REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM MY BUSINESS  
2 BECAUSE OF MINIMUM WAGE. THEY WILL DO IT AS A COST OF DOING  
3 BUSINESS. AND MOST OF YOUR SMALL BUSINESSES PARTICULARLY, AND  
4 I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS, MOST OF  
5 YOUR SMALL BUSINESSES REALLY OPERATE ON A SHOE AND A STRING  
6 AND VERY SMALL MARGINS. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK  
7 AT THESE KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER IT'S SUBSIDIZED  
8 EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THIS  
9 THING WITH DID 10,000 JOBS WHEN YOU WERE SECRETARY OF LABOR,  
10 PUT LIKE 11,000 PEOPLE TO WORK, IT WAS A SUBSIDIZED PIECE TO  
11 BE ABLE TO DO THOSE KIND OF THINGS. BUT THE MAJORITY OF THESE  
12 REVENUES FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES IS TIED UP IN WAGES. AND SO  
13 MY CONCERN HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HIRE AND CREATE  
14 JOBS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND NEVER FORGETTING THAT TWO-  
15 THIRDS OF THE NEW JOBS CREATED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE  
16 CREATED BY SMALL BUSINESSES. IT'S NOT THE MICROSOFT. IT'S NOT  
17 THE GOOGLES. IT'S THE SMALL BUSINESSES, THE MOM AND POP. AN  
18 ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS HERE IN THE  
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO AS I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE COUNTY  
20 FOSTER NEW JOB GROWTH AND PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PEOPLE NEEDED  
21 TO GET THOSE JOBS, I DON'T THINK WE CAN FORGET, YOU KNOW, THE  
22 WORKERS COMING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, COME OUT OF THE EARLY DAYS  
23 OF TRAINING, THE OPPORTUNITY, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T WIPE  
24 THEM OUT BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DO HERE. ALSO, THERE WERE ISSUES  
25 RAISED TODAY AS IT RELATES TO THE EXAMPLE OUR CONTRACTS WITH

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1 OUR AMBULANCE PROVIDERS. THE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES THAT REALLY  
2 MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS TO HOW WE TREAT THOSE HERE IN THE MINIMUM  
3 WAGE KIND OF A SITUATION. AND, LASTLY, I HAVE AN ADDITIONAL  
4 MOTION, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT ATTACHING THESE WAGE  
5 INCREASES TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, EVEN IF IT IS FIVE  
6 YEARS DOWN THE LINE IS ABSOLUTELY THE WRONG THING TO DO. WE  
7 DON'T NEGOTIATE OUR OWN CONTRACTS LIKE THAT WITH EITHER  
8 VENDORS OR WITH OUR UNIONS. HAD WE NOT HAD THE FLEXIBILITY  
9 DURING THIS MOST SEVERE RECESSION AND HAD THAT WORKING  
10 RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR UNIONS TO BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THAT  
11 WITHOUT FURLOUGHS OR WITHOUT LAYOFFS, IT WAS A VERY COST-  
12 EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITY. AND TO TIE THE HANDS OF THE SMALL  
13 BUSINESS PERSON FIVE YEARS OUT AND SAY IN PERPETUITY, THAT  
14 SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIVE YEARS  
15 OUT TO SORT OF RE-VISIT THAT ISSUE. SO AS IT RELATES, I GOT  
16 THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS TWO PIECES TO HER MOTION.  
17 THE FIRST ON THE MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
18 2016, I WILL NOT SUPPORT THAT. THE SECOND PIECE CALLS FOR A  
19 NEW BOARD POLICY TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE FOR OR COUNTY  
20 EMPLOYEES AND I WILL SUPPORT THAT PARTICULAR ITEM. SO AS I  
21 WENT THROUGH ALL THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, AND MY MOTION  
22 WOULD BE AND I THINK ALL OF YOU HAVE SEEN IT AND CROSSED MOST  
23 OF IT OUT, BUT I WOULD STILL LIKE TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE AND  
24 THAT'S THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXEMPT SOCIAL ENTERPRISES  
25 THAT PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FROM THE MINIMUM WAGE

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1 ORDINANCE BY ESTABLISHING A TRANSITIONAL JOB PROGRAMS  
2 EXEMPTION, ONE. TWO. DEVELOP AN APPROACH TO MINIMUM WAGE  
3 INCREASES BEYOND 2022 THAT ARE SET BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
4 AS OPPOSED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. AND, THREE, ESTABLISH  
5 A PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT FOCUSES ON JOB TRAINING,  
6 SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS FEES AND REGULATION PERMIT  
7 PROCESSING, INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH BUSINESS AND  
8 LABOR AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
9 SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
10 AFFAIRS. AND THIS PARTNERSHIP SHOULD LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT WHAT  
11 WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE AND SPECIFICALLY TRY TO HELP THE  
12 PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO HELP, SPECIFICALLY A JOB TRAINING,  
13 SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT THAT WOULD EASE THE REGULATION OF FEES  
14 AND REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT  
15 FOSTERS THE CREATION OF THESE NEW GOOD PAYING JOBS, ENHANCES  
16 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT BOTH BUSINESSES AND  
17 INCREASES EMPLOYMENT. SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE TIED UP IN OUR  
18 SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE, I AGREE, AS WELL, TOO. SO THOSE ARE  
19 MY COMMENTS AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL SECOND THE AMENDMENT. LET ME SAY  
22 FOR THE RECORD, MINIMUM WAGE IS A LOT DIFFERENT IN  
23 PRACTICALITY OR IMPLEMENTATION THAN JUST SAYING "EVERYBODY HAS  
24 A RAISE." WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT? \$15 MINIMUM WAGE  
25 IS REALLY \$21.17 BECAUSE THE EMPLOYER HAS TO PAY THE PAYROLL

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1 TAX, THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, THE MANDATED TRAINING TAX,  
2 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING TAX AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS.  
3 MINIMUM WAGE IS AN ENTRY-LEVEL LEVEL. MOST OF US, I KNOW,  
4 STARTED WITH AN ENTRY LEVEL JOB WHEN WE WERE HIGH SCHOOL,  
5 COLLEGE. OVER HALF THE PEOPLE, I THINK IT'S TWO-THIRDS RECEIVE  
6 AN INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES WHO ARE AT MINIMUM WAGE AFTER  
7 THE FIRST YEAR. WHEN THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
8 TELLS THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND TELLS THE  
9 STATE LEGISLATURE THAT HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE MINIMUM WAGE  
10 INCREASE BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT TO THE STATE BUDGET, WHICH HAS  
11 BEEN IN A VERY PRECARIOUS SITUATION, THAT SHOULD SEND A STRONG  
12 MESSAGE THAT WHAT WE ARE ADDRESSING TODAY IS A VERY SERIOUS  
13 ISSUE THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS SPOKEN  
14 OUT AGAINST THE INCREASE. RECENTLY WHAT YOU HAVE THERE WAS A  
15 STUDY THAT FOUND THAT 75 PERCENT OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES IN  
16 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA WOULD INCREASE PRICES, 63 PERCENT  
17 WOULD REDUCE HOURS, 54 PERCENT WOULD REDUCE STAFFING, 33  
18 PERCENT WOULD RELOCATE TO A NEARBY CITY WHERE THEY DID NOT  
19 HAVE THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE, 29 PERCENT WOULD CLOSE AND 45  
20 PERCENT OF NET PROFITS WOULD NEED TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO  
21 SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND 18 PERCENT OF THE NONPROFITS WOULD HAVE  
22 TO REDUCE THEIR SERVICES. IT REDUCES THE BUSINESS' COMPETITIVE  
23 ADVANTAGE, ESPECIALLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ARE  
24 LITERALLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. IN  
25 ONE OF THE AREAS THAT I REPRESENT, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA,

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1 THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS CALLED MAD. IT'S FOR MONROVIA, ARCADIA  
2 AND DUARTE. THEY SENT THIS TO ME. AND THEY SAID "THE MONROVIA-  
3 ARCADIA-DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL IS AN ELECTED BODY OF LOCAL  
4 RESIDENTS THAT REPRESENTS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO THE COUNTY  
5 AREAS OF MONROVIA, ARCADIA AND DUARTE. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY  
6 ENGAGED IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES  
7 IN MONROVIA, ARCADIA AND DUARTE AND THROUGH OUR POLLING OF  
8 THESE BUSINESSES, WE FOUND THAT A 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
9 MINIMUM WAGE WOULD ELIMINATE THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE AS A  
10 BUSINESS. WE'RE ASKING FOR A DECISION OF MINIMUM WAGE OF NO AS  
11 WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES. THE MAD TOWN COUNCIL'S  
12 A 501 (C) 3 PUBLIC CHARITIES ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY AREA." THEIR ID NUMBER 954-44-2726. YOU HAVE IN  
14 THE AREA OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, YOU HAVE MANY BUSINESSES  
15 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. YOU HAVE MAJOR REVENUE GENERATORS  
16 TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO HAVE THE  
17 ABILITY, WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ANNEX UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, CITY  
18 WALK, CAN ANNEX TO THE CITY OF BURBANK WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE  
19 THAT WAGE. THE 6 FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN CAN ANNEX TO THE CITY OF  
20 SANTA CLARITA. 6 FLAGS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EMPLOYERS OF YOUTH  
21 IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MANY OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN ARE  
22 HIRED BY 6 FLAGS. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOSS OF REVENUE WHEN  
23 THEY ANNEX TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. YOU HAVE THE SAME  
24 SITUATION WITH OTHER BUSINESSES: ROSS. WALMART. YOU HAVE --  
25 [OFF MIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE]. WELL, THEY ARE GOING TO

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1 ANNEX OR THEY'RE GOING TO NOT STAY IN THE AREA. THE PROBLEM  
2 IS: THESE ARE BUSINESSES -- RAGING WATERS. ANOTHER MAJOR  
3 EMPLOYER OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OUR EMANCIPATED YOUTH COULD  
4 ANNEX TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT OR THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS.  
5 MCKESSON MEDICAL SUPPLY AND OTHER HIGH TECH THAT ARE LOCATED  
6 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS COULD ANNEX TO A NEIGHBORING CITY.  
7 IN LA CRESCENTA, MONTROSE AREA, THEY COULD ANNEX TO GLENDALE.  
8 THEY CAN ANNEX TO LA CANADA. IN FACT THE LA CANADA SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT, THEY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH LA CRESCENTA ALONG  
10 WITH THE GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO THESE ARE SITUATIONS  
11 THAT HAVE A SEVERE IMPACT ON OUR COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. WE  
12 WILL HAVE LESS MONEY. RIGHT NOW YOU CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAVE  
13 TAXES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, BE IT LIBRARIES, BE IT TRAUMA  
14 CARE OR ANY OTHER VITAL SERVICES THAT ARE BEING SHIFTED NOW TO  
15 PROPERTY TAXES WHEN THOSE ARE TAXES THAT SHOULD BE COMING FROM  
16 THE GENERAL FUND, NOT THE PROPERTY TAX. SO YOU HAVE A  
17 SITUATION WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE BUSINESSES STAY HERE AND  
18 THRIVE TO CREATE JOBS OR YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER EXODUS.  
19 I HAD DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH A BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS FROM THE  
20 TORRANCE AREA TELLING ME ABOUT THE IMPACT TOYOTA HAS HAD IN  
21 HIS CITY WHERE HIS BUSINESS IS LOCATED WITH THE MOVE NOW TO  
22 TEXAS. AND ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE HAVE FRIENDS WHO USED TO  
23 LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE NOW PROUD RESIDENTS OF TEXAS,  
24 OF ARIZONA, OF NEVADA, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA,  
25 OHIO, WISCONSIN. JUST CHECK YOUR HANUKKAH OR YOUR CHRISTMAS

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1 CARD LIST THIS COMING YEAR AND SEE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESSES  
2 THAT OCCUR. WE NEED TO HAVE AN ECONOMY THAT IS GROWING THAT'S  
3 GOING TO PROVIDE HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE, BUT NOT  
4 CREATE A BARRIER AND A WALL THAT WILL ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
5 HAVE A JOB, OUR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABLED CENTERS THAT HAVE  
6 CONTRACTS THAT PROVIDE MINIMUM WAGE FOR THEIR CLIENTS ARE  
7 GOING TO BE SEVERELY IMPACTED. AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE  
8 BEEN ABLE TO LEARN SKILLS AND BE ENABLED TO ASSUME A LIFE, A  
9 NORMAL LIFE, MANY BECOMING ALLOWED TO BE IN INDEPENDENT  
10 LIVING. ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE GOING TO BE DENIED MANY  
11 OF THESE PEOPLE. SO THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. THAT'S WHY I  
12 WOULD BE OPPOSING IT. ONE AREA THAT I WOULD LIKE A REPORT BACK  
13 ON IS HOW THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES THE COST OF MEDICAL  
14 TRANSPORT RATES BECAUSE MEDI-CAL RATES ARE FIXED. AND  
15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, HOW THAT IMPACTS OUR EMERGENCY  
16 TRANSPORT SYSTEM IF THE MEDI-CAL WILL NOT INCREASE THE RATE TO  
17 THAT ADDITIONAL COST. IF THAT HAPPENS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A  
18 SEVERE SHORTAGE OF AMBULANCES ABLE TO RESPOND ON 911 CALLS AND  
19 TAKE THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION. AND THAT'S  
20 ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ENCOUNTERING. SO THOSE  
21 ARE THE POINTS THAT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE.  
22 IT'S NOT JUST \$15, IT'S \$21.17. IT'S A SEVERE IMPACT ON THE  
23 EMPLOYERS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT'S AN IMPACT ON THE YOUNG  
24 AND THE OLD WHO WANT PART-TIME JOB ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS THAT  
25 WILL NOW BE DENIED TO THEM. AND, AGAIN, THAT HURTS OUR ECONOMY

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1 AND IT HURTS OUR GENERAL FUND THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
2 SUPPORT THE COUNTY SERVICES FOR THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT WE  
3 REPRESENT. SO WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR BY SUPERVISOR  
4 KNABE. WE WILL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, IN MY MIND, JUST TO CLARIFY,  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE OFFERED AN AMENDMENT. MANY TIMES, I KNOW  
8 PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE SAY WELL, OF COURSE, THAT'S JUST FINE WITH  
9 ME, PUT IT IN. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOT ONE OF THOSE TIMES  
10 FOR ME. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DON'T WORRY. AND I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT  
15 THAT HAS GONE INTO MUCH OF THIS. I REALLY DO. AND I'VE LEARNED  
16 A LOT. I LEARNED THAT ONE SUPERVISOR CAN TELL THE C.E.O. TO  
17 HIRE A FIRM TO DO A STUDY AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO VOTE ON  
18 IT. THAT'S A REALLY GOOD THING FOR ME TO KNOW FOR THE FUTURE.  
19 AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT IF ANY ANNEXATION IS  
20 GOING TO TAKE PLACE, IT HAS TO GO THROUGH LAFCO, SO WE WILL  
21 HAVE QUITE A DISCUSSION IF ANY OF THAT HAPPENS. SO UNIVERSAL'S  
22 IN MY DISTRICT, AND I CAN TELL YOU THEY ARE NOT GOING TO ASK  
23 TO BE ANNEXED TO ANYTHING, ESPECIALLY NOT BURBANK. AS TO THE  
24 PROPOSED AMENDMENT, I THINK THE CITY IS LOOKING AT THE SORT OF  
25 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AREA. AND THOSE SMALL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

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1 THAT EMPLOY PEOPLE IN ORDER TO TRAIN THEM, TO HELP THEM OUT OF  
2 OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES, PERHAPS THEY'VE BEEN  
3 INCARCERATED, ET CETERA. BUT WE'VE HAD NO DISCUSSION ABOUT  
4 THIS, AT ALL. SO I WOULD SAY WE SHOULD HAVE A DISCUSSION AND  
5 SEE AS THE ORDINANCE IS BEING DRAFTED, IF THIS IS SOMETHING  
6 THAT WE WANT TO ADD. BUT NOT TODAY. AND I'M PERFECTLY  
7 COMFORTABLE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BEING UTILIZED FOR A  
8 RAISE. SO I REGRETFULLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS  
9 AMENDMENT. AND IN TERMS OF DIVIDING THE QUESTION, WHICH  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED TO DO. I DON'T BELIEVE WE EVER OBJECT  
11 WE KNOW PEOPLE ASK FOR IT. SO I'M ASSUMING THERE WOULD BE A  
12 VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT. AND THEN A VOTE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE  
13 PORTION OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE MOTION THAT I BROUGHT THAT  
14 RELATES ONLY TO COUNTY WORKERS THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE CAN VOTE  
15 IN FAVOR OF THAT. AND THEN A VOTE ON THE REST OF THE MOTION.  
16 IS THAT CORRECT?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE CAN VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST.  
19 AND THEN YOU COULD DIVIDE THE QUESTION ON THE OTHER.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M JUST ACCEPTING THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE  
22 WANTS TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I DO WANT TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ABSOLUTELY. IS THERE ANY REASON NOT TO? ALL  
2 RIGHT. SO WE'LL HAVE THREE VOTES JUST ON THE MINIMUM WAGE  
3 MOTION. ON THE AMENDMENT, ON THE SECTION THAT RELATES TO  
4 COUNTY WORKERS AND THEN ON THE REST OF MY MOTION; CORRECT?  
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN WE MOVE ON THE AGENDA ITEM, MR. MAYOR?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL DO THE AMENDMENT FIRST. CALL  
10 THE ROLL.

11

12 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:**MR. MAYOR, THIS WILL TO BE  
13 RECEIVE AND FILE S-1, AS WELL. ON THE AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR  
14 SOLIS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO.

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:**SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

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22 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:**SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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5 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. ON THE MAIN MOTION?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO BIFURCATE.

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11 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE

12 MOTION ON THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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16 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

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

19

20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

2

3 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO.

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7 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: ON THE THIRD PORTION.

8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

11

12 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

15

16 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

19

20 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 SUP. KNABE: NO.

23

24 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. MOTION CARRIES. [APPLAUSE] ["SI SE  
2 PUEDE!" CHANTED BY THE AUDIENCE].

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF WE COULD PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF  
5 THE ITEMS, WE HAVE MORE TO GO.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE WAGE THEFT. MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE THE WAGE  
8 THEFT ITEM UP, BUT I THINK SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID, I THINK  
9 THERE APPEARS TO BE A LOT OF POSITIVE SUPPORT. I WOULD JUST  
10 ASK FOR A ROLL CALL UNLESS MEMBERS HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANT TO  
11 ADD.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK WE'RE READY. WAGE THEFT?

14

15 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS ITEM TWO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WAGE THEFT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

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21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THERE WAS PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAD WAGE THEFT.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE INCLUDED TESTIMONY ON WAGE THEFT ALL MORNING,  
2 ALL AFTERNOON. ALL THOSE ITEMS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYOR, CAN WE MOVE THE AGENDA ON THE ITEMS  
5 BEFORE US?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF MR. STIGER COULD COME UP FOR  
8 QUESTIONS. WE HAVE A MOTION, A SECOND ON THE TABLE FOR THIS.  
9 BRIAN?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, CAN WE LET STAFF IN SO HE CAN  
12 PROCEED?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S COMING. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO RAISE. HOW ARE ALLEGATIONS OF WAGE THEFT  
16 CURRENTLY HANDLED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? AND WHO IS THE  
17 REPORTING AUTHORITY?

18

19 **BRIAN STIGER:** BRIAN STIGER, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND  
20 BUSINESS AFFAIRS, I CAN TELL YOU, MR. MAYOR, THAT AT THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, ON OCCASION WE  
22 HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS ABOUT WAGE THEFT AND ALLEGATIONS OF  
23 WAGE AND HOUR LAWS. VIOLATIONS OF THOSE LAWS. AND CURRENTLY WE  
24 WORK WITH THE LABOR COMMISSIONER ON INVESTIGATIONS AND  
25 ADJUDICATION OF THOSE COMPLAINTS.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE ALREADY ARE WORKING AS AN  
3 INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY FOR THE STATE?

4

5 **BRIAN STIGER:** WE DON'T EXACTLY INVESTIGATE. WHAT WE DO IS WE  
6 WILL REFER THOSE COMPLAINANTS TO THE LABOR COMMISSIONER. I  
7 WOULD ALSO SAY THAT WE DO A LOT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC  
8 INFORMATION TO TRY TO PREVENT WAGE THEFT FROM HAPPENING IN THE  
9 FIRST PLACE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR  
12 THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL AND STATE WAGE THEFT LAW?

13

14 **BRIAN STIGER:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LEGAL AUTHORITY IS YET: I  
15 KNOW WITH THIS MOTION THERE WILL BE A STUDY AND AN ANALYSIS OF  
16 THOSE AUTHORITIES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE MOTION IS FOR A STUDY OF THAT?

19

20 **BRIAN STIGER:** THERE IS AN ANALYSIS IN THE MOTION. AS I  
21 UNDERSTAND IT, IT WILL COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE PROPOSED COST,  
24 ADDITIONAL COST THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE?

25

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1 **BRIAN STIGER:** WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT ANALYSIS YET, MR. MAYOR. I  
2 DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO PUT THIS  
3 RESPONSIBILITY IN MY DEPARTMENT. BUT IF THAT IS THE WILL OF  
4 THE BOARD, WE WILL CERTAINLY COME BACK WITH A FISCAL ANALYSIS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M ASSUMING IT WOULD BE YOUR  
7 DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY COUNSEL.

8

9 **BRIAN STIGER:** I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE BOARD. BUT OUR  
10 DEPARTMENT IS WELL SUITED TO DO IT BUT THAT ANALYSIS ISN'T  
11 COMPLETED YET.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW MANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL  
14 OBLIGATIONS DOES THE COUNTY ENFORCE WITHOUT FUNDING OR  
15 DIRECTIVES?

16

17 **BRIAN STIGER:** I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WAGE THEFT IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND  
20 OUGHT TO BE PUNISHED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW BUT THE  
21 PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS THAT THE COUNTY HAS MANY UNMET NEEDS.  
22 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW AN ADDITIONAL COST TO OUR BUDGET TO OUR  
23 GENERAL FUND IS THE APPROPRIATE MANNER TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE.  
24 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECENT YEARS BALANCED ITS BUDGET ON  
25 THE BACK OF LOCAL COUNTIES AND CITIES BY REQUIRING THEM TO

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1 FULFILL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE STATE MADE US THROUGH  
2 UNFUNDED MANDATES. AND IT'S IRONIC THAT COUNTY IS GOING TO  
3 SELF-IMPOSE AN UNFUNDED MANDATE WHEN WE HAVE OTHER FUNDING  
4 NEEDS SUCH AS THE PROPOSED STORM WATER CLEANUP WHICH IS HOW  
5 MANY MILLIONS, \$300 MILLION. \$350 MILLION HIT, FIRE EQUIPMENT  
6 REPLACEMENT AND NOW PARKS. AND SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.  
7 VERY IMPORTANT ALONG WITH EMANCIPATED YOUTH. SO THE PROBLEM IS  
8 THE IDEA IS NICE, BUT TAKING ON AN ADDITIONAL COST AT THE  
9 EXPENSE OF OUR OTHER GENERAL FUND AREAS IS SOMETHING THAT THIS  
10 BOARD HAS TO BE CONSIDERING. BECAUSE WE JUST CAN'T KEEP  
11 SPENDING, SPENDING, SPENDING AND THEN AT THE END OF THE DAY  
12 END UP LIKE GREECE. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THERE AND HAPPENED TO  
13 OTHER COUNTRIES, AS WELL. THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS THAT I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I COULD CLARIFY, YOUR QUESTION  
16 ON HOW THIS WILL BE REPORTED BACK, WE'RE ALSO ASKING FOR  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE US INFORMATION OF WHAT OUR LEGAL  
18 AUTHORITY MIGHT BE. SO THAT WILL COME BACK IN THE STUDY. BUT  
19 MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET AT IS THE LOSS OF  
20 REVENUE, THE MONEY THAT GOES TO THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY, WHICH  
21 IS IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THAT WILL COME BACK  
22 TO US. AND IF WE CAN WORK IN TANDEM AND LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE  
23 CITY IS DOING AND ALSO WHAT OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE. AND I  
24 KNOW SAN FRANCISCO HAS A VERY LENGTHY PROGRAM THAT THEY'VE HAD  
25 IN OPERATION, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MIRROR THAT, BUT CERTAINLY

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1 LOOKING AT WHAT WE CAN DO TO EDUCATE OUR PUBLIC, OUR  
2 BUSINESSES TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A CRIME TO NOT PAY MINIMUM  
3 WAGE, OVERTIME AND OTHER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR LABOR LAWS  
4 THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR MANY YEARS. AND THAT'S REVENUE  
5 THAT WE LOSE OUT ON. SO WE CAN'T PROVIDE STORM DRAINAGE  
6 INFRASTRUCTURE, SO WE CAN HAVE BETTER PUBLIC HEALTH, SO WE  
7 CAN'T COVER THESE OTHER THINGS THAT WE KNOW THERE'S A SHORTAGE  
8 OF UNLESS WE RECOUP THESE DOLLARS. AND THAT WILL COME BACK.  
9 AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOME OTHER AGENCIES THAT WANT TO WORK  
10 WITH US, THE STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE  
11 FEDERAL WAGE AND HOURS DIVISION. SO I KNOW THAT WE'LL HAVE A  
12 LOT OF INTEREST HERE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MR.  
13 STIGER AND OTHERS ON OUR COUNTY STAFF TO HELP US MOVE THIS  
14 ALONG AND HOPEFULLY GET ALL THIS BACK IN THE REPORT THAT WE'RE  
15 REQUESTING TODAY.

16

17 **BRIAN STIGER:** ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I PROPOSE A REPORT BACK. I SUPPORT  
20 AGGRESSIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE. BUT IT'S THE  
21 OTHER COMMENTS RELATING TO THAT I HAVE A CONCERN. I HAVE NO  
22 CONCERN OR OPPOSITION TO A REPORT BACK SO WE COULD HAVE THESE  
23 ISSUES BEFORE US TO DISCUSS. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, I CONCUR AND I AM PREPARED TO  
2 VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY ON THIS MATTER. I THINK NOW IS THE TIME TO  
3 DO SO.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION AND SECOND. IS THERE ANY  
6 OPPOSITION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. UNANIMOUS. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LIVING WAGE NOW, NO. 4.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, ITEM NO. 4 IS BEFORE  
13 US. IT IS THE EFFORT THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT FORTH TO ADDRESS THE  
14 ISSUE OF THE LIVING WAGE. THE REASON I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
15 FOCUS ON THIS IS AS FOLLOWS: PROPOSITION A, IT WAS APPROVED BY  
16 THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN 1978. AND WHAT IT  
17 DID WAS PERMIT THE COUNTY TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES THAT COULD  
18 BE PERFORMED MORE INEXPENSIVELY, SOME SAY CHEAPLY BY PRIVATE  
19 ENTITIES THAN BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES.  
20 AND IT WAS AFTER SOME 20 YEARS OF DEALING WITH THE PROPOSITION  
21 A THAT THE BOARD THEN MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT CONTRACTORS  
22 THAT ESSENTIALLY FAILED TO COMPENSATE THEIR EMPLOYEES  
23 ADEQUATELY ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEMSELVES,  
24 ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD THEN LEAD TO THEM HAVING TO SEEK  
25 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

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1 SO IT WAS AT THAT TIME IN 1999 THAT THIS BOARD THAT WAS SEATED  
2 AT THAT POINT IN TIME ADOPTED -- WAS ESSENTIALLY THE LIVING  
3 WAGE ORDINANCE AND I SALUTE THEM FOR HAVING DONE SO. BUT THAT  
4 WAS IN 1999. AND THEN IN THE LIVING WAGE WAS INCREASED AFTER  
5 THAT POINT IN TIME IN 2007. I DID SAY 2007. AND IT HAS NOT  
6 BEEN SINCE THAT TIME THAT THERE'S BEEN AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE  
7 LIVING WAGE FOR OUR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. HOW MANY ARE THERE?  
8 THERE ARE 4,000 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS MY  
9 VIEW THAT THIS IS THE FIRST PIECE OF BUSINESS THAT WE NEED TO  
10 ATTEND TO AS IT RELATES TO ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OR THE  
11 WAGE OF THOSE IN OUR COUNTY BUT THESE ARE THEY WHO ARE  
12 EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGH CONTRACTORS OR  
13 VENDORS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS OUR OBLIGATION  
14 TO ADDRESS THAT. AND I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO PUT  
15 THEM ON A PATH TO \$15 AND I WOULD WANT TO OFFER THIS BY WAY OF  
16 COMPARISON, THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS AT THE BOTTOM OF  
17 THE RUNG IN LOCAL PUBLIC JURISDICTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
18 LIVING WAGE COMPENSATION. LET ME OFFER THE FOLLOWING.  
19 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THEY PAY \$15.67 FOR THE  
20 LIVING WAGE. THE LOS ANGELES AIRPORT AUTHORITY, THEY PAY  
21 \$15.67. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ITSELF PAYS \$12.16. HERE IN  
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE PAY \$11.84. SEEMS TO ME THAT A  
23 COUNTY THAT BOASTS OF HAVING A BUDGET OF \$27 BILLION CAN DO A  
24 LOT BETTER THAN TO CAUSE WORKERS WHO HAVEN'T HAD AN ADJUSTMENT  
25 SINCE ALMOST 10 YEARS TO BE DEALT WITH WITH DIGNITY AND

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1 PURPOSE, THEREFORE I MOVE THE ITEM BEFORE US WITH REGARD TO  
2 GET THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SECOND. MOTION, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME  
8 IN THE MOTION IS HOW THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPACTS THE  
9 DIRECT COST TO THE COUNTY FOR RAISING THE LIVING WAGE, I WOULD  
10 THINK WE WOULD HAVE MORE COST PASSED ON TO US BECAUSE WE WOULD  
11 BE SUBSIDIZING THE HEALTH INSURANCE IN ADDITION TO HIGHER  
12 WAGES. WHO, MARK, CAN ANSWER THAT FOR US? SACHI, CAN YOU  
13 ANSWER THAT? THERE IS A BIG ASSUMPTION IN THIS MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS ELIMINATION OF TWO TIERED SYSTEM,  
16 NOW, SACHI, C.E.O.

17

18 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. IT IS BEING ELIMINATED  
19 THROUGH THIS MOTION. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE  
20 EMPLOYERS OR THE CONTRACTORS WOULD PROVIDE, UNDER THE  
21 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THE HEALTH INSURANCE. AND THOSE COSTS, WE  
22 WOULD ASSUME, WOULD BE WRAPPED INTO WHATEVER NEGOTIATED COSTS  
23 THEY PROVIDE TO THE COUNTY.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE'VE NEVER BOUGHT HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ANY  
2 OTHER NON-COUNTY EMPLOYEES, HAVE WE?

3

4 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED IN THIS MOTION.

7

8 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE MOTION IN  
9 ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO LOOK  
10 INTO PROVIDING GROUP INSURANCE AND TO REPORT BACK. AT THIS  
11 POINT IN TIME, WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN OR  
12 CANNOT DO.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S SOMETHING ALSO I BELIEVE, MARK, IN  
15 ANOTHER MOTION, THE WORKING GROUP'S LOOKING AT, TOO, AS WELL,  
16 CORRECT?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL THE  
21 WORKING GROUP MEETS TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO DO THAT. I  
24 BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE HAD A CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH THERE HAS NOT  
25 BEEN AN ADJUSTMENT. AND I WAS EXPLICIT ABOUT THAT FOR THIS

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1 VERY POINT SINCE 2007 FOR THESE WORKERS. THESE ARE WORKERS WHO  
2 ARE EFFECTIVELY IN OUR EMPLOY THROUGH PROPOSITION A. SO  
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD BE OF THE VIEW THAT THE GAME  
4 CHANGING IMPACT THAT THE A.C.A. THAT IS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
5 OBAMA CARE HAS ON THIS ENVIRONMENT IN A POSITIVE WAY, NOT  
6 THESE EMPLOYEES ALONE, BUT OVER A MILLION PEOPLE, AS WE WELL  
7 KNOW, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN AFFORDED THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. I SEE NO REASON WHY  
9 THIS, THEN, WOULDN'T BE A PART OF THAT IN A POSITIVE WAY. TO  
10 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT ANY  
11 FURTHER DELAY WOULD BE INADVISABLE. I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE  
12 CONSIDERATION OF EXPLORATION OF ANY OF THE DETAILS AS WE GO  
13 TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
14 C.E.O. IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. BUT NONE OF THAT  
15 SHOULD PREVENT OUR ADOPTION OF THE ADJUSTMENT IN THE LIVING  
16 WAGE ORDINANCE SETTING THESE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES ON A PATH TO  
17 \$15 PLUS PER HOUR. I TAKE THE POINT OF VIEW THAT IF IN FACT  
18 THE MINIMUM WAGE THAT WE JUST ADOPTED IS APPLICABLE TO THOSE  
19 WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN THE EMPLOY OF THE COUNTY BY WAY OF  
20 PROP A, CERTAINLY A COUNTY THAT AGAIN THAT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT  
21 WE ARE STURDY, WE ARE SOLVENT AND WE BOAST OF A HUGE BUDGET.  
22 WE CAN, WE SHOULD DO RIGHT BY OUR EMPLOYEES. AND THIS IS THE  
23 ESSENCE OF THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. IT WAS THE IMPULSE  
24 BEHIND THAT EFFORT IN 1999. IT WAS ADJUSTED IN 2007. IT WOULD  
25 SEEM TO ME THAT'S LONG ENOUGH NOT TO HAVE HAD A WAGE

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1 ADJUSTMENT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT  
2 WE DO NOW IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DISCUSSION. MAY I SAY THIS,  
3 AS WELL. THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE BEGAN  
4 IN 2013. IT DID NOT BEGIN THIS YEAR. THIS IS THE DISCUSSION  
5 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR MORE THAN A COUPLE OF YEARS.  
6 AND THERE WAS AN UNWILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE BUREAUCRACY,  
7 SPECIFICALLY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. TO BRING IT FORWARD AND  
8 HAD SUBSTANTIAL QUESTIONS AT THAT TIME ABOUT A RANGE OF THINGS  
9 THAT BASICALLY IN MY VIEW IMPEDED PROGRESS. I THANK GOD FOR  
10 THE NEW COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND THE ABILITY TO MOVE  
11 FORWARD AND DO RIGHT BY THESE WORKERS. I WOULD SIMPLY REQUEST  
12 AN AYE VOTE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THE REPORT THAT THE C.E.O.'S PRESENTED SHOWS  
15 THAT THE INCREASES FOR PROP A CONTRACTS SHOWING FROM A START  
16 ABOUT \$2.7 MILLION UP TO ABOUT \$15.4 MILLION FOUR YEARS FROM  
17 NOW. WHERE DO THESE ESTIMATES COME FROM?

18

19 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THE ESTIMATES COME FROM THE DOLLAR  
20 AMOUNT IN OUR REPORT. I THINK WE START AT \$13.25 AND THEN  
21 INCREMENTALLY GO UP TO THE \$15.79.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT'S JUST THE INCREASE IN THE WAGE, THEN?

24

25 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE'S NOTHING BEYOND THAT POTENTIALLY TO DRIVE  
3 THE COST UP UNLESS IT WOULD BE THE HEALTH INSURANCE, RIGHT?

4

5 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT COULD BE A BIGGER NUMBER THAN THE WAGE  
8 INCREASE.

9

10 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. THIS WOULD BE THE HOURLY  
11 RATE FOR THE CONTRACTORS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS JUST THE HOURLY RATE AS IT RELATES TO THE  
14 SALARY INCREASE. THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY  
15 POTENTIAL OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE, CORRECT?

16

17 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** OR THE PORTION THAT THE CONTRACTOR  
18 WOULD BE NEGOTIATING THE CONTRACT FOR.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** IT COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE, CORRECT?

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** COULD BE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR?

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE QUESTION ABOUT  
4 THE A.C.A. IS ALWAYS VERY INTERESTING. MOST OF THESE  
5 CONTRACTORS ARE LARGE EMPLOYERS. THEY WOULD COME UNDER THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THE A.C.A. TO THEY'RE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
7 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES OR PAY A FINE OF \$2,000  
8 PER EMPLOYEE I THINK PER YEAR.

9

10 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO NOTHING SAYS WE HAVE TO PICK UP THEIR  
13 COSTS. IT'S A PART OF NEGOTIATION OF ANY CONTRACT AS TO WHAT  
14 WE WILL PAY IN THE CONTRACT. I DON'T THINK THE MOTION RELATES,  
15 REALLY, TO EITHER THE A.C.A. OR HEALTH INSURANCE OR OUR FUTURE  
16 COSTS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THAT'S WHY IT'S ELIMINATED. IT'S ALL  
19 IN THE NEGOTIATION.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR? I MOVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION, A SECOND. CALL THE  
24 ROLL.

25

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

4

5 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

6

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

8

9 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

12

13 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

16

17 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. MOTION CARRIES 3-2. [APPLAUSE]

20 LIFT THE ROOF. LIFT THE ROOF. IT NEEDS TO GO HIGHER. WE NEED

21 TO VOTE ON 54-A WHICH IS THE SOLIS- KNABE MOTION. AND I WOULD

22 JUST LIKE TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS ON PAGE 3 THAT THE

23 INITIATIVE AMENDS TO SAY "COME BACK TO THE BOARD BEFORE

24 IMPLEMENTING." AND THE LAST PAGE "DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE

25 DIRECTOR" AND ADD "AND BOARD", SO IT INCLUDES US.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THE OTHER THING THAT I'D LIKE TO ADD IS SOMETHING  
5 THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS TALKED ABOUT AT THE M.T.A., THAT AS  
6 PART OF THIS SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE WORKGROUP, THAT WE LOOK  
7 AT THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE  
8 POLICY. AND INCLUDE THEIR FINDINGS IN THAT REPORT. SIMILAR TO  
9 WHAT WE DO AT THE M.T.A., MARK.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. ADOPTED AS  
12 AMENDED.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OBJECTION? OBJECTION, SHEILA? SO  
17 ORDERED. UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE WE'RE GOING TO DO  
18 THE CONSENT CALENDAR. DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEM 20, 23,  
19 26, 27. NICOLE PARSON, 20, 25, 31, 36, 41, 50. MR. PREVEN, 19,  
20 20, 25, 26, 31, 33, 39, CS-1. MR. SACHS 18, 30, 32, 35. HAS  
21 NICOLE LEFT?

22

23 **NICOLE PARSON:** NO, SHE HASN'T.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HI, NICOLE. NICE TO SEE YOU.

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1  
2 **NICOLE PARSON:** FINE, HELLO. YOU DID NOT CALL ME FOR NUMBER 4.  
3 THAT'S OKAY. WELL SINCE I SAID IT. BUT 42 I'LL JUST GO UNDER  
4 THAT BECAUSE IT HAS IN IT. AND SO I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT --  
5 COMMERCE, NEW BUSINESSES AND I SUPPORT 54-A. AND YOU GUYS LIKE  
6 HEARD OF A HEDGE FUND, RIGHT? MAYBE THE COUNTY WILL BE DOING  
7 THAT. SO MR. THOMAS, IF THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, THEN  
8 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE OF FAIR LABOR IS NOT WHAT IS THE  
9 MINIMUM WAGE OF LIFE IN LIVING TO CITIZENS WITH RECIDIVISM AND  
10 CRIMINALIZATION, SORRY, MALPRACTICE, LOW INCOME HOMELESS AND  
11 THE DISPARITY OF DEAD BEAT SAFE ZONES AND PASS UNSCRUPULOUS  
12 BUSINESS AND LAND OWNER ACTS. AND THEN 31, WE'LL JUST LEAVE  
13 THAT FOR LATER, BUT THE H1 N1 PROFILING THE KILLER, REMEMBER  
14 YOU PUT THE HAND SANITIZER ON THERE IN ALL THE PLACES? SO THAT  
15 WAS THE SAME AWARD. BUT THE LADY SHE GAVE US THE THING ABOUT  
16 VALLEY FEVER. AND SO I DID A LITTLE ANALYSIS. AND IT'S LIKE  
17 RING WORM. BUT THE HOT PLACES IN OUR VALLEY IT WILL CAUSE  
18 THAT. AND PEOPLE IN LANCASTER, IF YOU GUYS WANT TO WATER YOUR  
19 GRASS GO AHEAD. IT DOESN'T REALLY. REMEMBER YOU WANTED TO PUT  
20 ALL THE GREEN STUFF IN DOWNTOWN L.A.? AND MISS KUEHL, REMEMBER  
21 THAT'S FUNNY BECAUSE I REMEMBER THE ANNEXATION IN BURBANK IT'S  
22 FUNNY FOR TWO REASONS, YOU KNOW, AND DO YOU LIKE THE AIRWAY  
23 STREET? AND THEN GREECE. DON'T TELL. MR. ANTONOVICH. JUST BUY  
24 LIKE 100 PENS FROM U.S. AND THEN SELL IT BACK TO US. AND THEN  
25 SO LIKE THE BOULEVARD ASSOCIATION, IT WILL BE BETTER SERVED,

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1 YOU GUYS THE ADMINISTRATION, BY LIKE THE TEACHERS'  
2 ASSOCIATION. THEY'RE NOT EVEN THERE. AND THEN THE ANTELOPE  
3 VALLEY PLAN HAS LIKE ALL THESE PLANS BUT IT'S REALLY THEY'RE  
4 LIKE FEDERAL PLANS. THERE'S LIKE 8 PLANS IT'S NOT REALLY GOOD.  
5 COOL. BUT WHAT WE'RE REALLY AT IS INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE HAVE  
6 LIKE THE AVIATION AND THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND THEN THIS  
7 IS THE RECURRENCE CALIFORNIA RAIL AUTHORITY 30 AND IT'S STILL  
8 NOT LIKE MY DESIGN. SO LIKE HOPEFULLY WE CAN WORK WHATEVER.  
9 SACHI'S OFFICE AND THEN WE HAVE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT IT'S  
10 LIKE THE ADULT CARE ACT. SO LIKE THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT, WE  
11 SHOULD PUT THE HOUSES THERE. AND FOR THE TRANSITIONAL YOUTHS,  
12 WE SHOULD PUT THE PROPERTY ON THE LAND.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, NICOLE. THANK YOU, NICOLE.  
15 LET ME ALSO CALL UP HERMAN HERMAN ON 32, CS-1, 39 AND CS-4.  
16 LADIES FIRST.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
19 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, BUT IT'S  
20 AMAZING EVERYBODY HAVE DISAPPEARED. I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN  
21 NICER TO STOP BY THIS BEFORE EVERYBODY ELSE AND THE HUNDREDS  
22 OF PEOPLE TESTIFIED. BUT THAT'S OKAY. I WANT TO FOCUS ON ITEM  
23 27 HAVING TO DO WITH OLYMPUS I AM VERY CONCERNED WHEN WE ARE  
24 PAYING TONS OF MONEY FOR OLYMPUS WE SAY A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT  
25 WHO HAVE CAUSED BOTH AT CEDAR AND OTHER PLACES BECAUSE THEY

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1 ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE CLEAN. AND ACTUALLY ONE OF THE  
2 SENATOR FROM CALIFORNIA WROTE A LETTER CHECKING THE COMPANY  
3 OUT AND I'M STILL NOT RECEIVING A RESPONSE. AND ONE OF THE  
4 SUGGESTIONS IS THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE PAID LESS RATHER THAN  
5 PAYING FULL PRICE. NOT ONLY ARE WE PAYING THE FULL PRICE BUT  
6 WE ARE A CAVEAT TO INCREASE BY 40 PERCENT THE FIRST YEAR. I AM  
7 VERY CONCERNED AND I HOPE THAT DO NOT PURCHASE THE PIECE OF  
8 EQUIPMENT. AND IF YOU DO YOU MAKE SURE THAT THEY MAKE SURE  
9 THAT THEY ARE CLEAN AND MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GIVE C.R.E. AND  
10 KILL PEOPLE BECAUSE THAT ISSUE SHOULDN'T BE PURCHASED BUT WE  
11 SHOULD NOT INCREASE WHAT WE ARE PAYING THEM BY 40 PERCENT.  
12 ALSO ON ITEM 23, 26 ACTUALLY HAVE TO DO WITH E.H.R. AND DATA  
13 MINING SOLUTION, SOMETHING WE TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK. TWICE  
14 THE SAME THING AND SO ON. AGAIN, THOSE ARE THREE THINGS WITH  
15 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WHERE REPETITION BEFORE. THAT'S ALL. I  
16 THINK IT'S USELESS TO SPEAK WHEN SUCH LACK OF ATTENTION. AND  
17 ALSO I WANT TO POINT OUT TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, IT WILL  
18 BE NICE THAT EMPLOYEES DO NOT HAVE STICKERS SUPPORTING THE  
19 ITEMS. IT IS RATHER INAPPROPRIATE AND VERY POOR TASTE. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. MR. PREVEN?

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, SIR, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A COUNTY RESIDENT  
25 FROM DISTRICT 3. TODAY IS A LONG AND IMPRESSIVE SESSION AN

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1 HISTORIC DAY, THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL. ITEM S-2 HAS BEEN  
2 PUNTED TO AUGUST 11 WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF MY IRE. BECAUSE IT  
3 IS MY BELIEF THAT THE TRANSPARENCY AND PROCESS OF BRINGING  
4 FORWARD REPORTS FROM OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL OR FROM THE SHERIFF  
5 BRINGS LIGHT TO THE AREA WHERE IT IS IN FACT NEEDED. BY  
6 DELAYING IT AND DELAYING IT AND DELAYING IT WHILE CELEBRATING  
7 OTHER GREAT NEWS, IT'S A PROBLEM. IT REALLY HAS BECOME, IN  
8 FACT, A PROBLEM. SO THAT IS ITEM 42 AS WELL AS A JOHN D. AND  
9 CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION ITEM WHICH IS FOCUSED ON  
10 WAYS TO SAFELY REDUCE JAIL INCARCERATION. AND ON THIS DAY WHEN  
11 WE CELEBRATE THE INCREASING OF WAGES AMONG SOME WORKERS LET US  
12 PONTIFICATE BRIEFLY ABOUT THE IDEA WE ARE PUTTING GREAT  
13 DOWNSIDE PRESSURE ON THE IMPOVERISHED POPULATIONS IN OUR  
14 COMMUNITY. THE STATISTICS OF 3 MILLION IN POVERTY IN L.A. IS  
15 PAINFUL. PAINFUL TO HEAR IT. BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT THE  
16 CHOICES BECOME FOR FOLKS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER  
17 ENOUGH MONEY TO FEED THE FAMILY AND DO VARIOUS THINGS LIKE  
18 THAT, YOU CAN SEE HOW VERY QUICKLY THEY COULD TURN TO  
19 ALTERNATE MEANS OF GETTING STUFF, WHICH INCLUDES CRIME. AND  
20 THAT IS NOT LIKE IN ANY WAY WOULD I JUSTIFY SUCH A THING BUT  
21 I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN IT. BUT I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN HOW THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO ARE ALL IN PRESS CONFERENCES OR  
23 TALKING TO THEIR AIDS OR C.E.O., I FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD MAYBE  
24 FOCUS ON SOME OF THOSE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE IN FACT  
25 FACING. BOY, THIS IS A CHIPPER CONVERSATION IN EVERY SINGLE

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1 SET EXCEPT FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, TO BE FAIR AND THE NEW COUNTY  
2 COUNSEL. EVERYBODY IS BUSY. BUT I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.  
3 AND I WOULD JUST ASK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I KNOW YOU  
4 READ THE NEWSPAPER AND I DO, TOO, AND THIS WEEK WE LEARNED  
5 THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA PARDONED 46 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN  
6 INCARCERATED ON LOW-LEVEL DRUG OFFENSES AND IT WAS A PAINFUL  
7 BUT POWERFUL REMINDER AS HE RELEASED THEM INTO CLEMENCY, WHICH  
8 WAS VERY POWERFUL. HOWEVER, THERE WERE 10,000 YOUNGSTERS LIKE  
9 THAT WHO WERE DOING LONG-TERM JAIL TIME FOR THOSE KINDS OF  
10 THINGS. THAT IS WHAT WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON CHANGING. THAT  
11 IS WHAT WE NEED TO BE DEALING WITH. THE RISING TREND IN CRIME  
12 IS A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF BUSINESS HERE BECAUSE WE ALL  
13 VALUE PUBLIC SAFETY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL OF US. ALL OF  
14 US VALUE IT. NOW, WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT? WE  
15 HAVE TO GIVE PEOPLE HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY AND THAT'S WHY I  
16 SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF THIS MINIMUM WAGE TODAY. BUT I THINK WE  
17 NEED TO TAKE APART WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN REGARDS TO THE  
18 GIANT INCARCERATOR THERE IS ANOTHER ITEM TODAY 54-B FOR THE  
19 CENTURY FACILITY WE WILL PUT IN AN EXTRA SORT OF FACILITY DOWN  
20 THERE TO WEDGE INTO WHAT 2,300 BEDS IF I'M UNDERSTANDING IT  
21 CORRECTLY. THAT'S \$56 MILLION BUCKS. I THINK WE PUT IN \$5.6 WE  
22 GET \$40-SOMETHING. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. IMAGINE IF WE FOCUS  
23 IT ON REENTRY. THE HOLLYWOOD GUY. BUDNICK, IS THAT HIS NAME?  
24 HE MADE SOME COMPELLING REMARKS ON THIS POINT. SO I WOULD ASK  
25 THAT WE FOCUS ON THAT, THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO 54-B, ARNOLD SACHS, ROBERT  
3 LUCAS AND JOHN MAIZLISH.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS, GOOD  
6 NIGHT. I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
7 GRACIOUSNESS ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK. WE ARE NOT  
8 INTERRUPTING ANY OTHER CONVERSATIONS. SO I DID HOLD ITEM 14  
9 REFERS TO -- 18 REFERS TO DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT DEALING WITH A  
10 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WITH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
12 AGENCIES BECAME A HONEY POT DEALING WITH AFFORDABLE HOMES --  
13 HOUSING AND GOING A LONG WAY TOWARDS WHAT MINIMUM WAGE  
14 INCREASE WILL HELP ALONG. AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN  
15 FOR THAT, BY THE WAY? TO INCREASE THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE  
16 HOUSING. I'M ON TIPTOES WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT THAT. I HELD  
17 ITEM 30. IT REFERS TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LIAISON FOR LAW  
18 BROUGHT UP BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND IT REMINDS ME OF THAT  
19 QUOTE THAT HE HAD ABOUT LAW A FEW YEARS AGO WHERE IT WAS LIKE  
20 WHEN HE GOT OFF A PLANE IT WAS LIKE ENTERING A THIRD WORLD  
21 COUNTRY. AND THAT BEING THE CASE, IT TOOK HIM THREE YEARS TO  
22 COME UP WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL -- AND CONSIDERING THEY'RE  
23 SPENDING \$7 BILLION OR \$8 BILLION FOR RENOVATIONS, MAYBE YOU  
24 OUGHT TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT FUNDING FOR SOME OF THE THINGS THE  
25 COUNTY NEEDS. I HELD ITEM 32. IT REFERS TO THE WHITTIER

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1 NARROWS. SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS EVER THE OUTCOME OF THE  
2 OIL FIELDS THAT THEY BUILT IN THE WHITTIER AREA OR THE OIL  
3 THAT THEY WANTED TO DRILL FOR IN THE PROPERTY THAT WAS  
4 APPROACHES THROUGH THE PARKS PREPOSITION. YOU KNOW THE 1996,  
5 YOU HAD A HEARING ABOUT THAT AND EVERYBODY KNEW. DOESN'T MAKE  
6 SENSE. EVERYBODY KNEW THE CITY, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE OIL  
7 COMPANY SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD COUNTY COUNSEL AND COUNTY  
8 COUNSEL NEVER TOLD ANYBODY ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SO  
9 THERE WAS A LAWSUIT FILED. HOW DID THAT TURN OUT? I HELD NO.  
10 35, REFERS TO PROP C LOCAL SALES TAX, WHICH IS HALF CENT SALES  
11 TAX DEVELOPED FROM METRO. SOMEBODY MENTIONED METRO. HOW ARE WE  
12 DOING MEASURE R, YOU KNOW? IF MEASURE R WAS -- IF PROP C WAS  
13 KEEPING UP WITH MEASURE R, THEY'D BE MAKING \$2.6 BILLION A  
14 YEAR BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE MEASURE R THAT EVERYBODY SUPPORTED  
15 FOR METRO, \$1.33 BILLION DOLLARS, \$2.666 BILLION DOLLARS AND  
16 THEN THERE'S PROP A, WHICH IS ANOTHER \$1.3. BUT YOU KNOW IT'S  
17 THAT COUNTY MATH. WE SAY IT. FORGET ABOUT IT AND THAT'S ALL  
18 THERE IS TO IT. AND THEN THE OVERSIGHT FOR THE SMALL  
19 BUSINESSES. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE, IN THE WAGE  
20 THEFT, WILL IT BE LIKE THE HEALTHCARE RESTAURANT OVERSIGHT?  
21 WILL IT BE LIKE THE NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT? WOULD IT BE LIKE  
22 THE OVERSIGHT WE HAVE FOR THE D.C.F.S.? FAILURES, FAILURES,  
23 FAILURES. I'M WAITING TO HEAR FOR THAT PLAN TOO, FROM THE  
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. STAY TUNED. YEAH I KNOW TIME'S  
25 UP.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. HERMAN?

3

4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MR. MAYOR, I GUESS MR. SACHS HAS A WHOLE  
5 BOOKLET THERE OF DISCUSSION, BUT HOPEFULLY THE IMPLEMENTATION  
6 OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SO-CALLED AGENDA WILL  
7 REFLECT ON THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. WE KNOW THAT OPEN SPACE  
8 BECOMES AN ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO ITS PORTION OF WHAT IS  
9 CONSIDERED OPEN SPACE. I KNOW THAT WHITTIER NARROWS IS AN  
10 EXCELLENT PARK FOR REHABILITATION FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.  
11 BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ADDITIONAL UPGRADES TO BE IN COMPLIANCE  
12 WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TO INCREASE  
13 CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS AT THAT PARK. I KNOW IT COULD BE  
14 DAMAGING TO DISTURB THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OR THE HABITAT,  
15 BUT, AGAIN, PEOPLE WITH CONDITIONS TO DEVELOP INTO AN OPEN  
16 SPACE, TO ACCESS WOULD BE INVITING AND WOULD REDUCE THE COSTS  
17 OF HEALTH SERVICES. BUT IT WOULDN'T MATTER. BECAUSE AGAIN  
18 POVERTY BECOMES THE ISSUE OF REHABITABLE ANY AND ALL HABITABLE  
19 OPEN SPACE AS WE KNOW AT TIMES WHEN THE COUNTY IN LITIGATION  
20 WHEN IT CAME TO OPENING AREAS OF OCEAN FRONT AREAS BECAUSE IT  
21 WAS BEING PRIVATIZED. AND NOW WE SEE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN SOME  
22 ACTION ON THAT. BUT, AGAIN, I AM MORE CONCERNED WITH FRAUD,  
23 WASTE AND ABUSE WHEN IT COMES TO APPROVAL OF THOUSANDS AND  
24 SOMETIMES IT RELATES TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I KNOW I'M OFF  
25 TOPIC ON THIS BUT THE EMBEZZLEMENT WITH MR. SPARZA FOR \$8.5

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1 MILLION IN HOUSING AS BROUGHT UP BY ARNOLD REGARDING HOUSING,  
2 WHAT ACTION IS THIS COUNTY TAKING TO STOP FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE  
3 AND EMBEZZLEMENT BY JOSE HUIZAR AND THOSE ARE IN CONNECTION  
4 WITH MR. SPARZA AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES? I AM ALL  
5 FOR RAISES, NEVER AGAINST IT. DON'T LET THE EMBEZZLEMENT,  
6 FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE IMPACT OUR LIVES WHEN IT COMES TO  
7 SETTLEMENT OUTSIDE OF THE AREA. AND IN ITEM S-1, ALLEGING  
8 DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS, THERE ARE AND THERE HAVE BEEN ACTIONS  
9 OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER TITLE 2 AGAINST THOSE WHO DO NOT AND  
10 WILL NOT TAKE ACTION OF COMPLIANCE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JOSEPH?

13

14 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. AM I COMBINING 42 AND  
15 54-B? WHAT HAPPENED TO 42?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING DO 42.

18

19 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** OKAY. BUT I DON'T THINK I WILL USE. 54-B, I  
20 WAS GOING TO GIVE IT A SECOND. BUT I AM FOR EXCELLENT SERVICES  
21 AND FACILITIES FOR EVERYBODY WHOM THE COUNTY AND THE COURTS  
22 DECIDE MUST BE KEPT IN CUSTODY. THIS IS AN EXPANSION OF ONE  
23 FACILITY FOR PURPOSES, I AM TOLD, OF EXPANDING THE SPACE FOR  
24 MEDICAL TREATMENT. PLEASE. AND I'M IN FAVOR OF THE EXCELLENT  
25 MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO MUST BE KEPT IN CUSTODY AND

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1 THE PROPER SPACE TO DO IT. BUT WHO MUST BE KEPT AND WHO MUST  
2 NOT? WE'RE GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF EVALUATION NOW. THERE'S  
3 THE MCARTHUR PROCESS THAT'S GOING THE LOOK THINGS OVER  
4 CAREFULLY. THE BOARD HAS HAD FOR FOUR YEARS RECOMMENDATIONS  
5 FOR REDUCTION THAT WERE PRODUCED BY THE EXPERTS OF THE VERA  
6 INSTITUTE. SO THERE CAN BE, THEN, SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS TAKE  
7 PLACE. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE NEED FOR SPACE FOR THE MEDICAL  
8 FACILITY UNDER THAT CONDITION? SO I WOULD SAY THAT LET'S SEE  
9 WHAT TRULY ARE THE NEEDS BEFORE WE JUMP INTO THAT. I WANT TO  
10 SAY SOMETHING ALSO ABOUT THIS FINANCING FOR THIS S.B.863, I  
11 BELIEVE IT IS. THAT'S THE LEASE REVENUE BOND. NOW, THE TWO  
12 SUPERVISORS WHO WERE BUSY AND AWAY WHEN THEY WERE STATE  
13 SENATORS, THEY STARTED THIS TREND OF USING THIS KIND OF BOND  
14 WITHOUT A VOTER APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ENTITIES AND  
15 CONSTRUCTION OF PRISONS WHICH ARE NOT INCOME PRODUCING. THAT'S  
16 WHAT THESE REVENUE BONDS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FOR. SO THE VOTERS  
17 OF CALIFORNIA DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON THIS. THEY  
18 DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE IN 2007 WHEN STATE SENATORS AT  
19 THAT TIME, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL, VOTED FOR LEASE REVENUE  
20 BONDS. DOES ANYBODY HERE LIKE THE IDEA OF BOND COMMITMENTS FOR  
21 30 YEARS NOT BEING CHOSEN BY THE VOTERS OF THE STATE? THAT'S  
22 WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH ALL THIS RECENT BUILDING OF PRISONS AND  
23 JAILS. AND SO THEN WHEN THE PENT-UP PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION  
24 ARRIVES, IT ARRIVES IN A NOT SO WELL FORMED, I THINK I TOLD  
25 MESSY. I THINK I SAID WHEN SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS CHAIRING

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1 C.C.J.C.C., THAT REFORMS DELAYED FOR 30 YEARS WILL LOOK MESSY  
2 WHEN THEY SHOW UP. AND HE SAID MAYBE WE NEED A 47-B TO CLEAN  
3 IT UP. THAT'S QUITE POSSIBLE. SO THIS IS THE KIND OF THING  
4 THAT WE'RE RUNNING INTO NOW WITH THIS FUNNY KIND OF BONDING? I  
5 DON'T KNOW WHO HERE IS PROUD OF ENDORSING 30 YEARS OF  
6 COMMITMENT OF BUDGETS. THE BUDGETS AREN'T GROWING THAT MUCH.  
7 THAT MEANS SERVICES WILL BE CUT OF AND THAT MAY MEAN MORE  
8 CRIMINAL FACTORS, TOO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** STAY RIGHT THERE. BECAUSE AFTER WE  
11 VOTE WE WILL GO TO 42. SO STAY THERE. OKAY. ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THE  
14 ITEMS BEFORE YOU NO. 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32,  
15 33, 35, 36, 39, 41, 50 AND 54-B.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE. SECOND BY  
18 KUEHL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FOR 42, LET ME THE CALL  
19 UP JOSEPH IS HERE AND MR. PREVEN. PATRICIA WENSKUNAS AND  
20 NICOLE PARSON AND ARNOLD SACHS.

21

22 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** OKAY, THANK YOU. OF COURSE GOOD AFTERNOON  
23 AGAIN. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. THIS MACARTHUR STUDY I THINK IS A VERY  
24 POSITIVE THING. MUCH IS KNOWN, AS I MENTIONED JUST A MOMENT  
25 AGO, ABOUT THE POTENTIALS OF REFORMS. THE VERA INSTITUTE

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1 REPORT OF 2011 HAS BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD FOR FOUR YEARS. NO  
2 ACTION ON THE PRETRIAL RELEASE PORTION. JUST A LITTLE ON THE  
3 MENTAL HEALTH PORTIONS. AND THERE ARE OTHER EFFICIENCIES. I  
4 IMAGINE SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN USED AND SOME NOT. SO A LOT IS  
5 KNOWN. BUT I DON'T OBJECT. I'M IN FAVOR OF STUDYING SOME MORE,  
6 LOOKING IT OVER, STUDYING CAREFULLY THE SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF  
7 ANY OF THE CHANGES. SO I LIKE THE EFFORT. I WAS PRIVILEGED TO  
8 PARTICIPATE A WEEK AGO IN A MEETING LED BY SOME OF THE  
9 SHERIFF'S STAFF. THE AMENDMENT, HOW DOES IT HAPPEN, SUPERVISOR  
10 MAYOR ANTONOVICH THAT WHENEVER YOU POINT TO A PROBLEM, I SAY  
11 YES, THERE'S A PROBLEM. THERE'S AN ISSUE WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH.  
12 I DEFINE IT DIFFERENTLY FROM THE WAY YOU DO. WHAT CAME UP AT  
13 THAT MEETING WAS A CONCERN ON THE PART OF -- THERE WAS A  
14 REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZED VICTIMS GROUP. BUT ALSO THE  
15 SERVICE PROVIDERS. THEY, TOO, AND OTHER ADVOCATES WERE  
16 CONCERNED THEY WANT A MORE DEFINITE STATE COMMITMENT TO  
17 INCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE MCARTHUR FORMATION  
18 PROCESS. REMEMBER, THAT'S A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY,  
19 IT COULD BE IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE FUTURE. BUT I THINK THIS  
20 COULD BE A MODEL FOR ONGOING COUNTY ACTIVITY, TO HAVE THESE  
21 THINGS EVALUATED, MORE OR LESS REGULARLY. AND SO I WANT TO  
22 CREATE A GOOD MODEL. YOU PROPOSE IN YOUR AMENDMENT, I'M NOT  
23 CLEAR HOW THIS IS P.S.R.T. IS SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF IT, OR A  
24 VICTIMS' GROUP, WHICH ONE? CRIMES VICTIMS UNITED OR VICTIMS  
25 FOR SAFETY AND JUDGE US IT IS WHICH HOLDS QUITE DIFFERENT

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1 VIEWS? I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE SELECTING AND NAMING  
2 SPECIFIC PRIVATE GROUPS. I THINK A COMMITMENT TO HEARING FROM  
3 EVERYBODY IS BEST. THE VICTIMS ISSUE, I HAVE A COUPLE OTHERS,  
4 THAT SHOULD BE A SEPARATE MOTION FOR ITSELF. AND I AS I TOLD  
5 YOU IN THE PAST SERVED VICTIMS AS A CRISIS COUNSELOR. AND THAT  
6 REALLY SHOULD BE EXAMINED. MAYBE A HEARING PROCESS SIMILAR TO  
7 MACARTHUR FOR THAT. A COUPLE OF OTHER POINTS HERE THAT I HAVE  
8 IN THE PAPERS THAT I'LL HAND TO THE OFFICER FOR YOU. THANK  
9 YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **PATRICIA WENSKUNAS:** I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS. MY NAME IS  
14 PATRICIA WENSKUNAS WITH CRIME SURVIVORS. I'M THE FOUNDER  
15 C.E.O. OF THE ORGANIZATION. I ALSO SIT ON THE ADVISORY BOARD  
16 FOR CRIME VICTIMS UNITED. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, I JUST FIRST  
17 AND FOREMOST I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU BECAUSE TO BE ABLE TO  
18 HAVE A VOICE AS SOMEONE THAT WAS VICTIMIZED. I'M A SURVIVOR OF  
19 NOT ONLY MOLESTATION BUT VICTIMIZATION, ABUSE AND ATTEMPTED  
20 MURDER THAT I SURVIVED. I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU TODAY FOR  
21 GIVING US A VOICE TO BE HERE TO REPRESENT THE VICTIMS, THE  
22 SURVIVORS. I KNOW HE MENTIONED SAFETY AND JUSTICE. I WOULD  
23 HOPE THAT THAT ORGANIZATION IS NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE THEY'RE  
24 OUT REPRESENTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT FOR VICTIMS OF  
25 CRIME. THEY'VE ACTUALLY STOLE OUR NAME AND ARE REPRESENTING

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1 THEMSELVES OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AS OUR ORGANIZATION. SO I JUST  
2 WANTED TO SHARE THAT WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT AND THAT WE APPRECIATE HAVING A VOICE AT THE TABLE.  
4 WHATEVER HAPPENS MOVING FORWARD IS A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP  
5 WITH NOT ONLY SERVICE PROVIDERS, VICTIMS GROUPS BUT WE WANT TO  
6 BE FAIR. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OUR VOICE  
7 TO BE INCLUDED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'VE BEEN VERY BRIEF BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ON  
12 THIS SUBJECT BEFORE. SIR, THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME. WE'RE  
13 LOOKING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RISING CRIME TRENDS AND  
14 ASSEMBLY BILL A.B.109, PROPOSITION 47 AND A.B.1468. YOU KNOW,  
15 THOSE INFLUENCES HAVE CLEARLY BEEN FELT ON SOME LEVEL AND  
16 THERE MAY BE A SLIGHT RISE IN CRIME. BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO  
17 SCRUTINIZE VERY, VERY CAREFULLY THE L.A.P.D. OR THE L.A.S.D.'S  
18 IDEAS ABOUT INCREASED CRIME BECAUSE IF I LOOK CLOSELY AT THE  
19 NEWS ARTICLES, THEY'RE NOT THE VIOLENT KIND OF CRIME IN  
20 GENERAL. IN FACT THE MURDER RATE I THINK CONTINUES TO PLUMMET.  
21 AND THOUGH I VERY MUCH SUPPORT VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND I THINK  
22 THAT THAT WOMAN IS VERY BRAVE COMING DOWN HERE AND  
23 REPRESENTING THAT POINT OF VIEW, I THINK WE ALWAYS HAVE TO  
24 REMEMBER THAT THE IMPACT OF CRIME IS NOT FELT DOWN IN THIS  
25 HALL WHERE PEOPLE ARE TALKING AND SHARING IDEAS; IT'S FELT IN

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1 THE STREETS, IN THE DISTRICTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE FACING SOME  
2 TYPE OF TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE SITUATIONS. SO THAT SAID, I WOULD  
3 JUST ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZE ON A HISTORIC DAY WHEN SUPERVISOR  
4 KUEHL IS BEING MOBBED BY REPORTERS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY  
5 REACHING FOR 2020 AND A HIGHER WAGE, IT IS DEFINITELY A STEP  
6 IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION, THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO CREATE HOPE,  
7 POSSIBILITY AND TO ELIMINATE THE BLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITIES  
8 THAT CAN BE FELT IN THIS CRIME SPACE. BUT THIS BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS MUST DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO CHANGE THAT.  
10 AND TO THINK ABOUT A RECONCEPTION, A CONCEPTION THAT IS NOT  
11 ABOUT PICKING UP LEGISLATION FROM 2007 WHEN THE TEAM WAS LAST  
12 TOGETHER BUT IT'S IN FACT ABOUT RECONCEIVING, LIKE THE NATION  
13 IS DOING, THERE WAS AN OP-ED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES SAYING  
14 LET'S CLOSE REICHERS. IS ANYONE SAYING LET'S CLOSE MEN'S  
15 CENTRAL? YES, JAMES AUSTIN, THE DOCTOR WHO WAS HIRED AND CAME  
16 DOWN HERE AND GAVE A VERY CREDIBLE WAY TO MOVE THE BODIES AND  
17 KEEP EVERYBODY WHO IS DANGEROUS IN JAIL BUT DO SO IN A WAY  
18 THAT DOES NOT SPEND \$2 BILLION IN MR. MAIZLISH MOVINGLY  
19 POINTED OUT IS ANYONE PROUD OF A BOND TO INCARCERATE OUR  
20 NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS, AND, FRANKLY, THE PEOPLE WHO DO  
21 TERRIBLE THINGS? BUT NONETHELESS WE DO NOT WANT A BOND. WE DO  
22 NOT WANT A BIG JAIL. THANK YOU, SIR.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD  
25 SACHS. AND I DID FIND IT INTERESTING ABOUT THE YOUNG LADY WHO

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1 JUST SPOKE MENTIONED PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE TO A  
2 CERTAIN DEGREE INVOLVED IN THIS THE PRIVATE PART OF THE  
3 PARTNERSHIP IS THE NONPROFITS THAT YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT  
4 GIVING THEM FORCING THEM AND GIVING THEM A \$15 PAY RAISE AS  
5 THE MINIMUM WAGE PAY. AND HOW MUCH WILL THEY BE INVOLVED IN  
6 ALL THESE PROGRAMS TO LESSEN INCARCERATION? I ALSO FOUND  
7 FASCINATING THERE WAS A STORY THE SAME DAY ABOUT THIS GRANT  
8 THAT APPEARED IN "THE DAILY BREEZE." "SHERIFF LOOKS TO REDUCE  
9 JAIL CROWDING" AND IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER. "L.A.P.D. OFFICERS  
10 GET TRAINING ON DEESCALATING VIOLENT CLASSES?" WHY ARE  
11 L.A.P.D. OFFICERS GETTING TRAINING ON DEESCALATING VIOLENCE  
12 CLASSES? WHERE'S THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THIS? AND/OR IF  
13 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY GOT THE TRAINING IN  
14 DEESCALATING VIOLENT CLASSES, WHERE HAS THE L.A.P.D. BEEN?  
15 DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD WORK SOMEHOW TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNT  
16 OF CASES AND THE AMOUNT OF NEWS THAT'S GENERATED BY THE  
17 SHERIFFS AND THE L.A.P.D. THAT THERE'S SOMEHOW A COMMITTEE PUT  
18 TOGETHER BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES THAT WOULD OVERLAP? YOU KNOW  
19 WHAT REALLY WORKS SOMETIMES IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT? SAN  
20 FRANCISCO WHERE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CITY KIND OF LIKE  
21 IT'S ONE UNIT. IT'S NOT SEPARATE UNITS. THAT'S A FEASIBLE IDEA  
22 THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE CITY OF L.A. BECAUSE THOSE TWO  
23 TRAINS RUN ON ONE TRACK EACH. AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH OIL YOU  
24 PUT ON THAT TRACK, YOU CANNOT RUN A TRAIN ON ONE TRACK.  
25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GAVE US  
2 THE CRIME STATS WHICH THEY SENT TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS.  
3 MURDER IN L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISTRICT INCREASED 13.7  
4 PERCENT. RAPE INCREASED 41.2 PERCENT. ROBBERY 1.88 PERCENT.  
5 PROPERTY CRIMES GRAND THEFT AUTO IS 16.28 PERCENT. L.A.P.D.  
6 JURISDICTION VIOLENT CRIME INCREASED 19.2 PERCENT. SINCE PROP  
7 47 SINCE IMPLEMENTATION ON NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014, 33,681 HAVE  
8 BEEN ARRESTED FOR PROP 47 CHARGES. PRIOR TO 47, MANY OF THOSE  
9 ARRESTEES WOULD HAVE REMAINED IN CUSTODY ON FELONY CHARGES,  
10 BUT CERTAINLY NOT ALL. HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF THE  
11 PROPOSITION, ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE CITED OUT ON A  
12 PROMISE TO APPEAR. OF THOSE, 33,681 INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED,  
13 11,275 HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED, SOME AS MANY AS 13 TIMES FOR AN  
14 ADDITIONAL 21,327 CRIMES. 13 OF THOSE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR  
15 MURDER AFTER THEIR ARREST AND RELEASE ON A PROP 47 CHARGE. THE  
16 SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION, EAST LOS ANGELES STATION INCREASE OF  
17 14.5 PERCENT, CRESCENTA VALLEY, 18.1 PERCENT, THE MALIBU LOST  
18 HILLS STATION 13.2 PERCENT, SANTA CLARITA 19.8 PERCENT,  
19 CARSON, 16.4 PERCENT. CERRITOS 23.1 PERCENT, LAKEWOOD STATION,  
20 16.4 PERCENT. LA MIRADA, 15.1 PERCENT. SAN DIMAS, 11 PERCENT.  
21 THOSE ARE THE INCREASES IN CRIMES THAT HAVE OCCURRED JUST  
22 RECENTLY. AND THEN IF YOU READ TODAY'S L.A. TIMES, WE HAD THAT  
23 YOUNG GIRL THAT WAS RAPED AND MOLESTED BY A PERSON HERE  
24 ILLEGALLY WHO MR. KEEN DEAN. THE MISSING GIRL IN SANTA CLARITA  
25 HAD BEEN FOUND. AND I UNDERSTAND HE WAS WEARING A G.P.S. AND

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1 AT THE TIME. SO AGAIN THOSE G.P.S. DEVICES DON'T PREVENT  
2 PEOPLE FROM COMMITTING SERIOUS CRIMES. AND THEN "THE LOS  
3 ANGELES TIMES" AND "THE DAILY NEWS," THEY HAD CHIEF BECK  
4 TALKING ABOUT THE INCREASE. AND ALL THE RED ONES WERE THE  
5 HEAVY INCREASE IN CRIME THAT THE TIMES EMPHASIZED. SO AGAIN  
6 THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE. BUT  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DO, MR. MAYOR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THOUGH  
10 THERE HAS BEEN A REPORT OF AN INCREASE IN VARIOUS KINDS OF  
11 CRIMES, ACTUALLY THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SUBJECT TO PROP 47 DID  
12 NOT CONTRIBUTE A GREAT MANY OF THEM. OF ALL THE MURDERS, IT  
13 WAS LIKE TWO OF THEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME  
14 RELATIONSHIP, BUT I ASK THAT IN YOUR MOTION DIRECTING THE  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OF THE C.C.J.C.C. TO STUDY THE  
16 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RISING CRIME TRENDS AND A.B.109 PROP  
17 47 AND A.B.1468. I WOULD ASK: COULD WE ADD THE TWO WORDS AFTER  
18 RISING CRIME TREND, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RISING CRIME  
19 TRENDS, IF ANY, BECAUSE WE CAN'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S FINE. BUT THERE ARE 13 WHO WERE  
22 ARRESTED FOR MURDER AFTER THEIR ARREST. 13 ON 47. ON 47.  
23 THAT'S ON THE STATISTICS. ON THE MEMO.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MY STATISTICS ARE DIFFERENT THAN YOUR  
2 STATISTICS. THAT'S WHY I NEVER WENT TO STATISTICS SCHOOL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS SENT US.  
5 SAME PROPOSITION 47. LOOK AT THE BOTTOM. 13 INDIVIDUALS HAVE  
6 BEEN ARRESTED FOR MURDER ON THEIR ARREST AND RELEASED AFTER A  
7 PROP 47 CHARGE. THAT'S FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHATEVER YOU SAY, MR. MAYOR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR OFFICE HAS THE SAME COPY AS MY  
12 OFFICE SENT TO THE SUPERVISORS OKAY. MOTION. SECOND. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IT REALLY WASN'T A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WAS SMILING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
20 SOLIS ALSO HELD THIS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT  
23 IF I CAN READ IT IN.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SURE.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IT SAYS "THEREFORE I MOVE THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. AND THE INTERIM  
4 C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING: FOR  
5 PHASES 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE SOLAR PANEL PILOT PROJECT. OBTAINING  
6 A CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION GOAL INCLUDING SUBCONTRACTOR  
7 UTILIZATION OF 25 PERCENT FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES  
8 AND OBTAINING THE CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION GOAL AS OF THE DATE  
9 OF SOLICITATION FOR DISABLED VETERANS, BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR  
10 VETERANS BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I CONCUR WITH THAT. I HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO WE NEED I.S.D. UP HERE FOR  
15 QUESTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYOR, I HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT HAPPENS -- I GUESS SOMEBODY IS COMING -- WHAT  
20 HAPPENS IF ONE OF THE 11 SITES TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ANY  
21 REASON SUCH AS RENOVATION? MY QUESTIONS REALLY REVOLVE AROUND  
22 THE FACT THAT WE'RE LOCKING OURSELVES INTO A 20-YEAR CONTRACT  
23 FOR ELECTRICITY. SO WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE OF THE SITES  
24 TEMPORARILY SHUTS DOWN? FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE A LONG BEACH  
25 SITUATION WHERE WE HAD FOUR DAYS OF NO POWER?

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1

2 **DAVE CHITNAM:** THANK YOU, SIR, DAVE CHITNAM FROM I.S.D. AARON  
3 KLEM IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER ON THIS PROJECT. IF A SITE IS  
4 CLOSED, WE HAVE GOT PROVISIONS WITHIN THE CONTRACT TO ALLOW US  
5 TO VARIOUS OPTIONS. WE CAN BUY OUT EQUIPMENT AND RE-PURPOSE  
6 IT.

7

8 **AARON KLEM:** SO IN THE EVENT OF A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SITE  
9 THERE ARE TARIFF PROVISIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CREDIT  
10 THAT SOLAR ENERGY GENERATED AT THAT SITE TO ANOTHER ONE OF OUR  
11 EDISON ACCOUNTS. SO IN YOUR SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR, WE  
12 WOULD JUST CREDIT A DIFFERENT ACCOUNT AND THEN WHEN THE  
13 RENOVATIONS ARE ONGOING. WHEN THE RENOVATIONS ENDED, THE SOLAR  
14 WOULD BE REVERTED BACK TO THAT PARTICULAR SITE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** TAKE IT ANOTHER WAY, THEN. WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE OF  
17 THE SITES PRODUCES LESS ELECTRICITY THAN WAS ANTICIPATED?

18

19 **AARON KLEM:** CERTAINLY. IF THE SOLAR PRODUCES LESS ELECTRICITY  
20 THAN ANTICIPATED, THE BILL FROM THE SOLAR PROVIDER WOULD BE  
21 LOWER AND THE BILL FROM EDISON WOULD BE HIGHER. IT'S KIND OF A  
22 DYNAMIC BALANCING SITUATION WHERE ALL OF THE NEEDS OF THE SITE  
23 ARE MET. THE MIX CAN CHANGE IF YOU HAVE MORE CLOUDY DAYS AND  
24 THE SOLAR DOESN'T PRODUCE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD APPLY, THEN, IF WE SOLD ONE OF THE  
2 SITES? SAME KIND OF A THING? WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DECIDE TO SELL  
3 ONE OF THE SITES?

4

5 **AARON KLEM:** THERE ARE TWO PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACT THAT  
6 ALLOW FOR THE FLEXIBILITY FOR SELLING A SITE. ONE IS THE  
7 COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO  
8 THE NEW OWNER. THAT CANNOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD. SO IF  
9 IT'S REASONABLE REQUEST AND THEIR CREDIT IS GOOD, WE JUST  
10 ASSIGN THE CONTRACT TO THE NEW OWNER OF THE SITE. OR YOU COULD  
11 PURCHASE. THERE IS A PREPUBLISHED BUYOUT SCHEDULE. THE COUNTY  
12 COULD PURCHASE THAT SOLAR AND THEN INCLUDE IT IN THE SALE OF  
13 THAT REAL ESTATE ACCOMPLISHING THE SAME END.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MOVE THE ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW WERE THE SITES SELECTED?

18

19 **DAVE CHITNAM:** WE'VE GOT A SOLAR MAPPING CAPABILITY THAT ALLOWS  
20 US TO LOOK AND PICK OUT THE FACILITIES MOST SUITABLE FOR SOLAR  
21 ENERGY. THAT WAS THE FIRST STEP. WE SELECTED A SET OF  
22 FACILITIES. THERE WERE 16 FACILITIES UNDER 200 KILOWATTS.  
23 THERE WERE 11 FACILITIES OVER 200 KILOWATTS. WE THEN RAN THOSE  
24 BY THE C.E.O. REAL ESTATE DIVISION TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE  
25 PROPERTIES THAT WE SELECTED THAT WERE MOST ELIGIBLE DIDN'T

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1 HAVE LIENS ON THEM, WEREN'T LEASED FACILITIES, AND THAT THEY  
2 WERE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PILOT. IN THE  
3 RUNNING THE PILOT, WE TREATED IT AS LOW HANGING FRUIT IF YOU  
4 LIKE. WE TOOK THE ONES THAT WERE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE PILOT  
5 PROJECT. WE COULDN'T CONSIDER FACILITIES THAT WERE IN D.W.P.  
6 TERRITORY BECAUSE D.W.P. DOESN'T ALLOW P.P.A. ENGAGEMENTS. AS  
7 A RESULT OF THAT, WE DID TWO SOLICITATIONS. WE ONLY GOT BIDS  
8 BACK ON THE FACILITIES ABOVE 200 KILOWATTS WHICH ARE THE 11  
9 THAT WE PROPOSED IN THIS AWARD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ARE THE DOLLAR SAVINGS RELATIVE  
12 TO THE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT VERSUS  
13 THE COUNTY PURCHASE MODEL OF BUYING DIRECTLY FROM EDISON?

14

15 **AARON KLEIN:** OVER THE COURSE OF THE 20-YEAR AGREEMENT, THE  
16 AVERAGE SAVINGS FOR THAT 20-YEAR PERIOD IS A MILLION DOLLARS  
17 LESS EXPENSIVE PER YEAR FOR THE SOLAR. AND IN THE FIRST YEAR,  
18 WHICH WAS PART OF YOUR QUESTION, MR. MAYOR, THE SOLAR IS  
19 PROJECTED TO BE ABOUT \$260,000 LESS EXPENSIVE THAN DOING  
20 NOTHING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WILL THE NEXT 60 SITES THAT YOU'RE  
23 BEING ASKED TO INVESTIGATE REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS?

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1 **DAVE CHITNAM:** ABSOLUTELY. AFTER THE SOLICITATION WE'LL BRING  
2 THEM BACK FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION AND SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
5 SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. EXCUSE ME. MOTION TO RECONSIDER.  
6 SECOND. BY KUEHL WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR. LUCAS, .  
7 MR. PREVEN MR. SACHS. AND HERMAN HERMAN. AND MR. PREVEN WANTS  
8 TO WAIVE HIS TIME OR DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
9 MOTION BY KNABE. SECOND BY SOLIS. SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM IS NO.  
10 14. MR. LUCAS AND MR. SACHS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IN THIS ONE, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A  
13 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ON THIS.  
16 THAT A PORTION ALSO BE DESIGNATED FOR FOSTER YOUTH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** GOT IT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** INCLUDE FOSTER YOUTH. SO WE HAVE A  
21 MOTION. SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SOLIS. WITHOUT  
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AS AMENDED. SO ORDERED. SO NOW WE HAVE  
23 ADJOURNMENTS? SPECIAL, OKAY. SUPERVISOR, IS IT FIRST DISTRICT?  
24 SECOND? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MAYOR, THE THIRD IS JUMPING IN HERE WITH  
2 SOME ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHILE WE'RE WAITING. OKAY. SUP. KUEHL:  
5 UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD A LOT OF LOSSES OF SOME REALLY WONDERFUL  
6 PEOPLE IN THE THIRD. SO I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE  
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BIKEL, RESIDENT OF THE THIRD  
8 DISTRICT IN WESTWOOD. PROLIFIC PERFORMER, POLITICAL ACTIVIST,  
9 LONGTIME LEADER IN ACTORS' EQUITY, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE  
10 AGE OF 91. HE WAS BORN IN VIENNA, SCHOOLED IN AUSTRIA UNDER  
11 THE NAZI ANNEXATION. WHEN HIS FATHER, AN INSURANCE SALESMAN  
12 AND ARDENT ZIONIST MOVED HIS FAMILY TO WHAT WAS THEN  
13 PALESTINE. HE SPENT HIS TEENAGE THE YEARS ON A KIBBUTZ WHERE  
14 HE DISCOVERED A TALENT FOR ACTING. IN 1946 HE ENROLLED AT THE  
15 ROYAL ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS. HIS LATER WORK ON THE LONDON  
16 STAGE INCLUDE LAWRENCE OLIVIER'S PRODUCTION OF "A STREETCAR  
17 NAMED DESIRE," AND PETER USTINOV'S "THE LOVE OF FOUR  
18 COLONELS." HE APPEARED IN MOVIES INCLUDING "AFRICAN QUEEN"  
19 WITH HUMPHREY BOGART AND CATHERINE HEPBURN AND THE "DEFIANT  
20 ONES" WHERE HIS TURN AS A BIGOTED SOUTHERN SHERIFF WAS  
21 NOMINATED FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR. IN 1954 HE CAME TO THE  
22 UNITED STATES AND BEGAN APPEARING ON BROADWAY. IN 1959 HE  
23 CREATED THE ROLL OF CAPTAIN VON TRAPP IN THE ORIGINAL  
24 PRODUCTION OF "THE SOUND OF MUSIC." HIS FACILITY FOR LANGUAGES  
25 LED TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CHARACTER ROLES INCLUDING AS A DUTCH

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1   PHYSICIAN, GERMAN SUBMARINE OFFICER, FRENCH GENERAL, RUSSIAN  
2   MILITARY MAN AND MEMORABLY THE HUNGARIAN PHONETIC EXPERT TO  
3   TEACH PROPER ENGLISH TO JULIE ANDREWS' ELIZA DOOLITTLE THE  
4   FILM VERSION OF "MY FAIR LADY." HUNDREDS OF TV APPEARANCES  
5   FROM THE 1960S ONWARD. "TWILIGHT ZONE." "GUNSMOKE," "COLOMBO."  
6   "LAW AND ORDER." "DYNASTY." HE WAS ALSO HEARD ON A WEEKLY  
7   RADIO PROGRAM AND RECORDED MORE THAN A DOZEN ALBUMS OF FOLK  
8   SONGS AND TRADITIONAL YIDDISH SONGS AND MUSIC. HIS POLITICAL  
9   ACTIVISM INCLUDED ADVOCACY AND APPEARANCES THROUGHOUT THE  
10  CIVIL RIGHTS ERA. AN OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN  
11  RIGHTS. HE WAS ONE OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S APPOINTEES TO  
12  THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS. HE WAS A DELEGATE TO THE  
13  1968 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, BOARD MEMBER OF  
14  AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED ACTORS AND  
15  ARTISTS OF AMERICA. PUBLISHED HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY "THEO" IN  
16  1994. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AMY, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
17  NUMEROUS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES I  
18  MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALEX  
19  ROCCO. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN STUDIO CITY.  
20  VETERAN CHARACTER ACTOR. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
21  79. BEST KNOWN AS THE MOBSTER MOE GREEN IN "THE GODFATHER." HE  
22  APPEARED IN MORE THAN 150 FILM AND TV ROLES OVER THE COURSE OF  
23  A 50-YEAR CAREER. HE OFTEN PLAYED SHADY CHARACTERS IN VARIOUS  
24  DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS. BUT HIS FLAIR FOR COMEDY WAS ON DISPLAY  
25  IN A RECURRING VOICE ROLE AS A STUDIO CHIEFTAIN ON THE

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1 SIMPSONS AND IN THE TV SERIES "THE GEORGE CARLIN SHOW," "FACTS  
2 OF LIFE" AND "MAGIC CITY." HE ONCE SAID "THE GREATEST PRIZE OF  
3 HIS CAREER WAS A BIT PART IN THE ANIMATED FILM "A BUG'S LIFE."  
4 "I DID ABOUT EIGHT LINES AS AN ANT, HE SAID, BUT I THINK I  
5 MADE ABOUT A MILLION BUCKS." ROCCO WOULD SURVIVE HIS WIFE  
6 SHANNON, TWO SONS SHAWN AND LUCIEN AND TWO DAUGHTERS, KELLY  
7 AND JENNIFER. FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND A SISTER. MR. MAYOR AND  
8 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
9 MEMORY OF GEORGE COE. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT  
10 IN SANTA MONICA. ALSO A PROLIFIC CHARACTER ACTOR FOR NEARLY 60  
11 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS.  
12 SERVED ON THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
13 BORN IN JAMAICA QUEENS, HE BEGAN HIS BROADWAY CAREER IN 1957  
14 AND APPEARED AS M. LINDSAY WOLSEY OPPOSITE ANGELA LANSBURY IN  
15 THE ORIGINAL CAST OF JERRY HERMAN'S "MAME." AND AS OWEN  
16 O'MALLEY "ON THE 20TH CENTURY." MANY TV SERIES DURING THE  
17 '60S, DEBUT EPISODE OF "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE." HIS MOVIES  
18 INCLUDE "STEPFORD WIVES," "KRAMER VS. KRAMER" AND "MICKY +  
19 MAUD." HAD RECURRING TV ROLES ON "HILL STREET BLUES," "DALLAS"  
20 AND "30- SOMETHING." 1969 HE WROTE AND CODIRECTED A COMEDY  
21 SHORT, "THE DOVE" WITH ACTORS MADELYN KHAN SPOOFING SWEDISH  
22 DIRECTOR INGMAR BERGMAN. I THINK IT WAS CALLED "DER DUVA."  
23 WHICH WAS NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR IN A SHORT FEATURE CATEGORY.  
24 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN, TWIN DAUGHTERS, BICKERS AND  
25 JENNIFER COE, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. MR. MAYOR AND

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1 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
2 MEMORY OF BOB BAKER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND  
3 RETIRED STAFF WRITER FOR THE L.A. TIMES. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY  
4 AT THE AGE OF 67 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. GRADUATED MONROE HIGH  
5 SCHOOL IN NORTH HILLS AND CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, HE WAS AN  
6 EDITOR OF THE "DAILY SUNDIAL" STUDENT NEWSPAPER, LATER  
7 REPORTED FOR THE "THOUSAND OAKS NEWS CHRONICLE" BEFORE HE  
8 JOINED THE TIMES VALLEY BUREAU IN VAN NUYS. HE SPENT 26 YEARS  
9 THERE AS A REPORTER AND EDITOR ON VARIOUS BEATS. LEFT THE  
10 PAPER IN 2004 TO TRY HIS HAND AS A NOVELIST AND SONGWRITER.  
11 BUT HE ALWAYS ENJOYED MENTORING YOUNGER REPORTERS AND WROTE A  
12 BOOK ABOUT THE NEWSGATHERING PROCESS AS WELL AS SERVING AS A  
13 WRITING AND EDITING COACH. HIS FONDNESS FOR POP MUSIC LED HIM  
14 TO COAUTHOR THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE LEGENDARY R&B DJ  
15 MAGNIFICENT MONTAGUE AND TO PERFORM REGULARLY IN LOCAL VENUES  
16 WITH HIS OWN BAND, BLUE CUBE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
17 MARJORIE AND DAUGHTER AMANDA. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE  
18 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDDIE,  
19 ILAN, A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR WHO LIVED IN THE THIRD DISTRICT AND  
20 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE WAS BORN IN WHAT IS NOW SOCHECZEW,  
21 POLAND. THE BABY BOY IN THE FAMILY WITH THREE SISTERS. AFTER  
22 THE NAZI INVASION OF POLAND IN 1939, HIS FAMILY WAS FIRST  
23 CONFINED TO HIS TOWN'S JEWISH GHETTO, THEN TRANSPORTED AND  
24 CONFINED IN THE INFAMOUS WARSAW GHETTO. AT THE AGE OF 10 AND  
25 11, HE WOULD ROUTINELY SNEAK OUT THROUGH THE SEWER SYSTEM TO

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1 FIND FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY AND OTHERS. DURING ONE OF HIS RUNS,  
2 HE WAS APPREHENDED, SENT TO A LABOR CAMP AND LATER TO  
3 BUCHENWALD. BUT FOR ONE SURVIVING SISTER, NOW LIVING IN  
4 ISRAEL, THE REST OF HIS FAMILY PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST.  
5 AFTER FURTHER INCARCERATIONS AND NARROW ESCAPES, HE SURVIVED  
6 THROUGH THE WAR. AFTERWARD, LIKE MANY SURVIVORS, HE ROAMED  
7 EUROPE, SURVIVING ON DAY JOBS, SCAVENGING FOOD, TRAFFICKING IN  
8 THE BLACK MARKET. LATER HE WAS BEFRIENDED BY AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
9 STATIONED THERE DURING THE OCCUPATION WHO HELPED HIM STOW AWAY  
10 ON A SHIP BOUND FOR THE U.S. HE LANDED IN NEW JERSEY,  
11 EVENTUALLY FOUND HIS WAY TO THE HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY  
12 WHICH LOCATED SEVERAL RELATIVES AND SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE HIM THE  
13 MEANS TO TRAVEL TO L.A. IN SEARCH OF WORK. ONE DAY WHILE  
14 VISITING THE LABOR ZIONIST OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN L.A. ATTEMPTING  
15 TO EMIGRATE TO WHAT WAS THEN PALESTINE HE MET AND MARRIED HIS  
16 WIFE GLORIA. THEY SETTLED IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND THEIR SON WAS  
17 BORN THE SAME DAY THE STATE OF ISRAEL DECLARED ITS  
18 INDEPENDENCE. IN 1950 THE YOUNG FAMILY IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL  
19 WHERE THEY LIVED FOR SIX YEARS THEN RETURNED TO L.A. THEY WERE  
20 ACTIVE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH TEMPLE ISAIAH WHERE  
21 EDDIE HELD A NUMBER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. HE WAS A DEDICATED  
22 VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE FOR 20 YEARS RELATING HIS  
23 PERSONAL STORY OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO RAPT VISITORS. HE WAS  
24 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 68 YEARS, GLORIA. SON JAY, DAUGHTER  
25 LEAH GRANDDAUGHTER DANIELLE AND GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER MCKENZIE.

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1 AND FINALLY, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUKE KIM, A LONGTIME  
3 LEADER IN THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, PIONEER AND CULTURAL  
4 PSYCHOLOGY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS  
5 BORN IN SINUIJU IN WHAT IS NOW NORTH KOREA TWO DECADES INTO  
6 THE 35-YEAR JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA. AT  
7 14, HE WAS CONSCRIPTED ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER YOUTH BY  
8 THE JAPANESE MILITARY INTO FORCED LABOR AND A HEAVILY GUARDED  
9 WEAPONS FACTORY. WHEN KOREA WAS LIBERATED IN 1945 AFTER THE  
10 JAPANESE SURRENDER, HIS FAMILY FLED SOUTH WHEN NORTH KOREA  
11 BECAME COMMUNIST. DESPITE FURTHER HARDSHIP AND FAMILY  
12 TRAGEDIES, LUKE MANAGED TO EARN HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM SEOUL  
13 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND IN ' 56 CAME TO THE UNITED STATES, GOT  
14 HIS PH.D IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
15 ARIZONA. HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO KOREA BUT EVENTUALLY SETTLED  
16 IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MARRYING HIS COLLEGE SWEETHEART FROM  
17 SEOUL UNIVERSITY AND RAISING THEIR TWO SONS. FOR THREE  
18 DECADES, HE SERVED AS CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST AND CHIEF OF RESEARCH  
19 AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
20 CORRECTIONS, CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY IN VACAVILLE WHERE  
21 HIS PATIENTS INCLUDED CHARLES MANSON, SIRHAN SIRHAN JUAN  
22 CORONA AND TIMOTHY LEARY. BETWEEN '73 AND 2005 HE WORKED AS A  
23 CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
24 CALIFORNIA DAVIS. HE FOCUSED ON CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY. IN  
25 ADDITION TO HIS PSYCHIATRIC WORK, LUKE AND HIS WIFE WERE KNOWN

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1 FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND THEIR PHILANTHROPY INCLUDING A  
2 \$250,000 DONATION TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN  
3 CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY AT THE U.C. DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. HE'S  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, GRACE, HIS TWO SONS, DAVID  
5 AND DANNY, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE SIBLINGS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD  
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF MANUEL SELLASUSA, LONGTIME ARTESIA  
12 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 17. BORN NOVEMBER 24, 1953 IN  
13 MEXICO THE FAMILY RELOCATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1966.  
14 ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL. WORKED AT VARIOUS PLACES. BUT HE STARTED  
15 HIS OWN LAWN CARE BUSINESS 15 YEARS AGO. EXCUSE ME. 35 YEARS  
16 AGO AND PLANNED ON RETIRING HERE IN 2016. VERY ACTIVE MEMBER  
17 OF THE ARTESIA D.E.S. AND HAPPY VOLUNTEER AT EACH EVENT, HE  
18 ALSO SPEND ENDLESS HOURS AT THE PORTUGUESE HALL. HE LOVED  
19 SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, CAMPING AND ENJOYING GOING OUT IN  
20 HIS BOAT IN LAUGHLIN. SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER SON DANNY,  
21 GRANDCHILDREN SAVANNAH AND NATHAN. HE WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED  
22 BUY ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND TRULY WILL BE MISSED. HE WAS A GREAT  
23 GUY. THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENT, MR. MAYOR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
2 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PROFESSOR WILLIAM MANNING  
3 COLE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS PROFESSOR OF  
4 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. AND HE WAS ONE OF MY  
5 PROFESSORS WHEN I WAS A STUDENT THERE. SERVED IN THE UNITED  
6 STATES NAVY IN THE NAVAL RESERVES. HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE  
7 DUTY DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT WHERE HE WAS A RADIO MAN ON  
8 THE U.S.S. HELENA. SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN KENNY, MICHAEL,  
9 JULIE, VICKI AND JANNINE. BERNARD JAMES JOHNSON, LONGTIME  
10 RESIDENT OF PASADENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. GRADUATED  
11 WITH HIS BACHELOR'S OF ARTS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM  
12 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES. SERVED IN THE UNITED  
13 STATES ARMY, RECEIVED A BRONZE STAR. HE HELPED DEVELOP  
14 PROVIDENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL, AN INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT  
15 FIRM. QUITE ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY SERVING ON THE BOARD OF  
16 THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, THE U.C.L.A. CHANCELOR'S COMMITTEE  
17 AND UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA. MEMBER OF PASADENA ROTARY,  
18 THE BREAKFAST FORUM AT CAL TECH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
19 MARY, SONS MARK, PHILIP AND HIS DAUGHTER BETH, SISTER IS  
20 SHIRLEY AND SARA. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HIM ON  
21 NEW YEAR'S DAY. WE WERE BOTH WHITE SUITERS FOR THE TOURNAMENT  
22 OF ROSES AND WE WORKED THE GRANDSTANDS ON GREEN STREET. HE WAS  
23 A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND GOOD COMMUNITY LEADER. CLAUDIA  
24 ALEXANDER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56. GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY  
25 OF MICHIGAN. UNITED STATES LEADERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE

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1 EXPLORATION PROJECT INVOLVED AND MANAGED THE NATIONAL  
2 AERONAUGHTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION WHICH LAUNCHED THE TWIN  
3 SPACECRAFT ON JUPITER IN 1989. AND JAMES "JIMMY" BRUCE COX  
4 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. PASSED AWAY  
5 AT THE AGE OF 99. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS  
6 SERVING ALONGSIDE TWO FAMOUS ACTORS, JIMMY STEWART AND CLARK  
7 GABLE AND JIMMY STEWART RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR  
8 FORCE RESERVE AS A GENERAL. HE RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL UNIT  
9 CITATION, DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AIR MEDAL. WORKED FOR ROY  
10 LOGAN SHOES, CANNON SHOES AND HAD A 20-YEAR CAREER WITH  
11 LOCKHEED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN. KWOK TOW ONG  
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62. GRADUATE FROM OHIO STATE  
13 UNIVERSITY. SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER AND TWO TWO BROTHERS. AND  
14 WYATT SAVAIKIE, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE  
15 AGE OF 14. HE WAS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN AT VALENCIA HIGH  
16 SCHOOL. SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND OLDER BROTHER AND SISTER.  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RILDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
18 SO ORDERED. ALSO I'D LIKE TO HAVE "CAMERA- EQUIPPED DRONES  
19 HAVE GAINED SIGNIFICANT POPULARITY AND ARE BEING SPOTTED MORE  
20 FREQUENTLY THROUGH OUR AIR SPACE. THEY TAKE AREA PHOTOS AND  
21 VIDEOS. YOU SAW THE NEWS IN MY DISTRICT. WE HAD A SEVERE FIRE  
22 THIS WEEKEND. AND DURING THAT FIRE, THERE WERE SOME IDIOTS  
23 THAT WERE SHOWING FLYING DRONES WHICH IMPACTED THE ABILITY FOR  
24 THE AIR CRAFTS TO DROP THEIR WATER ON THE FIRE. PROPONENTS OF  
25 THESE DRONES SAY THERE'S NO NEEDS TO CREATE NEW LAWS BECAUSE

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1 THE F.A.A. ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT LAWS IN PLACE. HOWEVER AS I  
2 SAID LAST FRIDAY, THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THEM  
3 BECAUSE THEY WERE INTERFERING WITH THE FIRE CREWS TRYING TO  
4 PUT OUT THE FIRES. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
5 INTERIM C.E.O. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL, FIRE  
6 CHIEF AND SHERIFF, TO REPORT BACK ON IN 30 DAYS ON THE F.A.A.  
7 GUIDELINES USING THE USE OF DRONES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMIT TO  
8 DISTANCE FROM AIRPORTS, ALTITUDE RESTRICTIONS, PRIVACY LAWS  
9 AND OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
10 F.A.A. REGULATIONS AND WHETHER FIRE, LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE  
11 ADEQUATE TRAINING TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DRONES  
12 OR TO A SPECIAL TRAINING NECESSARY. SO THIS IS A REPORT BACK.  
13 SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. A  
14 RECENT MEDIA STUDY HIGHLIGHTED A PROJECT IN HOUSTON, TEXAS,  
15 WHERE PARAMEDICS IN THE FIELD CONNECT VIA VIDEO CHAT TO A  
16 PHYSICIAN WHO SPEAKS AND ASSESS THE PATIENT AND THEN LINK THE  
17 PATIENT DIRECTLY TO AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC APPOINTMENT RATHER  
18 THAN TRANSPORTING THEM TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. THIS PILOT STUDY  
19 HAS SHOWN MULTIPLE BENEFITS. NOT ONLY DOES IT CONNECT PATIENTS  
20 TO PRIMARY CARE, IT ALSO REDUCES THE NUMBER OF INAPPROPRIATE  
21 E.R. VISITS WHICH RESULT IN PARAMEDICS WAITING HOURS AND HOURS  
22 TO TRANSFER THE PATIENTS TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF. HOUSTON  
23 OFFICIALS DETERMINE THAT 40 PERCENT OF 911 CALLS WERE FOR NON-  
24 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, AND DIRECTING THESE PATIENTS TO A CLINIC  
25 APPOINTMENT RATHER THAN TO THE E.R. COULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN

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1 THE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SAVINGS. EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
2 RESPONDERS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE ROUTINELY RESPONDED TO CALLS  
3 FOR NON-EMERGENCY NEEDS, FINDING THEMSELVES WAITING FOR LONG  
4 PERIODS OF TIME IN HOSPITAL E.R.S TO TRANSFER PATIENTS WHO  
5 DON'T REQUIRE A HIGH LEVEL OF CARE. TO AVOID THESE UNNECESSARY  
6 VISITS AND IMPROVE PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE, THE COUNTY  
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY SHOULD ASSESS SIMILAR  
8 INITIATIVES THAT EXIST IN THE COUNTY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE  
9 BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY OF HEALTH SERVICES TO HAVE THE  
10 EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY ASSESS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
11 OF SUPERVISORS IN 45 DAYS ON ANY COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROJECTS  
12 IN OUR COUNTY AND ANY PLANS TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS IN THE  
13 PRE-HOSPITAL PROGRAM TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY E.R. VISITS.  
14 REPORTS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ANTICIPATED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS  
15 AND POTENTIAL REVENUE SOURCES. SO SECOND BY SUPERVISOR MARK  
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD. THAT'S A VERY APPROPRIATE  
19 MOTION. I KNOW IN ONE PARTICULAR CASE WE NEED MORE CLINICS.  
20 WHERE WE PUT A CLINIC IN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA TO BE ABLE  
21 TO DO THAT, THE PARAMEDICS SAID THEIR CALLS WENT DOWN BY 35  
22 PERCENT BECAUSE THEY HAD DIRECT ACCESS TO A CLINIC AND DIDN'T  
23 CALL THE PARAMEDICS FOR A BROKEN FINGER OR HEAD COLD. SO THE  
24 CLINICS REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYOR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO  
4 CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
5 WHO HAVE PASSED AND WE WOULD ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY. DR.  
6 CLAUDIA ALEXANDER BORN MAY 30, 1959 IN VANCOUVER, CANADA AND  
7 PASSED ON JULY THE 11TH AT THE AGE OF 56. SHE INITIALLY WANTED  
8 TO STUDY JOURNALISM; HOWEVER, WHILE IN COLLEGE, SHE BECAME  
9 INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING AND WAS HIRED AS AN INTERN AT NASA'S  
10 AMES RESEARCH CENTER NEAR SAN JOSE. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S  
11 DEGREE IN GEOPHYSICS AT U.C. BERKELEY, A MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
12 GEOPHYSICS AND SPACE PHYSICS AT U.C.L.A. AND A DOCTORAL DEGREE  
13 IN ATMOSPHERIC OCEANIC AND SPACE SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
14 MICHIGAN. 1986, SHE JOINED NASA'S JET PROPULSION LABORATORY IN  
15 LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE AS A TEAM MEMBER FOR THE GALILEO PROJECT  
16 AND IN 2000 SHE BECAME U.S. PROJECT SCIENTIST AND COORDINATED  
17 WITH THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY ON THE ORBITER'S JOURNEY TO  
18 RENDEZVOUS WITH THE 67P COMET AS IT CIRCLED THE SUN. BY THE  
19 YEAR 2003, SHE WAS THE LAST MANAGER OF THE GALILEO PROJECT AND  
20 LED A SUCCESSFUL MISSION THAT PREVENTED THE SPACE CRAFT FROM  
21 CRASHING INTO JUPITER'S MOONS. DURING HER THREE DECADES AT  
22 J.P.L. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER RESEARCH ON SUBJECTS INCLUDING  
23 SOLAR WIND, JUPITER AND ITS MOONS AND THE EVOLUTION AND INNER  
24 WORKINGS OF THE COMETS. DR. ALEXANDER AUTHORED TWO CHILDREN'S  
25 BOOKS ABOUT SCIENCE WHICH WERE GEARED TOWARD AFRICAN-AMERICAN

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1 GIRLS ASPIRING TO BE SCIENTISTS. RECENTLY, SHE RECORDED A  
2 TAPING ON TED TALK ON HOW TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN MATH AND SCIENCE.  
3 THE VIDEO WILL BE RELEASED LATER THIS YEAR. DR. ALEXANDER WILL  
4 BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION AND MISSION TO  
5 ENCOURAGE CHILDREN INTO SCIENCE AND MATH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.  
6 SHE IS SURVIVED BY MOTHER, SISTER AND BROTHER AND MANY FRIENDS  
7 AND FAMILY WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. DR. CLAUDIA ALEXANDER, A  
8 PIONEER IN HER OWN RIGHT. MR. MAYOR, JOINL ME IN ADJOURNING IN  
9 MEMORY OF D'ARMY BAILEY, BORN NOVEMBER 29, 1941, CITY OF  
10 MEMPHIS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND PASSED ON JULY 12 AT THE  
11 AGE OF 73. HE EARNED A LAW DEGREE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY AND  
12 PRACTICED CIVIL RIGHTS LAW AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
13 LUTHER KING, JR. IN 1968, PRECISELY APRIL 4, MR. BAILEY WORKED  
14 WITH OTHERS TO PRESERVE THE LORRAINE MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS  
15 KILLED. IN 1991 IT BECAME A NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM.  
16 PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS ELECTED TO THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AND  
17 SERVED FOR TWO YEARS WHERE HE WORKED TO IMPROVE STUDENT  
18 REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENT. HE THEN RETURNED TO MEMPHIS  
19 WHERE HE PRACTICED LAW AND WAS ELECTED TO A CIRCUIT COURT  
20 JUDGESHIP. THEN IN 2009 HE LEFT THE BENCH TO ENTER PRIVATE  
21 PRACTICE AND WAS REELECTED TO THE JUDGESHIP JUST LAST YEAR.  
22 HIS INTEREST IN CIVIL LIBERTY ISSUES INSPIRED HIM TO OTHER  
23 VENTURES SUCH AS ACTING. HE PORTRAYED A MINISTER IN THE 1998  
24 FILM "HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK." A JUDGE IN THE 1999  
25 FILM "THE PEOPLE VERSUS LARRY FLINT." RESTRAIN YOURSELF, SIR.

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1 HE AUTHORED TWO BOOKS, THE EDUCATION OF BLACK RADICAL, A  
2 SOUTHERN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JOURNEY. 1959 TO 1964 AND DR.  
3 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S FINAL JOURNEY, TWO SEPARATE TEXTS.  
4 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, HIS INGENUITY AND  
5 HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND FOR HIS  
6 DEEP PASSION FOR EQUALITY FOR ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
7 ADRIENNE, TWO SONS AND MANY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WHO  
8 WILL REMEMBER HIM FOREVER. THEN THERE'S MARY M. JACKSON, MR.  
9 MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. BORN JUNE 26TH, 1920 RIGHT HERE IN LOS  
10 ANGELES. AND SHE PASSED ON JULY 4 AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE AND  
11 HER SISTER WORKED FOR DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT AFTER FIRST LADY  
12 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CHAMPIONED FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
13 FOR SPECIFICALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. SHE WAS A DEVOTED  
14 MEMBER OF THE BLACK POLICEMEN'S WIVES CLUB AND SERVED AS A DEN  
15 MOTHER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE DR.  
16 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL GUILD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON,  
17 SISTERS AND GRANDDAUGHTER AND MANY, MANY OTHERS WHO REMEMBER  
18 HER FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FOR HER COMMITMENT. MARY M.  
19 JACKSON, MR. MAYOR. AND U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE LAWRENCE KARLTON  
20 BORN ON MAY 28, 1935 IN NEW YORK CITY AND PASSED ON JULY THE  
21 11TH AT THE AGE OF 80. HE EARNED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA  
22 UNIVERSITY AND SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY AS A CIVIL LEGAL  
23 OFFICER AT THE SACRAMENTO ARMY DEPOT. AFTER 14 YEARS IN  
24 PRIVATE PRACTICE, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT IN  
25 SACRAMENTO BY THEN GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN

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1 IN 1976. TWO YEARS LATER HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE FEDERAL BENCH  
2 BY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. HE SERVED AS A CHIEF JUDGE, THE  
3 EASTERN DISTRICT IN CALIFORNIA FROM 1983 TO 1990 AND WAS  
4 APPOINTED AS A SPECIAL MASTER TO OVERSEE THE TREATMENT OF  
5 MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS IN CALIFORNIA'S 34 PRISONS. IN 2007, HE  
6 JOINED A FEDERAL PANEL THAT WAS FORMED TO CONSIDER CAPPING  
7 CALIFORNIA'S INMATE POPULATION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE IN PRISON  
8 WHICH WAS UPHELD BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN 2013. JUST LAST  
9 YEAR, ONE OF HIS MAJOR RULINGS WAS AN ORDER FOR STATE  
10 OFFICIALS TO REVISE POLICIES INVOLVING THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY  
11 AND OTHER USE OF FORCE ON MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS. JUDGE  
12 KARLTON RETIRED IN OCTOBER OF 2014 AFTER SERVING 35 YEARS IN  
13 THE U.S. DISTRICT'S EASTERN U.S. DISTRICT COURTS EASTERN  
14 DISTRICT. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE KEY FEDERAL  
15 JUDGES RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE  
16 FOR THOSE INCARCERATED AND THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM. HE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUE, DAUGHTER EMILY AND A HOST OF FAMILY,  
18 FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAYOR,  
19 COLLEAGUES, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I SO MOVE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. SANDRA  
22 OROZCO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS STEVE PETZOLD. IS ANNA  
23 MENESES THERE? BILLY TURNER THERE? HOLD ON ONE MOMENT, STEVE.  
24 ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE THERE? OR THERE'S MORE THERE WITH YOU?

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1 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S ONE MORE.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT NICOLE? OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

4 STEVE, TWO MINUTES.

5

6 **STEVE PETZOLD:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I WOULD HOPE THAT  
7 AFTER PASSING THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE TODAY THAT YOU WOULD  
8 CONSIDER THAT MAKING THAT INCREASE AVAILABLE TO POLL WORKERS.  
9 AS YOU MAY KNOW, POLL WORKERS ARE PAID \$100 FOR A POLL. THAT'S  
10 NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THE MINIMUM WAGE BEING PROPOSED TODAY.  
11 TYPICAL POLL WORKERS ARE GOING TO PUT IN HOURS FROM 6 A.M.  
12 TILL 8 P.M. THEN THEY'RE EXPECTED TO STAY ONE MORE HOUR AND  
13 THEY HAVE AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF TRAINING. SO I HOPE THAT YOU'D  
14 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THE REAL REASON I CAME IN TODAY WAS TO  
15 MAKE YOU AWARE OF A SITUATION IN SANTA CLARITA. THE SAUGUS  
16 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS VOTED TO NOT HAVE THEIR ELECTION FOR  
17 A NEW GOVERNING BOARD IN NOVEMBER. THIS IS AFTER THEY HAD  
18 ALREADY APPROVED AND ASKED THE COUNTY CLERK TO GO FORWARD WITH  
19 AN ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR THEM DOING  
20 THAT IS A LAWSUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THEM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA  
21 VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THEY ARE FEARFUL THAT THERE MAY BE AN  
22 INJUNCTION AGAINST THEM FOR HAVING THE ELECTION AND THAT IF  
23 THAT INJUNCTION WENT THROUGH, THAT THE COUNTY CLERK WOULD BILL  
24 THEM FOR THE ELECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000. I WOULD HOPE  
25 THAT YOU WOULD TAKE ACTION TO TELL THE COUNTY CLERK THAT IF

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1 THERE WERE AN INJUNCTION, THAT THEY WOULD -- THE SAUGUS UNION  
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD NOT BE CHARGED FOR IT. THE CURRENT  
3 GOVERNING BOARD CONSISTS OF 40 PERCENT ARE UNELECTED  
4 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE APPOINTED INTO THEIR POSITION. 60  
5 PERCENT IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO  
6 REPLACEMENT BY INCUMBENTS. WE DESERVE AN ELECTION IN NOVEMBER,  
7 AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE TO NOT ALLOW SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE THIS ELECTION. IT WILL COME BEFORE YOU  
9 AT A FUTURE BOARD MEETING.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL  
12 IF THEY COULD GIVE US AN OPINION ON THAT ISSUE HE RAISED. AND  
13 THEN, SECONDLY, YOUR SUGGESTION ON THE POLL WORKERS WAS VERY  
14 GOOD SUGGESTION. WE'LL ASK THE C.E.O. AND THE VOTER  
15 REGISTRATION RECORDER TO COMMENT ON THAT. SO THANK YOU, STEVE.

16

17 **STEVE PETZOLD:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. BILLY TURNER AND ANNA?

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21 **SPEAKER:** WASN'T I SUPPOSED TO SPEAK?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU WILL. YES, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

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1 **BLLY TURNER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME THE BILLY CARL TURNER  
2 AND I DESPERATELY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE. I HAVE BEEN TRYING  
3 OVER A YEAR TO GET THE DISABLED VETERANS HOMEOWNERS' TAX  
4 EXEMPTION. INITIALLY ONE OF THE CLERKS IN THE ASSESSOR'S  
5 OFFICE STATED THAT EVERYTHING HAD BEEN APPROVED. THEN COME TO  
6 FIND OUT IT HAD NOT BEEN PROCESSED AND IT HAD NOT BEEN. AND I  
7 GOT IN TOUCH AGAIN WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND I GOT MISS  
8 PHYLLIS DE LEON D-E-L-E-O-N. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD FOUND THE  
9 DOCUMENTS AND THAT SHE HAD PROCESSED THEM. THEN COME TO FIND  
10 OUT SHE HAD NOT. THREE WEEKS AGO I GOT IN TOUCH WITH MISS DE  
11 LEON AGAIN. AND SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD TAKEN THE DOCUMENTS TO  
12 THE DATA ENTRY CLERK TO HAVE IT INPUT INTO THE SYSTEM. AND  
13 I'VE BEEN WAITING AND CHECKING WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HERE  
14 IN LANCASTER AND IT HAS NOT BEEN INPUT. THE ASSESSOR'S I.D.  
15 NUMBER IS 3103016030. I NEED THE COLLECTIVE SUPPORT OF THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW TO WHOM THE  
17 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE RESPONDS. I HAVE GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH YOUR  
18 OFFICE, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, TALKED TO A LADY BY THE NAME OF  
19 CHRIS. I FAXED EVERYTHING TO HER. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING. I AM  
20 SERVICE CONNECTED AT 100 PERCENT DISABLED. AND I WOULD  
21 APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INPUT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS  
22 EFFECTIVE AND IF THERE ARE ANY REFUNDS DONE OR DUE, THAT I GET  
23 THEM IMMEDIATELY. I DO THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME.  
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE LOOK  
2 INTO THAT WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR. THANK YOU, BILLY.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. AND THANK YOU,  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. YOU'VE HAD A  
6 VERY DIFFICULT DAY. I AM A RESIDENT AND A PROPERTY TAX PAYER  
7 HERE IN LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. WE ARE RENT CONTROLLED AND OUR  
8 COMMUNITY IS RENT CONTROLLED. THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY,  
9 BETHSHIRE AND KASSENHIRE ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER'S RING TRADING  
10 COMPANY WANT TO RAISE OUR RENTS PAST THE LEGAL RENT ALLOWED OF  
11 \$100 A MONTH PER UNIT FOR OUR MOBILE HOME PARK AT RANCHO  
12 MIRAGE, OVER 900 RESIDENTS MINIMUM, MANY OF WHICH ARE SENIORS,  
13 DISABLED AND MANY HARD WORKING HISPANIC FAMILIES. UNDER THE  
14 GUISE OF CAPITAL, FAIR RETURNS AS WELL AS FAIR EXCHANGE, I AM  
15 ALLEGING THAT BETHSHIRE IS ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT I.R.S.  
16 RULES AS WELL AS THE CITY OF LANCASTER. ONLY YOU, THE COUNTY  
17 SUPERVISORS CAN SEEM TO GET THINGS DONE FOR THE PEOPLE. YOU  
18 HAVE DONE SO IN THE PAST, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. YOUR AGENCY  
19 MUST TAKE AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATING THESE THREE ALLEGATIONS:  
20 CODE ENFORCEMENT. WHERE WAS IT? COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES  
21 DEPARTMENT, DISABILITY COMMISSION ON MY ALLEGATIONS OF A.D.A.  
22 VIOLATIONS REGARDING DISPLACEMENT OF SENIORS AND DISABLED WHEN  
23 STREETS ARE DONE AS WELL AS SOUTH COAST MANAGEMENT AIR  
24 DISTRICT. WHY WERE TOXINS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES NOT DONE? THIS  
25 COULD ALL HAVE AN ESPECIALLY DAMAGING EFFECT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

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1 MOLLIE LOWERY MENTIONED IN YOUR MEETING PREVENTION. DON'T LET  
2 PROFIT PREVAIL OVER INDEPENDENT LIVES. WE ARE HAVING A MEETING  
3 WITH THE CITY. I INVITE YOU, YOUR STAFF, THE MEDIA 1:30 AUGUST  
4 6TH AT HEROES PARK. THANK YOU AND THIS IS IN LANCASTER. GOD  
5 BLESS YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ROBERT LUCAS. ANESTA  
8 BESTER. JOSE MARTINEZ. ERIC PREVEN. YES, MA'AM. YOU'RE ON.  
9 YOU'RE ON.

10

11 **SANDRA OROZCO:** MY NAME IS SANDRA OROZCO I'M A SOUTHEAST  
12 POLITICAL ACTIVIST, A VOICE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT. AND I THANK  
13 YOU, MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I HOPE  
14 YOU ACCOMMODATE ME NEXT TIME UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH  
15 DISABILITIES ACT. THAT I WOULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO SPEAK,  
16 PLEASE. I HAVE NOT HAD A CUP OF COFFEE. ALL I HAD WAS A BANANA  
17 SINCE EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. I AM A CONSTITUTENT OF BOARD  
18 MEMBER HILDA SOLIS. WE DID VOTE FOR HER AND I'M GLAD YOU ARE  
19 ON BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO SAY I SUPPORT AND IT PASSED THE RAISE  
20 PAY. ALSO I WANT TO PUT A PLUG ON AND I AM SURE YOU WILL BE  
21 THERE, HILDA. ON JULY 26TH, WHEELCHAIR WASH DAY FOR THE  
22 DISABLED THIS SUNDAY FROM 10 TO 6 AT EAST L.A. CIVIC CENTER. I  
23 AM JUST GOING QUICKLY HERE. I WANT TO ENDORSE THE SHERIFF'S  
24 DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY. I'VE HAD A LOT OF TAG  
25 REPORTS. I WAS THE VICTIM OF A CRIME IN JANUARY. AND THIS

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1 PERSON THAT VIOLATED MY RESTRAINING ORDER WILL BE PROSECUTED  
2 WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CRIME IS DOWN  
3 IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD. I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT YOUR STATS  
4 WRONG. ANOTHER THING, I WANT TO PUT A PLUG IN. I NEED TO SPEAK  
5 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES BECAUSE  
6 WHERE I'M STAYING AT, THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE ENFORCEMENT AND  
7 THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SUPPORT FROM THE CHILDREN AND  
8 PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. THESE CHILDREN NEED  
9 TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR PARENTS AS THE CHILDREN PROTECTIVE  
10 SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB TO ALLEVIATE  
11 THIS PROBLEM. NOW, I ALSO WANT TO PUT A PLUG IN FOR CENTRAL  
12 BASIN WATER. WE HAVE ART CHACON THAT IS EMBATTLED BOARD MEMBER  
13 THERE THAT WE'RE AFTER. AND ALSO LASTLY THE D.A.'S OFFICE I  
14 WOULD LIKE TO GET AHOLD OF SOMEBODY FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
15 OFFICE BECAUSE THE FACT THAT THEY STILL NEED -- I WAS A VOICE  
16 FOR THE EMBATTLED BELL COUNCIL. I WAS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT IN  
17 THE F.B.I. AND THE L.A. TIMES AND THAT'S HOW THE STORY BROKE  
18 IN 2010. SO MY BOTTOM LINE AND MY LAST STATEMENT IS: DON'T LET  
19 THIS WHEELCHAIR FOOL YOU. AND I'M A VOICE FOR M.S., THE M.S.  
20 COMMUNITY AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND I'M THE FACE  
21 OF THOSE THAT SUFFER FROM M.S. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JAVIER  
24 GROSSE AND MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THE BOARD. I'M HERE  
2 BECAUSE I HAD A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE IN DECEMBER OF 2014. AND  
3 I DIDN'T HEAR FROM C.P.S. UNTIL A MONTH LATER. AT THAT TIME  
4 THEY CAME INTO MY HOUSE AND THEY EXAMINED MY HOUSE AND MY  
5 CHILD. AND I WAS TOLD THAT I WOULD HEAR BACK FROM THEM. THEY  
6 WOULD GET IN TOUCH. I DIDN'T HEAR BACK FROM THEM UNTIL ABOUT  
7 SEVEN MONTHS LATER IN WHICH THEY CAME INTO MY HOUSE AGAIN.  
8 EXAMINED MY DAUGHTER AGAIN. AND TOLD ME THAT EVEN THOUGH I AM  
9 THE NON-OFFENDING, NON-VIOLENT PARENT IN THE SITUATION, THEY  
10 ARE BASICALLY THREATENING ME AND TELLING ME THAT THEY WILL  
11 COME IN AND TAKE MY CHILD AWAY. THE WORKER THAT I AM DEALING  
12 WITH IS BEING BULLYING ME, I FEEL VERY VICTIMIZED IN THIS  
13 SITUATION BECAUSE MYSELF NOR MY DAUGHTER ARE NOT IN ANY  
14 IMMEDIATE DANGER. I LIVE IN INGLEWOOD. SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
15 THOMAS, THIS WOULD BE YOUR DISTRICT. I'M JUST RECEIVING CALLS.  
16 I HAVE RECEIVED OVER 10 CALLS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME  
17 SOMETIMES TWICE A DAY. I'M TERRIFIED. EVERY TIME MY PHONE  
18 RINGS I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS GOING TO BE THE TIME WHERE  
19 THEY'RE TELLING ME "I'M COMING TO TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER." HER DAD  
20 IS NO LONGER IN THE HOUSE. I MOVED. I'VE DONE EVERYTHING THAT  
21 I HAD TO DO TO KEEP MYSELF AND MY DAUGHTER SAFE. AND I'M JUST  
22 WONDERING IF THE BOARD IS ABLE TO HELP ME WITH THE SITUATION  
23 TO GET C.P.S. OUT OF MY LIFE. THANK YOU.  
24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, I'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE ONE OF THE  
2 MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF COMING RIGHT NOW TO SPEAK WITH YOU. AND  
3 I'M SURE WE WILL AFFORD YOU THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORTS AND  
4 ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU CAN STEP RIGHT  
5 THERE AND YOU WILL MEET A MEMBER OF MY TEAM. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP FRANK EHLERS. MR.  
8 PREVEN.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT IS ERIC PREVEN AND THAT IS A HARROWING  
11 TALE. OBVIOUSLY C.P.S. IN OUR MARKET REFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
12 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE RECORD. I WOULD JUST  
13 LIKE TO SAY HOW PAINFUL IT IS AND WAS TO HEAR THE SUPERVISOR  
14 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT GO ON FOR 10 MINUTES WHEN THE POOR  
15 WOMAN TO MY RIGHT WAS SITTING HERE WITHOUT ANY FOOD FOR THE  
16 ENTIRE DAY. AND EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD TOOK A  
17 HALF AN HOUR TO DO ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. LET'S BE VERY CLEAR.  
18 EVERYBODY INCLUDING JOEL BELLMAN WHO HAS BEEN VERY, VERY  
19 POETIC ABOUT THIS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY.  
20 BUT IS THERE NO DECENCY? IS THERE NONE? HONESTLY. ANYWAY. ITEM  
21 NO. 19. LET'S GO BACK TO THE PROFESSIONAL STYLE. MR. I GUESS  
22 THE JAMISON GROUP HAS A LOT OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY. AND HERE ON ITEM 19 WE'RE REUPING AND THIS ONE WE WILL  
24 JUST BE 811 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD L.L.C. I ASKED SUPERVISOR  
25 KUEHL, IS THERE SOME WAY WE COULD IDENTIFY WHO THESE L.L.C.S

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1 ARE. THAT WE KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE MAYBE 20 OR 30  
2 PROPERTIES THAT WE'RE RENTING FROM THEM? AND THEN THEY'RE OF  
3 COURSE GENEROUSLY BRINGING THIS FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR  
4 ELECTIONEERING AND SUCH. BUT IF WE WANT TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO  
5 WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT SO YOU KNOW IF THEY  
6 HAVE DIFFERENT L.L.C.S. STUDIO CITY, WE HAVE A GUY WHO GOES  
7 UNDER FIVE OR SIX DIFFERENT L.L.C.S.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** L.A. CITY.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** I KNOW. THIRD DISTRICT. WE DO LOVE THE THIRD  
12 DISTRICT. LET'S BE HONEST WE ARE RIGHT IN THERE. STUDIO CITY.  
13 AND THIS GUY HAD ONE LITTLE L.L.C. THAT HE COULDN'T -- HE GOT  
14 PAST MR. PREVEN AND HE GOT HIS PROJECT APPROVED. BUT THEN I  
15 FOUND OUT THAT WAS AN L.L.C., BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I BELIEVE  
16 IT'S SPORTSMAN HOTEL R.E.W. L.L.C. THIS GUY OWED A LOT OF TAX  
17 AND THIS GROUP, OUR GOVERNMENT SORT OF WAIVED THAT TAX IN  
18 ORDER FOR -- LET ME PUT IT TO YOU THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S L.A. CITY.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** OF COURSE NOT BUT I'M GIVING AN EXAMPLE OF WHY IT  
23 WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR HIM TO HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT HE HAS  
24 MULTIPLE L.L.C.S SO WE KNOW A GUY WE'RE DOING A GREAT DEAL FOR

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1 GIVING TAKE FIREHOUSE AT A SURPLUS, A FIRE SALE PRICE, SIR, IS  
2 ALSO GETTING AN ENORMOUS GIFT. NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MAYOR WAS HERE. YOU SHOULD HAVE  
5 ASKED HIM.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I DID, SIR. WE WILL GET TOGETHER ABOUT HOW THINGS  
8 ARE GOING WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT  
11 MR. PREVEN LEVEL HIS ACCUSATIONS IN A MUCH MORE FAIR MINDED  
12 MANNER. HE SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT WE WERE COMPLICIT AND  
13 DISRESPECTING A PERSON WHO WAS OSTENSIBLY DISABLED. AND I  
14 THINK THAT IS BELOW THE STANDARD, MR. PREVEN. WE DIDN'T KNOW  
15 IT. HAD WE KNOWN IT, THE ACCOMMODATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE.  
16 BUT FOR YOU TO COME HERE AND GRANDSTAND AND SUGGEST THAT WE  
17 WERE INDECENT, OUT OF DISRESPECT OR DISREGARD FOR SOMEONE WHO  
18 HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY SEEMS TO ME TO BE, WELL, FILL IN THE  
19 BLANK.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT? THANK YOU. [OFF MIC  
22 COMMENTS]. THANK YOU. ALSO CALL UP RUTH SARNOFF, SHEILA WARD.  
23 YES, SIR.

24

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1 **JAVIER GROSSE:** MY TURN? HI, MY NAME IS JAVIER GROSSE. THE  
2 FATHER OF TWO BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS, 9 YEAR OLDS. I LIVE IN WEST  
3 HILLS AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES. MY CASE NUMBER IS CK97987  
5 OVERSEEN BY COMMISSIONER KELLY MARTINEZ. I HAVE TRIED TO  
6 COMMUNICATE WITH MR. BROWNING SINCE FEBRUARY 10, 2015. AND I  
7 HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM HIM IN A SIMPLE  
8 REQUEST EMAIL. I WOULD LIKE YOU IF YOU CAN INTERFERE IN MY  
9 BEHALF AND OVERLOOK MY CASE THAT HAS BEEN HANDLED OVER 2-1/2  
10 YEARS BY D.C.F.S. WHEN MY RIGHTS AS A FATHER WERE TAKEN AWAY  
11 2-1/2 YEARS AGO. WHEN IAN ROSEN WALKED INTO MY HOUSE, I WAS  
12 WRONGLY ACCUSED. D.C.F.S. DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RIGHT PROPERTY OH  
13 COAL AND PROCEDURES. PROTOCOL. DIDN'T PRESENT MY EVIDENCE IN  
14 COURT AND DIDN'T PRESENT MY SIDE OF THE STORY BECAUSE D.C.F.S.  
15 TOOK AN W MY CHILDREN AND GAVE ALL THE POWER TO THE MOTHER, I  
16 BECAME A VICTIM OF [INAUDIBLE] I HAVE NEVER BEEN ARRESTED. NO  
17 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPUTES OR VIOLENCE. NO ABUSE. NO ALCOHOL.  
18 NO DRUGS. NOTHING. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I'M A FATHER WHO HAS A  
19 GOOD FATHER/DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP AND TRULY CARES FOR THEM. I  
20 WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED IN MY DAUGHTERS' LIVES SINCE THE DAY THEY  
21 WERE BORN. MY LIFE WAS TORN APART BY D.C.F.S. WITHOUT JUST  
22 CAUSE. AND TREATED MY CASE UNJUSTLY. I HAVE NEVER AND WOULD  
23 NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT MY DAUGHTERS. BUT I HAVE FOUND THAT  
24 D.C.F.S. CONTINUES NOT TO TELL MY SIDE OF THE STORY. AND NOW  
25 D.C.F.S. TELLS ME THAT THEY WANT TO TERMINATE MY CASE BECAUSE

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1 THERE IS NO CASE. AFTER ALL THAT I HAVE BEEN THROUGH AND  
2 ESPECIALLY LOSING MY TIME WITH MY DAUGHTERS, I'M ASKING YOU TO  
3 OVERLOOK THE ACTIONS OF D.C.F.S. IN MY CASE. D.C.F.S. NEEDS TO  
4 KNOW HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WRONGLY ACCUSING ME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

7

8 **MICHAEL VOJTKIELEWICZ:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
9 MICHAEL, RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. THIS MONTH, JULY 2015,  
10 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF THE 1990  
11 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. ONE MONTH HAS NOW PAST SINCE  
12 MY FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THIS BOARD REGARDING NUMEROUS  
13 VIOLATIONS OF DESIGN STANDARDS AS PER THE 1990 ADA ALONG  
14 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS AT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
15 PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND PRECEDED  
16 FIVE YEARS AGO FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES. THIS PUTS  
17 AT RISK THE SAFETY, WELFARE AND HEALTH OF THE DISABLED  
18 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE THERE. THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THIS  
19 BOARD IN YEARS 2007 AND 2008 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HALCOLA AND  
20 THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION. THE FACT THAT  
21 THESE PROBLEMS HAVE PERSISTED FOR FIVE YEARS PLUS IS  
22 TROUBLING. ON A HAPPIER NOTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WEST  
23 HOLLYWOOD, ITS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND IN  
24 RECOGNITION OF THE 1938 COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE OF PLUMBER PARK  
25 ALONG WITH THOSE WHO LED AND WON THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE IT, YOU

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1 ARE INVITED TO A FIESTA CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF HISTORIC  
2 PRESERVATION WEST HOLLYWOOD'S BELOVED PLUMBER PARK AT 7377  
3 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD. THIS TAKES PLACE TOMORROW EVENING,  
4 JULY 22ND, FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 AT THE HISTORIC COMMUNITY  
5 CLUBHOUSE, ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVE HALL LONG HALL. I HOPE YOU ALL  
6 CAN ATTEND THIS. THE FIESTA THEME CELEBRATION WILL INCLUDE  
7 MEXICAN FOOD, MARIACHIS AND MUCH DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC  
8 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROGRESSIVE PRESERVATION POLICIES, CONTINUED  
9 COMMITMENT TO OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND OF COURSE THE  
10 UNVEILING OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE FOR LONG HALL GREAT  
11 HALL. INCLUDED A COPY FOR EACH OF YOU. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WILL LET ME ALSO CALL  
14 UP HERMAN HERMAN AND ARNOLD SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. THIS IS A BODY THAT  
17 FACES MANY CHALLENGES TO DEAL WITH THE I THINK OF MANY ISSUES  
18 THAT COME BEFORE IT. AND I JUST WISH TO BRING BEFORE YOU AGAIN  
19 THE IMPORTANCE I PLACE ON THE AFTERMATH OF EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES  
20 AND THE FOLLOWUP THAT I THINK IS NEEDED THERE. IF YOU'VE BEEN  
21 FOLLOWING THE PRESS AND SOME OF THE ISSUES OF WATER QUALITY,  
22 SOIL QUALITY AND AIR QUALITY, YOU KNOW THAT THE SOUTHEAST AREA  
23 OF THE COUNTY HERE IS ALMOST LIKE A SACRIFICE ZONE. AND IT'S A  
24 SACRIFICE ZONE BECAUSE EVERYTHING THAT'S A DIRTY INDUSTRY HAS  
25 BEEN PLACED IN THAT COMMUNITY. AND THERE WILL NEVER EVER BE A

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1 TIME WHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAMAGES THE POLLUTING GOES ON  
2 AND THE POLLUTERS WALK AWAY. THAT HAS BEEN THE HISTORY OF  
3 CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY FOR AS LONG AS I REMEMBER AND THAT'S  
4 A VERY LONG TIME BECAUSE I'M VERY OLD. SO THAT BEING SAID, YOU  
5 WILL NEVER KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE QUALITY OF  
6 YOUR WATER IN YOUR RESERVOIRS, YOU'VE GOT -- YOU'RE FACING  
7 DROUGHT, WE HAVE CLIMATE CHANGE. WE NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF  
8 PRIORITIZING OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT AFFECT THE HEALTH AND  
9 WELFARE OF PEOPLE. AND YOU WON'T GET A DATABASE AND YOU WON'T  
10 EVER KNOW ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL YOU TEST FOR IT. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. HERMAN HERMAN.

14

15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES. IN REFLECTION OF WHAT MR. RILEY MENTIONED  
16 TO MR. ERIC PREVEN, YOU KNOW, THE WORD IS DIGNITY. GIVE THE  
17 PERSON WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
18 ACCOMMODATIONS. THAT'S ALL THE LADY WAS ASKING FOR. A LITTLE  
19 BREAD, A LITTLE WATER, TO SATISFY THE LONG DAY OF TODAY'S  
20 ARGUMENTS. BUT THE ALLEGATIONS HAVE TO DO WITH VIOLATIONS THAT  
21 UNDER RESAID COUNTY VERSUS THE UNITED STATES, NOW IT'S GOING  
22 TO BE ARMANDO HERMAN VERSUS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BASED ON  
23 ALLEGATIONS OF NONCOMPLIANCE INCLUDING POLICY AND DISPUTES FOR  
24 ACCESS ISSUES IN REGARDS TO GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE  
25 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NOT THAT THEY

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1 HAVE TO BE MR. MARK REILLY A PERSON IN A WHEELCHAIR, A VISIBLE  
2 DISABILITY, IT COULD BE INVISIBLE AND IT RELATES TO THE  
3 INDEPENDENT LICENSE OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS THAT YOU TEAR  
4 DOWN THESE BARRIERS AND STOP THE HINDRANCE OF PROVIDING ACCESS  
5 AND ACCOMMODATIONS TO BUILDINGS. YES, SOME BUILD RLINGS  
6 BUILDINGS ARE SO OUTDATED AND OLD THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE  
7 REHABILITATED BUT BE DESTROYED IN THE POOR MEMORIES OF WHAT WE  
8 INSTITUTIONALIZED THEM TO BECOME. BUT GOING FORWARD, THE TIME  
9 TABLES FOR PROVIDING STANDARDS AT ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AND  
10 ALTERED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS SUCH AS HERE IN FRONT OF THE  
11 BUILDING, NEAR THE BUS STATION FOR 2, 4 AND 92 IT'S NOT  
12 ACCESSIBLE. EVEN THE LADY IN THE WHEELCHAIR THERE WILL AGREE  
13 WITH ME THAT YOU HAVE ROUTES DISRUPTING THE SIDEWALKS CAUSING  
14 PEOPLE TO SLIP AND FALL AND INCIDENTALY EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT  
15 DISABLED, A WALKING PERSON WILL FALL AND SLIP AND THEY WILL  
16 HAVE TO BRING THE CHARGES AGAINST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
17 THE COUNTY FOR NOT PROVIDING PROVISIONS UNDER THE AMERICANS  
18 WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN  
21 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
23 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
24 LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-3, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RECRUITMENT AND  
25 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM NO. CS-4, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION  
2 OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR  
3 OF PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM NO. CS-5 DEPARTMENT HEAD  
4 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM CS-6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
5 NEGOTIATORS SACHI HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON  
6 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1           **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JULY 21, 2015**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING ITIGATION  
6 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section  
7 54956.9) County of San Diego, et al. v. California Department  
8 of Finance, San Diego Superior Court Case No.  
9 37201400005050CUWMCTL.

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11 This case involves a challenge to the State's determination  
12 that certain local expenses relating to the State's Sexually  
13 Violent Predators Program are not eligible for State  
14 reimbursement. (153439)

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16 The Board authorized County Counsel to participate in an  
17 appeal of an adverse ruling by the San Diego Superior Court in  
18 the case entitled County of San Diego, et at. v. California  
19 Department of Finance.

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21 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being  
22 present.

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24 In Open Session item CS-2 was continued to August 4, 2015, No  
25 reportable action was taken on items CS-3, CS-4, CS-5 or CS-6.

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3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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