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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015, 9:30 A.M.**

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN THE APRIL-
7 - NOT THE APRIL BUT THE OCTOBER 27TH MEETING, LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE LED IN
9 INVOCATION BY APOSTLE HENRY ALEXANDER WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR
10 OF THE SHIELD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER IN POMONA IN THE FIRST
11 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND OUR PLEDGE IS GOING BE LED BY
12 SERGEANT UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DARRON ENNS RESERVE FROM
13 THE FIFTH DISTRICT IN VALENCIA. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD
14 PLEASE RISE. AND, PASTOR?

15

16 **APOSTLE HENRY ALEXANDER:** THANK YOU. LET US PRAY. OUR FATHER,
17 WE HONOR YOU FOR THIS MORNING. WE THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY
18 THAT YOU HAVE MADE. AND, LORD, WE'LL BE GRATEFUL AND WE'LL
19 GIVE YOU GLORY AND THANKS FOR THE DAY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US. WE
20 THANK YOU FOR OUR COMMON TIES. WE THANK YOU FOR THAT WHICH WE
21 SHARE, OUR COMMONALITIES AND OUR COMMON INTERESTS. WE THANK
22 YOU FOR THE LEADERS THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED FOR US AND CHOSEN
23 AND POSITIONED THEM TO LEAD US IN WAYS THAT ARE BENEFICIAL FOR
24 THE COMMUNITY. NOW, WE INVOKE YOUR PRESENCE IN EVERY DECISION
25 THAT IS MADE ON THIS MORNING, EVERY DISCUSSION IN ALL OF THESE

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1 THINGS, MAY THE WILL OF GOD BE DONE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 FAVOR, YOUR GRACE AND YOUR KINDNESS TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU,
3 AMEN.

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5 **DARRON ENNS:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
6 YOUR HEART, VETERANS MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE, AND JOIN ME IN
7 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D LIKE
12 TO THANK APOSTLE HENRY ALEXANDER FOR LEADING THE INVOCATION
13 TODAY. APOSTLE HENRY B. ALEXANDER WAS BORN IN ST. LOUIS,
14 MISSOURI. HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1981 AS AN ELDER IN THE
15 PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD AND STARTED SHIELD OF
16 FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER AT BETHANY COMMUNITY CHURCH OF POMONA
17 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT THAT SAME YEAR. HE RECEIVED HIS
18 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS
19 ANGELES, COMPLETED HIS MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY
20 DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES FROM FRIENDS OF INTERNATIONAL
21 CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN MERCED, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS ALSO
22 AWARDED AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM CAL STATE
23 CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. AMONG HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE
24 BEING THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE SHIELD OF FAITH
25 FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL INC. AND COMPLETING AN

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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF 90 UNITS OF LOW- INCOME,
2 SENIOR AND FAMILY HOUSING IN POMONA THROUGH SHIELD OF FAITH
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FOR WHICH HE IS A FOUNDER.
4 PLEASE HELP ME AND THANK APOSTLE ALEXANDER FOR TODAY'S
5 INVOCATION. HOW APPROPRIATE. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE DARRON ENNS
8 WHO GAVE US THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING, WHO COMES
9 FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN VALENCIA. HE SERVED
10 IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, SERGEANT, E-5, WITH THE
11 MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 473. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE
12 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
13 MEDAL, ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL WITH M FOR MOBILIZATION,
14 SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE MEDAL, CERTIFICATE OF
15 COMMENDATION. MERITORIOUS MAST FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT,
16 MERITORIOUS MAST FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND LETTER OF
17 APPRECIATION FROM THE YUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE SERVES AS THE
18 C.E.O. OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS POLICY ANALYST. HE'S MARRIED
19 WITH 2-1/2 CHILDREN. ONE'S 3, ONE'S 16 AND THE OTHER IS
20 WAITING ENTRY INTO THE WORLD. GRADUATE OF EMMANUEL HIGH SCHOOL
21 IN READING AND SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. SO, DARRON, THANK
22 YOU. GOOD LEGISLATING AND GOOD ANALYSIS. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 4 WITH THE SPECIAL

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1 DISTRICT AGENDAS. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
2 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
4 ITEMS BE HELD, ALONG WITH THE RELATED ITEM NO. 22. ON ITEM NO.
5 2-D, AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON THIS ITEM, A
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT IT BE HELD. ON THE AGENDA
7 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H, AS POSTED
8 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1
10 THROUGH 8, ON ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM
11 BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 24, 2015. NUMBER 4. THE REMAINING
12 ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 9, ADMINISTRATIVE
13 MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM NO.
14 16, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
15 WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 10, 2015, AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
16 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS
18 AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD
19 WITH ITEM S-1 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALSO REQUEST THAT IT
20 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 22, SUPERVISORS
23 KUEHL AND KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD ALONG WITH ITEM 1-D, AND THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE

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1 ADDITIONS AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REMAINING
2 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

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7 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 17, CONSENT
8 CALENDAR, ITEMS 23 THROUGH 28. ON ITEMS NO. 24, 25, 26 AND 27,
9 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
10 ITEMS BE HELD, AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
11 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECOND
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 20, MISCELLANEOUS
17 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
18 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 AGENDA, ITEM 29-A IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 29-B, SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 29-C IS
3 BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

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8 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 29-D, SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 23,
10 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM C.S.-2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
11 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
12 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, DO YOU HAVE
16 ANYTHING? TODAY WE HAVE THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY
17 COMMISSION AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 AND THE C.E.O. RECOGNIZING THE TOP 10 PROJECTS HONORED
19 RECENTLY AT THE 29TH PRODUCTIVITY QUALITY AWARDS CEREMONY.
20 THESE PROJECTS BRING MORE THAN \$75 MILLION IN ESTIMATED
21 BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY THROUGH THE COST AVOIDANCE, SAVINGS AND
22 REVENUE. ALSO PRESENT THIS MORNING WILL BE THE CHAIR
23 LEADERSHIP AWARD. JOINING ME FOR THOSE PRESENTATIONS IS
24 COMMISSIONER ROB GIBSON WHO'S THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION. AND
25 HE'S GOING TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS. THIS IS A COMMISSION THAT I

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1 ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY 1980S AND SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, WE
2 HAVE SAVED THE COUNTY OVER \$4 BILLION IN COST SAVINGS AND
3 DELIVERY OF SERVICES, ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE
4 PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH THAT. WE'RE
5 GOING TO PRESENT THE FIRST AWARD IS TO THE TOP 10 WINNERS. AND
6 THAT'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, MANAGED PRINT SERVICES, THE
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES STUDENT INFORMATION TRACKING
8 SYSTEM, THE CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS WITH D.C.F.S. AND
9 PROBATION, A BRIGHTER FUTURE COMBATING FOSTER YOUTH IDENTITY
10 THEFT, MENTAL HEALTH, INTEGRATED MOBILE HEALTH TEAM REDUCING
11 RISKS FOR HOMELESSNESS, HOMELESS EARLY DEATH; MENTAL HEALTH,
12 UNA MENTE, UNA VIDA, ONE MIND, ONE LIFE. MILITARY AND VETERANS
13 AFFAIRS WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIRST DISTRICT, HUMAN
14 RESOURCES, PUBLIC LIBRARY, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC SOCIAL
15 SERVICES, WOMEN'S VETERANS PROGRAM, PUBLIC LIBRARY 24/7
16 VIRTUAL LIBRARY AND NOW FOR THE TOP THREE PRODUCTIVITY QUALITY
17 AWARDS. WE HAVE THE EAGLE AWARD. THE BRONZE EAGLE AWARD WAS TO
18 HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INMATE CARE
19 SERVICES PROJECT; THE SILVER EAGLE AWARD WAS FOR CHILD SUPPORT
20 SERVICES, PREDICTING PROSPERITY IS JUST ANALYTICAL. AND GOLD
21 EAGLE AWARD WAS TO PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONAL PLANNING, PARKS AND
22 RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS, INTERNAL SERVICES AND THE ARTS
23 COMMISSION, MEGA DOLLARS, GRANTS TO GROW A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.
24 C.E.O.? YOU'RE GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS FIRST?

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1 **ROB GIBSON:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. GOOD MORNING,
2 EVERYBODY. THE COMMISSION CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD IS PRESENTED
3 TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE COUNTY CAREER COULD TAKE UP SEVERAL
4 CHAPTERS IN A BOOK ABOUT THE AMERICAN DREAM. OUR AWARD WINNER
5 STARTED OUT IN AN ENTRY-LEVEL CLERICAL POSITION AND WORKED HER
6 WAY UP THE LADDER TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.
7 SHERYL SPILLER-- [APPLAUSE.] SHERYL SPILLER BROUGHT A NEW
8 VISION AND INNOVATION TO D.P.S.S. TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE
9 SCOPE OF HER LEADERSHIP, MS. SPILLER OVERSEAS MORE THAN 13,000
10 EMPLOYEES AND A \$3.9 BILLION BUDGET, WHICH BY THE WAY MATCHES
11 THE 2016 BUDGET OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE. PUBLIC SOCIAL
12 SERVICES UNDER MS. SPILLER IS ALSO A PAST AWARD WINNER. SHE
13 COLLABORATED WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND INTERNAL SERVICES
14 ON THE M.A.R.S. PROJECT, A GOLD EAGLE AWARD WINNER LAST YEAR.
15 M.A.R.S. AUTOMATED THE COUNTY'S MILEAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT
16 SYSTEM. IT IS MY PLEASURE AND INDEED HONOR TO PRESENT THE
17 COMMISSION CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD TO MS. SHERYL SPILLER,
18 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU TO MR. MAYOR
21 AND SUPERVISORS AND A THANK YOU TO THE QUALITY AND
22 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT AND THEIR
23 ENCOURAGEMENT AND THEIR RESOURCES. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THIS
24 YEAR'S CHAIR, COMMISSIONER ROD GIBSON, WHO REALLY EMBODIES ALL
25 THAT THE COMMISSION STANDS FOR. AND LET'S ALSO THANK VICTORIA

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1 PIPKIN-LANE WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND WHO WORKS WITH
2 ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THESE
3 PROJECTS-- THANK YOU, YES. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY
4 FELLOW DEPARTMENT HEADS. OUR COMPETITION FOR THOSE EAGLES
5 REALLY HELPS ALL OF US TO STRIVE FOR QUALITY AND FOR
6 EXCELLENCE. BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE COMPETITION IS THE
7 COLLABORATION AND THE COOPERATION BROUGHT ON BY THESE QUALITY
8 AND PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS. JUST LIKE THIS BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT
9 HEADS ARE UNITED. WE WORK TOGETHER TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN
10 ALL OF US FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. LAST, BUT CERTAINLY
11 NOT LEAST, IS FOR THE AWESOME STAFF IN THE D.P.S.S. THOSE
12 EMPLOYEES AND THE MANAGERS THERE ARE REALLY, REALLY COMMITTED
13 TO QUALITY AND TO DOING THE VERY BEST THAT WE CAN. SO ANY TIME
14 THAT I ASK THEM TO TAKE ON A NEW PROJECT, IT'S ALWAYS "WE CAN
15 DO IT." WELL FIRST THEY SAY "ARE YOU SURE?" AND THEN THEY SAY
16 "WE CAN DO IT." ANYWAY, I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT
17 AND THIS AWARD REALLY MEANS A LOT TO ME. JUST WITH THE HISTORY
18 THAT I HAVE WITH THIS COUNTY, I LOVE THIS COUNTY, I LOVE THIS
19 COMMISSION AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** C.I.O. OKAY. THE C.I.O.? CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILY SERVICES? CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS WITH THE DEPARTMENT
24 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PROBATION. A BRIGHTER
25 FUTURE COMBATING FOSTER YOUTH IDENTITY THEFT. MENTAL HEALTH,

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1 INTEGRATED MOBILE HEALTH TEAM, REDUCING RISK FOR HOMELESS
2 EARLY DEATH. MENTAL HEALTH, UNA MENTE, UNA VIDA. ONE MIND, ONE
3 LIFE. NOW THE MILITARY VETERANS AFFAIRS WITH THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, HUMAN
5 RESOURCES, PUBLIC LIBRARY, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SOCIAL
6 SERVICES. PUBLIC LIBRARY, 24/7 VIRTUAL LIBRARY. NOW C.I.O. WE
7 DID. AND WE HAVE HEALTH SERVICES AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THE SILVER EAGLE,
9 THAT'S THE CHILD SUPPORT, PREDICTING PROSPERITY, IT'S JUST
10 ANALYTICAL. [APPLAUSE.] THE GOLD EAGLE AWARD IS PUBLIC HEALTH,
11 REGIONAL PLANNING, PARKS AND RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS,
12 INTERNAL SERVICES AND THE ARTS COMMISSION, MEGADOLLARS, GRANTS
13 TO GROW A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND I HAVE
14 OUR PROCLAMATION. WE WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL MARCO VALVERDE OF
15 BOLIVIA TO CELEBRATE DIA DE LATINOAMERICA IN LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY, WHICH IS HOME TO THE LARGEST POPULATION OF LATINOS IN
17 THE UNITED STATES. HALF OF ITS RESIDENTS TRACE THEIR ROOTS TO
18 MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. CALIFORNIA IS ALSO THE HOME
19 TO SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL HISPANICS WHO HAVE
20 SERVED AS ROLE MODELS, OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE, GLORIA MOLINA AND
21 OUR CURRENT SUPERVISOR, HILDA SOLIS. HILDA, ARE YOU GOING TO
22 SAY A FEW WORDS?

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY OF
25 LOS ANGELES, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE THE LARGEST LATINO POPULATIONS

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1 IN ANY STATE OR COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY. WE CAN PROUDLY SAY WE
2 HAVE A LARGE POPULATION OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO CAN TRACE
3 THEIR CULTURAL ROOTS TO MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND
4 SOUTH AMERICA. THESE RESIDENTS CHERISH THEIR CUSTOMS, CULTURAL
5 TRADITIONS THAT WE ALL MAY BENEFIT FROM THEIR DIVERSITY. LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ARE ALL SHAPED BY
7 THE RICH DIVERSITY OF ITS RESIDENTS. THOUGH RESIDENTS OF LATIN
8 AMERICAN DESCENT OBSERVE THEIR RICH CUSTOMS, THEY ALSO ARE NO
9 DIFFERENT THAN ANYONE ELSE. THESE RESIDENTS WANT WHAT WE ALL
10 WANT. THEY WANT GOOD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THEY WANT
11 WORK. THEY ALSO WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COUNTRY. IN
12 RECOGNITION OF THAT, THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNSELS,
13 KNOWN AS G.R.U.L.A.C., THIS PAST YEAR HAS WORKED THIS YEAR TO
14 ESTABLISH EL DIA DE LATINOAMERICA IN LOS ANGELES. IN 2014, THE
15 CITY OF LOS ANGELES DECLARED THE FIRST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER TO
16 BE EL DIA DE LATINOAMERICA, A DAY MEANT TO HONOR THE
17 CONTRIBUTIONS OF LATIN AMERICANS FROM THE FOLLOWING CONSULS:
18 ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR,
19 GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PERU, DOMINICAN
20 REPUBLIC AND URUGUAY. PLEASE JOIN BOTH THE MAYOR AND I AND THE
21 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROUDLY DECLARE OCTOBER 3RD AS
22 EL DIA DE LATINOAMERICA THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **HON. MARCO VALVERDE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH
3 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HELPING US IN THIS IDEA, DECLARING
4 THE DAY OF LATIN AMERICA IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS
5 A RECOGNITION OF ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE THE COUNTY
6 OF LOS ANGELES THE COUNTY IT IS, DIVERSE IN ITS CULTURE AND
7 ITS CULTURE-RICH HERITAGE AND THE FUTURE THAT IT'S BUILDING.
8 IT'S A MULTICULTURAL, MULTILINGUAL COUNTY, IN WHICH ALL OF THE
9 COMMUNITIES, NOT ONLY LATINO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, MERGE FOR
10 THE GOOD OF ONE CITY AND ONE COUNTY, BUT OF ONE STATE AND ONE
11 COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION. AND FOR ALL
12 THOSE LATINO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO HELPED FORGE THIS
13 GREAT COUNTY AND MAKE IT WHAT IT IS TODAY. THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS
17 OF THE SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SIX
18 PASSENGERS WHOSE AUTOMOBILE WENT OVER AN EMBANKMENT ON
19 GLENDORA MOUNTAIN ROAD, FALLING OVER 300 FEET. UPON RECEIVING
20 THE CALL, THAT VEHICLE HAD GONE OVER THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,
21 DEPUTY NOE RAMOS AND DEPUTY JEFF DEMOOY RESPONDED. UPON
22 ARRIVING ON THE SCENE, DEPUTY RAMOS HEARD THAT THE CRIES FROM
23 THE VICTIMS AND WITHOUT HESITATION WENT OVER THE SIDE OF THE
24 MOUNTAIN TO RENDER FIRST AID. DEPUTY RAMOS STAYED WITH SIX
25 INJURED PASSENGERS FOR HOURS AND MEDICALLY TREATED, TRIAGED

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1 THEM UNTIL THEY COULD ALL BE EXTRACTED FROM THE CRASH SITE AND
2 TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SAN DIMAS
3 STATION SHERIFF DEPUTIES, THE SAN DIMAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE
4 RESERVE TEAM, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE
5 ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE RESCUE AND CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
6 PATROL, ALL SIX OF THOSE VICTIMS SURVIVED. WE WOULD LIKE TO
7 RECOGNIZE DEPUTIES MATTHEW BONDS, DAVID LITTLE, DEBORAH
8 EICHTAN, CARLOS PEREZ, FABIAN NICASI, WAYNE TOWOSA, JOHN
9 ALLEN, DAVID BORAN, STEPHANIE MORALES, KIMBERLY SIMMS, JEREMY
10 FAHEY AND SCOTT HURST. SO THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE FINE
11 WORK, TEAMWORK THAT WE WORK WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE
12 FINE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE SEARCH
13 AND RESCUE TEAM. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS, SIR. ON BEHALF OF THE
16 SAN DIMAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM, THE SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S
17 STATION, THE PERSONNEL WHO ARE ON SCENE WITH US, THE DEPUTIES
18 THAT WERE THERE WITH US, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR.
19 AND JUST TO REITERATE THAT IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE THE COUNTY
20 IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME THE
23 MEMBERS FROM THE SAN DIMAS H.E.A.R.T. TEAM, WHICH STANDS FOR
24 HORSE EVACUATION AND RESOURCES TEAM. MOST FAMILIAR WITH
25 CONCEPT OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, THE IDEA THAT NEIGHBORS LOOK

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1 OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, HELP PROTECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, REPORT
2 SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR. EQUESTRIAN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HORSE
3 STABLES PROTECT THEIR HORSES IN A SIMILAR WAY, PARTICULARLY IN
4 CASE OF A BRUSH FIRE OR STRUCTURAL FIRE. THE H.E.A.R.T. TEAM
5 PROVIDES HORSE OWNERS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ESPECIALLY
6 THOSE WHO RESIDE NEAR THE FOOTHILLS, IN PERFORMING AN
7 EMERGENCY PLAN TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING FOR THEIR
8 HORSES DURING A NATURAL DISASTER. FROM OUR H.E.A.R.T. TEAM, WE
9 HAVE ERIN CYR JERI HARDCASTLE, BOB HARDCASTLE, LAURA LAMPYS,
10 BOBBIE MARR, STEVE SAGE, PAUL WYNMAN, SYLVIA CHAPMAN, CAPTAIN
11 DON SLAWSEN, CHRISTINE MACKENZIE AND LIEUTENANT CLAY ANDERSON.
12 WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK? HAVE TO HAVE A SPOKESMAN. WE HAVE A
13 HORSE MEN AND WOMEN? GOT TO HAVE A SPOKESMAN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'LL DO IT. WE'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER. IT'S BEEN SOMETHING
17 THAT'S BEEN REALLY NEEDED. IN PARTICULAR I'D LIKE TO THANK
18 BRIAN MEJILLA FOR HELPING US GET THIS THING OFF THE GROUND AND
19 PROVIDING US A LOT OF RESOURCES TO GET OURSELVES STARTED.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BRIAN IS MY DEPUTY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL
23 VALLEY. NOW WE HAVE THE COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME.
24 ROXANNE DAWN ALONG WITH DR. STEVEN RICHEIMER AND DR. JOSHUA
25 PRAGER ARE GOING TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE MEDICAL CONDITION

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1 KNOWN AS COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME OR C.R.P.S. NATIONWIDE
2 OVER 200,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH A CHRONIC-- WITH THIS CHRONIC
3 AND RARE DISEASE. IT AFFECTS A PERSON'S ARMS, LEGS, HANDS AND
4 FEET, USUALLY AFTER AN INJURY OR TRAUMA. IT'S BELIEVED TO BE
5 CAUSED BY DAMAGE TO OR MALFUNCTION OF THE PERIPHERAL AND
6 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEMS. COMMON SYMPTOMS INCLUDE BURNING PAIN,
7 HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITY, SWELLING AND DRAMATIC CHANGES IN COLOR
8 AND SKIN TEMPERATURE. WITH THE APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AND
9 TREATMENT, PEOPLE WITH C.R.P.S. CAN LIMIT THEIR PAIN AND
10 DISCOMFORT. AND HERE TO ACCEPT TODAY IS ROXANNE WHO IS LIVING
11 WITH C.R.P.S. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **ROXANNE GORZELA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MAYOR MICHAEL
14 ANTONOVICH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. AS SOMEONE WHO'S
15 LIVING AND SUFFERING WITH C.R.P.S., THIS REALLY MEANS THE
16 WORLD TO ME. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. AND AS MUCH AS I WOULD
17 LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY EXPERIENCE AND STRUGGLES WITH LIVING WITH
18 C.R.P.S., I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY DOCTORS, DR. STEVEN
19 RICHEIMER AND DR. JOSHUA PRAGER.

20

21 **DR. STEVEN RICHEIMER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK AS A WAY TO
22 UNDERSTAND THIS, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MINUTE AND SHARE WITH
23 YOU A STORY OF ONE OF MY PATIENTS. SHE WROTE TO ME THAT "MY
24 PAIN BEGAN AFTER SURGERY ON MY LEFT EYE. INSTEAD OF
25 DECREASING, THE POSTOPERATIVE PAIN INCREASED AND RADIATED

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1 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LEFT SIDE OF MY FACE, LOWER JAW AND
2 ABOVE MY EYEBROW. IT WAS A CONSTANT BURNING. I'VE NEVER KNOWN
3 SUCH PAIN IN MY LIFE. I'M AN AVID READER. AND WHEN THE PAIN
4 BEGAN, I COULD NOT COMPREHEND WHAT I WAS READING. I FELT AS
5 THOUGH I WAS GOING OUT OF MY MIND. FOR A WHILE, I WAS AFRAID
6 THAT I WAS DEVELOPING ALZHEIMER'S. EVERYTHING REVOLVED AROUND
7 MY PAIN. MY HUSBAND AND I NO LONGER HAD A SOCIAL LIFE OR ANY
8 TYPE OF INTIMACY. IT WAS VERY HARD ON BOTH OF US. MEDICATIONS
9 WERE UNSUCCESSFUL AND GAVE ME NO RELIEF. ACUPUNCTURE WORKED
10 FOR A FEW HOURS BUT DID NOT LAST. ONE DOCTOR TRIED A NERVE
11 BLOCK. THE PAIN ONLY GOT WORSE. I SAW DOCTORS AT U.S.C. FIRST
12 THEY TRIED A GAMMA KNIFE, WHICH IS A VERY SPECIALIZED TYPE OF
13 RADIATION. IT HELPED SOME, BUT I STILL HAD A LOT OF PAIN. I
14 NEVER GAVE UP HOPE. THEN I GOT A NEW PROCEDURE, A FACIAL
15 STIMULATOR IMPLANT. IT HAS LEFT ME WITH SOME PAIN BUT IT'S
16 IMPROVED. I FEEL LIKE NOW AT LEAST I HAVE MY LIFE BACK." SO
17 THE MESSAGE HERE IS THAT THERE ARE TREATMENTS BUT NOT NEARLY
18 ENOUGH. WE NEED A LOT MORE RESEARCH. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA,
19 THE N.I.H., THE FEDERAL FUNDER OF RESEARCH, SPENDS OVER \$450
20 IN CANCER RESEARCH FOR EVERY PATIENT THAT HAS CANCER. HOW MUCH
21 IS SPENT FOR EVERY PATIENT THAT HAS PAIN? \$10. INSTEAD OF
22 \$450, IT'S \$10. SO WE NEED ALL OF YOU, WE NEED OUR COUNTRY TO
23 ADVOCATE FOR MORE PAIN EDUCATION AND MORE RESEARCH. I WANT TO
24 THANK ROXANNE GORZELA FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS TO ADVOCATE ON
25 BEHALF OF PAIN PATIENTS AND SPECIFICALLY ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS

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1 WITH COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME, C.R.P.S. I WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND HILDA SOLIS. THEY HELPED TO
3 PROVIDE COUNTY SERVICES TO U.S.C.'S RECENT NONPROFIT QUENCH
4 THE FIRE, A 5 K/10 K RACE, RAISING RESEARCH MONEY AND
5 COMMUNITY AWARENESS FOR CHRONIC PAIN. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT
6 WITH OVER 450 ATTENDEES. IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT AND WE ARE VERY
7 APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR SUPPORT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU AND ALL THE
8 SUPERVISORS TO COME AND JOIN US NEXT YEAR. IT'S LOTS OF FUN
9 AND IT'S A GREAT CAUSE. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MAYOR MICHAEL
10 ANTONOVICH AND ALL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR
11 HAVING PROCLAIMED NOVEMBER 2ND AS C.R.P.S. DAY. THESE ARE THE
12 KINDS OF ACTIONS THAT WE NEED TO BE TAKING TO GET THE WORD OUT
13 SO WE CAN HELP OUR MOTHERS, OUR FATHERS, OUR AUNTS, OUR UNCLES
14 AND OUR CHILDREN TO LEAD PAIN-FREE LIVES. THANK YOU.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **DR. JOSHUA PRAGER:** DR. RICHEIMER FROM U.S.C. AND MYSELF DR.
18 PRAGER, FROM U.C.L.A., BOTH TIRELESSLY WORK FOR PATIENTS WITH
19 COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME. I THINK DR. RICHEIMER VERY
20 ARTICULATELY EXPRESSED THE NEED. I'LL JUST BRIEFLY MENTION, IN
21 1860S, THE CIVIL WAR PHYSICIAN SILAS WEIR MITCHELL WAS THE
22 FIRST ONE TO DISCUSS THIS SYNDROME AND HE TALKED ABOUT A RED
23 HOT FILE RASPING THE SKIN. AND THAT WAS IN 1860 THAT HE WAS
24 TALKING ABOUT THAT. I WENT THROUGH A GOOD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND
25 DID TWO RESIDENCIES AND NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT COMPLEX

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1 REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME. THIS IS A DEVASTATING DISEASE THAT
2 REALLY DISABLES PEOPLE TO THE POINT EVEN OF SUICIDE. AND THE
3 AWARENESS THAT'S BEING CREATED TODAY WILL REALLY HELP IN
4 WORKING TO FIND ADDITIONAL TREATMENTS AND FUNDING FOR THIS
5 SYNDROME. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S ESPECIALLY MADE. IT SAYS C.R.P.S.
8 DAY 2015. [APPLAUSE.] AS SOON AS WE FIND A HOME FOR ROXIE WHO
9 IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD, A MULTIPOO, THEN MY COLLEAGUES ARE GOING
10 TO HAVE A CUPCAKE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M RESCUING THE DOG AND YOU FROM THE
13 CUPCAKE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THOSE AT HOME CAN CALL 562-256-1649.
16 LITTLE ROXIE WOULD LOVE TO GIVE YOU A LOT OF LOVE. LOOKING
17 FORWARD TO CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN WITH YOU, THANKSGIVING,
18 HANUKKAH, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S, AND A LOT OF LOVE. SHE'S
19 ONLY EIGHT WEEKS OLD. LITTLE BUTTERCUP. OKAY. LITTLE ROXIE.
20 LET ME SAY THIS PAST FRIDAY, A REAL OUTSTANDING GENTLEMAN, A
21 MAN WHO REALLY CARES, WHO SPENT TIME AFTER THE EVENT WITH OUR
22 YOUTH AND OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO HELP ABUSED AND FOSTER CHILDREN,
23 AND THAT'S BYRON SCOTT, THE COACH OF THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS,
24 STAYED AT THE EVENT WE HOSTED AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
25 ALL FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN. AND BYRON, HE WAS SUCH OUT OF

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1 THIS WORLD. CHRIS SCHAUBLE, CHANNEL 5, OUR EMCEE WHO COMES
2 EVERY YEAR, WHO WAS ALSO A FOSTER CHILD, COMMITTED TO HELPING
3 OUR CHILDREN, BUT BYRON STAYED AND THEY AUCTIONED OFF THREE
4 BALLS SIGNED BY THE LAKER TEAMS. THE GENTLEMAN WHO'S GOING TO
5 BE COMING UP FROM MY COLLEAGUE, HE BOUGHT THE LAKER BALL
6 SIGNED FOR, CHIEF? HOW MUCH DID YOU PAY? \$3,250 FOR THE LAKER
7 BALL? AND THAT MONEY GOES TO HELP THE FOSTER CHILDREN WHO HAVE
8 NEEDS THAT ARE NOT MET BY THE SYSTEM, SPECIAL NEEDS THAT HELP
9 THEM. SO OUR CHIEF OSBY, WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR BEING THERE
10 BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO HELP OUR FOSTER CHILDREN. SO JUST A
11 SPECIAL THANK YOU, CHIEF. AND TO BYRON SCOTT AND THE LAKERS.
12 [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COME ON UP, FOLKS. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. COME ON UP. TODAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF
16 RECOGNIZING AN AMAZING AND INSPIRING ORGANIZATION FORMED BY
17 MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE UNITED
18 PEACE OFFICERS AGAINST CRIME, KNOWN AS U.P.A.C., IS AN
19 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO BREAKING THE CYCLE OF YOUTH
20 VIOLENCE. FOUNDED BACK IN 1988 BY RETIRED SERGEANT ANTHONY
21 CAMPBELL, U.P.A.C. EXEMPLIFIES THE IDEA THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
22 CAN DO MUCH MORE THAN ARREST TO FIGHT CRIME. U.P.A.C. PARTNERS
23 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATORS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND
24 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN ALL DO THEIR PART.
25 ONE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT THEY DO EACH YEAR IS TO HOST THE

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1 SUMMER CAMP FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
2 CAMP STAFF CONSISTS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT,
3 FIREFIGHTERS, PROBATION, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
4 SERVICES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. OVER 300 AT RISK
5 AND FOSTER CARE KIDS PARTICIPATE EACH YEAR, WHERE THEY
6 PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES LIKE CANOEING, HIKING, BASEBALL,
7 SWIMMING, TUG OF WAR, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BASKETBALL, BUT MOST OF
8 ALL TEAM BUILDING. THANK YOU, TONY, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AND
9 FOR THE U.P.A.C. STAFF. WE WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND WANT TO
10 DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS LOVELY HANDOUT THAT THEY PUT
11 TOGETHER, SHOWING AND SHOWCASING ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT THEY
12 DO WITH OUR YOUTH. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** GOOD MORNING, DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF. I'D
16 LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK HONORABLE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR
17 RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS FOR U.P.A.C. THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS
18 FOR SEVERAL DECADES. THE SHERIFF IS NOT HERE THIS MORNING BUT
19 I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK HIM FOR PERSONALLY REACHING OUT TO
20 ME TO CONTINUE THE COLLABORATION WITH THE YOUTH. AS FAR AS
21 WE'RE CONCERNED IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN
22 CONJUNCTION WITH WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE OTHER
23 DEPARTMENTS HERE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
24 AND PROBATION, ALONG WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES SUPERVISORS, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL

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1 CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE AND PROVIDE ALL THAT WE CAN TO SAVE
2 OUR YOUTH. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HEAR HEAR. ALL RIGHT. THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **TONY CAMPBELL:** TONY CAMPBELL. BOARD, I ALSO WANT TO THANK EACH
7 OF YOU FROM EACH DISTRICT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS UP FRONT.
8 EACH OF YOU HAVE SUPER, SUPER JUSTICE DEPUTIES. I DON'T KNOW
9 IF ANY OF YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES ARE HERE, BUT I PERSONALLY
10 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO ON YOUR BEHALF
11 BECAUSE I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH EACH. LIKE
12 DARYL SAID, SHERIFF MCDONNELL IS NOT HERE BUT THE SHERIFF,
13 WHEN HE CAME UP TO THE CAMP AND VISITED THE CHILDREN, HE WAS
14 SO AMAZED AT WHAT HE SAW. RECENTLY THE SHERIFF AND I, WE HAD
15 AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK STREAMLINE ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO OTHER
16 COMMUNITIES, FROM FLORIDA, KANSAS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE
17 FOLKS SAID BACK THERE IS, WHY DON'T WE HAVE PROGRAMS LIKE THIS
18 IN OUR COMMUNITY? SO OUR MISSION, WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
20 ALL THE BOARD OFFICES, MAKE SURE THAT WASHINGTON, D.C. HEARS
21 ABOUT THIS BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, IF NOT THIS
22 ADMINISTRATION, THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION SO THAT WE CAN INFORM
23 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT IT'S
24 VITAL FOR US TO REACH TO OUR BROTHERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT
25 WE HAVE TO REACH INTO OUR COMMUNITIES TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

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1 UNDERSTAND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS HERE TO WORK WITH THE
2 COMMUNITIES AND NOT AGAINST THE COMMUNITIES. SO IT'S A
3 PARTNERSHIP THAT WE AS A TEAM HAVE WITNESSED. AND I ALSO
4 WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF U.P.A.C., UNITED
5 PEACE OFFICERS AGAINST CRIME, WE WANTED TO PRESENT THIS TO
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS ONE OF OUR SHIRTS THAT SHE CAN WEAR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NEXT YEAR.

9

10 **TONY CAMPBELL:** AND SHE PROMISED THAT SHE'S GOING TO TRY TO
11 MAKE IT UP THERE IF HER SCHEDULE PERMIT ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL'S OFFICE. I WAS IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL SAID SHE IS GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT. I KNOW IT'S JUST A
14 CONSTRUCTIVE TEAM EFFORT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD HERE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, ALL. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING
17 US HERE TODAY. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
18 VALUES CAMPERSHIPS PROVIDED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOSTER YOUTH
19 BY THE UNITED PEACE OFFICERS AGAINST CRIME, BETTER KNOWN AS
20 U.P.A.C. OVER THE PAST 27 YEARS, U.P.A.C. HAS PARTNERED WITH
21 L.A. COUNTY, D.C.F.S., SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS AND THROUGH THIS
22 PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND, CAMPERSHIP SERVES,
23 AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED, AN AVERAGE OF 350 YOUTH YEARLY.
24 AND THROUGH THIS CAMP EXPERIENCE, IT TEACHES THEM LEADERSHIP,
25 MENTORING AND EXPOSURE TO A HOST OF ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES.

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1 U.P.A.C. HAS ALSO AFFECTED MORE THAN 50,000 CHILDREN AND OVER
2 95 PERCENT HAVE GONE ON TO LIVE PRODUCTIVE LIVES, OF WHICH 35
3 PERCENT OF THOSE HAVE COME BACK AND ACT AS COUNSELORS THROUGH
4 THE PROGRAMS. U.P.A.C. ALSO SPONSORS AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
5 WHICH SERVES OVER 200 AT-RISK CHILDREN ANNUALLY THROUGHOUT
6 L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE GRATEFUL ALSO FOR SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL FOR
7 HIS SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP, THE PASSION AND DEDICATION WITH
8 SERGEANT ANTHONY CAMPBELL AND WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE
9 CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND OUR COLLABORATION WITH OUR FIRE,
10 PROBATION AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, WE ARE HONORED TODAY TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE. THE
14 STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE COUNTY, WE FEEL, IS REALLY BEING
15 MANIFESTED UP THERE WHEN THOSE CHILDREN FROM D.C.F.S. AND
16 ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE ZIP LINING, FISHING, CANOEING. AND WE
17 TELL THEM: YOU'VE GOT TO GET YOUR ACADEMIC G.P.A. UP. SO AS A
18 BEHAVIORAL OPPORTUNITY, THE KIDS THRIVE AND THEY ARE SO
19 EXCITED TO SEE THAT HELICOPTER WITH THE SHERIFF FLY UP AND TO
20 SEE THE COUNTY LEND ITS SUPPORT TO SAY: LITERACY IS IMPORTANT
21 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND SO WE THANK YOU AGAIN ON BEHALF OF
22 ALL OF U.P.A.C.. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **LT. ACACIO:** GOOD MORNING LIEUTENANT ACACIO WITH THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY THE LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPORTING US
2 THROUGHOUT THE LAST 27 YEARS. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR
3 ACTUALLY 27 YEARS AND IT'S AMAZING. ALL I CAN SAY IS WHAT
4 MAKES THE PROGRAM IS THE VOLUNTEERS THAT COME UP HERE EVERY
5 YEAR, YEAR AFTER YEAR. AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE YOU SEE UP HERE
6 RIGHT NOW ARE PEOPLE THAT GREW UP IN OUR PROGRAM. THEY STARTED
7 OUT, SOME OF THEM, AS KIDS ABOUT THIS HIGH THAT I REMEMBER AND
8 NOW THEY'RE HERE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND REALLY
9 THAT'S WHAT U.P.A.C. IS ALL ABOUT. ANYWAY, I WANT TO SAY THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD AND EVERYBODY IN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

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

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND
16 COLLEAGUES. I'M DELIGHTED TODAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE WHO'S MADE
17 AN EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION IN HIS SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF
18 LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY BOTH REX HARTLINE AND
19 JEFFREY PRANG, OUR ASSESSOR. IT WAS ON JANUARY THE 20TH OF
20 THIS YEAR THAT THE BOARD APPROVED MAKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 DATA OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY DIRECTING THE CHIEF INFORMATION
22 OFFICER TO IMPLEMENT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPEN DATA PORTAL.
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WERE DIRECTED TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL DATA
24 SETS THAT COULD BE PUBLISHED OPENLY ON THE COUNTY OPEN DATA
25 PORTAL IN A MACHINE-READABLE FORMAT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG, WAS AMONG THE FIRST OF OUR COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ENHANCING
3 THE OPEN DATA PROGRAM BY MAKING 10 YEARS OF PARCEL ASSESSMENT
4 INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC,
5 WHICH REPRESENTS THE LARGEST SET OF ASSESSMENT DATA EVER
6 PUBLISHED ONLINE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND SO WE
7 ACKNOWLEDGE JEFFREY PRANG'S LEADERSHIP. BUT TODAY WE RECOGNIZE
8 REX HARTLINE WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LEADING THIS EFFORT IN
9 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. REX HAS WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR 29
10 YEARS AND WILL CELEBRATE HIS 30TH YEAR THIS COMING JANUARY.
11 HIS FIRST YEAR WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, HE WORKED AS AN
12 APPRAISER TRAINING IN THE APPRAISALS UNIT. AFTER COMPLETING
13 THE APPRAISER TRAINING CLASS, REX THEN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE
14 DATA SERVICES SECTION OF THE SYSTEMS DIVISION. NOW, THE
15 SYSTEMS DIVISION HAS SINCE BEEN RENAMED THE INFORMATION
16 TECHNOLOGY DIVISION AND IS WHERE REX WORKS AS THE PRINCIPAL
17 APPLICATION DEVELOPER. NOW, THE ASSESSOR'S PUBLICATION OF THIS
18 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION WAS LARGELY DUE TO REX HARTLINE AND HIS
19 KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE AND ABILITY TO OVERCOME SIGNIFICANT
20 TECHNICAL HURDLES. AND SO IT'S TODAY THAT ALL OF US ON THE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WISH TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE REX
22 HARTLINE FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS IN
23 PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS OF GREAT
24 BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE

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1 THAT IT SERVES. LET'S GIVE REX A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T
2 YOU? [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **REX HARTLINE:** THANK YOU. THIS REALLY IS A WHOLE COLLABORATIVE
5 EFFORT, THOSE WHOLE OPEN DATA. WE GET DATA FROM A NUMBER OF
6 SOURCES. AND WE RELY A LOT ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, OUR NETWORK
7 TEAM, SETTING THESE VIRTUAL MACHINES THAT FREE UP OUR OTHER
8 EQUIPMENT THAT WE CAN GET THIS DATA UP. IT'S EXCITING AND I
9 THINK THE TRANSPARENCY AND THE OPEN DATA AND MAKING THIS
10 INFORMATION FREELY AVAILABLE, WE HAVE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM
11 SOME PEOPLE WHO NOW DON'T HAVE TO PURCHASE THE DATA. THEY CAN
12 ACTUALLY DOWNLOAD THE DATA AND USE IT ANY WAY THEY WANT. SO I
13 THINK THE WHOLE THING IS AN EXCITING PROSPECT. THAT'S IT.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
17 MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M REALLY
18 PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY TO HONOR ONE OF MY EMPLOYEES, REX
19 HARTLINE. I'M ALSO PARTICULARLY GLAD TO LIVEN UP THE MEETING
20 WITH A SPEECH FROM THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR. BUT AS
21 I'M APPROACHING MY 11TH MONTH IN OFFICE AS ASSESSOR OF THE
22 COUNTY, I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE COMPLETED. FROM
23 THE TIME I'VE BEEN HERE, WE'VE INTRODUCED A BRAND NEW WEBSITE.
24 WE'VE BEGUN THE LONG BUT MUCH NEEDED EFFORT TO REPLACE OUR
25 OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND WE SUCCESSFULLY RELEASED
2 OUR 2015 ASSESSMENT ROLL. BUT ONE OF THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS
3 IS MY OFFICE'S PARTICIPATION AS THE COUNTY'S LEADING AGENCY IN
4 THE COUNTY-WIDE OPEN DATA INITIATIVE. DOING OUR PART TO
5 INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE WORK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY
6 RESIDENTS, IN MAY MY OFFICE PUBLISHED ONLINE DATA ON THE
7 COUNTY'S 2.6 MILLION ASSESSABLE PARCELS. AT THE TIME THIS WAS
8 THE LARGEST PUBLIC OPEN DATA RELEASE OF PROPERTY DATA ANYWHERE
9 IN THE UNITED STATES. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD ARCHIVED AND INDEXED PROPERTY
11 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FREE OF CHARGE. AND SINCE OUR INITIAL
12 RELEASE IN MAY, I'M PROUD THAT OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
13 DIVISION, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REX HARTLINE, ONE
14 OF OUR PRINCIPAL APPLICATION DEVELOPERS, HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK
15 TO DO EVEN MORE. PUSHING THROUGH NUMEROUS TECHNOLOGICAL
16 OBSTACLES, REX HARTLINE, WHO AS YOU HEARD, IS A 29-YEAR
17 VETERAN OF OUR OFFICE, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE RECENT
18 PUBLICATION OF MORE THAN 10 YEARS' WORTH OF ASSESSMENT DATA ON
19 THE COUNTY'S OPEN DATA INITIATIVE. AND THIS ENORMOUS
20 ACHIEVEMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT REX'S HARD WORK,
21 LEADERSHIP, DETERMINATION, BROAD EXPERTISE AS WELL AS HIS
22 COLLEAGUES IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT. SO I'M
23 JUST HERE ON BEHALF OF MY DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF OUR TEAM TO
24 THANK REX FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND PARTICULARLY THANK SUPERVISOR
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS TO

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1 UPGRADE OUR OFFICE'S TECHNOLOGY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, IT GIVES ME
5 GREAT PRIDE TO BRING FORWARD THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR MARK IN
6 OUR COMMUNITY. I SPEAK OF DON NOSE, HIS SON, GARRETT, AND LISA
7 SUGIMOTO. THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DON WHO
8 WILL BE LEAVING HIS POST AS PRESIDENT OF THE GO FOR BROKE
9 NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF
10 APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MR. NOSE WAS APPOINTED AS
11 PRESIDENT OF GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER IN 2010.
12 TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION IN A CRITICAL PERIOD OF GROWTH AND
13 EXPANSION. HE BROUGHT OVER 30 YEARS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND
14 LEADERSHIP SKILLS FROM HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE GLOBAL FOR-PROFIT
15 BUSINESS ARENA TO GO FOR BROKE, A NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER
16 WHICH HELPED FOCUS RESOURCES ON THE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION
17 AND SHARING OF THE STORIES OF THE NISEI VETERANS. HE
18 CONCENTRATED ON STABILIZING THE OPERATIONS, ALTERING THEIR
19 PROGRAMS, REKINDLING RELATIONSHIPS WITH VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS
20 AND BUILDING A BROADER BASE OF SUPPORTERS. MR. NOSE
21 SUCCESSFULLY REALIZED A LONG-HELD GOAL AND FOUND A HOME FOR
22 THE ORGANIZATION AND THE HISTORIC NISEI BUILDING NEXT TO THE
23 GO FOR BROKE MONUMENT. INCORPORATED IN 1989, JAPANESE-
24 AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS ESTABLISHED THE MEMORIAL
25 FOUNDATION FOR THE GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL CENTER AND TO BUILD

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1 THE GO FOR BROKE MONUMENT. NOW GO FOR BROKE IS A PHRASE FROM
2 THE HAWAIIAN PIGEON LANGUAGE MEANING TO WAGE EVERYTHING. IT
3 WAS THE MOTTO OF THE HIGHLY- DECORATED WORLD WAR II JAPANESE
4 AMERICAN MILITARY UNIT 442 INFANTRY REGIMENT. TODAY THE
5 MONUMENT IS AN ETERNAL TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES
6 CONSTITUTION AND THE UNWAVERING PATRIOTISM OF THE SEGREGATED
7 JAPANESE-AMERICAN UNITS. THE GO FOR BROKE CENTER OFFERS
8 PROGRAMS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF HISTORY OF THE
9 JAPANESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF WORLD WAR II, THE JAPANESE
10 AMERICAN INCARCERATION AND THE CIVIL LIBERTIES ISSUES RAISED
11 BY THESE HISTORIC EVENTS. THE STABILIZATION AND GROWTH OF THE
12 CENTER COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT DON'S OUTSTANDING WORK
13 AND SERVICE TO THE NISEI COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. AS OUTGOING
14 PRESIDENT, HE INTENDS TO REFOCUS TIME AND ENERGY ON FAMILY AND
15 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON OTHER VENTURES. SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF
16 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE WISH TO COMMEND YOU,
17 DON, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK AND EXTEND YOU BEST WISHES. A
18 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR DON NOSE. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **DON NOSE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE SUPERVISORS WHO ARE
21 PRESENT TODAY AND ALSO TO MAYOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU. I
22 ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR FOR
23 PROPOSING ME TODAY, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT ALSO TO
24 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE WHO HAS BEEN AN ONGOING SUPPORTER FOR THE
25 GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER FOR MANY YEARS, SO

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1 THANK YOU. I'M ENCOURAGED TODAY WHAT I SAW TODAY IN FRONT OF
2 THE BOARD, RECOGNITION OF DIVERSITY IN OUR CITY BUT ALSO A LOT
3 OF DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS HERE, AS WELL, WHICH I THINK IS
4 COMMENSURATE WITH OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. SO THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A DIVERSE CULTURE
6 HERE AND A DIVERSE RECOGNITION IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH I THINK
7 IS THE REAL STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY OVERALL. I PERSONALLY
8 HAVE BEEN VERY HONORED TO HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH
9 PRESERVE BUT ALSO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE JAPANESE
10 AMERICAN STORY, WHICH IS REALLY, TRULY AN AMERICAN STORY AND A
11 VETERANS' STORY, AS WELL. I THINK IT'S BEEN BOTH AN HONOR TO
12 DO THAT BUT I'M EVEN MORE EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE
13 NOW IN THE PROCESS OF OCCUPYING THE HISTORIC NISHI HONGWANJI
14 TEMPLE DOWNTOWN IN LITTLE TOKYO. AND WE'LL BE OPENING OUR NEW
15 EDUCATION CENTER AND EXHIBIT NEXT YEAR ON SATURDAY, MAY 28TH,
16 AND WE INVITE EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE AND PARTICULARLY THE
17 SUPERVISORS HERE TO ATTEND OUR OPENING WHEN WE OPEN THE
18 EXHIBIT. IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE GROUNDBREAKING IN THE SENSE
19 THAT IT'S GOING TO REALLY BE ABOUT CHALLENGING THE YOUTH OF
20 TODAY USING VALUES THAT THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN WORLD WAR II
21 VETERANS EXHIBITED TO REALLY ADDRESS ISSUES THAT ARE, I THINK,
22 PARAMOUNT TO WHAT THEY FACE TODAY. SO WE REALLY WANT YOU TO
23 SEE THIS REALLY GROUNDBREAKING OPPORTUNITY AND EXHIBIT AND
24 YOU'LL ALL BE GETTING INVITATIONS FROM US, AS WELL. I WANT TO
25 EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY FAMILY WHO ARE HERE TODAY, MY

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1 SON GARRETT, LISA AND ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER SABRINA DOWNLOW
2 WHO ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND THE SACRIFICES THAT ARE INVOLVED WHEN
3 YOU'RE INVOLVED IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND NONPROFIT WORK. THERE'S
4 A LOT OF EXTRA HOURS I THINK THAT GO UNSEEN. AND I KNOW THAT
5 SUPERVISORS KNOW THIS VERY WELL BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEIR
6 SCHEDULES MUST BE INCREDIBLY COMPLEX, BOTH IN THEIR SERVICE TO
7 THEIR CITY AND TO THE CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP. SO I WANT TO
8 THANK THEM AGAIN FOR THEIR PATIENCE WITH ME AND TIME AWAY FROM
9 THEM AS A FAMILY MEMBER AND I'M HOPING TO MAKE UP FOR THAT
10 NOW. AND THEN ALSO I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GO
11 FOR BROKE BOARD. SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS HERE ARE REALLY THE
12 BACKBONE OF OUR ORGANIZATION. BUT REALLY MOST IMPORTANTLY I'D
13 LIKE MY STAFF TO STAND UP AND HAVE SOME RECOGNITION FOR THE
14 PAST FIVE YEARS OF THE SACRIFICES THAT THEY'VE HAD. SO IF MY
15 STAFF, IF THEY WOULDN'T MIND STANDING UP HERE TODAY. THEY'RE
16 REALLY THE BACKBONE, AS YOU KNOW, OF ANY ORGANIZATION. AND
17 HAVE REALLY SEEN OUR ORGANIZATION THROUGH BOTH GOOD TIMES AND
18 BAD. BUT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE HONOR TODAY AND HONOR OF OUR
19 ORGANIZATION AND THE WORK WE DO. GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. TODAY
23 IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY A TOTALLY HAPPY
24 OCCASION TO HONOR JOEL BELLMAN FOR 26 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED
25 PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR THIRD

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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. BEFORE JOEL ACCEPTED A JOB WITH THE
2 COUNTY, HE WORKED AS AN AWARD-WINNING RADIO AND NEWSPAPER
3 EDITORIAL WRITER, DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER AND COLUMNIST. FOR
4 THREE CONSECUTIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, JOEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
5 MANAGING ALL ASPECTS OF MEDIA RELATIONS, HANDLING A WIDE
6 VARIETY OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS, ASSISTING POLICY DEPUTIES WITH
7 RESEARCH AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AS NEEDED AND ADVOCATING
8 FOR OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE IN COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC
9 RECORD REQUESTS. HE SERVED SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN FROM 1989 TO
10 1994. SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY FROM 1994 TO 2014 AND OUR
11 SERVICE DURING OUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE. HIS PROUDEST
12 ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE DRAFTING A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS ADOPTED
13 IN 2002 THAT OVERHAULED AND REFORMED THE COUNTY'S OPEN MEETING
14 AND PUBLIC RECORD POLICIES; WORKING DAILY TO MAINTAIN THE
15 COUNTY'S TRUST AND CREDIBILITY, PROMOTE GREATER TRANSPARENCY
16 AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN POLICYMAKING;
17 ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE ANNUAL
18 FUNDRAISING A.I.D.S. WALK; DONATING BLOOD REGULARLY THROUGH
19 THE AMERICAN RED CROSS; TEACHING A WRITING FOR ADVOCACY COURSE
20 SINCE 1999 THROUGH U.C.L.A. EXTENSION. JOEL HAS NOW ELECTED TO
21 RETIRE FROM COUNTY SERVICE AFTER 26 YEARS TO PURSUE WRITING,
22 TEACHING, ADVOCACY AND HIS PASSION PROJECTS FULL-TIME. ON
23 BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JOEL,
24 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, FOR CONSCIENTIOUS SERVICE TO
25 THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND EXTEND OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES, AS OUR

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1 STAFF GATHERED HERE TO CHEER YOU ON FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
2 REWARDING RETIREMENT, CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL
3 FUTURE ENDEAVORS. PLEASE GIVE A LARGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO
4 JOEL BELLMAN. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **JOEL BELLMAN:** THANKS VERY MUCH. I FEEL LIKE EITHER SALLY FIELD
7 OR MR. CHIPS HERE. ONE OF MY FAVORITE CARTOONS HAS A GUY
8 STANDING BY A PODIUM, NOT UNLIKE ME AT THIS MOMENT. "LADIES
9 AND GENTLEMEN," HE TELLS THE AUDIENCE, "TODAY I AM GOING TO
10 DISPENSE WITH MY PREPARED REMARKS AND SPEAK FROM THE HEART."
11 AND THEN TO MAKE THE POINT, HE THROWS THEM ON THE GROUND.
12 AWKWARD PAUSE. HE'S DOWN ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES PICKING UP
13 NOTES, TRYING TO GATHER THEM AGAIN. SO I'M GOING TO USE THE
14 PAGE THIS TIME. I WANT TO THANK MY BOSS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
15 HER COLLEAGUES SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE, MAYOR ANTONOVICH FOR RECOGNIZING MY COUNTY
17 SERVICE WITH TODAY'S HONOR. I'VE HAD A GOOD RUN HERE. IN FACT
18 BETTER THAN GOOD, EXTRAORDINARY. BACK IN 1989, THANKS TO AN
19 AMAZING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN, I WAS
20 INVITED OVER FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE A COFFEE BREAK IN MY
21 JOURNALISM CAREER. 26 YEARS LATER I WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT
22 COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MY REAL CAREER. SO THE OPPORTUNITY
23 TO SERVE UNDER A TRIO OF SMART, ETHICAL AND DEDICATED ELECTED
24 OFFICIALS LIKE ED EDELMAN, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND SHEILA KUEHL
25 HAS BEEN A GREAT PRIVILEGE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT ALONGSIDE

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1 SO MANY TALENTED AND COMMITTED COLLEAGUES IN MY OFFICE AND MY
2 EARLIER OFFICES AND ACROSS THE EIGHTH FLOOR THROUGHOUT THE
3 COUNTY HAS BEEN AN UNALLOYED PLEASURE. LET ME ALSO SAY
4 SINCERELY THAT ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF THIS JOB HAS ALWAYS
5 BEEN THE INTERACTION WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE
6 FOURTH STATE WHO DESPITE TRAGICALLY THINNING RANKS, HEROICALLY
7 PERFORM THE THANKLESS BUT ESSENTIAL TASK OF INFORMING THE
8 PUBLIC AND HOLDING OUR INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNTABLE. I DEEPLY
9 BELIEVE IN OUR COUNTY MISSION BUT I ALSO DEEPLY BELIEVE IN
10 THEIRS AND IT DESERVES UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND SUPPORT FROM
11 EVERY ONE OF US WORKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. AT THIS POINT I
12 ALSO WANT THE THANK MY FAMILY. I DON'T WANT THIS TO SOUND LIKE
13 AN ACADEMY AWARD SPEECH, BUT ONLY PEOPLE LIKE MY WIFE, HOPE
14 SINGER, IN THE FRONT ROW HERE, MY TWO SONS, MALCOLM AND CORAN.
15 MY BROTHER JONATHAN. MY PARENTS SAM AND JEAN, MY DAD'S NO
16 LONGER WITH ME EXCEPT HERE. ONLY THEY KNOW WHAT'S BEEN
17 INVOLVED IN THIS LONG AND SOMETIMES TORTUROUS CAREER PATH.
18 THEY WERE 100 PERCENT SUPPORTIVE AND ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING
19 ME AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I OWE THEM A VERY SERIOUS AND
20 SINCERE DEBT OF THANKS. SO FINALLY ONCE AGAIN LET ME THANK YOU
21 FOR THIS HONOR AND I WISH ALL OF YOU THE BEST. I'M PROUD AND
22 GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. THANK
23 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, IF I COULD JUST ADD A COUPLE WORDS.
2 I'VE BEEN PART OF THAT JOURNEY THROUGH ALL THOSE SUPERVISORS
3 WITH JOEL AND IT'S BEEN AN ABSOLUTE HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO
4 SHARE THAT PORTION OF HIS CAREER WITH HIM. HE HAS DONE HIS JOB
5 WITH GREAT INTEGRITY AND HONESTY AND ALWAYS A GO-TO PERSON. I
6 JUST WANT TO THANK AND WISH YOU THE BEST AND GOOD HEALTH AND
7 ENJOY YOURSELF A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT
8 JOURNEY HAS BEEN. SO CONGRATULATIONS, JOEL. IT'S BEEN PROUD
9 WORKING WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING JOEL
12 WHEN HE WAS WITH THE NEWSPAPER, "HERALD-EXAMINER." AND THEN
13 LATER HE CAME OVER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WE'VE HAD A
14 VERY CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP DURING THAT TIME. I WISH YOU
15 CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR CAREER. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAVE
16 ANYTHING? OKAY.

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S
20 INTENTION TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S
21 BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
22 MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT
23 DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S
24 BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC OR THE ABILITY OF THE OTHER
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE

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1 OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL
2 ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST
3 CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC
4 COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF
5 THE ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN
6 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE
7 THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
8 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
9 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
10 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
11 TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR OTHER PERSONS.
12 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS
13 EXPRESSED BY THE SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT
14 CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT
15 OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE
16 MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF
17 YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
18 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN
19 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER
20 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, IS THE SPECIAL ITEM NOW?

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY
25 CALL UP ITEM NO. 1, THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MR. MAYOR, WE'RE

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1 CALLING UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SO AT THIS TIME, ALL
2 THOSE WHO ARE IN FAVOR-- ALL THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO TESTIFY
3 BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8, PLEASE STAND AND RISE
4 YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. THESE ARE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
5 1 THROUGH 8. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD,
6 DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND
7 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. SO WE WILL
8 START WITH ITEM NO. 1. THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION
9 OF VARIOUS PETITIONS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
10 BASSETT, LOS NIETOS AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS TO THE COUNTY LIGHTING
11 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPE
12 AND LIGHTING ACT 1. ON THIS ITEM THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL
13 STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15

16 **JAMES CHAN:** MY NAME IS JAMES CHAN, AND I'M THE HEAD OF STREET
17 LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
18 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO COUNTY
19 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
20 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING AND
21 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE
22 BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREAS WILL BE
23 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND
24 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
25 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE

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1 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-
2 EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MR. SACHS?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M VERY SURPRISED ACTUALLY THERE ARE NO WRITTEN
7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ANY OF THEM. YOU NEVER HAVE WRITTEN
8 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ANY OF THE LIGHTING DISTRICT RE-
9 LANDSCAPING. BUT THAT COMES TO ANOTHER POINT. WHEN YOU DO THIS
10 RE-LANDSCAPING DISTRICT, YOU HAVE HAD NUMEROUS TIMES ON YOUR
11 AGENDAS WHERE YOU FOUND IT MORE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TO
12 OUTSOURCE THE LANDSCAPING. AND SINCE WE'RE HAVING A DROUGHT,
13 WILL THIS INCLUDE NATURAL LANDSCAPING, WATER TOLERANT
14 LANDSCAPING? AND YOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE LIGHTING DISTRICT.
15 AND SINCE YOU ARE LOOKING INTO SOLAR PROGRAM FOR SOME OF THE
16 COUNTY FACILITIES, WHAT ABOUT USING SOLAR FOR SOME OF THIS
17 LIGHTING? I MEAN YOU GO DOWN IF YOU RIDE ON THE FREEWAYS--
18 FORTUNATELY TODAY WE DIDN'T, THERE WAS A BIG ACCIDENT ON THE
19 110-- BUT YOU SEE THE SOLAR INSTALLATION FOR THE LIGHT, THE
20 C.H.P. USES AND EVEN FOR THE PHONE BOXES. IS THERE SOME WAY TO
21 INCORPORATE THAT INTO SOME OF THESE LIGHTING DISTRICTS WHERE
22 THEY BECOME SOLAR? AND AGAIN BACK TO SOLAR, ARE YOU EVER GOING
23 TO DISCUSS WITH P.U.C., THE HEARINGS THAT THEY ARE HAVING
24 RIGHT NOW WITH UTILITIES ABOUT THE CHANGES THEY WANT TO MAKE
25 TO SOLAR PANELING THAT WILL COST CONSUMERS MORE MONEY. IF THEY

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1 PUT SOLAR PANELING UP, THEY'LL LOSE A GOOD PORTION OF THE
2 BENEFITS THEY GET FROM SAVING ON THE UTILITIES. AND AT P.U.C.,
3 I THINK EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO CONSIDER THOSE HEARINGS IN
4 OCTOBER, THEY'VE CONSIDERED THOSE HEARINGS AND THEY HAVEN'T
5 ACTED, I DON'T KNOW. THERE WAS A STORY IN THE BEGINNING OF THE
6 MONTH THAT P.U.C. WAS HAVING HERE AND IT WAS RIGHT AFTER YOU
7 HAD THE ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA TO LOOK INTO SOLAR FOR SOME OF THE
8 COUNTY FACILITIES. BUT THAT'S BACK TO LIGHTING. SOLAR FOR
9 LIGHTING? COULD THAT WORK OUT? DO YOU WANT TO LOOK INTO THAT?

10

11 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
13 PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE
14 ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND
15 ACTION BY YOUR BOARD AT THAT TIME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS. SECOND WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU ON ITEM NO. 2,
21 THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF PARCELS NUMBER 200-16
22 TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY
23 OF PICO RIVERA TO BE EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-'17. THERE
24 IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE
25 WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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2 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** NICHOLAS AGBOBU. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER
3 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE
4 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER
5 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND LEVY OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WITHIN
6 THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA HAS GRANTED
7 ITS CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPERTIES
8 WITHIN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
9 ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.
10 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY
11 IMPOSED.

12

13 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY
15 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCEL NO.
16 200-16 TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN
17 THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA AND LEVYING OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES
18 WITHIN THE ANNEXED PARCEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-'17. AS A
19 RESULT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE
20 PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AND
21 ACCEPTING NEGOTIATIONS THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXCHANGE OF
22 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES AS A RESULT OF THE ANNEXATION FOR FISCAL
23 YEAR 2016-'17.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECOND BY
2 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE
5 HEARING ON THE SLIP RENTAL RATES AND LIVE-ABOARD CHARGES FOR
6 COUNTY OPERATED ANCHORAGE 47 LOCATED ON PARCEL 47, MARINA DEL
7 REY. ON THIS ITEM THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO
8 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE TWO MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS, MR. PREVEN?

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ITS ERIC PREVEN,
14 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. THIS IS A LOOK AT OUR SLIP
15 RENTAL PROGRAM FOR PARCEL 47, ANCHORAGE 47, DOWN IN THE MARINA
16 DEL REY. NOW, SLIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE MARINA AND THE COST TO
17 RENT ONE IS AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION. WE HAVE SMALL BOATS THAT
18 ARE ABOUT 20 FEET IN LENGTH THAT THIS LOOKS FAIRLY REASONABLE.
19 IT'S IN THE 2, \$300-- THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE IT IN THE THING BUT
20 I LOOKED AT IT EARLIER-- RATE. AND THEN IT GOES UPWARD FROM
21 THERE TO BOATS THAT GET MUCH LARGER. THE CONCERN HAS ALWAYS
22 BEEN HERE WITH THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARINA THAT WE
23 ARE PRICING OUT ORDINARY RESIDENTS FROM THE MARKET TO BRING
24 BOATS AND KEEP THEM IN THE MARINA AT A REASONABLE PRICE IN WET
25 SLIPS. THERE'S A PROPOSAL THAT WILL COME BEFORE THIS BOARD

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1 SOON THAT I WOULD ASK YOU ALL TO TAKE A STRONG LOOK AT AND
2 THEN WALK AWAY FROM WHICH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP PARCEL
3 52 AND G.G. INTO SOMETHING CALLED BOAT CENTRAL WHICH WILL,
4 LIKE THIS, ADDRESS SLIPS, BUT THEREFORE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE--
5 AND THEY TOLD THE COASTAL COMMISSION IT MIGHT HELP SMALL
6 BOATING BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT MORE CLOSELY, THE ONLY
7 EXISTING MACHINE THAT DOES THIS KIND OF THING IS LIKE A BIG
8 BOAT VALET MACHINE. IT IS FOR LARGE BOATS. SO THAT IS A
9 OBVIOUSLY A SUBSTANTIAL DISCREPANCY BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL
10 BOATS AND IT'S ALSO UNAFFORDABLY EXPENSIVE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS, TODAY WHEN WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HERE TO SPEAK
12 ABOUT THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS, TO BE WORKING ON A PROGRAM
13 WHERE IN THE OTHER MARKET WHERE THEY DO THIS IS IT'S \$225,000
14 TO BUY A CONDO FOR A BOAT, THIS IS THE WRONG IDEA FOR THE
15 CHARTER OF L.A. COUNTY, FOR THE MARINA DEL REY. WE ARE TRYING
16 DESPERATELY TO KEEP THE REMAINING OPEN SPACES AVAILABLE AND TO
17 PROVIDE ACCESS FOR ORDINARY RESIDENTS WHO COME FROM ACROSS THE
18 DISTRICT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE WATER. SMALL BOATS DO NOT WORK
19 IN BIG VALETS THAT COST MUCH MORE. AND THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF
20 MURKINESS. SO I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER LONG AND HARD
21 KEEPING AND RETAINING REASONABLE PRICES IN THE MARINA. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS?

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.
2 HMM. THESE RENTAL INCREASES, WHEN YOU DO THE CONDOMINIUM AND
3 THE LEASING FOR THE PROPERTY, IT'S LIKE FOR 30 OR 40 YEARS.
4 BUT I WAS LOOKING AT THIS ARTICLE FROM LAST YEAR, SEPTEMBER
5 15, 2014, "BOATERS BRACE FOR CLEANUP PLAN IMPACT" THAT THE
6 STATE REQUIRING THE MARINA TO HAVE-- CLEAN UP ITS COPPER
7 RESIDUE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOATS. HERE IS A 10-YEAR PLAN
8 THEY HAVE TO MEET THIS MANDATE. ACTUALLY NOW IT'S NINE YEARS.
9 ACTUALLY LESS THAN NINE YEARS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DONE
10 ANYTHING IN A YEAR. SO THERE'S 4700 BOATS BERTHED AT THE
11 MARINA, AND THE COST OF DOING THIS CLEANING IS ESTIMATED
12 BETWEEN 8 AND \$15,000 PER BOAT. NOW, THESE AREN'T SMALL
13 BUSINESSES. I KNOW YOU HAVE A PLAN TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO
14 LOOK INTO SMALL BUSINESSES BUT THIS ADDITIONAL RENT ON TOP OF
15 THIS ADDITIONAL COST IS GOING TO SEEM TO DRIVE BOATERS OUT OF
16 THE MARINA IN SOME WAY. DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A PLAN ON
17 SOMEHOW ASSISTING THE MARINA OPERATORS, THE BOAT OPERATORS,
18 THE BOAT OWNERS, THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON THESE BOATS IF THERE
19 IS A 4700 BOATS, LET'S JUST SAY 90 PERCENT OF THEM HAVE
20 OCCUPANTS ON THEM, THAT'S MORE HOUSING THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY
21 AFFORDABLE/UNAFFORDABLE BUT IT'S WHERE THEY LIVE. SO YOU HAVE
22 A PLAN. I KNOW YOU HAVE ANOTHER PLAN FOR HOUSING IN THE
23 COUNTY. ANOTHER PLAN WHICH IS ON TOP OF THE OTHER PLANS. BUT
24 YOU KEEP RAISING THE RENT IN THE MARINAS, YOU'RE GOING TO
25 DRIVE THESE PEOPLE ONTO THE LAND. WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PUT

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1 THEIR BOATS THEN? WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO LIVE IF YOU PUT THEM
2 IN THE LAND SINCE THERE'S NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY?
3 I'M SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN, THOUGH. WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.
7 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ON
10 ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT
11 NUMBER R2014-03644-1 LOCATED AT 5862 WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN THE
12 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES WITHIN THE EAST
13 SIDE UNIT NUMBER 1 ZONED DISTRICT TO OPERATE A TYPE 41 ALCOHOL
14 LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION
15 AT A NEW RESTAURANT. ON THIS ITEM THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL
16 STATEMENT, CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND WE HAVE MEMBERS OF
17 THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

18

19 **STEVE MAHER:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME IS STEVE
20 MAHER, AND I'M A PLANNER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
21 PLANNING. THE AGENDA ITEM BEFORE YOU IS REQUEST FOR APPEAL
22 CONDITION NO. 38 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S MAY 13,
23 2015 APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE
24 SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR ONSITE CONSUMPTION AT A NEW
25 RESTAURANT LOCATED 5862 WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN THE

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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. CONDITION NO. 38
2 REQUIRES THE PERMITEE TO PURCHASE OR RETIRE FOR ITS OWN USE AN
3 EXISTING ALCOHOL LICENSE WITHIN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
4 AS A PREREQUISITE OF THE PERMIT. STAFF HAS RECEIVED OVER 380
5 COMMENT LETTERS AND PETITION SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF THE
6 CONDITION MODIFICATION REQUEST AND ONE LETTER OPPOSED TO THE
7 REQUEST. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT CONDITION
8 NO. 38 LIMITS THE NUMBER OF AND PREVENTS A NET INCREASE TO THE
9 NUMBER OF EXISTING ALCOHOL LICENSES WITHIN THE EAST LOS
10 ANGELES COMMUNITY AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND
11 POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN,
12 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN AND THE SITE'S ZONING DESIGNATION. THE
13 BOARD-- THEREFORE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD DENY THE
14 APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL
15 OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 2014-00175 AND INSTRUCT
16 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE
17 REGIONAL COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY
18 PRESENTATION. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. BRUCE EHRLICH. EDDIE TORRES.
21 YANELIN GONZALEZ AND ARNOLD SACHS.

22

23 **BRUCE EHRLICH:** MY NAME IS BRUCE EHRLICH, AND I AM REPRESENTING
24 THE APPLICANT, MR. MICHAEL DE LA ROSA. I AM HIS ATTORNEY. I
25 WILL ALSO REFER YOU TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM MY OFFICE DATED

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1 OCTOBER 15, 2015. WE ARE HERE TO AGAIN AS WAS NOTED APPEAL THE
2 IMPOSITION OF CONDITION NO. 38. THE BASIS FOR THE APPEAL HAS
3 TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT THE CONDITION IMPOSES AN UNREASONABLE
4 BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES, IN THIS CASE THE ENDEAVOR ON THE
5 PART OF MY CLIENT TO TAKE A UNUSED RETAIL SPACE THAT HAS BEEN
6 NOT USED AND IS CURRENTLY DOWNTRODDEN, HAS BEEN UNUSED FOR
7 APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS. MY CLIENT'S LOOKING TO INVEST
8 SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$100,000 INTO THE COMMUNITY
9 TO GENERATE JOBS, UP TO SIX JOBS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE
10 COMMUNITY. HIS INTENT IS TO OPEN A RESTAURANT WHICH HE
11 BELIEVES WILL BE A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY IN AN UNDERSERVED
12 AREA. BUT HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT HE
13 RECEIVE A BEER/WINE LICENSE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SERVE A
14 SUCCESSFUL RESTAURANT IN THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION. THE PROBLEM
15 THAT CONDITION NO. 38 RESULTS THIS IS THAT IT ARTIFICIALLY
16 INCREASES THE COST OF A RETIRED OR SECURING ANOTHER LICENSE
17 WITHIN THE EAST L.A., LOS ANGELES AREA. THERE ARE A LIMITED
18 NUMBER OF LICENSES. AND WHILE IT MAY BE A POSITIVE TO TRY AND
19 LIMIT THE NUMBER OF OVERALL LICENSES IN THE AREA, THE PROBLEM
20 IS BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER, THERE ARE EITHER LICENSES
21 THAT ARE UNAVAILABLE OR LICENSES THAT COST AN EXTREME AMOUNT
22 OF MONEY. AT THE MOMENT, I THINK THE MOST RECENT LICENSE MY
23 CLIENT COULD FIND REPRESENTED A COST TO HIM OF APPROXIMATELY
24 \$25,000, WHICH IS AT LEAST A QUARTER OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT
25 HE WAS PLANNING TO PUT INTO THE RESTAURANT AS A WHOLE. WHILE

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1 THE DESIRE TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE AREA
2 MAY BE A POSITIVE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE APPROACH TAKEN
3 PUTS AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS WHO ARE
4 ATTEMPTING TO OPEN NEW BUSINESSES IN THE AREA, THAT ARE
5 ATTEMPTING TO ADD BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY, THAT ARE
6 ATTEMPTING TO ADD JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND THE CONCERN IS
7 THAT THIS REQUIREMENT THAT ANOTHER LICENSE FROM WITHIN THE
8 AREA BE SECURED PUTS AN UNTENABLE ECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE SMALL
9 BUSINESS PERSONS WHO ARE ENDEAVORING TO DO THAT. THERE ALSO IS
10 CONCERNS WITH THE FACT THAT THERE IS AN EXTENSION PERIOD
11 ALLOWED, BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY SECURE A PERMIT.
12 FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME
13 COMMENT FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE REGARDING THE NAME OF THE
14 RESTAURANT, "LA LANGOSTA BORRACHA," DRUNKEN LOBSTER. MY CLIENT
15 ASSURES ME THAT THE NAME OF THE RESTAURANT IS RELATED TO THE
16 FACT THAT HE'S PLANNING ON COOKING CRAB, LOBSTER IN BEER. IF
17 THE NAME OF THE RESTAURANT IS THE SOLE REASON FOR DENYING THE
18 APPEAL, WE CERTAINLY WOULD BE WILLING TO CHANGE IT. BUT
19 NONETHELESS, IT IS RELATED TO THE SERVICE THAT'S BEING
20 PROVIDED THERE. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **YANELIN GONZALEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS YANELIN GONZALEZ. I HAVE
25 BEEN PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN

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1 BORN AND RAISED IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. I AM HERE
2 TO SUPPORT THE RESTAURANT IN OBTAINING A NEW BEER AND WINE
3 LICENSE. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN VACANT FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS.
4 AND I BELIEVE THIS WILL ENHANCE THE DINING EXPERIENCE WITHIN
5 THE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE I AM HERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE LANGOSTA BORRACHA OBTAINING A
7 NEW BEER AND WINE LICENSE. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **EDDIE TORRES:** GOOD MORNING. APOLOGIES FOR ME NOT BRINGING MY
12 GLASSES. GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
13 NAME IS EDDIE TORRES. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE EAST LOS
14 ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF MR. DE
15 LA ROSA'S BEER AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 5862 WHITTIER
16 BOULEVARD IN EAST LOS ANGELES, WHICH I AM A PROUD RESIDENT OF.
17 MANY INVESTORS ARE SKITTISH ABOUT INVESTING IN EAST LOS
18 ANGELES. TODAY WE HAVE A YOUNG MAN, MR. DE LA ROSA WHO IS
19 GOING TO POUR HIS LIFE SAVINGS AND ALSO BORROW MONEY TO CREATE
20 JOBS AND OBTAIN THE AMERICAN DREAM. ALSO SUPPLYING SO MANY
21 JOBS THAT ARE BADLY NEEDED IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., WHERE
22 WE SEE BUSINESSES CLOSING CONSTANTLY. THESE ARE SOME OF THE
23 RESTAURANTS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED IN THE PAST. CITY'S
24 RESTAURANT ON CESAR CHAVEZ AND FORD, THAT HAS FLOURISHED AND
25 CREATED JOBS BUT THEY NEED A BEER AND WINE LICENSE. RUDY'S BAR

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1 AND GRILL ON POMONA BOULEVARD AND ATLANTIC THAT WE , SUPPORTED
2 HAS FLOURISHED AND CREATED JOBS, BUT THEY NEED A BEER AND WINE
3 LICENSE. WE ASKED THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECONSIDER
4 AND ALLOW MR. DE LA ROSA TO OBTAIN HIS BEER AND WINE LICENSE
5 SO HE CAN COMPETE WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
6 BEER AND WINE LICENSES AND SIMPLY WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER A
7 GLASS OF BEER OR A GLASS OF WINE. AND ANYONE WHO KNOWS WHEN
8 YOU GO TO A RESTAURANT, YOU'RE PAYING MORE THAN \$4 OR \$5. SO
9 IT'S NOT SO THEY CAN GET DRUNK. I HAVE BEEN SOBER FOR 20
10 YEARS, SO I'M AGAINST THAT, TOO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOD
11 BLESS YOU.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING
14 TO HEAR THE BUSINESS PLAN. THIS WOULD BE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
15 AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES. SO IT WOULD BE IN AN UNINCORPORATED
16 COMMUNITY, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE NEW
17 MINIMUM WAGE LAWS THAT YOU HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO \$15
18 AN HOUR. SO IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF THEY HIRE THE SIX
19 PEOPLE, LIKE THEY HIRE SIX PEOPLE TODAY, IN THREE MORE YEARS,
20 THOSE SAME SIX PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COST THEM \$90 AN HOUR.
21 THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD INCREASE. THE ONE I LOOKED AT WAS ITEM
22 NO. 4, THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT,
23 WITHIN THE EAST SIDE UNIT NUMBER 1 ZONED DISTRICT AND THIS
24 ITEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY FROM LOS ANGELES WITHIN
25 THE EAST SIDE UNIT NO. 1 ZONED DISTRICT. SO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT

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1 THE LEGALESE THAT'S USED IN THESE ITEMS. I'M WONDERING IF
2 THERE'S DIFFERENT STANDARDS IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
3 STANDARDS DISTRICT THAN THERE WOULD BE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
4 COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. BECAUSE IT'S BEEN STATED THAT
5 WAY. AND IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE GOING TO CITY COUNCIL
6 MEETINGS AND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS THAT THE
7 LANGUAGE THAT'S USED IS SPECIFIC TO THAT AREA. AND SOMETIMES
8 IT'S JUST GLOSSED OVER BY THE PUBLIC AND THEY MAY NOT KNOW
9 THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CERTAIN PHRASES AND
10 TERMINOLOGY USED. SO THAT'S WHAT CAUGHT MY EYE IS ONE IS THE
11 EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND THE OTHER IS
12 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY DISTRICT. BUT THEY'RE BOTH WITHIN
13 THE EAST SIDE NUMBER 1 ZONED DISTRICT ON THE AGENDA. SO MAYBE
14 YOU COULD EXPLAIN THAT. I'M ALL FOR THE BUSINESS. I HOPE THEY
15 DO WELL. DRUNKEN LOBSTER IN I'M FOR IT. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON
20 RECORD IN APPROVAL OF THEIR APPEAL, AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE
21 AREA HAS UNDERGONE A MAJOR TRANSFORMATION IN THE LAST FEW
22 YEARS. THE PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT
23 THERE TO UPGRADE THAT PARTICULAR AREA, AND I KNOW THAT IT
24 MEANS A LOT FOR OUR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND GROWTH THERE. THERE
25 ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE VISITING THAT PARTICULAR AND WOULD

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1 LIKE TO HAVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR RESTAURANT VARIETY. SO I
2 AM IN SUPPORT. KNOW THAT THERE'S A MAJOR INVESTMENT BEING MADE
3 BY THE OWNER, \$100,000 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE READY TO
4 MEET WHATEVER REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY, SO I WOULD URGE THE
5 BOARD TO SUPPORT IT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS, SECOND BY KNABE,
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
9 NUMBER S-1-18. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. NOW WE HAVE SOME
12 WITNESSES THAT WILL BE COMING UP. WE'LL HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS
13 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES AND MARV SOUTHARD FROM
14 MENTAL HEALTH. BUT FOR PURPOSES OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO CALL
15 YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ISSUE THAT IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO MANY OF
16 THE RESIDENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND OUTER LYING AREAS. AS
17 MY BOARD COLLEAGUES KNOW, THE EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT IN
18 VERNON OPERATED FOR OVER 33 YEARS WITHOUT PROPER PERMIT FROM
19 THE STATE HAZARDOUS WASTE AGENCY, KNOWN AS D.T.S.E. THE TOXIC
20 WASTE SPEWED FROM ITS SMOKESTACKS HAVE EXPOSED AT LEAST
21 100,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO KNOWN CARCINOGENS AND OTHER
22 DANGEROUS CHEMICALS. MAY I ASK FOR ORDER?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD WE HAVE SOME ORDER ON THE SIDES? THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** EVEN THOUGH THE PLANT, EXIDE, HAD CEASED
2 OPERATIONS, THESE RESIDENTS WILL LIVE FOR THE REST OF THEIR
3 REMAINING LIVES WITH A HEIGHTENED RISK OF CANCER AND OTHER
4 ILLNESSES. AS LONG AS THE LEAD IS STILL IN THE GROUND AND
5 INSIDE THEIR HOMES, RESIDENTS WILL STILL BE EXPOSED. CHILDREN
6 CAN'T PLAY OUTSIDE IN THE YARD WITHOUT RISKING THEIR HEALTH.
7 AT LAST WEEK'S BOARD MEETING, YOU'LL RECALL I READ A MOTION IN
8 TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH THE URGENCY THAT IT DEMANDS. I'D
9 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR CO-AUTHORING
10 THIS MOTION AS WELL. I ALSO REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE PLACED
11 ON THE AGENDA AS A SET ITEM SO THAT OUR EXPERTS AND OUR
12 IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS COULD COME FORWARD AND SHARE THEIR
13 CONCERNS. BEFORE WE RECOGNIZE SOME OF THOSE AFFECTED FROM THE
14 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HEAR FROM
15 OUR STAFF AND I AM VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE
16 UNDERTAKEN IN THE LAST DECADE BUT MORE RECENTLY SINCE I'VE
17 COME ON THIS BOARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
18 TODAY. I THINK THE FIRST WITNESS THAT WE'LL HEAR FROM IS MR.
19 ANGELO BELLOMO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION
20 FROM THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WHO HAS BEEN ON THIS
21 ISSUE FOR A FEW YEARS, IF NOT MORE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WHAT I'D LIKE
24 TO DO IN 10 SLIDES IS TO GO THROUGH A DESCRIPTION OF THE
25 PROBLEM, WHY THIS PROBLEM MAY WARRANT AN ACTIVE ROLE OF THE

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1 COUNTY BEYOND OUR ADVISORY ROLE TO THE STATE AND JUST EXACTLY
2 HOW THAT WOULD LOOK IF WE PROCEEDED ALONG THOSE LINES. LET ME
3 MENTION ALSO THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY A SITE THAT IS LED BY THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THEY HAVE THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION
5 OVER FACILITIES LIKE THIS. THEY'VE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR
6 REGULATING EXIDE SINCE-- FOR DECADES. AND THEY ALSO BEAR THE
7 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANING UP THE SITE TIMELY. BUT THERE ARE
8 SEVERAL FACTORS THAT ACTUALLY WARRANT THE COUNTY TAKING A MUCH
9 MORE ACTIVE ROLE, AND THESE ARE THE THREE FACTORS THAT COME TO
10 MIND. FIRST, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CHEMICAL EMISSIONS FROM
11 EXIDE. IF WE LOOK AT JUST LEAD ALONE, THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED
12 3400 TONS OF LEAD THAT HAVE BEEN EMITTED FROM EXIDE DURING ITS
13 LONG HISTORY. THAT'S 7 MILLION POUNDS OF LEAD THAT WERE
14 RELEASED TO THE AIR. IN ADDITION TO LEAD, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
15 OTHER CHEMICALS THAT ARE TOXIC IN NATURE, AND THEY HAVE
16 PRESENTED AN ELEVATED RISK TO MORE THAN 100,000 RESIDENTS THAT
17 ARE SURROUNDING THE FACILITY. SO THAT'S THE FIRST POINT ABOUT
18 WHY WE MAY WANT-- WHY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE BY THE COUNTY IS
19 WARRANTED. THE SECOND IS EXIDE'S LONG RECORD OF NONCOMPLIANCE
20 AND MAJOR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS. IT WAS THE BASIS FOR THE U.S.
21 ATTORNEY'S ACTION WITH EXIDE EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT RESULTED
22 IN THE PLANT'S CLOSURE WITH THOSE VIOLATIONS. AND THEN,
23 LASTLY, COUNTER TO WHAT WE INTENDED IN THE STATE OF
24 CALIFORNIA, THE STATE D.T.S.C. HAS REALLY HAD A VERY POOR
25 RECORD OF THEIR OVERSIGHT AND FAILURE WITH REGARD TO THE

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1 CLEANUP AND THAT THEY HAVEN'T REALLY ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT
2 YET A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT IS WARRANTED BY THE CONDITIONS AT
3 THAT SITE. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE TALKING TODAY ABOUT SOME OF THE
4 ACTIONS IN THE MOTION. THE KEY CHEMICALS EMITTED BY EXIDE, IF
5 YOU LOOK AT THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN, LEAD AT THE LEVELS THAT WE
6 EXPECT IN THIS COMMUNITY WOULD PROBABLY-- WE'D PROBABLY BE
7 CONCERNED MOST ABOUT THE TOP BULLET UP THERE. LOWER I.Q.,
8 LEARNING DISABILITIES, BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS AND SO ON BECAUSE
9 THAT'S CHRONIC LOW LEVEL EXPOSURE TO LEAD THAT WE WOULD LIKELY
10 SEE WHERE WE HAVE CONDITIONS LIKE THIS. BENZENE, 1,3 BUTADIENE
11 AND ARSENIC ARE ALL KNOWN HUMAN CARCINOGENS. AND THAT IS WHY
12 THIS FACILITY HAS SUCH A FAR REACH. I USE THIS MAP WHICH COMES
13 FROM AN EXIDE REPORT. WE'VE JUST ADDED A COUPLE OF THINGS TO
14 IT. THE ONLY NEW INFORMATION IS WHAT I'VE GOT DOWN IN THE BOX
15 THAT'S LABELED RED. BUT THIS AERIAL PHOTO OF THE L.A. BASIN
16 SHOWS EXIDE IN THE CENTER AND THAT BOUNDARY THAT'S IN LIGHT
17 BLUE, THAT ACTUALLY REACHES IN THE NORTH FROM ALTADENA ALL THE
18 WAY DOWN TO THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. AND WITHIN THAT LARGE
19 EXPANSE IS WHERE EXIDE'S CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASED RISK. SO
20 THE 2 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN THAT AREA ARE FEELING IT,
21 ALTHOUGH IT'S MINOR. IT'S DIMINISHED TO A POINT WHERE IT'S
22 LESS THAN 1 IN A MILLION EXCESS CANCER RISK, IT DOES HAVE THAT
23 FAR REACH, AND THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO MENTION ABOUT THIS MAP.
24 AS YOU GET CLOSER TO THE PLANT, OF COURSE, THE RISK GOES UP.
25 THIS SITE, IN ADDITION TO THE EXPOSURES THAT WERE EMITTED

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1 WHILE THE SITE WAS OPERATING, THOSE EXPOSURES HAVE BEEN
2 GREATLY DIMINISHED BECAUSE THE SITE IS NO LONGER OPERATING.
3 BUT IT HAS LEFT BEHIND CONTAMINATION OF PARTICULATES THAT WERE
4 HE EMITTED, PRIMARILY LEAD BUT ALSO ARSENIC, IN THE COMMERCIAL
5 INDUSTRIAL AREA SURROUNDING THE FACILITY AND THEN OUT TO
6 GREATER DISTANCES IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. WE AND THE
7 STATE ARE BOTH IN AGREEMENT THAT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF
8 EMISSIONS, LEAD EMISSIONS FROM EXIDE, MAY EXTEND OUT TO AT
9 LEAST A MILE AND THREE QUARTERS TO TWO MILES AND THAT IS THE
10 BASIS FOR THE RECENT ESTIMATES THE STATE HAS MADE THAT THERE
11 MAY BE AS MANY AS 10,000 HOMES AFFECTED. THE COUNTY PRIORITIES
12 ARE-- THEY REALLY TRACK WITH THE MOTION THAT THE BOARD IS
13 CONSIDERING TODAY. ONE UP THERE IS THE RAPID TESTING AND
14 PRIORITIZATION OF THOSE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE WITHIN
15 THAT AREA THAT ENCOMPASSES 10,000 HOMES. WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE
16 PARADIGM THAT IS USED FOR ASSESSING THAT VOLUME OF HOMES, AND
17 THERE ARE VERY GOOD TECHNIQUES TODAY WHERE AN INVESTIGATOR CAN
18 BRING, OR AN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM CAN BRING A DIRECT READING
19 INSTRUMENT IN THE FIELD AND CAN TAKE MEASUREMENTS OF THE SOIL
20 AND GET THE RESULTS BACK IMMEDIATELY. AND WE BACK THAT UP WITH
21 A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES THAT ARE ACTUALLY SENT TO THE
22 LABORATORY, MAYBE 10 PERCENT. AND THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE METHOD
23 FOR COMPLETING THE CLEANUP ON A RAPID BASIS. THE SECOND
24 PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY IS FACILITATING THE CLEANING OF
25 CONTAMINATED HOME INTERIORS. FOR EVERY HOME THAT REQUIRES

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1 CLEANUP, WE HAVE TO MAKE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE INTERIOR IS
2 ALSO CONTAMINATED DUE TO THE MANY YEARS IN WHICH PEOPLE WERE
3 WALKING OUTSIDE INTO THE HOME AND TRACKING IT IN THAT WAY. THE
4 THIRD PRIORITY IS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND
5 COMMERCIAL AREAS. I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE ARE ANTICIPATED IN THE
6 STATE'S PLAN TO BE UNDERTAKEN. THAT TASK IS PLANNED TO BE
7 UNDERTAKEN FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS. BUT WE NEED TO GET OUT
8 THERE AND ASSESS THAT AREA TO DETERMINE HOW SIGNIFICANT THE
9 EXPOSURE TO WORKERS ARE AND VISITORS IN THAT AREA. THE FOURTH
10 IS ENHANCED MEDICAL SCREENING. BASED ON THE MANY YEARS OF
11 EXPOSURE TO PEOPLE IN THAT EXTENDED AREA, WE CAN EXPECT THAT
12 THERE WAS A GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING ILLNESS IN THE LONG
13 RUN. AND SO IT MAKES SENSE FOR US TO ENHANCE THE TYPICAL
14 MEDICAL SCREENING THAT MIGHT GO ON FOR A POPULATION LIKE THIS
15 WHERE THE RISK CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE ELEVATED. AND THE WHOLE
16 PURPOSE, OF COURSE, IS IN THE EARLY DETECTION OF THE DISEASE
17 SO THAT INTERVENTION CAN TAKE PLACE. AND THEN LASTLY, WE HAVE
18 TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO EXPEDITE THE PACE AT WHICH THE STATE IS
19 CLEANING UP THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES. AND WE'RE EXAMINING OUR
20 LEGAL AND POLITICAL METHODS FOR ACCOMPLISHING THAT. SO THE
21 RAPID TESTING, JUST TO SAY A QUICK WORD ON THAT. THE APPROACH
22 TO TESTING I'VE MENTIONED, WE'RE GOING TO PHASE IT. WE'RE
23 GOING TO UNDERTAKE 1,000 HOMES INITIALLY. THOSE 1,000 HOMES
24 ARE ACCOUNTED FOR WITHIN THOSE REDDISH AREAS ON THE MAP. THE
25 GREEN AREAS, BOTH THE SMALL BOXES AND THE EXPANDED GREEN

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1 AREAS, ARE WHERE TESTING HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR BY EXIDE AND ITS
2 CONSULTANTS. WE'RE PROPOSING THAT THE COUNTY SAMPLE AN INITIAL
3 SET OF 1,000 HOMES IN THE RED AREAS. AND THAT WILL DEMONSTRATE
4 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS RAPID TESTING. AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN
5 DO THIS FIRST PHASE IN 60 DAYS, COME BACK WITH ACTUAL RESULTS
6 THAT WILL BE ACTIONABLE ON THE PART OF THE STATE. AND THE
7 EXPECTED COST WOULD BE AROUND A MILLION DOLLARS, 800 TO A
8 MILLION DOLLARS. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOMES THAT WILL FALL
9 OUT OF THAT ASSESSMENT THAT ARE PRIORITY ONE, PRIORITY TWO AND
10 PRIORITY THREE ARE SHOWN HERE. SO FROM THE TOTAL HOMES THAT
11 YOU CAN SEE AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT HAND CORNER, TOTAL HOMES OF
12 10,000, WE EXPECT, BASED UPON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SAMPLING
13 THAT'S BEEN DONE IN THE AREAS ALREADY SAMPLED AND TESTED USING
14 CONVENTIONAL METHODS, WE EXPECT THAT WE MIGHT HAVE A THOUSAND
15 PRIORITY ONE HOMES THAT ACTUALLY HAVE LEADED CONCENTRATIONS
16 THAT ARE AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED FOR DESIGNATION AS A HAZARDOUS
17 WASTE AND THAT PRIORITY TWO, THE TOTAL PRIORITY ONE AND
18 PRIORITY TWO MAY BE ON THE ORDER OF 4,000, COULD BE THAT HIGH.
19 AND THE CURRENT AND FUTURE HEALTH NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, I
20 WON'T SAY TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I THINK I COVERED IT IN
21 THE EARLIER SLIDE, BUT THIS IS A LIST OF THE TYPES OF THINGS
22 THAT WE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF
23 HEALTH SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING TO HELP ADDRESS THE
24 CURRENT AND FUTURE HEALTH NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY. THE
25 ESTIMATED COSTS, WE JUST SORT OF LAID THIS OUT. WHEN I GAVE

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1 THIS PRESENTATION LAST WEEK, I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING
2 IDENTIFIED FOR THE 500,000 ON THE END. WE KNEW THERE WOULD BE
3 A NUMBER OF THINGS. AND SO WE'VE LISTED WHAT SOME OF THOSE
4 THINGS WOULD BE REQUIRING FUNDING. SO THE A.P.I.D. ASSESSMENT
5 ITSELF FOR PHASE 1 WOULD BE 800. WE'RE BUDGETING 250 FOR THE
6 ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL AREAS, AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT
7 WHERE WE KNOW WHETHER THE LEVELS ARE-- PRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL
8 ENDANGERMENT AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION. TO FACILITATE THE
9 EFFECTIVE CLEANING OF THE HOME INTERIORS, THERE'S 450 SET
10 THERE. AND THEN THE BALANCE OF IT IS FOR THE OUTREACH AND
11 ASSISTANCE THAT'S LISTED BELOW THAT. THAT CONCLUDES MY
12 PRESENTATION.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I HAD A QUESTION. DR. BELLOMO, IF
15 YOU COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT TRACERS? BECAUSE I THINK FOR
16 SOME IN THE AUDIENCE, THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT
17 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, BECAUSE PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY WILL THINK, WELL
18 LEAD CAN BE TESTED BUT IT MAY NOT LINGER THERE FOR SOME TIME.
19 BUT HOW DOES THIS TIE IN TO EXIDE?

20

21 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. WELL, LEAD WILL PERSIST IN THE
22 ENVIRONMENT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, THOUSANDS OF YEARS,
23 PERHAPS, UNTIL IT'S CLEANED UP. BUT I THINK GETTING TO YOUR
24 POINT, THE TRACER ASPECT IS THAT A LOT OF TIMES WHEN YOU'RE
25 DEALING WITH A RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR POLLUTION THEY CAUSED,

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1 THERE'S USUALLY AN ARGUMENT ABOUT, WELL HOW DO WE KNOW THAT
2 THIS IS REALLY MY POLLUTION AND NOT CAUSED BY OTHER SOURCES OF
3 LEAD? AND THERE WAS A VERY GOOD TRACER THAT WAS ANALYZED HERE
4 AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE COUNTY, AND THAT WAS ANTIMONY.
5 ANTIMONY IS A TRACER THAT WILL ESTABLISH THAT IF IT'S
6 COLLOCATED WITH LEAD IN THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT, THERE IS
7 CONTRIBUTION FROM A BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY OR WHAT WE
8 REFER TO AS LEAD SMELTING. SO ANTIMONY WAS FOUND IN A NUMBER
9 OF SAMPLES. THEY WERE COLLOCATED WITH THE HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD.
10 AND THAT SPEAKS TO THE TRACER ISSUE YOU REFERENCED.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THAT WAS INFORMATION THAT YOU WERE ABLE
13 TO RECEIVE FROM D.T.S.C., FROM THEIR TESTING OR YOUR TESTING,
14 AS WELL?

15

16 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. WE ASKED THE D.T.S.C. TO REQUIRE
17 EXIDE'S CONSULTANTS TO TEST FOR-- THEY BELIEVED THE DETECTION
18 LIMITS WERE INADEQUATE TO DO IT. WE SUGGESTED THEY COULD FIND
19 HIGHER OR LOWER DETECTION LIMITS. THEY DID AND IT WAS VERY
20 FRUITFUL.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THEY WENT BACK AFTER WE ASKED THEM.
23 BECAUSE I RECALL GOING TO ONE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARINGS.
24 THERE THE STAFF FROM D.T.S. AND OTHERS WERE SAYING THAT THERE
25 REALLY WASN'T A HIGH LEVEL OF CONTAMINANTS FOUND IN THE SOIL

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1 AND TALKED ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY FOR GOING INTO THE GROUND AND
2 TESTING SO MANY FEET DEEP AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND THEY CAME BACK
3 SAYING THERE WAS VERY LITTLE IF ANY TRACE OF LEAD OR OTHER
4 CONTAMINANTS AT THAT TIME. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT CAUSES
5 CONCERN FROM THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN MISLED. AND
6 MAYBE PERHAPS IT'S MORE WITH RESPECT TO THE METHODOLOGY OF
7 WHAT'S BEING USED AND WHAT'S SCIENTIFIC AND WHAT IT IS THAT
8 WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT. SO I THANK YOUR OFFICE AND YOUR
9 DEPARTMENT FOR BEING AVAILABLE AND HELPING US IN DETERMINING
10 EXACTLY WHAT IT IS WE'RE LOOKING AT, SO APPLES ARE APPLES AND
11 NOT APPLES AND ORANGES. THANK YOU. AND I DID WANT TO ASK YOU
12 ABOUT THE OUTREACH EFFORT. BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD THAT EXIDE HAD
13 PROVIDED SOME FUNDING FOR CLEANUP INSIDE. AND THIS WAS ALMOST
14 AFTER AN INSISTENCE THAT I HAD WITH MY STAFF SAYING, WHY ARE
15 WE NOT LOOKING FOR CONTAMINANTS INSIDE? WHEN PEOPLE ARE
16 TRACKING IN MUD, GRASS, SOIL, IT STANDS TO REASON. A COMMON
17 SENSE PERSON WOULD THINK, YOU'RE GOING TO BE BRINGING THE SAME
18 ELEMENTS OF TOXINS INTO YOUR HOME. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
19 THEY'VE GOTTEN TO 44 HOMES, CORRECT?

20

21 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THEY HAVE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THIS IS OF THE 174 THAT THEY'VE
24 IDENTIFIED.

25

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1 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THAT THEY'VE CLEANED UP.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT ARE HIGHLY TOXIC OR AT THE LEVEL OF
4 HAZARDOUS WASTE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT DEFINITION? BECAUSE I'M
5 NOT QUITE SURE PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS.

6

7 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** SURE. SO LET'S LOOK ON THIS TABLE. AND ON THE
8 LEFT-HAND CORNER WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT IS THE CONCENTRATION OF
9 LEAD IN SOIL? SO IF YOU HAVE LEAD AT THE BOTTOM, WHICH IS
10 GREATER THAN 80-- IF IT'S LESS THAN 80 THE STATE HAS NO
11 CONCERN BECAUSE IT'S AT A LEVEL THAT REALLY WON'T CAUSE HARM.
12 THE STATE DOES CONSIDER THAT NUMBER, THOUGH, TO BE THE LEVEL
13 THAT THEY WOULD CLEAN UP TO IS 80. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS
14 A SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP LEVEL OF 400. AND THEN WHEN IT
15 GETS TO A THOUSAND ON THE LEFT-HAND CORNER, THAT IS THE
16 PRIORITY ONE. SO PRIORITY ONE IS 1,000 OR HIGHER. PRIORITY 2
17 IS BETWEEN 400 AND A THOUSAND. AND THEN PRIORITY THREE IS
18 BETWEEN 400 AND 80. AND THAT PRIORITIZATION SCHEME TRACKS VERY
19 WELL WITH THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE HAD IN THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT
20 AREAS WHERE THE TESTING WAS DONE AND WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
21 HOW MANY PRIORITY ONES SO THAT THEY COULD GET MORE EXPEDITED
22 CLEANUP. THE STATE'S PROTOCOL SPECIFIED THAT IF THEY HAVE
23 PRIORITY ONE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED, THEY SHOULD INITIATE
24 CLEANUP WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WITHIN TWO WEEKS, AND HOW LONG HAS THAT BEEN
2 NOW SINCE THEY HAD THAT INFORMATION?

3

4 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** IT'S BEEN MONTHS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD WAS I UNDERSTOOD
7 THAT EXIDE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE VOUCHERS TO CLEANUP. AND MY
8 STAFF AND OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME THAT THE COMMUNITY IS NOT FULLY
9 AWARE OF THAT AVAILABILITY. SO THAT IS SOMETHING, I WOULD
10 THINK, THAT WE WOULD WANT TO HELP PROVIDE INFORMATION SO THAT
11 PEOPLE WOULD EXERCISE THEIR PRIVILEGE OF USING THAT-- NOT
12 PRIVILEGE, BUT EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO GET THEIR HOMES
13 CLEANED IMMEDIATELY.

14

15 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** YES. THERE'S A LOT OF DISTRUST IN THE
16 COMMUNITY FOR EXIDE. AND TO HAVE AN EXIDE CONTRACTOR SEND THEM
17 A VOUCHER IS NOT A VERY SENSITIVE WAY TO GET MANY PEOPLE TO
18 ACCEPT IT. I THINK THAT THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAD PROPOSED AND
19 OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE CERTAINLY IN SUPPORT OF HAVING COMMUNITY
20 WORKERS GO OUT AND FACILITATE THIS PROCESS WOULD BE VERY
21 HELPFUL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I AM CONCERNED THAT I'VE HEARD THAT MANY
24 OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED ARE RENTERS. SO MAIL MAY HAVE BEEN
25 DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE LANDLORD WHO MAY NOT BE

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1 LIVING IN THE AREA. AND WHO KNOWS WHERE THEY LIVE. SO I THINK
2 THERE'S A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE ABOUT THE QUALITY AND
3 TYPE OF METHOD THAT THEY'RE USING TO TRY TO REACH OUT TO THIS
4 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE'LL HEAR FROM DR. MITCH KATZ.

9

10 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS, THANK YOU SO
11 MUCH, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND FOR
12 RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM FOR THE
13 RESIDENTS. HEALTH SERVICES AND THE WHOLE AGENCY IS PREPARED TO
14 SUPPORT THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO TAKE CARE OF OUR
15 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS. I THINK IT'S ONE OF
16 THE STRENGTHS OF THE AGENCY IS THAT WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH TO
17 CARE FOR THE EXTREME STRESS THIS CAUSES AND HEALTH SERVICES TO
18 PROVIDE THE NECESSARY HEALTH SCREENING AND SERVICES, AND
19 PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONTINUE IN ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE. WE ARE
20 PREPARED. WE HAVE SEVERAL HEALTH CENTERS THAT ARE IN THIS
21 AREA. WE'RE PREPARED TO EXPAND OUR USE OF PROMOTORAS AS PART
22 OF OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER MODELS WHO CAN KNOCK ON DOORS.
23 WE WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DR. KATZ, IF YOU COULD JUST ANSWER A
2 QUESTION FOR ME. WHAT SPECIFIC LONG-TERM HEALTH IMPACTS WILL
3 THESE TOXINS HAVE ON AN INDIVIDUAL? AND HAVE YOU SEEN ANY OF
4 THAT IN YOUR SERVICE THERE IN THE ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE CENTER,
5 ANY PATIENTS THAT MAY BE...?

6
7 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND MR. BELLOMO,
8 MAYBE YOU COULD PUT BACK-- WHAT WE KNOW IS THESE CHEMICALS
9 CAUSE A LOT OF HARM AND MR. BELLOMO'S SLIDE SHOWS THAT. THOSE
10 RISKS INCLUDE INCREASED RISK OF SERIOUS CANCERS, INCREASED
11 RISK OF HAVING INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, BEHAVIORAL
12 ISSUES. THESE ARE CERTAINLY ALL PROBLEMS THAT WE SEE IN THE
13 CLINIC THERE. WHAT IS HARD TO SAY BECAUSE THERE'S NO
14 DENOMINATOR AS PART OF THE CHALLENGE OF KNOWING WHICH PART OF
15 THIS COULD BE DUE TO THE CONTAMINATION, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE
16 AN EFFECTIVE DENOMINATOR. SO MANY PEOPLE, AS YOU WERE
17 REFERRING TO, THEY MAY LIVE IN THAT DISTRICT FOR A WHILE, THEN
18 THEY MOVE. MANY OF THESE, ESPECIALLY CANCER RISKS, ARE
19 TYPICALLY YEARS OF EXPOSURE. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY RIGHT AT
20 THE TIME OF EXPOSURE. SO SOMEONE COULD EASILY HAVE LIVED IN
21 THAT AREA, GOTTEN EXPOSED, HAD HARM, MOVED SOMEWHERE, WAS
22 DIAGNOSED ELSEWHERE. SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TO THE EXTENT
23 PEOPLE HAVE STUDIED THE EPIDEMIOLOGY, THEY HAVEN'T YET BEEN
24 ABLE TO SAY "THIS IS THE INCREASED RISK." I THINK THE RIGHT
25 THING FOR THE COMMUNITY, THOUGH, IS A HEALING APPROACH. THE

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1 RIGHT THING FOR THE COMMUNITY IS TO SAY: WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
2 THAT PEOPLE ARE SAFE GOING FORWARD. WE NEED TO SCREEN PEOPLE
3 EARLY SO THAT IF THEY HAVE DISEASE, WE CAN TREAT IT AS EARLY
4 AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH NEEDS.
5 WHETHER OR NOT ANYONE WILL EVER BE ABLE TO DEFINE HOW MUCH OF
6 THE CANCER WAS DUE TO THIS EXPOSURE, THAT WILL BE VERY
7 CHALLENGING.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST CANCER.
10 OBVIOUSLY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IS SOMETHING THAT IN MY
11 OWN VISITS TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, IN
12 AND OUT IN THAT AFFECTED AREA, JUST MY PURELY MY SEEING FOLKS
13 ON THE GROUND AND MEETING WITH THEM IS THAT THERE TENDS TO BE
14 A HIGHER NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG CHILDREN THAT I SEE
15 THAT HAVE SOME MALFUNCTION, SOME TYPE OF DISABILITY. SO I HOPE
16 THAT PERHAPS THIS SHORTLY WILL BE ALSO YOU CAN LOOK AT DATA
17 MINING AND LOOKING TO SEE IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA WHERE
18 THERE'S A TREND, IF THERE IS ONE, AND TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT
19 THAT. AND OUR ACCOMPANYING COMMUNITY CLINICS IN THE AREA, AS
20 WELL. AND PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT, AS WELL, THAT MAY HAVE SEEN
21 OR HAVE INFORMATION THERE THAT WE COULD COLLECTIVELY LOOK AT.
22 SO THANK YOU, DR. KATZ.

23

24 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR FUTURE
2 HELP ON THIS ISSUE. ALSO, I KNOW MARV SOUTHARD, THANK YOU FOR
3 YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS AS WELL AS YOUR VERY CAPABLE STAFF.
4 CYNTHIA HARDING HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL ON THIS ISSUE. IF
5 THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD AND MAYBE TALK A LITTLE BIT
6 ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT IS IN TERMS OF LOWER I.Q. AND
7 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES? THE MENTAL IMPACTS THAT SOMETHING
8 LIKE THIS WOULD CAUSE PATIENTS.

9

10 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR
11 LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. I THINK FOR MENTAL HEALTH THERE ARE
12 FOUR FOCUS FOR THIS IN THIS REGARD. WE WILL AND HAVE BEEN
13 USING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE BUREAU TO RESPOND TO THIS AS
14 THOUGH IT WERE A DISASTER, A NATURAL DISASTER OR EMERGENCY. WE
15 HAVE THAT CAPACITY. WE HAVE THAT AVAILABLE. BUT PROBABLY MORE
16 IMPORTANT IS OUR PARTICIPATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE
17 OUTREACH TEAMS TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THINGS LIKE THE DIFFICULTIES
18 THAT CHILDREN MAY HAVE, MAY BE HAVING THAT CAN BE REFERRED TO
19 OUR EXISTING NETWORK OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS. THE THIRD
20 THING IS WE WILL BE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THOSE CLIENTS WE
21 ALREADY HAVE FOR EXAMPLE, AT ROYBAL, WE HAVE OUR 0 TO 5
22 PROGRAM, AND IT'S PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN WHO ARE
23 MOST AT RISK BY BEING DAMAGED BY THESE CHEMICALS AND THEREFORE
24 OUGHT TO BE OUR PRIMARY FOCUS AS WE LOOK AT WHAT WE SEE THERE.
25 AND WE ALSO DO WORK WITH FIRST FIVE IN THE DAYCARE PROGRAMS.

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1 AND WE TRY TO BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS
2 TO PROVIDE THE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS THAT ARE
3 NECESSARY. SO WE WILL BE TAKING A LOOK AT WHAT WE SEE AND
4 THOSE TYPE OF PROGRAMS IN WHICH WE'RE COLLOCATED TO SEE IF WE
5 CAN IDENTIFY ISSUES AND HELP REMEDIATE THEM. AND THEN PROBABLY
6 IN THE LONGEST RUN, AS DR. KATZ SAYS, THE BIGGEST ROLE THAT WE
7 CAN PLAY IS WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO BUILD THEMSELVES UP SO
8 THAT THEY'RE IN A POSITION TO HELP MAKE THE BEST OF THIS
9 SITUATION IN THE LONG TERM.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MISS HARDING, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING TO
12 THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT THIS MIGHT HAVE FROM THE TRAUMA?

13

14 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I'LL ADD JUST A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE. MR. BELLOMO'S REALLY
16 PRESENTED THE BACKGROUND AND THE WORK THAT WE ARE VERY EXCITED
17 ABOUT TAKING ON. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS
18 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PARTICULARLY YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
19 WE, IN ADDITION TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOLKS AND OUR
20 FOLKS IN OUR TOXICOLOGY PROGRAMS, WE'LL BE BRINGING OUR
21 COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES STAFF THAT DO OUTREACH IN
22 COMMUNITIES, THEY'VE BEEN A PARTNER WITH US ALL ALONG AND WILL
23 CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
24 OUR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SO THAT WE CAN GET THE COMMUNITIES

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1 INFORMED AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THIS ISSUE SO THEY CAN TAKE
2 ACTIONS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. IF WE HAVE
5 QUESTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL OR
8 SUPERVISOR MARK, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND
11 COLLEAGUES. I THINK WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP OF
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS ISSUE. THE BOARD HAS DEALT WITH A
13 LARGE NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND CONTAMINATED
14 SITES OVER THE YEARS, BUT I BELIEVE THEY ALL PRACTICALLY PALE
15 IN COMPARISON TO THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF THE CRISIS THAT THIS
16 VERNON FACILITY HAS CREATED FOR WIDENING A NET OF COMMUNITIES
17 IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. WHEN I SAY BEYOND, IT IS
18 NOT LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO ONE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I THINK
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DEMONSTRATED BY VIRTUE OF
20 VISUAL PRESENTATION, THAT IT MOVES INTO THE SOUTH, EAST AND
21 WESTERN PORTIONS OF OUR COUNTY, AS WELL. AND SO I SIMPLY THINK
22 IT'S REASONABLE TO DECLARE THAT THE CONDITIONS CREATED BY
23 EXIDE ARE SIMPLY DEPLORABLE. I AM UNAPOLOGETIC IN THAT
24 ASSERTION. THE COMPLICITY THAT ANY GOVERNMENT ENTITY HAS BY
25 VIRTUE OF ITS LACK OF OVERSIGHT CANNOT BE IGNORED AND I

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1 SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THIS CASE.
2 THE POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS FOR THIS TYPE OF LEAD EXPOSURE, OUR
3 EXPERTS HAVE MADE VERY, VERY CLEAR. THIS IS NOT A MOMENT TO
4 ENGAGE IN SCARE TACTICS. IT'S ESSENTIALLY MOMENT WHERE WE NEED
5 TO STEP UP AND DO WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO AND ACT OUT OF
6 OUR FULL SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD CONSCIENCE AND
7 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE US. I AM CLEAR AT THIS
8 POINT BY VIRTUE OF COUNSEL'S OPINING, THAT THE COUNTY ITSELF
9 BEARS NO LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CRISIS. BUT THERE IS
10 ANOTHER DIMENSION THAT OBVIOUSLY IS UPON US, WHICH IS TO SAY
11 THAT THESE ARE CONSTITUENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
12 TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
13 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
15 HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE, THEN, NEED TO BE
16 PROACTIVE. AND I THINK THE MOTION BEFORE US OFFERED BY
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TAKES US THERE IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY. PARENTS
18 DESERVE TO KNOW WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK. WE HAVE AN
19 OBLIGATION TO APPRISE THEM OF THOSE VERY ISSUES. PROPERTY
20 OWNERS DESERVE TO KNOW IF THEIR PROPERTY IS CONTAMINATED. WE
21 ALL DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT IN FACT IS GOING ON. I THINK THE
22 COUNTY MUST CONTINUE TO HOLD EXIDE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE EXTENT
23 THAT IT CAN FOR CLEANING UP THIS MESS. AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE
24 SEEK TO DO TODAY, IS THAT I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE ASSERTIVE IN
25 PURSUING THIS. THE BEST WAY OF SAYING THIS IS WHAT

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS ABOUT. AND I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT AND
2 CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION TO THAT EFFECT. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. HAS THE
5 COUNTY INCURRED ANY LEGAL LIABILITY IN THE CLEANUP? AND
6 SECONDLY, ARE WE ABLE-- IF WE DO THE CLEANUP, ARE WE ABLE TO
7 OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE STATE FOR THE CLEANUP WHICH
8 THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND HAVE FAILED TO CLEAN?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 QUESTIONS. TO THE EXTENT THE COUNTY GETS INVOLVED AND TAKES
12 SOME STEPS HERE, THERE WOULD BE A POTENTIAL EXPOSURE FOR
13 LIABILITY FOR THE STEPS THE COUNTY WERE TO TAKE. FOR EXAMPLE,
14 PERHAPS NEGLIGENCE IF THE COUNTY WERE TO ACT NEGLIGENTLY. BUT
15 THERE WOULD BE NO SHIFTING OF OBLIGATION FROM EXIDE OR
16 D.T.S.C. IN THEIR CULPABILITY ONTO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY IS
17 NOT THE CULPABLE PARTY IN THIS MATTER. EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. IS.
18 AND THERE WOULD BE NO SHIFTING OF THAT CULPABILITY ONTO THE
19 COUNTY FOR THE STEPS THAT THE COUNTY IS TAKING. SO ITS
20 EXPOSURE, THE COUNTY'S EXPOSURE WOULD BE LIMITED TO WHATEVER
21 ACTIVITY IT ENGAGES IN AND ALSO LIMITED TO THE EXTENT IT ACTS
22 NEGLIGENTLY OR DOES NOT ACT NEGLIGENTLY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE STATE SHOWS UP
25 MONDAY MORNING TO CLEAN UP AND THE COUNTY SHOWS UP MONDAY

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1 MORNING TO CLEAN UP? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEANING UP?

2 WHO TAKES CONTROL?

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE STATE IS THE PRIMARY CULPABLE PARTY

5 IN THIS MATTER. WE'RE ACTING AS A GOOD CITIZEN HERE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAS THE STATE ASKED FOR OUR

8 COOPERATION?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE ASKED FOR THE STATE'S.

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY CORRECT. THE

13 CATALYST BEHIND THIS MOTION IS THE NON-ACTION OF EXIDE AND THE

14 STATE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE NON-ACTION HAS BEEN A PERIOD

17 OF TIME?

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE STATE'S ANSWER TO WHY THEY ARE

22 DELAYING IS NADA, NOTHING?

23

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** I THINK THE STATE BELIEVES THEY'RE
2 DOING SOMETHING. BUT OUR POSITION IS THEY'RE NOT DOING WHAT
3 NEEDS TO BE DONE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THERE'S NO URGENCY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHY WOULDN'T THE STATE CONTRACT TO
8 THE COUNTY TO DO IT BECAUSE WE CAN DO IT QUICKER?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE WOULD WELCOME THE STATE STEPPING UP
11 HERE AND DOING ALL THAT WE BELIEVE NEEDS TO BE DONE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HILDA?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT FOR
16 THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS THAT I'VE BEEN ON THIS BOARD, MY STAFF
17 IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN ATTENDING ALL THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS
18 THAT HAVE BEEN HELD OUT OF RESURRECTION CHURCH. AND YOU WILL
19 HEAR FROM FATHER JOHN MORETTA. BUT THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR
20 ALMOST TWO DECADES. AND WE KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. THE FACT
21 THAT THE STATE ALLOWED FOR A PERMIT THAT WASN'T LEGAL, TO
22 ALLOW THE OPERATION OF EXIDE TO CONTINUE IS THEIR FAULT.
23 THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL OF THIS. I DON'T SEE US
24 AS BEING CULPABLE IN THAT MATTER. THAT'S NOT OUR FAULT. BUT WE
25 DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO HELP INFORM AND TO HELP PROVIDE

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1 INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT. SO OUR RESIDENTS THAT I'M
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR, THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR, GET THE BEST
3 TREATMENT, HEALTH, REMEDIES, WHATEVER WE CAN PROVIDE. MY FOCUS
4 HERE IS MERELY TO GET A DISCUSSION GOING WITH THE STATE. I
5 HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE GOVERNOR. I HAVE REACHED OUT TO
6 BARBARA LEE, THE HEAD OF D.T.S.C. I HAD A MEETING WITH HER
7 BEFORE SHE EVEN VISITED WITH EXIDE. AND SHE GAVE ME THE
8 IMPRESSION THAT SHE WAS GOING TO BE WORKING WITH US AS A
9 PARTNER. I FOLLOWED ALONG THAT TRAJECTORY FOR A NUMBER OF
10 MONTHS. AND THEN AT THE END HEARD HER REPEAT IN FRONT OF THE
11 PUBLIC THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER AND THAT THERE
12 COULD BE OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED HERE AND I SAW A PUSH BACK
13 ON THE PART OF THE STATE. AND I DIDN'T SEE THE KIND OF
14 DILIGENCE THAT WAS NEEDED BY THE STATE TO GO IN AND TALK TO
15 RESIDENTS, TO GIVE THEM THE RIGHT INFORMATION AND TOOLS THAT
16 THEY NEEDED. IF THEY WERE REALLY WILLING TO CLEAN UP, A LOT
17 COULD HAVE HAPPENED THREE AND FOUR MONTHS AGO. WE'RE WASTING
18 TIME. AND THE ONLY PURPOSE HERE IS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE
19 STATE. THE STATE'S NOT MOVING AS QUICKLY AS IT SHOULD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MONEY FOR CLEANUP, DID THE COURT
22 RULE THAT THERE'S A FUND THAT EXIDE HAS TO PAY FOR THE
23 CLEANUP? OR THAT ISSUE'S NOT BEEN RESOLVED YET?

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THEY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE TO SET ASIDE
2 ABOUT \$9 MILLION THAT EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. HAVE PUT IN A TRUST
3 ACCOUNT TO BEGIN MITIGATION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAP INTO THAT FOR
6 THE CLEANUP.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD HOPE SO. BUT THE POINT BEING NOW
9 THAT D.T.S.C. IS ADMITTING THAT THE FIRST PARAMETER THAT THEY
10 LOCATED WHERE THE TOXICITY WAS HIGHEST IS NOW, WHAT, A
11 THOUSAND HOMES? THEY STARTED OUT WITH 174?

12

13 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. THE \$9 MILLION WAS FOR 200 HOMES. AND
14 NOW THAT THEY'VE GOT 10,000, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND
15 ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND CAN THEY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE
18 ADDITIONAL HOMES? OR DO THE COURT'S RULING EXONERATE THEM FROM
19 ANY FUTURE?

20

21 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** OH NO. I THINK THE RESPONSIBILITY TRACKS TO
22 EXIDE AND IT'S D.T.S.C.'S CHARGE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO MAKE IT
23 HAPPEN.

24

25 **SUP, ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT THE MOTION WAS NOT TO CLEAN UP BUT TO
3 STUDY. AM I CORRECT? I MEAN BECAUSE-- THIS HAS TO BE A CERTAIN
4 LIABILITY IF WE START TO TAKE UP WHERE THE STATE AND THE FEDS
5 SHOULD BE A MAJOR PART, IS THAT CORRECT, COUNTY COUNSEL?

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THE LANGUAGE IN THE
8 MOTION IS THE COUNTY IS TO COORDINATE THE CLEANUP.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** COORDINATING OR CLEANING UP?

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** COORDINATING THE CLEANUP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT WOULD ENTAIL, AS I SAID EARLIER--

15

16 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** I CAN GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE THERE, SUPERVISOR.
17 IN THE INTERIOR CLEANING OF THE HOMES, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO,
18 THE CLEANING PROTOCOL THAT THE STATE HAS BEEN USING THAT
19 THEY'VE HAD THAT PRIVATE COMPANY SEND VOUCHERS, IT'S NOT
20 ADEQUATE. IT DOESN'T DEAL WITH SPACES THAT ARE-- HAVE LIMITED
21 ACCESSIBILITY. IT DOESN'T INCLUDE EVALUATION OF WHAT'S GOING
22 ON IN THE ATTIC SPACES THAT HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO THE
23 ENVIRONMENT FOR MANY YEARS AND IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY PRETESTING
24 OR POST TESTING VERIFICATION THE CLEANUP WAS DONE
25 APPROPRIATELY. SO WE'RE GOING TO WORK TO DEVELOP A REVISED

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1 SCOPE OF WORK. WE'LL SIT WITH THE STATE AND SAY, "THIS IS THE
2 WAY IN WHICH THESE HOMES NEED TO BE CLEANED UP." THE STATE MAY
3 SAY "WE CAN'T GET ANY MORE OUT OF EXIDE." THE COUNTY HAS THE
4 OPTION AT THAT POINT TO SAY "WELL WE'LL SUPPLEMENT FOR THIS
5 ADDITIONAL SCOPE." I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THE COUNTY
6 WANTS TO DO UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE STATE JUST HOLDS BACK AND
7 SAYS "WE'RE NOT GOING TO FUND IT." THEN WE HAVE A CHOICE TO
8 MAKE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT ONCE YOU DO THAT, ONCE YOU SPEND \$1 OF THE \$2
11 MILLION, DON'T YOU CREATE YOUR OWN LIABILITY? I MEAN, JUST SO
12 WE KNOW, GOING IN. WE CAN'T SIT HERE SAY HERE THAT IF WE SPEND
13 ANY OF THAT MONEY THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY LIABILITY.
14 I MEAN IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING AND DON'T DO ANYTHING, AND THE
15 STATE SAYS NO, SO WHAT HAPPENS?

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE COUNTY WOULD BE LIABLE FOR THE
18 STEPS IT TAKES. BUT THERE WOULD BE NO SHIFTING OF OVERALL
19 LIABILITY OR CULPABILITY TO THE COUNTY FOR THE INACTION OF
20 EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. THEY'RE THE CULPABLE PARTIES HERE. AND THE
21 COUNTY, ALSO, MR. MAYOR, BACK TO THE QUESTION YOU ASKED, WE'VE
22 TAKEN EVERY STEP THAT WE CAN TAKE TO POSTURE OURSELVES THAT
23 THE COUNTY IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO RECOUP ANY MONIES DOWN
24 THE ROAD THROUGH SETTLEMENT AND/OR LITIGATION. AND COUNTY
25 COUNSEL ALSO WILL BE REPORTING BACK IN CLOSED SESSION ON THE

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1 LEGAL STRATEGY HERE AND WHAT PLANS WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT
2 EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. COME TO THE TABLE AND STEP UP IN THIS
3 MATTER. WE'LL BE SHARING THAT IN CLOSED SESSION WITH THE BOARD
4 NEXT WEEK.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO FOLLOW-UP
11 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL FOR A MINUTE ABOUT THIS REPORT BACK. DID
12 D.T.S.C. ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EXIDE THAT
13 SORT OF LIMITED WHAT EXIDE WOULD HAVE TO PAY? IT'S BETWEEN THE
14 TWO OF THEM? AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, I WOULD LIKE TO
15 HAVE THAT BE PART OF WHAT WE LEARN NEXT WEEK BECAUSE I REALLY
16 UNDERSTAND THIS FRUSTRATION. STATE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE
17 RESPONSIBILITY. THEY DON'T STEP UP. OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE SICK.
18 AND THEY'RE IN DANGER. AND ALTHOUGH OUR HEALTH TEAM HAS DONE A
19 WONDERFUL JOB, IT'S MORE OR LESS SAYING "HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN
20 DO. HERE'S HOW WE CAN HELP WITH HEALTH ISSUES." BUT IT'S NOT A
21 CLEANUP. I MEAN, THESE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT TASKED WITH
22 CLEANUP. AND ESSENTIALLY OUT OF FRUSTRATION, WE'VE SAID, THERE
23 HAS TO BE SOME CLEANUP, AS WELL. WE WENT THROUGH THE SAME
24 THING AT SANTA SUSANNA TRYING TO GET BOEING TO CLEAN UP,
25 TRYING TO GET N.A.S.A. TO CLEAN UP, TRYING TO GET ENERGY TO

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1 CLEAN UP OVER 15, 20 YEARS. AND THEY WENT TO COURT SO THEY
2 WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO IT, AND ALL THE GROUND IS STILL
3 CONTAMINATED. NOW IT'S NOT IN OUR COUNTY, BUT OUR CONSTITUENTS
4 ARE IMPACTED BY IT. SO I'M VERY SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE OF
5 THIS. THE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
6 AND TO HAVE A REALLY MUSCULAR LEGAL STRATEGY FOR US IS WHEN WE
7 UNDERTAKE ASSESSING WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP, WE WANT TO
8 MAKE CERTAIN THAT THAT IN NO WAY COMPELS US TO DO THE CLEANUP
9 WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT. TO DO THE CLEANUP WHEN OTHER PEOPLE
10 HAVE THE LIABILITY. SO I THINK WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR
11 CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO, IF WE'RE-- AND I'M THE ONLY LAWYER ON
12 THE BOARD, SO I'M JUST GOING TO SAY IT, SUFFICIENTLY LITIGIOUS
13 ABOUT IT SO THAT THEY KNOW. D.T.S.C. HAS JUST COMPLETELY LET
14 US DOWN. THEY DON'T THINK THEY HAVE, BUT THEY HAVE. SO LET US
15 DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SHIELD THE COUNTY FROM PICKING UP THE
16 BILL FOR OTHER PEOPLE HAVING CONTAMINATED OUR LANDS, OUR
17 PROPERTIES AND, FRANKLY, OUR CONSTITUENTS WHILE WE DO MOVE
18 AHEAD TO ASSESS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. DON'T THINK THESE
19 THINGS ARE REALLY IN A COLLISION BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO BE
20 VERY VIGILANT ABOUT MAKING CERTAIN THAT WE INSIST THAT WE'RE
21 NOT GOING TO BE ON THE HOOK FOR THIS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

24

25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HEARD YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I DIRECT
5 YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 4 OF THE MOTION WHERE IT SPECIFICALLY
6 STATES THAT "DIRECT COUNSEL TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD IN ONE
7 WEEK'S TIME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE LEGAL STRATEGY
8 THAN HENCEFORTH TAKEN AND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD CONSIDER
9 POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST ALL POTENTIAL PARTIES
10 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXIDE AND ITS RESPONSIBLE
11 CORPORATE OFFICERS AS WELL AS PROVIDE A STRATEGY FOR
12 TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANUP FROM THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL TO A NON-CONFLICTED
14 REGULATORY ENTITY." MIGHT I SUGGEST THAT THAT ENTITY BE AT THE
15 FEDERAL LEVEL. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE PIECE
16 FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, U.S. E.P.A. OUGHT TO HAVE HAD SOME
17 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS, AND PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT
18 THAT WE ARE CALLING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY'S ATTENTION.
19 AND SO THAT IS A PIECE OF OUR MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
20 I PRESENT TO YOU AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT CAPTURES WHAT BOTH
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR KNABE ARE HOPING THAT WE GET
22 AT SO THAT WE ARE NOT EXPOSED IN ANY WAY, BUT MORE THAN THAT,
23 THAT THE ENTITIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BE ON FIRST BASE DO
24 THEIR JOB. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME, THAT IS AT THE STATE LEVEL,
25 OBVIOUSLY, FAILING THAT, FEDERAL INTERVENTION IS NOT UNHEARD

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1 OF AND IT OUGHT TO BE CALLED UPON. WE SIMPLY WISH TO MAKE SURE
2 THAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT BY OUR CONSTITUENTS. I DO WANT TO MAKE
3 IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CONSTITUENTS AND A LOT OF
4 COMMUNITIES INVOLVED. AND WE CANNOT TARRY NOT ONE DAY FURTHER.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT I THINK
7 SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE AWARE THAT THE DISTRICT
8 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS ALSO BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS INVESTIGATION
9 AND HAS ALSO BEEN ABLE, I BELIEVE, TO RECOUP \$2 MILLION
10 BECAUSE OF THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ON OUR
11 HIGHWAYS. THIS IS PUT IN TRUST RIGHT NOW. THAT'S ALSO MONEY
12 THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO, AS A STRATEGY, LOOK AT IF WE NEED TO
13 USE. SO I'M JUST INFORMING THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. I'M NOT
14 SAYING THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. BUT I'M TELLING YOU THIS
15 HAS MORE THAN WHAT WE KNOW AT THIS MOMENT AND I WOULD JUST ASK
16 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL REALLY PROVIDE US WITH THAT GUIDANCE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY. AND SUPPOSED TO BE BACK IN A
19 WEEK'S TIME.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO MR. MAYOR-- YES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF MIC).

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES, THANK YOU. I
2 WOULD LIKE TO CALL THEM UP.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MANY WITNESSES.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ACTUALLY OUR FIRST WITNESSES, THESE ARE THE
7 ONES WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING IN THE AUDIENCE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PATIENTLY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ONE YOUNG MAN I'D LIKE TO ASK, WHO WE
12 RECOGNIZED BRIEFLY IN THE AUDIENCE, IS MR. TONY GUTIERREZ, IF
13 HE COULD COME UP, AND ALSO AMELIA VALLEJO? AND FATHER MORETTA?
14 MONSIGNOR MORETTA? AND MARK LOPEZ? THOSE ARE MY WITNESSES, MR.
15 MAYOR. AND I DO HAVE LETTERS FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANTHONY
16 RENDON WHO SUBMITTED A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF OUR MOTION AND ONE
17 THAT WE ARE RECEIVING FROM CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-
18 ALLARD, SO I HOPE TO FOLLOW-UP WITH HER ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL
19 AS WELL AS SEVERAL CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING
20 AREA WHO ARE ALSO PRESENT WHO WANT TO SPEAK TO US. THANK YOU,
21 MR. MAYOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE OVER 25, THERE WILL PROBABLY
24 BE MORE. SO WE'LL LIMIT TO ONE MINUTE. BUT IF YOU WANT TO GIVE

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1 YOUR TIME TO SOMEONE ELSE TO SPEAK, WE CAN ADD THAT TIME. SO,
2 ANYWAY. YES, SIR.

3

4 **TONY GUTIERREZ:** DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FIRST I WANT TO
5 THANK SUPERVISOR SHELIA SOLIS FOR INVITING ME TO COME TODAY
6 AND TO SPEAK TO ALL OF YOU AND SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF
7 AND MY CONCERNS ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. MY NAME IS TONY GUTIERREZ.
8 I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT ME. WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME
9 YOU SEE A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY, BUT I'M ACTUALLY 25 YEARS OLD.
10 ACTUALLY, A SIMILAR SPEECH WITH [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY MEETING,
11 BUT THAT SPEECH FELL ON DEAF EARS. I COME [INAUDIBLE] BECAUSE
12 OF D.T.S.C., EXIDE AND OTHER REGULATORY BODIES IN THE STATE OF
13 CALIFORNIA. MY LIFE HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM ME. MY FRIENDS
14 AND MY FAMILY AND MY DOCTORS. I DIDN'T HAVE A NORMAL
15 CHILDHOOD. AND I AM TOLD BY MY DOCTORS THAT IF I LIVE, I WILL
16 NOT HAVE A NORMAL ADULthood. MY MOTHER AND I WERE EXPOSED TO
17 LEAD THAT Poured FROM EXIDE, WELL BEFORE I WAS CONCEIVED. I
18 NOW LIVE LESS THAN TWO MILES FROM THE EXIDE RECYCLING PLANT.
19 BECAUSE THAT IS ALL WE CAN AFFORD. MY SISTER, MY MOM AND I
20 LIVE IN A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT. MY SISTER SLEEPS ON THE COUCH
21 IN THE LIVING ROOM. MY MOM SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN THE LIVING
22 ROOM, AND BECAUSE OF MY CONDITION, I GET THE BEDROOM. MY
23 DOCTORS TELL ME I SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE TODAY. AT TIMES I FEEL
24 THAT I AM A BURDEN TO MY FAMILY, AND I TELL THEM I KNOW THAT I
25 AM. I ALSO TELL THEM THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM IF I

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1 WASN'T ALIVE, BUT MY FAMILY LOVES ME SO MUCH AND CONTINUALLY
2 ENCOURAGES ME AND TELLS ME IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO
3 LIVE WITHOUT ME BECAUSE OF WHO I AM. AND HOW I HANDLE MY
4 STRUGGLE. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WITHOUT MY FAMILY AND MY
5 DOCTORS, I WOULD HAVE NO LIFE. THE SAD PART ABOUT THIS IS THAT
6 I'M STILL EXPOSED TO LEAD AND ARSENIC AND GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE
7 THAT CAME OUT OF THE EXIDE RECYCLING PLANT. THE CONTAMINATION
8 IN MY COMMUNITY IS STILL ALL AROUND ME. EXIDE HAS NOT CLEANED
9 IT UP AND NEITHER HAS ANY OTHER AGENCY WITHIN THIS GREAT STATE
10 INCLUDING D.T.S.C. I AM STILL SICK. I HAVE CANCER AND MANY
11 OTHER MEDICAL ISSUES RELATED TO MY CONTINUED EXPOSURE TO THE
12 MULTIPLE CHEMICALS FROM EXIDE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP THAT UP?

15

16 **TONY GUTIERREZ:** AND OTHER CHEMICALS THAT POUR OUT OF THE EXIDE
17 [INAUDIBLE] AND I'M LIVING PROOF THAT THESE CHEMICALS HURT
18 PEOPLE. I HAVE HAD BRAIN AND SPINAL SURGERY TO REMOVE
19 MALIGNANT TUMORS FROM MY BODY. MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS,
20 BUT EXPOSURE TO LEAD CAN CAUSE CANCER IN YOUR SYSTEM. MY SPINE
21 IS NOW DEFORMED AND GETTING WORSE. LOOK AT ME, I AM AN EXIDE
22 MESS. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR EACH OF YOU. WHAT CAN YOU AS
23 A COUNTY SUPERVISOR DO TO ELIMINATE THE CONTAMINATION IN MY
24 COMMUNITY? CAN YOU HELP CLEAN UP THE WIDESPREAD DAMAGE CAUSED
25 BY EXIDE? CAN YOU [INAUDIBLE] WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN MY

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1 COMMUNITY SO NO MORE PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY GET SICK LIKE
2 ME? CAN YOU INVESTIGATE THESE REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT HAVE
3 ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME AND MY COMMUNITY FOR DECADES? I
4 BEG YOU TO DO THIS. THE ONLY ONE I SEE THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO
5 HELP ME AND MY COMMUNITY IS MR. ANGELO BELLOMO, AND I THANK
6 HIM FOR THAT AND HIS CONTINUED ROLE AS CHAMPION FOR MY
7 COMMUNITY. I'M ALSO HAPPY THAT C.B.S. CONTINUES TO PUBLICIZE
8 THIS MATTER AND KEEPS THIS ISSUE ALIVE IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE. IF
9 NOT, I BELIEVE THE ISSUE WILL PROBABLY DIE AND ME, AS WELL.
10 PLEASE HELP ME AND MY COMMUNITY AND DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK
11 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, TONY.

14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO APPLAUSE. JUST LIFT THE ROOF.

17 INSTEAD OF APPLAUDING, JUST LIFT THE ROOF, PLEASE. FATHER OR
18 MA'AM?

19

20 **AMELIA VALLEJO:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
21 AMELIA VALLEJO, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA
22 SOLIS FOR INVITING ME. I AM THE MOTHER OF SIX CHILDREN, AND
23 MICHAEL WHO WAS MY LAST CHILD IS FIVE YEARS OLD. MICHAEL IS
24 DEAF. HE'S HARD-OF-HEARING. THEREFORE I AM HIS VOICE AND I'M
25 HERE TO SPEAK FOR HIM. MY SON DID NOT ASK TO BE BORN WITH

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1 DISABILITIES. MY SON, AGAIN LIKE I SAID HE'S DEAF/HARD-OF-
2 HEARING. HE WEARS GLASSES. HE DOES NEED HAND AND FOOT BRACES.
3 HE'S CONSTANTLY GETTING ANEMIA AND I BELIEVE IT'S FOR ALL OF
4 US BEING EXPOSED IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH EXIDE. ON MY BLOCK
5 ALONE, THERE ARE EIGHT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. WHY? WE
6 DON'T KNOW. WE WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEONE TO COME OUT AND CLEAN
7 OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S JUST IN MY BLOCK ALONE. NOW IMAGINE
8 WHAT'S BEHIND MY NEXT BLOCK AND THE OTHER BLOCKS. SO WE NEED
9 SOMEONE TO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND COME AND CLEAN OUR
10 COMMUNITY. PLEASE. I LOVE MY SON. I JUST DON'T WANT ANYMORE
11 KIDS TO BE LIKE MY SON. REALITY IS: LIFE IS GOING BE TO TOO
12 HARD FOR MY SON. AND IT'S HARD ON US. PLEASE HELP US CLEAN OUR
13 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MSR. JOHN MORETTA:** MY NAME IS MONSIGNOR MONSIGNOR JOHN
18 MORETTA, PASTOR OF THE RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS.
19 THE IMAGE OF TONY GUTIERREZ, THE FIRST SPEAKER, WILL HAUNT US.
20 IT HAS CERTAINLY AFFECTED ME AND THIS AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY.
21 AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HE IS THE VICTIM THAT'S LIVED THE CLOSEST
22 TO THE EXIDE CONTAMINATION EXCEPT FOR THE WORKERS THAT HAVE
23 WORKED THERE. AND IN THOSE DAYS, THE WORKERS WOULD LEAVE THEIR
24 JOB AND VOMIT ON THE STREETS, VOMIT ON THE STREETS ALL THE
25 CONTAMINATION THAT WENT INTO THEM FOR THAT DAY. THAT IMAGE IS

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1 SOMETHING THAT HAS TO TOUCH THE CONSCIENCE OF ALL OF US. I
2 THINK THE OTHER IMAGE IS WHAT THE C.B.S. WITH RANDY PAIGE IS
3 REPORTING SOME 10 DAYS AGO. YOU SAW THIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY OF
4 3500 BLOCK OF OPAL STREET RIGHT IN MY PARISH. THERE IS THREE
5 LITTLE KIDS, MAYBE THREE, FOUR, FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND THEY ARE
6 PLAYING WITH THEIR FATHER. BUT WHERE THEY'RE PLAYING IS THERE
7 IS NO GRASS THERE, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T WATER. THERE'S NO GRASS,
8 THERE IS JUST DIRT. AND THAT DAY THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEIR
9 CONTAMINATION OF THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY IS IN 5,000 PARTS PER
10 MILLION. YOU'VE ALREADY KNOWN THAT 1,000 PARTS IS DEMACIADO,
11 IS TOO MUCH. AND THERE'S LITTLE CHILDREN PLAYING IN THERE. AND
12 YOU CAN MULTIPLY THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THE D.T.S.C. HAS TO
13 HAVE A CONSCIENCE, THE GOVERNOR HAS TO HAVE A CONSCIENCE. THE
14 A.Q.M.D., THAT CONTAMINATION HAD TO GO UP INTO THE AIR FIRST,
15 AND THAT'S UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A.Q.M..D, AS WE KNOW. ALL
16 OF THESE AGENCIES HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE. SO WE
17 APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS AND TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF
18 HILDA'S PETITION. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MARK LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS MARK LOPEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST L.A.
23 I LIVE WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE EXIDE FACILITY. I'M ALSO THE
24 THIRD GENERATION IN MY FAMILY TO BE FIGHTING FOR THE CLOSURE
25 OF EXIDE, WHICH, YOU KNOW, AFTER A LONG, HARD FIGHT WITHIN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. WE'VE ALSO BEEN
2 PUSHING D.T.S.C., WHICH AT THIS POINT HAS BEEN A FAILED
3 AGENCY. THEY FAILED US IN THE '90S WHEN A LOT OF US WERE
4 PUSHING FOR EXIDE CLOSURE HAVE THEY FAILED US 10 YEARS AGO,
5 SIX YEARS AGO AND THEY CONTINUE TO FAIL US TODAY. WHAT WE'RE
6 DEALING WITH NOW IS A PROCESS THAT WASN'T NECESSARILY BROUGHT
7 ABOUT BY D.T.S.C. THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY OTHER AGENCIES AND
8 BY COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO PUSH FORWARD THE CLOSURE AND CLEAN UP
9 OF THESE PROPERTIES. INITIALLY D.T.S.C. WANTED TO CLEAN UP TWO
10 PROPERTIES AND THAT WAS IT. THEN THEY EXPANDED THAT TO A
11 COUPLE OF DOZEN. AND THAT WAS IT. AND WE CONTINUED TO PUSH.
12 AND NOW IT'S A LITTLE BIT OVER 200 AND WE CONTINUE TO PUSH.
13 AND RECENTLY, DIRECTOR BARBARA LEE ADMITTED IT COULD BE
14 IMPACTING 10,000 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND POSSIBLY MORE AND
15 WE CONTINUE TO PUSH. I SERVE AS ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE
16 ADVISORY GROUP FOR EXIDE, AND IT'S AN EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING
17 PROCESS IT OFTEN FEELS LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE AGENCY
18 FROM ITSELF. OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN THEIR HOMES CLEANED
19 UP, BECAUSE OUR ORGANIZATIONS, ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES WE'RE
20 FOUNDED IN IS THE UNION PACIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD THERE IN EAST
21 L.A. OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN THEIR HOMES CLEANED UP ARE
22 OUT DOING OUTREACH TO REACH EVEN MORE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
23 LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE INITIAL IMPACTED AREA TO GET THEM TO SIGN
24 UP FOR CLEANUP AND SAMPLING THAT HASN'T STARTED YET. BUT THE
25 INTEREST IS THERE. WE ARE HAVING TO DO THIS EDUCATION, THINK.

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1 AND WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO PUT THE COUNTY IN A
2 POSITION TO TAKE SOME MUCH NEEDED LEADERSHIP THAT AGAIN THE
3 AGENCY HAS FAILED. AND I WANTED TO POINT TO ONE LAST ITEM.
4 THIS IS A NOTICE. THIS IS WHAT RESIDENTS ARE RECEIVING TO GET
5 THE INSIDE OF THEIR HOMES CLEANED UP. NOW IF YOU LOOK AT THIS.
6 THIS DOESN'T HAVE LETTERHEAD FROM THE STATE. THIS DOESN'T HAVE
7 ANY MESSAGE FROM BARBARA LEE. THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM A PRIVATE
8 COMPANY THAT HONESTLY LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO COME CLEAN UP
9 MY HOME AND TRY TO SELL ME A VACUUM. THAT'S WHAT THIS LOOKS
10 LIKE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN YOU GIVE THAT TO THE SERGEANT?
13 HE'S GOING TO MAKE COPIES FOR US AND THEN WE'LL GIVE IT RIGHT
14 BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS WE GET A COPY?

15

16 **MARK LOPEZ:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN JUST TO REITERATE. THIS ISN'T
17 THE COUNTY'S LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER. THIS IS THE
18 STATE'S LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER. BUT THE COUNTY IS IN A
19 POSITION TO MOVE US FORWARD. AND WHILE WE CONTINUE TO PUSH
20 D.T.S.C., WE HOPE THAT THE COUNTY CAN START TO PULL D.T.S.C.
21 FORWARD, AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. FOR CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE
24 ROYBAL- ALLARD, WE HAVE TALIA LEON. AND FOR ASSEMBLYWOMAN

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1 CRISTINA GARCIA, EDGAR ESTRADA. WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBER OSCAR
2 MAGANA AND WE HAVE MAYOR KARINA MACIAS FROM HUNTINGTON PARK.

3

4 **TALIA LEON:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TALIA
5 LEON. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-
6 ALLARD, WHO REPRESENTS SEVERAL OF THESE COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE
7 AFFECTED BY EXIDE. SHE HAS ASKED I READ THIS LETTER ON HER
8 BEHALF. IT READS, "DEAR MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT THE REQUEST OF
10 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS I AM WRITING TO COMMUNICATE MY CONCERN
11 REGARDING THE SLOW CLEANUP EFFORTS IN AREAS CONTAMINATED BY
12 THE EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO SUPPORT THE
13 ACCELERATION OF REMEDIATION EFFORTS. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR,
14 EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES REACHED A NON PROSECUTION AGREEMENT WITH
15 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
16 OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, D.T.S.C. TO CLOSE DOWN THE
17 FACILITY RUN IN CALIFORNIA AND TO PAY FOR D.T.S.C.'S CLEANUP
18 OF AFFECTED HOMES IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WHILE
19 D.T.S.C. HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONDUCT A TIMELY CLEANUP,
20 THE STATE HAS NOT MOVED WITH URGENCY TO ASSESS THE FULL EXTENT
21 OF CONTAMINATION AND CLEAN UP THE IMPACTED AREAS. AS A RESULT
22 OF DELAYS TO THE CLEANUP PROCESS, TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM THIS
23 FACILITY CONTINUE TO IMPACT THE HEALTH OF MORE THAN 100,00
24 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS WHO DAILY ARE EXPOSED TODAY THE DANGERS
25 OF LEAD POISONING. THIS IS PARTICULARLY HARMFUL TO CHILDREN

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1 WHO RESIDE IN THESE COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THOSE WHO LIVE IN MY
2 DISTRICT CITIES OF VERNON, BELL, COMMERCE, CUDAHY, MAYWOOD,
3 HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. I AGREE
4 WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS THAT WE MUST ACT NOW TO PUT THE HEALTH
5 OF RESIDENTS FIRST. I URGE ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES INCLUDING
6 THE STATE AND EXIDE TO ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ADDRESS THIS
7 ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER UNTIL ALL REMEDIATION EFFORTS
8 EFFECTIVELY COMPLETED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS
9 WHO HAVE BEEN DANGEROUSLY IMPACTED. SINCERELY, LUCILLE ROYBAL-
10 ALLARD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS."

11

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

13

14 **EDGAR ESTRADA:** GREETINGS. MY NAME'S EDGAR ESTRADA. AS
15 MENTIONED, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SENATOR CRISTINA GARCIA AND I
16 WILL DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER. "DEAR HONORABLE SUPERVISORS
17 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WRITE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS'S MOTION REGARDING THE EXIDE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. I
19 APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR MOVING SWIFTLY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS
20 OF TOXIC CONTAMINATION EMITTED BY THE EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING
21 FACILITY. TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM THIS FACILITY HAVE IMPACTED
22 OVER 100,000 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS THE CALIFORNIA STATE
23 DEPARTMENT TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL, THE D.T.S.C., INFORMED ME
24 THAT 5,000 TO 10,000 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE 58TH
25 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE ELEVATED LEVELS OF

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1 LEAD IN THE SOIL. WHILE THE D.T.S.C. HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO
2 CONDUCT A TIMELY CLEANUP, THE AGENCY HAS NOT FULLY ASSESSED
3 THE EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION, INFORMATION THAT IS NECESSARY TO
4 COMPLETE THE CLEANUP HAVE UNTIL THE CLEANUP IS COMPLETED,
5 RESIDENTS ARE STILL BEING EXPOSED. WHILE WE MAY NOT KNOW HOW
6 LONG THESE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THESE TOXINS, ONE
7 THING IS FOR CERTAIN, WE CANNOT LET THIS CONTAMINATION GO
8 UNADDRESSED ANY LONGER. ACCURATE ASSESSING AND CLEANING UP OF
9 THE TOXINS AFFECTING MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS IS EXTREMELY
10 PERSONAL TO ME. THESE TOXINS ARE FOUND QUITE LITERALLY IN OUR
11 BACK YARDS. BY ACTING NOW, THE COUNTY IS DOING ITS PART TO PUT
12 THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS FIRST. I JOIN IN CALLING THE STATE,
13 EXIDE AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO ADDRESS THIS
14 ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IMMEDIATELY. MY COMMUNITIES CANNOT WAIT
15 ANY LONGER." THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES.

18

19 **OSCAR MAGA A:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO
20 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THEIR
21 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. MY NAME IS OSCAR MAGA A. I'M A
22 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD AND I'M HERE
23 REPRESENTING 28,000 RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MAYWOOD. FOR THE
24 LAST FOUR YEARS I'VE REPRESENTED THE CITY OF MAYWOOD ON THE
25 ISSUE OF EXIDE AND THE CLOSURE OF EXIDE. AND I NOW SIT ON THE

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1 ADVISORY GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESPONSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE
2 EXIDE FACILITY. I WANT TO URGE THE SUPERVISORS, THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THE MOTION AND I WILL TELL YOU WHY. ONE
4 SPECIFIC REASON THAT IS INCLUDED IN HERE AND IT'S THE
5 INFORMATION PIECE, THE INFORMATION PIECE TO THE COMMUNITY. IN
6 MY COMMUNITY, FOR FAR TOO LONG THERE'S BEEN PREDATORY
7 POLITICIANS WHO HAVE USED THE ISSUE OF EXIDE TO TRY TO CREATE
8 THEIR OWN POLITICAL PLATFORMS. IT'S TIME THAT WE START
9 INFORMING PEOPLE PROPERLY, THAT WE GET THEM EDUCATED ON WHAT
10 THEIR OPTIONS ARE AS FAR AS WHAT THEIR HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED
11 WITH THE EXIDE PLANT AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE
12 BEING TAKEN CARE OF IN THE RIGHT MANNER. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS
13 REALLY ABOUT. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE EDUCATED
14 AND THAT THEY'RE NOT BEING USED FOR POLITICAL PLATFORMS, BUT
15 THAT THEY ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BECAUSE THEIR HEALTH COMES
16 FIRST.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KARINA
19 MACIAS, COUNCILMAN ALI SALEH AND COUNCILMAN JOHNNY PI EDA.
20 YES, SIR.

21

22 **KARINA MACIAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
23 MY NAME IS KARINA MACIAS. I'M THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF
24 HUNTINGTON PARK. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION
25 ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING EXIDE. I WANT TO THANK THE

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1 SUPERVISOR FOR BEING PROACTIVE ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S BEEN LONG
2 OVERDUE. D.T.S.C. HAS INDEED LET THIS COMMUNITY DOWN, OUR
3 COMMUNITIES DOWN. EXIDE IS CLOSED BUT THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE
4 STILL WAITING FOR THE HOMES TO BE CLEANED. THIS MOTION IS
5 TRULY A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HOLD EXIDE ACCOUNTABLE AND
6 ALSO TO HOLD THE STATE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS OR THEIR
7 LACK OF ACTIONS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY STAFF FOR
8 THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER AND THEIR WORK ON THIS
9 MATTER. SO THANK YOU AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP COUNCILMAN GIL
12 HURTADO. YES.

13

14 **ALI SALEH:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 SUPERVISORS. ALI SALEH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELL. I'M HERE TO
16 SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO BE HEARD BY
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY REGARDING
18 THE EXIDE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. I APPLAUD THE LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY FOR MOVING SWIFTLY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF TOXIC
20 CONTAMINATION EMITTED BY THE EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY.
21 TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM THIS FACILITY HAVE IMPACTED OVER 100,000
22 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS. THESE RESIDENTS WILL LIVE THE REST OF
23 THEIR LIVES WITH THE HEIGHTENED RISK OF CANCER AND OTHER
24 ILLNESS. WHILE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
25 SUBSTANCE CONTROL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONDUCT A TIMELY

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1 CLEANUP, THE STATE HAS BEEN SLOW TO ASSESS THE FULL EXTENT OF
2 CONTAMINATION AND TO BEGIN CLEANUP. UNTIL CLEANUP IS
3 COMPLETED, RESIDENTS ARE STILL BEING EXPOSED. BY ACTING NOW,
4 THE COUNTY IS DOING ITS PART TO PUT THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS
5 FIRST. I JOIN IN CALLING ON THE STATE, EXIDE AND OTHER
6 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO ADDRESS THIS ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER
7 IMMEDIATELY. OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER.

8

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

10

11 **JOHNNY PI EDA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 JOHNNY PI EDA, AND I REPRESENT THE RESIDENTS OF HUNTINGTON
13 PARK AS THEIR COUNCILMEMBER. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF
14 HUNTINGTON PARK'S SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION
15 REGARDING EXIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. I APPLAUD ALL
16 THE SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY FOR MOVING QUICKLY TO ADDRESS
17 THE IMPACTS OF TOXIC CONTAMINATIONS EMITTED BY THIS EXIDE
18 BATTERY COMPANY, RECYCLING FACILITY. THIS YOU IS CLOSE TO MY
19 HEART. MY AUNT DIED OF CANCER. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF MAYWOOD.
20 SHE LIVED CLOSE BY TO THIS RECYCLING FACILITY. AND HER
21 DAUGHTER IS STILL BATTLING CANCER. SO A LOT OF OUR FAMILY
22 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS ISSUE. SO I REALLY WANT TO
23 GO AHEAD AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR TAKING THIS FIRST
24 STEP. HAVING WORKED AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL,

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1 SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

2 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **GIL HURTADO:** YES, MY NAME IS GIL HURTADO. I'M A COUNCILMEMBER
7 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE AND SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE. I'M NOT
9 GOING TO REPEAT A LOT OF WHAT'S BEEN SAID. BUT AS WE HAVE COME
10 TO THE MIC, YOU SEE ONE INDIVIDUAL BUT WE REPRESENT MANY. IN
11 MY COMMUNITY THERE'S 100,000 PEOPLE. AND WE'RE JUST A FEW
12 MILES SOUTH OF THE AFFECTED AREA. I SAY THAT AS IF THAT'S THE
13 ONLY AFFECTED AREA. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE CONTAMINATION ON
14 THE GROUND AND HOW THIS CAN JUST START SPREADING OUT THROUGH
15 THE WATER, IF YOU HAVE SOME RAIN AND THAT CONTAMINATION THAT'S
16 ON THE GROUND STARTS GOING THROUGH TO THE WATER SYSTEMS, WE
17 START GETTING THAT INTO OUR SYSTEMS, AS WELL. SO IT'S
18 IMPORTANT THAT THIS ISSUE IS TAKEN AS SERIOUS AS IT IS AND IS
19 ADDRESSED. YOU SAW AN INDIVIDUAL COME HERE AND SPEAK BEFORE
20 YOU WHO ALREADY HAS SUFFERED THE EFFECTS OF THIS TOXIC AREA.
21 SO AGAIN I URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NOW FOR ONE MINUTE
2 EACH FOR FRANK VILLALOBOS, EDDIE TORRES, DANIEL MEDINA, JUNE
3 CIGAR. YES, SIR.

4

5 **DANIEL MEDINA:** YES. MY NAME IS DANNY MEDINA. I'M HERE TODAY TO
6 SPEAK ABOUT THE PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING WITH ALL THESE
7 CHEMICALS. I WAS RAISED IN HUNTINGTON PARK, MOVED TO BOYLE
8 HEIGHTS, ASTRADA COURTS, AND ALL THOSE CHEMICALS THAT WE USED
9 TO HAVE LATE AT NIGHT ,THE SMELL. MOVED TO EAST LOS ANGELES
10 FROM 1979 TO AS PRESENT IN 1959. I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
11 MISLED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE DOORS AND ALWAYS THE
12 SAME MADNESS. BUT THE MAIN THING IS: I DON'T HAVE THE I.Q.
13 LIKE I USED TO. AND IT'S HARD. BUT MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS
14 ARE MENTALLY ILL AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I KNOW I MAKE BUCKS,
15 \$60,000. NOW I'M RETIRED MAKING ONLY \$20,000.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO
18 CALL UP TERRY CANO AND HUGO LUJAN. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **TERRY CANO:** MY NAME IS TERRY CANO, EDDIE TORRES AND FRANK
21 VILLALOBOS HAVE CONCEDED THEIR TIME TO ME.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

24

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1 **TERRY CANO:** LIKE I SAID, MY NAME IS TERRY CANO. I'M BORN AND
2 RAISED FOURTH GENERATION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. MY PARENTS HAD FIVE
3 CHILDREN, THREE OF WHICH-- TWO OF WHICH STAYED LIVING IN THE
4 COMMUNITY IN THE FAMILY HOUSES AND THREE MOVED AWAY. OUT OF US
5 FIVE CHILDREN, THE TWO THAT HAVE STAYED ARE ILL. THE THREE
6 THAT HAVE MOVED AWAY ARE HEALTHY. I'M SORRY, THIS IS VERY
7 EMOTIONAL FOR ME. I HAVE LOST BOTH MY MOTHER AND FATHER
8 RECENTLY. MY FATHER ON CHRISTMAS MORNING FROM THEIR ILLNESSES
9 COMING FROM EXIDE. I NOW STAND TO LOSE MY BROTHER WHO IS
10 TERMINALLY ILL WITH CANCER. I AM 43 YEARS OLD. I'VE HAD A
11 STROKE, HYSTERECTOMY, MULTIPLE ILLNESSES AND I'M A SINGLE
12 MOTHER. AND THAT'S JUST ONE FAMILY ON ONE SHORT BLOCK THAT I
13 GREW UP ON. THERE IS EIGHT PEOPLE THAT I GREW UP WITH WHO HAVE
14 DIED OR ARE DYING OF CANCER. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH
15 THAT. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORRY WHO IS GOING TO RAISE MY
16 CHILDREN AFTER I'M GONE, BEING A SINGLE MOTHER. IT'S NOT GOING
17 TO BE MY PARENTS. IT CAN'T BE MY BROTHER. I JUST PRAY EVERY
18 DAY THAT I LIVE LONG ENOUGH AT LEAST TO SEE THEM GET TO
19 ADULTHOOD. FOR YEARS WE ASKED EXIDE TO TEST OUR PROPERTIES TO
20 SEE IF THEY WERE CONTAMINATED. LAST YEAR IN OCTOBER THEY
21 TESTED MY PROPERTY. AND BEFORE THEY TESTED, THEY SAID ANYTHING
22 OVER 80 WOULD BE CLEANED UP. FROM OCTOBER I HAD TO WAIT ALL
23 THE WAY UNTIL APRIL TO GET THE RESULTS OF MY PROPERTY TESTING,
24 WHICH TESTED AT 1500. AND AT THAT TIME, WHEN THEY GAVE ME
25 THOSE RESULTS, THEY SAT THERE, THEY LOOKED AT ME STRAIGHT IN

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1 THE FACE AND THEY TOLD ME IT WAS SAFE TO CONTINUE LIVING ON
2 THAT PROPERTY AND IT WAS SAFE FOR MY CHILDREN. AT THAT TIME
3 THEY SAID THEY HAD NO IDEA OF WHEN ANY OF OUR PROPERTIES WERE
4 GOING TO GET CLEANED. THEY SAID THEY WOULD BE CLEANED, BUT
5 THEY HAD NO DATE. IT'S NOW OVER A YEAR LATER. AND I STILL
6 DON'T HAVE AN EXACT DATE. ONLY BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE
7 COUNTY AND HILDA SOLIS AND RANDY PAIGE AFTER HIS STORY AIRED
8 DID D.T.S.C. SEND ME A LETTER SAYING THEY IDENTIFIED MY HOUSE
9 NEEDED TO BE CLEANED. BUT STILL NO DATE AS TO WHEN THAT'S
10 GOING TO HAPPEN. I LOST MOST OF MY FAMILY. PLEASE DON'T TELL
11 ME-- I'M ASKING AND BEGGING ANYBODY FOR HELP-- DON'T TELL ME
12 THAT YOU WANT TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY OR FAULT OR ANYTHING
13 BECAUSE MY FAMILY IS DYING. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE KIDS
14 TO GO THROUGH THIS. IF I CAN, MY BROTHER THAT IS DYING OF
15 CANCER RIGHT NOW, SENT ME HIS STATEMENT. "I APOLOGIZE AND I
16 REGRET NOT BEING HERE BECAUSE I HAVE SO MUCH TO SAY. DUE TO MY
17 CANCER DIAGNOSIS, I DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OF MY LIFE ANYMORE AND
18 I'M CURRENTLY AT A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT WAITING TO SEE HOW
19 MUCH TIME I HAVE LEFT. I WANT TO START BY SAYING FOR DECADES I
20 HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO DO THE RIGHT THING LIKE EATING SKINLESS
21 CHICKEN AND AS MANY SALADS AS POSSIBLE AND LESS THAN 12 SODAS
22 PER YEAR. I WORKED OUT OFTEN. EVEN AFTER WORKING AS A MAILMAN
23 WHICH I THOUGHT WAS A PERFECT JOB. I THOUGHT I WAS LUCKY TO
24 HAVE A JOB WHERE I GOT TO WORK OUTDOORS IN THE FRESH AIR AND
25 PLENTY OF EXERCISE. I TOOK PRIDE IN KNOWING IF ANYTHING EVER

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1 HAPPENED TO MY SISTERS, I WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MY
2 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO LIVE FOR A LONG
3 TIME AND BE ABLE TO HELP IF THEY FELL ON HARD TIMES. NOW I
4 HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT I WON'T BE AROUND TO HELP. I
5 WORRY WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM NOW. I ALSO HAVE TO ACCEPT
6 THAT AS MY FATHER'S ONLY SON, I WILL NEVER 'GET THE CHANCE TO
7 CARRY ON THE FAMILY NAME. I THOUGHT I HAD TIME. AS FOR ME
8 PERSONALLY, I KNOW THAT EVERYONE HERE WILL LIVE LONGER THAN
9 ME. ON SEPTEMBER 27TH OF LAST YEAR AT 3:40 P.M. I WAS GIVEN
10 TWO MONTHS OR TWO YEARS AT BEST CASE SCENARIO. THE PHYSICAL
11 AND MENTAL ANGUISH THAT I MUST ENDURE DAILY, WHICH INCLUDES
12 DAILY ANXIETY ATTACKS, SO SEVERE THAT I MUST ISOLATE MYSELF
13 BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. EVEN NOW AS I WRITE THIS, I MUST
14 STOP AND TAKE A BREAK BECAUSE THE ANXIETY OF MY TERMINAL
15 DIAGNOSIS IS OVERWHELMING AND PARALYZING EVERY DAY OF MY NOW
16 SHORT LIFE. IT IS HELL NOT KNOWING WHAT WILL LAST LONGER, MY
17 LIFE OR MY TOILET PAPER OR IF I SHOULD EVEN BUY A THREE-PACK
18 OF SHAMPOO. NOW AS I LOOK OUT AT MY COMMUNITY, IT BREAKS MY
19 HEART, IT BROKE MY HEART AS A LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COACH TO
20 SEE THESE HEALTHY 10-YEAR-OLDS INNOCENTLY PLAYING IN THE DIRT
21 AND THROWING IT AT EACH OTHER. I SEE THEM AS THE NEXT VICTIMS
22 OF THIS CATASTROPHIC ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE. I ASK
23 AND BEG FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT
24 ANYONE FROM GOING THROUGH WHAT I AND MY FAMILY HAVE TO
25 ENDURE.: AND JUST TO ADD, I PROMISE WITH MY LAST BREATH THAT

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1 IF YOU HELP US, I WILL DO EVERYTHING TO HELP YOU GUYS GET ANY
2 MONEY BACK OR ANY SUPPORT THAT YOU NEED BECAUSE I DON'T WANT
3 TO SEE ANYBODY ELSE, I'VE ALREADY HELD MY PARENTS' HANDS WHILE
4 THEY TOOK THEIR LAST BREATH, STRUGGLING TO BREATHE AND I'M
5 GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT FOR MY BROTHER. I DON'T WANT ANYBODY
6 TO GO THROUGH THIS. I'M JUST ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND HELP.
7 PLEASE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL
10 UP JESSICA ALVARENGA, AND DELORES MEJIA. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **JUNE CIGAR:** MY NAME IS JUNE CIGAR AND I LIVE IN ONE OF THE
13 S.R.O. APARTMENTS, PERSHING SQUARE. WANT TO HOLD PEOPLE
14 ACCOUNTABLE, ESPECIALLY CORPORATIONS THAT DUMP INTO
15 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. I FEEL THESE PEOPLE'S PAIN AND
16 BASICALLY WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN AND HOPE THAT YOU WOULD
17 HELP CLEAN UP THE ENTIRE AREA FROM SKID ROW ALL THE WAY TO
18 WALL, TO JULIAN, TO SAN PEDRO. JUST THE HUMAN CONDITION IS
19 REALLY-- IT'S ABOMINATION. IT'S A SHAME. AND A LOT OF MENTAL
20 HEALTH NEEDS TO BE DONE THERE. APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DR.
23 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

24

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1 **HUGO LUJAN:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HUGO LUJAN. I AM
2 THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR
3 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING WITH MEMBERS ON
4 INDIANA AND OLYMPIC, WHICH IS THE INITIAL TESTING AREA, AND AS
5 WELL, MY GRANDMA LIVES LESS THAN A MILE AND A HALF AWAY FROM
6 THE EXIDE FACILITY. MY GRANDMOTHER HAS BEEN LIVING THERE FOR
7 ABOUT 13 YEARS AND I THINK INITIALLY, WHEN SHE CAME IN, SHE
8 COOKED FOR MY SISTER'S QUINCEANERA, WHICH IS 250 PEOPLE. AFTER
9 13 YEARS OF LIVING THERE, SHE CAN'T EVEN FEED HERSELF BECAUSE
10 EVERY TIME SHE PICKS UP A SPOON AND TRIES TO PUT IT IN HER
11 MOUTH, HER HANDS SHAKE SO MUCH THAT SHE MISSES HER MOUTH. ONE
12 OF THE IMPACTS FROM LEAD IS IT ATTACKS YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM
13 ESPECIALLY IN THE ELDERLY COMMUNITY, SO I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE
14 THAT THIS IS MOVING FORWARD. WE'VE BEEN ORGANIZING WITH
15 MEMBERS THERE. THE REASON I DO THIS IS BECAUSE OF MY
16 GRANDMOTHER. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO SEE IT MOVING FORWARD
17 ESPECIALLY AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. AND THERE'S A NEARBY PARK, AS
18 WELL. SALAZAR PARK, WHERE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVEN'T BEEN
19 NOTIFIED AROUND IT. SO THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
20 GOING OUT THERE AND DOING DOOR KNOCKING. SO THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH FOR MOVING FORWARD TO SUPPORT THIS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RAMYA
24 SIVASBRAMANIAN AND ERIC PREVEN. YES, MA'AM

25

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1 **JESSICA ALVARENGA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA ALVARENGA
2 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF COUNCILMEMBER HUIZAR IN SUPPORT OF
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. I HAVE A LETTER ON HIS BEHALF.
4 "DEAR SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE
6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS THAT PERSIST DUE TO THE
7 POLLUTION OF EXIDE TECHNOLOGY'S FACILITY IN VERNON. THE COUNTY
8 CAN PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SIMPLY ADDRESSING THE MANY YEARS
9 OF ACCUMULATING IMPACTS OF TOXIC CONTAMINATION EMITTED BY THE
10 EXIDE BATTERY FACILITY. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS NEED FOR THE
11 ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN YOUR MOTION TO EXPAND ASSESSMENT AND
12 REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SITES, TO CAUTION THE PUBLIC ABOUT
13 THE HEALTH RISKS IN THEIR IMMEDIATE VICINITY AND TO PURSUE
14 ACTION AND REVENUE OPTIONS TOWARD A LONG TERM REMEDY OF THE
15 SITUATION. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE FELLOW SUPERVISORS SUPPORT
16 YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. WHILE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
17 OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONDUCT A
18 TIMELY CLEANUP, D.T.S.C. HAS BEEN SLOW TO ASSESS THE FULL
19 EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION AND TO BEGIN REMEDIATION. IN THE
20 MEANTIME, RESIDENTS ARE STILL BEING EXPOSED TO DANGEROUS
21 LEVELS OF LEAD AND OTHER POLLUTANTS. FURTHERMORE, D.T.S.C.
22 MUST DO OUTREACH TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT IN THE
23 CONTAMINATED AREA IS AWARE THAT THEY FACE POTENTIAL RISK FROM
24 LEAD EXPOSURE AND WHAT THOSE RISKS ARE AND WHAT ACTIVITIES

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1 THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING INCLUDING NOT EATING FOOD GROWN
2 IN THEIR GARDENS AND ALLOWING CHILDREN TO PLAY IN YARDS."

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD
5 SACHS AND WAYNE SPINDLER. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **DELORES MEJIA:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. LAST TIME I WAS HERE, ONE OF THE LAST TIMES I WAS
9 HERE, THE COMMUNITY CAME FORWARD. MY NAME IS DELORES MEJIA.
10 SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE BEGUN WITH THAT. DOLORES MEJILLA, EAST
11 SIDE COALITION AGAINST EXIDE AND ALL TOXIC TECHNOLOGIES. I DO
12 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 PAST SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND RESOLVING THIS ENVIRONMENTAL
14 CRIME WAVE THAT WE HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF IN THE EAST SIDE
15 COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES. I THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I URGE
16 ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S EFFORTS TO FINANCE
17 THE CLEANING OF THIS CRIME SCENE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS
18 CUSTOMARY. WHEN THERE IS A CRIME TAKES PLACE, THERE IS A CRIME
19 SCENE, I DON'T THINK THAT WE WAIT FOR THE CULPRITS TO
20 DETERMINE WHAT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGES ARE AND WAIT FOR THEM
21 TO PAY FOR IT. NO. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES. I
22 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH ALL OF YOU FOR THIS
23 OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO ALSO JUST MAKE A COMMENT, OBSERVATION,
24 THAT I'M REALLY GLAD THAT AFTER POUNDING AND PUSHING FOR THE
25 ACCEPTANCE OF VOCABULARY LIKE DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ET CETERA,

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1 THAT NOW IT IS PART OF THE ANTI-EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. REFORM
2 VOCABULARY. LET'S CALL THIS WHAT IT IS. AND WE NEED TO
3 CONTINUE TO GET THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER VENUES LIKE AT THE
4 FEDERAL LEVEL, BUT WE DO NEED TO START WITH THE COUNTY. THAT'S
5 WHY WE CAME HERE PREVIOUSLY AND ASKED FOR A TASKFORCE. WE GOT
6 A TASKFORCE BUT WE CONTINUE-- EXCUSE ME, I WILL FINISH RIGHT
7 NOW, SIR-- CONTINUE TO ASK FOR FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE PRESENT
8 ON THIS TASKFORCE. IT WASN'T UNTIL NOW WHEN WE HAVE
9 PERSISTENTLY CONTINUED TO REQUEST AND DEMAND THAT WE HAVE A
10 PRESENCE WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT THE COUNTY
11 LEVEL. NOW WE HAVE SOME PRESENCE HERE. I HEARD THERE WAS SOME
12 FIRST RESPONDERS HERE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE DOWN THAT ROAD. WE
13 ARE DEVELOPING THE PROTOCOLS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES.
14 THERE IS NOT ONE. SO ANY FUNDING THAT COMES FROM THE COUNTY
15 I'M SURE WILL BE RECUPERATED. WE CAN LOOK INTO SUPERFUND SITES
16 AND IN ADDITION AND IN CONCLUSION, WE NEED TO, AT THE COUNTY
17 LEVEL, PUT PRESSURE ON THE CITY OF VERNON, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
18 THE CITY OF VERNON, WHO IS NOW DISTRIBUTING \$70 MILLION TO
19 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AS GRANTS. THAT MONEY NEEDS TO GO TO
20 CLEAN UP THE MESS THAT THE CITY OF VERNON PERPETRATED ALONG
21 WITH D.T.S.C. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ANTHONY
24 COLEMAN, AS WELL. ANTHONY COLEMAN. MR. PREVEN.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
2 DISTRICT 3. I DON'T LIVE IN THIS AREA, BUT I HAVE HEARD FROM
3 THIS ISSUE IN THIS HALL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. EVERY YEAR WE
4 MAKE AN EFFORT. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL
5 DISASTER BUT IT IS IN OUR COUNTY. AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, FOR THIS LEGAL STRATEGY WE'RE GOING TO
7 PUT TOGETHER WHO IS REED SATO? THAT WOULD BE THE GENERAL
8 COUNSEL FOR THIS GROUP D.T.S.C. AND THEY HAVE-- AND BARBARA
9 LEE ARE THE LEADER OF THAT GROUP. WHERE ARE THEY? THEY HAVE AN
10 OFFICE IN CHATSWORTH. HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO SIMPLY GET AWAY
11 WITH THIS YEAR IN, YEAR OUT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. AND THE
12 COST HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD. SO IF WE HAVE 10,000 HOMES NOW
13 POSSIBLY, EACH ONE COSTING A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FIX UP,
14 TO CLEAN OUT THE SOIL, TO DO THE STUFF AROUND THE WINDOWS,
15 THAT'S GOING TO BE 25 OR \$50 MILLION. SO WHERE ARE WE GOING TO
16 GET THAT MONEY? WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO CALL THE STATE AND GET
17 THEM TO-- WE HAVE TO DO THIS ALREADY. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THANK
18 YOU.

19
20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SAME OLD STORY. POOR NEIGHBORHOODS. THAT'S
21 WHAT IT IS. IF THIS WERE ENCINO, IF THIS WERE BEVERLY HILLS,
22 CHEVIOT HILLS, PACIFIC PALISADES, IT'D BE DONE ALREADY. POOR
23 PEOPLE, POOR NEIGHBORHOODS EQUALS POISON. AND THAT'S IT.
24 THEY'RE JUST THERE TO BE POISONED, RIGHT? SO 50 YEARS LATER
25 YOU DISCOVERED THERE'S LEAD IN THE GROUND. DUH. THEY'VE BEEN

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1 TELLING YOU. YOU DON'T LISTEN. SO NOW YOU'RE SCARED BECAUSE
2 YOU REALIZE THERE'S A WORD CALLED INVERSE CONDEMNATION. WHAT
3 IS INVERSE CONDEMNATION? THAT'S WHERE THE COUNTY BUYS
4 EVERYBODY'S HOUSE AND MOVES OUT AND THEN YOU FIX THEM UP AND
5 PUT THEM BACK ON THE MARKET AND SELL THEM. YOU'RE GOING TO BE
6 THE NICEST REAL ESTATE AGENTS I CAN THINK OF. SO BUY THESE
7 10,000 HOMES. CLEAN THEM UP. THEN AFTER THEY'RE CLEANED UP AND
8 SAFE, YOU SELL THEM BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
13 AND THE MOST TOXIC DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IS LISTENING TO THE
14 BOARD. THIS IS AN AGENDA ITEM FROM LAST AUGUST 12, 2014. A
15 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHICH MENTIONS THAT THE EXIDE
16 TECHNOLOGY BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT IN VERNON HAS BEEN
17 OPERATING FOR THE LAST 33 YEARS. SO SOME OF YOUR WITNESSES
18 CAME UP THEIR WHOLE LIFETIME THIS PLANT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION.
19 THE WHOLE LIFETIME THAT YOU'VE BEEN IN POLITICS THIS PLANT HAS
20 BEEN IN OPERATION. SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? GONE TO WASHINGTON
21 EVERY YEAR JUST ABOUT FOR SOME MEETINGS WITH THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AND WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN? WE
23 HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET SITTING ON THE
24 BOARD, COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH THE E.P.A ABOUT THIS
25 PROBLEM? DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO CALL? NOW YOU WANT TO COME UP WITH

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1 THE PLAN. YOU ARE THE MOST TOXIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT'S
2 GOING ON RIGHT NOW. PEOPLE SHOULD START LISTENING WITH THEIR
3 EARS AND THEIR EYES AND PAY ATTENTION. YOU HAVE GOT PEOPLE
4 COME UP HERE WHO TALK ABOUT, THEY'VE BEEN ON THE COUNTY FOR
5 25, 30 YEARS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE, YOU'RE
11 GOING TO NOT BE SPEAKING ON YOUR OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU HELD.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** (SPEAKING OFF MIC).

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, I'M GOING TO-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
16 OKAY. WE'LL PUT THIS ON THE TABLE. WE'LL DO NUMBER ONE WITH
17 THE BALLOT RETURN ON THE ITEM THAT WE HAD FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A
20 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
21 AGAINST THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NUMBERS 44-
22 713-1, 21-413-4, 1-113-4 AND 50-713-4, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION
23 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY
24 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BASSETT,
25 LOS NIETOS AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AS A RESULT IT WOULD BE

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1 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ORDERING THE
2 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
3 ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
4 RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF THESE TERRITORIES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECOND WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS FOR ITEM S-1
8 AND 18.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS
11 FOR LISTENING SO DILIGENTLY TO THE WITNESSES TODAY. I
12 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS AND OTHERS-- AND SHEILA KUEHL AND OTHERS THAT HAVE
14 REALLY BEEN FOCUSED ON THIS ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR
15 SO MANY YEARS. I AM JUST HONORED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE PEOPLE
16 THAT CAME OUT TODAY. A LOT OF FOLKS FROM THE DISTRICT TOOK
17 TIME OFF FROM WORK, MISSED PROBABLY A WHOLE DAY'S WORTH OF PAY
18 TO BE OUT HERE. AND TO HEAR THEIR STORIES, THEY'RE VERY
19 COMPELLING, THEY'RE VERY HEARTFELT AND THEY'RE VERY HONEST.
20 AND I WOULD JUST URGE THE BOARD TO HELP US MOVE THIS ITEM
21 ALONG SO THAT WE CAN ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND OUR
22 APPROPRIATE STAFF TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. AND I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE
24 WITNESSES AND FOLKS THAT CAME OUT TODAY. I AM SO PROUD AND
25 HONORED THAT THE COMMUNITY, AND THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE

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1 CREDIT FOR RAISING THIS ISSUE TO THE LEVEL THAT IT IS NOW BEEN
2 RECOGNIZED HERE AT THE BOARD. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU.
3 MUCHISSIMAS GRACIAS A TODOS QUE VENIERON HOY PARA DAR
4 TESTIMONIO ACA. MUCHAS GRACIAS. THANK YOU. I ASK FOR AN AYE
5 VOTE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. THANK
9 YOU, SUPERVISOR. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO 1-D AND 22.
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I THINK WE HAVE
13 SEVERAL PEOPLE HERE TO TESTIFY ON 1-D AND 22. I KNOW THERE'S
14 ALSO A SUBSTITUTE MOTION. AND I WONDER IF WE COULD HAVE
15 EVERYONE TESTIFY JUST ONCE ABOUT 1-D AND 22 BECAUSE THEY'RE
16 ALL RELATED. AND THEN HAVE THE VOTE AT THE END ABOUT THE
17 SUBSTITUTE MOTION, ABOUT MY MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS AND ABOUT 1-D. SO I THINK IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH
19 EVERYONE, WE COULD JUST ASK THOSE WHO ARE HERE SPEAK ON THE
20 ISSUE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE
21 SPEAKERS' REQUESTS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST THREE SPEAKERS ARE GOING TO BE
24 GIVEN TWO MINUTES AND THE OTHERS WILL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE
25 BECAUSE WE HAVE OVER AN HOUR'S WORTH OF TESTIMONY. SO I'M

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1 GOING TO CALL UP VIKKY VICKERS, BEATRIC CAMARGO-SANDOVAL AND
2 RABBI NOAH FARKAS.

3

4 **RABBI NOAH FARKAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M
5 RABBI NOAH FARKAS. I SERVE AS A RABBI IN THE SAN FERNANDO
6 VALLEY AT A SYNAGOGUE CALLED VALLEY BETH SHALOM AND I SERVE AS
7 A COMMISSIONER ON THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY.
8 I WANT TO BEGIN TO SAY THANK YOU TO THIS BOARD BECAUSE WHEN
9 THE R.D.A.S WERE DISSOLVED IN 2008, THIS BOARD COMMITTED \$20
10 MILLION A YEAR TO FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE LAST
11 SEVERAL YEARS. I WANT TO BEGIN BY SAYING THANK YOU TO THAT.
12 AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD THIS
14 AFTERNOON. I THINK IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO
15 ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
16 BOARD FOR TAKING THIS UP AND TAKING OUR TIME TODAY. I'M HERE
17 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LARGE COALITION WHICH INCLUDES
18 S.C.A.N.P.H. AND L.A. VOICE, AS MANY OTHERS. IN FACT THERE IS
19 OVER 200 PEOPLE HERE EARLIER TODAY AS MEMBERS OF OUR COALITION
20 TO SHOW UP FOR THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND IF THEY'RE
21 HERE, I WOULD ASK THEM TO QUIETLY PLEASE JUST RISE SO WE CAN
22 SEE WHO IS LEFT HERE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO REPRESENTS THIS
23 COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.] I'M A CONGREGATIONAL RABBI. I'M USED TO
24 GETTING PEOPLE TO STAND UP AND TO SIT DOWN. IT'S SOMETHING I'M
25 USED TO. WE REPRESENT THE RACES AND CREEDS AND COLORS AND

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1 DIFFERENT SOCIOECONOMIC STATUSES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY.
2 WE'VE COME TOGETHER WORKING FOR OVER 18 MONTHS TO TRY TO
3 ADDRESS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY. AND WE
4 BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION BEING SET FORTH IS REALLY AN AMAZING
5 WAY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO BRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE
6 FOREFRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS WITH HOMELESS
7 PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, I SEE THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ONE OF
8 THE WAYS TO CONTROL THE INFLOWS INTO HOMELESSNESS. ACCORDING
9 TO ONE STUDY OVER 13,000 PEOPLE A MONTH ARE EVICTED BECAUSE
10 THEY CAN'T AFFORD THEIR RENTS. AND THEY COULD AFFORD THEIR
11 RENTS IF THEY HAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU
12 FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS MOTION THIS
13 AFTERNOON.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, RABBI. YES, MA'AM. YES,
16 MA'AM.

17

18 **VIKKY VICKERS:** OH, OKAY. MY NAME IS VIKKY VICKERS AND I'M AN
19 ADVOCATE WITH CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND A
20 RESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. ABOUT 7 YEARS AGO-- I
21 HAVE SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, I THOUGHT MY
22 MEDICATION WAS POISONING ME. I WAS IN PSYCHOSIS AND I DIDN'T
23 KNOW IT. I FOUND AN OLD ABANDONED PARK BEHIND THE OLD SANTA
24 MONICA LIBRARY AND THAT IS WHERE I LIVED FOR THE NEXT FOUR AND
25 A HALF YEARS, TERRIFIED OF MY HALLUCINATIONS, AND THE POLICE

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1 POSSIBLY ARRESTING ME FOR BEING THERE. MOST DAYS I SPENT
2 WALKING IN CIRCLES OR WALKING FOR MILES AIMLESSLY STARING AT
3 WALLS AND YELLING AT MY HALLUCINATIONS. I WAS RESCUED BY OCEAN
4 PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. I NOW LIVE AT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S
5 CENTER IN AN INCOME-SUPPORTIVE HOUSING APARTMENT. I'M STABLE
6 ON MY MEDICATION. I NO LONGER HAVE HALLUCINATIONS. I MAKE
7 CANDLES FOR THE D.W.C. STORE. I SPEAK TO DIFFERENT SENATE
8 PANELS, STUDENTS AND OTHER POLICY MAKERS AND FUNDERS IN HOPES
9 OF BRIDGING THE GAPS OF UNDERSTANDING AND OBTAINING SUPPORT.
10 INCARCERATING PEOPLE FOR MENTAL ILLNESSES OR HOMELESSNESS DOES
11 NOT WORK. INCARCERATING PEOPLE FOR DRUG ADDICTION DOES NOT
12 WORK. OUR MONEY AND CARE SHOULD BE SPENT ON WHAT IS PROVEN TO
13 BE SUCCESSFUL: GIVING PEOPLE LIVES WITH PURPOSE AND DIRECTION.
14 I WAKE UP EVERY DAY HAPPY TO BE ALIVE. I CANNOT SAY THAT FOUR
15 YEARS AGO. FOUR YEARS AGO I FELT LIKE I WAS DYING. PLEASE HELP
16 OTHERS TO HAVE THAT SENSE OF HAPPINESS, TOO, AT PLACES JUST
17 LIKE WHERE I LIVE AT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER WHO HAVE A 95
18 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE IN RETAINING HOUSING. WOMEN WHO LIVE AT
19 THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S HOUSING SUPPORTED HOUSING ALMOST NEVER
20 RETURN TO HOMELESSNESS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LIFT THE ROOF. YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **BEATRIC CAMARGO-SANDOVAL:** HI, MY NAME IS BEATRIC CAMARGO. I'M
25 PART OF A COALITION IN BALDWIN PARK. I'M AN IMMIGRANT OF 10

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1 YEARS AND I ESTABLISHED MYSELF IN BALDWIN PARK. LOOKING FOR
2 OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS COUNTRY, I'M THE OWNER OF A SMALL
3 BUSINESS. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT BEING A WORKER WOULD BE SO MUCH
4 DIFFICULTY IN MY LIFE. I HAVE TWO MONTHS LOOKING FOR A HOUSE.
5 I HAVE TWO LITTLE ONES THAT ARE TAKING BATHS AT THEIR OWN
6 SCHOOL. I HAVE TWO MONTHS LIVING IN THE OFFICE OF MY BUSINESS.
7 I TAKE A SHOWER WITH MY NEIGHBORS AND I MAKE MY FOOD THERE. I
8 HAVE TWO EMPLOYEES THAT I FIGHT FOR BECAUSE THEY DEPEND ON ME,
9 TOO. BUT FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO RENT AN APARTMENT, THE
10 POSSIBILITY S VERY DIFFICULT. AS AN OWNER OF A SMALL BUSINESS,
11 IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME BECAUSE THE DEMANDS ARE HIGH. THE
12 MOST DIFFICULT PART IS THAT MY 15 AND 16 YEAR OLD DAUGHTERS
13 HAVE DIFFICULTY STUDYING BECAUSE OF THE HIGH NOISE. AND I HAVE
14 TO FIND SOMEWHERE THEY CAN BE ABLE TO SLEEP SO I CAN GET ON
15 WITH MY BUSINESS. I'M LOOKING HELP FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE
16 OF THE HIGH RENT. OUR FAMILIES DO NOT MAKE MORE THAN \$45,000 A
17 YEAR. WE HAVE TO PAY BETWEEN \$1500 TO \$2,000 FOR A PLACE WITH
18 ONLY TWO BEDROOMS. I HAVE A HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE I HAVE MY FAMILY
19 TOGETHER BUT I NEED A PLACE TO LIVE. I WOULD HAVE LOVED FOR
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO HEAR MY STORY. I AM PART OF A CONGREGATION
21 WHERE THE COMMUNITY IS NEEDED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP RICHARD
24 HERNANDEZ. DAN DAVIDSON. BOB QUARFOOT. FRANCISCO FLORES.
25 DOESN'T MATTER WHO GOES FIRST.

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1

2 **DAN DAVIDSON:** I'LL BEGIN THEN. MY NAME IS DAN DAVIDSON. I
3 PASTOR AT ROSE CITY CHURCH IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, A LOCAL
4 NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH. I ALSO DIRECT A PROGRAM FOR TRANSITIONAL-
5 AGED YOUTH CALLED ROSE CITY COFFEE. AND I ALSO SERVE WITH THE
6 CITY OF PASADENA AS THE CHAIR OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
7 WHICH IS UNDER THE CITY'S CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHICH IS THE
8 PASADENA PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS. THOUGH I'VE BEEN
9 INVOLVED IN THIS WORK NOW FOR A FEW YEARS AND I HAVE IN THIS
10 WORK BECOME VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE OVERWHELMING STATISTICS FOR
11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I SIMPLY WANTED TO SHARE THAT IN OUR LOCAL
12 CONGREGATION, SMALL CONGREGATION, MANY OF US FACE TROUBLE
13 FINDING AFFORDABLE UNITS. WE HAVE ONE VETERAN WHO'S HOMELESS
14 WE'VE WORKED WITH FOR SEVERAL YEARS WHO FOUND V.A.S.H. VOUCHER
15 BUT CANNOT FIND A UNIT. WE HAVE ONE TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH
16 WHO ALSO IS ABOUT TO AGE OUT OF HIS PROGRAM AND CANNOT FIND A
17 UNIT. AND, LASTLY, WE HAVE A FAMILY OF THREE, ONE WHO IS
18 DISABLED ADULT SON AND NEITHER CAN THEY FIND A UNIT. SO I'D
19 ASK THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER THIS MOTION TO HELP US FIND MORE
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

21

22 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS RICHARD FRANK HERNANDEZ AND I'M
23 HERE TO REPRESENT VETERANS VILLAGE OF EL MONTE AND NEW
24 DIRECTIONS. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT BEING A HOMELESS
25 VETERAN WASN'T EASY FOR ME. I WAS HOMELESS FOR 18 YEARS AFTER

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1 SERVING MY COUNTRY FOR 10. I FEEL GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE THAT
2 HAVE HELPED ME. I FEEL GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE IN NEW
3 DIRECTIONS AND IN VETERANS VILLAGE EL MONTE THAT ACCEPTED ME,
4 TO HELP ME TO GAIN THIS FOUNDATION OF A LIFE AGAIN. I FOUND
5 MYSELF IN A WORLD NOW WHERE I'M AT PEACE AND DEALING WITH MY
6 ISSUES OF P.T.S.D. AND ALSO, IN RETURN, ALL THAT WORK THAT
7 I'VE DONE SO FAR, I'VE ALSO GAINED MY FAMILY BACK. AND SO IT'S
8 KIND OF LIKE A CIRCLE. THE CIRCLE IS FULFILLED. AND IT'S
9 COMPLETE NOW IN MY LIFE. AND I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH THEIR SERVICE
11 CONNECTION IS A BIG, BIG STEP IN THEIR LIVES. AND IT ALSO
12 BRINGS FAMILIES BACK TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP CHRISTINE RANGEL
15 AND THERESA WINKLER. YES, SIR.

16

17 **BOB QUARFOOT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S BOB QUARFOOT. I'M
18 EMPLOYED BY CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, A DIGNITY
19 HEALTH HOSPITAL LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE A
20 FULL-SERVICE, NONPROFIT, PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED HOSPITAL
21 LOCATED DOWNTOWN FOR OVER 125 YEARS. OUR EMERGENCY ROOM SEES
22 APPROXIMATELY 7,000 PATIENTS PER MONTH, AN INCREASE OF 10
23 PERCENT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. WE HAVE A LEVEL 2 TRAUMA
24 CENTER, THE HIGHEST VOLUME PRIVATE TRAUMA CENTER IN THE
25 COUNTY. JUST LAST MONTH, IN SEPTEMBER, OUR EMERGENCY

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1 DEPARTMENT TREATED AND RELEASED 269 HOMELESS PATIENTS BACK TO
2 THE STREETS. AN ADDITIONAL 109 WERE ADMITTED SUFFERING FROM
3 MEDICAL CONDITIONS REQUIRING AT LEAST ONE DAY'S STAY, ACTUALLY
4 THE AVERAGE STAY WAS THREE AND A HALF DAYS FOR THOSE OVER 100
5 PATIENTS. ONE PATIENT SUFFERING FROM A SPINAL INJURY,
6 DEPRESSION AND ALCOHOLISM HAS BEEN SEEN IN OUR EMERGENCY
7 DEPARTMENT OVER 40 TIMES IN THE LAST YEAR AND IT'S BECAUSE OF
8 A LACK OF A STABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT THAT MAKES FOLLOW UP
9 CARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL PARTICIPATED IN
10 THE 10TH [INAUDIBLE] PROJECT CALLED F.U.S.E. FOUR YEARS AGO
11 AND I WANT TO JUST SHARE VERY BRIEFLY THE STATISTICS FROM THAT
12 PROGRAM. WE TREATED 163 PATIENTS IN OUR HOSPITAL AND PUT THEM
13 IN A PROGRAM FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTABLE HOUSING. AFTER 12
14 MONTHS IN THE PROGRAM, E.D. VISITS DROPPED BY TWO-THIRDS, THE
15 COST OF INPATIENT STAY DROPPED BY 85 PERCENT FROM AN AVERAGE
16 OF 68,000 A YEAR TO 14,000 A YEAR. SO INVESTING IN ADDITIONAL
17 PERMANENT SUPPORTABLE HOUSING HELPS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
18 LIFE FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS AND IS ONE STEP FOR PROVIDING MORE
19 EFFECTIVE CARE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. ON BEHALF OF DIGNITY
20 HEALTH, WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROBIN HUGHES AND
23 SOFYA PREGER. YES, SIR.

24

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1 **FRANCISCO FLORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO FLORES,
2 I'M A PARISHIONER OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD AND
3 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. I HAVE LIVED IN DISTRICT
4 3 FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF MY INCOME
5 GOES TOWARD PAYING FOR RENT. MY FAMILY OF THREE HAS TO SETTLE
6 FOR A TINY TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT COSTING OVER \$2,000 A MONTH.
7 IN HOLLYWOOD ALONE, THERE ARE MORE THAN 80 NEW BUILDINGS UNDER
8 CONSTRUCTION AND MOST OF THEM WITH ZERO TO VERY LOW ALLOCATION
9 OF AFFORDABLE UNITS. SINCE I'M A PARENT OF A JUNIOR IN
10 COLLEGE, OFTEN MY WIFE AND I FIND OURSELVES WORKING OTHER JOBS
11 AND OVERTIME STILL UNABLE TO MEET OUR BASIC NEEDS. IT IS TIME
12 FOR OUR BOARD TO ACT BOLDLY. TODAY I AM URGING THE FULL BOARD
13 TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MOTION OFFERED BY
14 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU.

15

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

18

19 **CHRISTINE RANGEL:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE RANGEL. THANK YOU
20 FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY
21 ASSOCIATION. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THANK SUPERVISORS
22 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. AS
23 YOU HAVE HEARD ME TESTIFY ON MANY OCCASIONS, L.A. COUNTY IS IN
24 A MASSIVE HOUSING CRISIS. WE DESPERATELY NEED HOUSING TO
25 SUPPORT ALL CLASSES OF SOCIETY. AND THIS IS A POSITIVE FIRST

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1 STEP IN ASSURING THAT LOW, VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND THE
2 HOMELESS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING. L.A. COUNTY'S HOUSING
3 SHORTAGE AFFECTS ALL OF THIS COUNTY. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
4 FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE A HOME CANNOT AFFORD ONE IN L.A.
5 COUNTY WHERE THEY WORK AND THEREFORE LIVE IN CRAMPED QUARTERS
6 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY PUTTING MORE CARS ON THE ROAD. PROVIDING
7 MORE UNITS THIS WAY WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE ISSUE BY
8 ADDRESSING THE SUPPLY/DEMAND ISSUE. METRO'S INCENTIVE-BASED
9 APPROACH HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT
10 THE NEED FOR THIS WILL HELP TO SUPPLEMENT THE STATE AND
11 FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT WILL BE COMING IN TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
12 AND WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISSOLVING, THIS WAS ALREADY
13 BEING DONE BEFORE. WE DIDN'T GO BANKRUPT THEN. WE WON'T GO
14 BANKRUPT NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY HAYNES. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **SOFYA PREGER:** HI, MY NAME IS SOFYA PREGER. I'M A
19 REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGH THE CORPORATION
20 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I MYSELF RESIDE IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
21 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HAS GOTTEN ME OUT OF HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL
22 ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS A WAY OF
23 HAVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AFFORDABLE HOUSING GIVES PEOPLE A
24 PLATFORM TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND BECOME CONTRIBUTING
25 SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. PEOPLE ARE PAYING 90 PERCENT OF

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1 THEIR INCOME IN ORDER TO STAY HOUSED. THE SLIGHTEST THING LIKE
2 HAVING A CAR ACCIDENT WILL PUT THEM INTO HOMELESSNESS. WITH
3 MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS ON THE MARKET NOW, IT WILL PREVENT A
4 POSSIBLE HOUSING CRISIS AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO LIVE HAPPY AND
5 PRODUCTIVE LIVES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP WALLACE RICHARDSON
8 AND LILLIA FUENTES. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **ROBIN HUGHES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
11 ROBIN HUGHES AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF ABODE COMMUNITIES. WE'RE
12 A NONPROFIT DEVELOPER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I AM SPEAKING TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING.
15 S.C.A.N.P.H. IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF AFFORDABLE
16 HOUSING DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE COUNTY FOR MANY
17 YEARS TO PRODUCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. FIRST I WOULD ALSO LIKE
18 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
19 SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ESPECIALLY OVER THE LAST FEW
20 YEARS WHERE WE'VE SEEN THE DIMINISHED RESOURCES FOR AFFORDABLE
21 HOUSING WITH THE ELIMINATION OF REDEVELOPMENT. YOU HAVE
22 STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND BACKFILLED FOR THE CITY OF
23 INDUSTRY MONEY AND ALSO COMMITTED YOUR OWN GENERAL FUNDS TO
24 SUPPORT THIS WORK. BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW, SINCE THE ELIMINATION
25 OF REDEVELOPMENT, IN WHICH WE LOST OVER \$200 MILLION ANNUALLY,

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1 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS HAS ONLY GOTTEN WORSE. AND AS
2 YOU'VE WITNESSED TODAY, THE LEVEL OF HOMELESSNESS HAS
3 INCREASED. WE'RE SEEING MORE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN FALLING
4 INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND AS WE LOOK IN MANY COMMUNITIES, WE SEE
5 PEOPLE WHO HAVE-- WHO ARE LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD AND
6 OVERCROWDED HOUSING BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD A PLACE TO
7 LIVE. TODAY WHEN WE WORKED WITH SMALL CITIES TO DEVELOP
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE SEE A SITE, WE'RE OFTEN TURNED AWAY
9 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE LOCAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE
10 PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE THINK THIS TOOL WILL
11 PROVIDE HELP TO THOSE SMALLER CITIES. WE ALSO THINK THAT IT'S
12 IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADMINISTER
13 THESE DOLLARS. IN ADDITION TO THE HUNDRED MILLION EACH YEAR,
14 THIS WOULD LEVERAGE OVER \$700 MILLION IN OTHER PUBLIC AND
15 PRIVATE SOURCES AND CREATE 5,000 CONSTRUCTION JOBS ANNUALLY.
16 AS A MEMBER OF S.C.A.N.P.H. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
17 MOTION.

18

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

20

21 **ROBIN HUGHES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

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

24

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1 **WENDY CABIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. GREETINGS.
2 IT IS A BLESSING TO BE HERE AND TO BE HEARD. I AM WENDY CABIL
3 FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO END
4 HOMELESSNESS. AND I HAVE A FEW CONCERNS REFERRING TO THE
5 MOTION. CONSUMER INPUT IS NEEDED ON THIS COUNTY AFFORDABLE
6 HOUSING COORDINATING COMMITTEE. WE HAVE VALUABLE INSIGHTS
7 REGARDING THE INTEGRITY OF COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. WILL YOU ALL
8 MAKE ROOM FOR CONSUMERS AT THE TABLE? WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.
9 HAVING BEEN NEWLY APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION I'M REQUESTING AN UPDATE FROM
11 THE COUNTY'S NEW COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY AFFORDABLE COORDINATING
12 COMMITTEE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY WRITTEN SUMMARY. WE MEET
13 THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH FROM 1 TO 4 AT 550 SOUTH VERMONT
14 AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES. FOR MY CONTACT INFORMATION 661-592-
15 3660. NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO PLEASE BE
16 MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SHELTERS. WE NEED MORE IN A.B.
17 AREA AND FUNDING IS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THEM ALL IN OUR COUNTY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

20

21 **WENDY CABIL:** I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER CREATING A TASKFORCE
22 TO REGULATE SHELTERS IF NONE EXIST. AND FINALLY WOULD YOU
23 ALLOW CONSUMERS TO BE INVOLVED IN ADDRESSING ALL ASPECTS OF
24 THE HOMELESS CRISIS? I APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TIME
25 AND CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU. BLESSINGS FOR ALL.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KANG LEE. YES,
3 SIR.

4

5 **ROBIN HUGHES:** I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THERE'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT
6 YOU ALL IN HERE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAUL, WOULD YOU?

9

10 **WALLACE RICHARDSON:** MY NAME IS WALLACE RICHARDSON. I LIVE IN
11 SILVER LAKE. I HAVE HAD A HOME FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.
12 HAVING A HOME HAS ALLOWED ME TO GO TO SCHOOL. I VOLUNTEER WITH
13 VARIOUS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. HAVING A HOME HAS MADE ALL
14 THE DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE. I CALL UPON THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION AS SUBMITTED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. STEPHANIE KLASKY-
18 GAMER. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **LILLIA FUENTES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LILLIA FUENTES. I
21 LIVE IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. I COME FROM THE ORGANIZATION
22 HOUSING LONG BEACH. AS A DIVORCED PARENT, I HAD EMERGENCY
23 SURGERY. I CURRENTLY LIVE IN AN APARTMENT THAT'S THREE
24 BEDROOMS. I CURRENTLY LIVE IN A PLACE THAT HAS A SMALL
25 BEDROOM, SMALL KITCHEN WITH MY CHILDREN. I'M HERE ASKING FOR

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1 YOUR SUPPORT IN THE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. AS A PARENT, I'M
2 OBLIGATED TO MY CHILDREN TO PROVIDE THEM THE BEST EDUCATION
3 AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS. AND I'M OBLIGATED TO GIVE THEM THE
4 BEST BECAUSE THEY DESERVE IT. THEY ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE
5 SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS THE PROFESSIONALS. PLEASE SUPPORT
6 ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR MYSELF AND OTHER FAMILIES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KERWIN
9 MANNING.

10

11 **KANG LEE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DEAR MR. MAYOR AND HONORABLE
12 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY. IT'S NICE TO MEET ALL OF YOU. MY
13 NAME IS KANG NAM LEE. I'M ONE OF THE MANY VOLUNTEERS OF KOREAN
14 RESOURCE CENTER. I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT HOUSING PROBLEMS
15 IN MY COMMUNITY. THERE ARE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS FOR
16 HUMAN BEING TO SURVIVE. THOSE THREE THINGS ARE FOOD, CLOTHING
17 AND A PLACE TO LIVE. WE NEED THESE THREE NECESSITIES OF LIFE
18 TO SUSTAIN OUR LIVES. IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD, WE COULD
19 EAT LESS. IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CLOTHING, WE COULD DRESS
20 SIMPLY. HOWEVER, IF A PERSON DOESN'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE,
21 THAT PERSON BECOMES A HOMELESS. NOT HAVING A PLACE TO LIVE
22 CAUSES HUMAN BEINGS TO LOSE THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY. NOWADAYS
23 THERE IS AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF HOUSING
24 SPACES FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS. BECAUSE OF THIS PROBLEM, SENIOR
25 CITIZENS ARE SUFFERING SEVERELY. THEY USUALLY HAVE TO WAIT FOR

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1 MORE THAN FIVE TO SIX YEARS AFTER SUBMITTING THEIR
2 APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR HOUSING. PLEASE THINK ABOUT OUR
3 SITUATION. WE SENIOR CITIZENS CANNOT LIVE ON THE STREET. IT'S
4 NOT EASY FOR US TO LIVE OFF OUR OFFSPRING, EITHER. I REALLY
5 HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS OUR CURRENT SITUATION AND
6 TRIES TO FIX THIS PROBLEM. PLEASE HELP US. I REALLY HOPE THAT
7 THE AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND OUR CURRENT SITUATION AND TRY TO
8 FIX THIS PROBLEM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

11

12 **KANG LEE:** PLEASE HELP US. YOUNG GENERATIONS COULD HELP FIRST,
13 BECAUSE WE SENIOR CITIZENS SACRIFICED SO MUCH TO BUILD THE
14 SOCIETY.

15

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

17

18 **KANG LEE:** PLEASE PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR US. THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LIFT THE ROOF. KERWIN MANNING? OKAY.

22 KWAZI NKRUMAH AND DORA GALLO YES, MA'AM?

23

24 **STEPHANIE KLASKY-GAMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M

25 STEPHANIE KLASKY-GAMER WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. WE'RE A

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1 REGIONAL HOMELESS SERVICE AGENCY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
2 DEVELOPER WITH PROPERTIES AND SERVICES IN EACH OF YOUR FIVE
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. MOST RECENTLY WE WORKED WITH YOUR
4 TEAM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IN OPENING THE LEWIS APARTMENTS,
5 NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THE SUNLAND- TUJUNGA
6 COMMUNITY OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THE LEWIS APARTMENTS WERE
7 DEVELOPED FOLLOWING L.A. FAMILY HOUSING'S CONCENTRATED
8 OUTREACH ALONG THE TUJUNGA WASH AND ALONG THE FOOTHILLS TO
9 FIND THE MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THOSE
10 INAPPROPRIATE AREAS. TODAY I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT 50 OF
11 THOSE FOLKS NOW HAVE A HOME, AND MANY OF THEM IT IS THEIR
12 FIRST HOME IN DECADES. BUT OUR STREET OUTREACH, OUR CRISIS
13 HOUSING, OUR PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS
14 NOT ENOUGH. WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND
15 WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE
16 COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THREE YEARS AGO WHEN YOU STEPPED UP TO
17 INFUSE CAPITAL IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE LOSS OF OUR
18 C.R.A.S, BUT OUR HOUSING CRISIS AND OUR FUNDING DEFICIT HAVE
19 BOTH GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY AND NOW WE'RE ASKING YOUR SUPPORT TO
20 FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A PERMANENT WAY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TELL YOUR MOM HELLO.

23

24 **STEPHANIE KLASKY-GAMER:** I WILL.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW HER MOTHER. FAMILY FRIEND.
2 SIERRA SEARS.

3

4 **KERWIN MANNING:** MY NAME IS PASTOR KERWIN MANNING AND I'M THE
5 HEAD COACH OF PASADENA CHURCH, THE CHURCH WITH NO LIMITS. AND
6 I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLERGY COMMUNITY
7 COALITION IN PASADENA REPRESENTING MOST OF THE CONGREGATIONS
8 IN OUR CITY. WE'RE HONORED TO BE DOING THE WORK THAT WE'RE
9 DOING IN DISTRICT 5. I'M HERE TODAY TO JOIN WITH ALL THE OTHER
10 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND VOICES IN URGING YOU TO SUPPORT THE
11 HOUSING RECOMMENDATION SPONSORED BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS. I HUMBLY ASK YOU TO VOTE YES CONCERNING THE
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING RECOMMENDATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE AMAZING
14 PEOPLE WHO WORK AND SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO LIVE IN THE
15 SAME COMMUNITIES. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES. THAT YES WILL ENABLE
16 OUR TEACHERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO HAVE THE HELP
17 THAT THEY NEED TO SECURE HOUSING AND LIVE AMONG US. YOUR YES
18 TODAY WILL HELP KEEP OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER AND OUR CHURCHES
19 AND SYNAGOGUES ACTIVE AND ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF ENCOURAGING
20 OUR COMMUNITY. YES TODAY WILL ALIGN OUR COUNTY ON THE SIDE OF
21 JUSTICE AND POSITION US TO PROSPER BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE
22 SCRIPTURES, WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD AND
23 HE WILL REWARD THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. A VOTE YES TODAY
24 WOULD SPEAK VOLUMES TO SO MANY AMONG US WHO ARE WORKING TO
25 MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES GREAT AND TO OUR POSTERITY, OUR

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1 CHILDREN'S CHILDREN WHO WILL BE THE ONES TO TAKE THE MANTLE OF
2 LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE. LET'S PROVE TO THEM THAT ON OUR
3 WATCH, WE DEMONSTRATED CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL. THANK YOU, PASTOR. SIERRA
6 SEARS. YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **DORA GALLO:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS DORA GALLO. I'M
10 THE C.E.O. OF COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
11 ORGANIZATION CONCEIVED BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH IN 1988 WITH THE SPECIFIC MISSION OF DEVELOPING
13 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HOMELESS
14 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 40 BUILDINGS IN
15 OPERATION OR CONSTRUCTION IN ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.
16 I AM THRILLED TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
17 KUEHL RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF UP TO \$100
18 MILLION A YEAR FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. TODAY FOR
19 US IS ABOUT HOPE. HOPE THAT THE COUNTY WILL TAKE THE
20 UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO
21 ADDRESS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW
22 THAT TODAY YOUR DELIBERATION WILL BE ABOUT FISCAL PRUDENCE. WE
23 WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS MOTION DOES NOT TIE THE COUNTY'S
24 HANDS. IT IS NOT A FIRM COMMITMENT TO USE RESIDUAL TAXES. THE
25 KUEHL RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION RECOGNIZES THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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1 CRISIS AS A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITY AND IT GIVES THE
2 C.E.O. THE FLEXIBILITY TO REVIEW THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY
3 AND COME UP WITH THE BEST WAY IN ANY BUDGET YEAR WITH THE
4 ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION A YEAR TO GET TO THAT \$100 MILLION IN
5 THE MOST SUSTAINABLE AND PRUDENT MANNER FOR THE COUNTY. THE
6 MOTION DOES THIS IN A BOLD WAY, IN A PREDICTABLE WAY AND IN A
7 SIGNIFICANT MANNER TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. FOR THE PAST
8 COUPLE OF YEARS WE'VE OBSERVED THE COUNTY BECOMING AN
9 INNOVATOR AMONGST THE 88 CITIES IN ITS JURISDICTION AND HAS
10 SHOWN TRUE LEADERSHIP. PLEASE LET TODAY BE ONE OF THOSE DAYS
11 AND A STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP CRUZ BACA AND ARUN
14 TOLIA. YES, SIR.

15

16 **KWAZI NKRUMAH:** MY NAME IS KWAZI NKRUMAH. I'M THE THE COOCHAIR
17 OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES AND
18 WE WANT TO STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS AND KUEHL. WE FEEL IT IS INCUMBENT ON ALL LEVELS OF
20 GOVERNMENT TO ACT AGGRESSIVELY NOW TO STAUNCH THE BLEEDING
21 THAT'S TAKING PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE
22 TO ESTIMATE WHAT THE RESULTANT DAMAGE OF ALL OF THE
23 DISPLACEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE OUT OF HOUSING, THE
24 IMPACT THAT IT HAS ON CHILDREN, THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS ON
25 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY AND EVERY OTHER

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1 ASPECT OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ABOUT A WEEK AGO, WE
2 TESTIFIED AT A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION
3 HOUSING COMMITTEE THAT WAS HERE AT CITY HALL, THAT WE FEEL
4 THAT A LOT OF OUR GOVERNMENT HAS REALLY ABANDONED THE
5 PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST. AND THAT MUST TURN AROUND.
6 AND WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING A FORWARD STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.
7 WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS AND URGE YOU TO VOTE YES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. RUBEN GARCIA AND
10 RAQUEL ROMAN. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **SIERRA SEARS:** MY NAME IS SIERRA SEARS AND I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
13 THE HOMELESS AND MY FIANCE CHRISTIAN BLOODWORTH WHO IS A
14 VETERAN OF THE MARINES. ME AND MY FIANCE MOVED OUT HERE ABOUT
15 SIX MONTHS AGO. WE HAVE BEEN HOMELESS ON THE STREETS FOR SIX
16 MONTHS. I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO JUST MAKE IT APPARENT THAT
17 YES, THERE ARE RESOURCES AND STUFF, BUT THERE'S A HUGE LACK OF
18 RESOURCES. BEING SENT TO SHELTERS, SENDING WOMEN OUT WITH NO
19 CLOTHES AND SHOES AND JUST COULDN'T HELP THEM. AFTER ALMOST
20 LOSING OUR LIVES DUE TO THE DANGERS OF THE STREET, THANKS TO
21 NEW DIRECTIONS HELPING VETERANS, WE WERE ABLE TO GET A HOUSE
22 AND STABILITY. AND NOW WE CAN GO BACK TO COLLEGE AND GET OUR
23 LIVES BACK. BUT THE MAIN THING IS REALLY THERE'S A LACK OF
24 RESOURCES. AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THE YOUTH
25 A CHANCE, VETERANS, YOUNG MEN WHO ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES

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1 OVERSEAS AND COMING BACK TO THE COUNTRY THEY FOUGHT FOR AND
2 GETTING NO HELP. SO IF WE CAN GET MORE RESOURCES TO THE WOMEN
3 ARE TRYING TO HELP NEW DIRECTIONS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 SANDRA MCNEILL AND ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ. YES, MA'AM. SIR.

7

8 **ARUN TOLIA:** MY NAME IS ARUN TOLIA. I'M DIRECTOR OF THE POMONA
9 VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO PARTICULARLY
10 TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS IN WHOSE
11 DISTRICT OUR CHAPTER EXISTS. I ALSO REQUEST MR. KNABE'S
12 INDULGENCE. THERE'S A STIGMA TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHICH IS
13 THAT IT REDUCES THE VALUE IN THE AREA WHERE HOUSING IS
14 PROVIDED, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. THERE'S ALSO THE
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE MAIN PROBLEM AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS
16 THAT IT'S HANDOUT. IT'S NOT A HANDOUT, IT'S A LEG UP. I
17 RECOMMEND YOU LOOK AT THE LEG UP ASPECT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY
18 AND ALSO LOOK AT THERE IS NO STIGMA BECAUSE HABITAT FOR
19 HUMANITY HAS BUILT 5,000 HOMES NATIONWIDE AND PARTICULARLY IN
20 LA VERNE, WALNUT, CHINO HILLS, WITHOUT AFFECTING THE AREA
21 AROUND IT. THANK YOU, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO CALL UP EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. YES,
24 MA'AM.

25

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1 **RAQUEL ROMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RAQUEL ROMAN. I WORK
2 FOR PROYECTO PASTORAL, A NONPROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY OF BOYLE
3 HEIGHTS. I WANT TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING THIS
4 HOUSING MOTION. AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUADALUPE HOMELESS
5 SHELTER, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE VERY LOW AND EXTREMELY LOW
6 INCOME IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. IT IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE WILL
7 BE ABLE TO HELP ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS. TODAY HOPEFULLY WE
8 WILL TAKE A SMALL STEP TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF LOS
9 ANGELES. THE REALITY, THOUGH, IS THAT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO
10 TO PROPERLY HOUSE THE MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE
11 EXTREMELY AND VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
12 YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RAMYA
15 SIVASUBRAMANIAN AND AAZIN MOHAMMED. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **SANDRA MCNEILL:** HI, SANDRA MCNEILL WITH T.R.U.S.T. SOUTH L.A.,
18 WE'RE A COMMUNITY DRIVEN STRATEGY IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN BOTH
19 THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT TO BUILD VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS
20 AND CHALLENGE DISPLACEMENT OF LOW INCOME FAMILIES FROM SOUTH
21 L.A. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE SUPERVISORS TODAY
22 TO ESTABLISH THIS \$100 MILLION BENEFIT. IT'S CRITICAL THAT
23 WHAT WE DO SEE IS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO
24 STAY IN PLACE. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
25 THAT ARE NOTED AND RECOMMENDATION D IN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE

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1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THAT CALL FOR-- I'M SO SORRY.
2 MY NOTES DISAPPEARED-- AND I CAN'T THINK. THAT I'M SO SORRY.
3 GIVE ME A MOMENT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOSEPH MAIZLISH.

6

7 **OSVALDO GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S OSVALDO GARCIA. I'M
8 HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HERNANDO MARTINEZ WHO HAD SIGNED
9 UP. SO I'M WITH THE EAST LAKE COMMUNITY CORPORATION. AND FOR
10 THE PAST 20 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ECONOMIC SOCIAL
11 JUSTICE TO THE EAST SIDE. THAT INCLUDES BOYLE HEIGHTS AND
12 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. WE DO THAT BY DEVELOPING
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROVIDING ACCESS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND ALSO
15 WANTED TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
16 AND KUEHL FOR TODAY'S MOTION. WE WANTED TO ALSO EXPRESS OUR
17 SUPPORT OF THE ITEM 22. AND WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE
18 FOLLOWING FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. NUMBER 1, WE SET ASIDE FUNDING
19 FOR FAMILY HOUSING, NOT SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY PROJECTS, AT 30
20 PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. NUMBER 2, SET ASIDE FUNDING
21 FOR PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS FOR FAMILY UNITS, NOT SPECIAL NEEDS
22 UNITS. NUMBER 3, ELIMINATING THE \$2.5 MILLION CAP FOR
23 PROJECTS. AND NUMBER 4, ALLOWING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
24 COMMISSION WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO OFFER TWO N.O.F.A.S
25 PER YEAR. CURRENTLY IT'S ONLY ONE. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
5 IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M HERE TO
6 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS MOTION. NOT
7 ONLY DOES IT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE PEOPLE IN OUR
8 COMMUNITIES A HOME, BUT IT ALSO GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP
9 THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
10 INCARCERATED FOR MINOR THINGS BECAUSE THEY'RE HOMELESS. AND
11 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEM HOUSING. AND ALSO PEOPLE
12 SAY WELL YOU KNOW PEOPLE DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO INTO SERVICES
13 LIKE DRUG TREATMENT OR MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE OF THE MISSING
14 HAMMER. BUT WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP, SERVICES
15 LIKE DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH ARE NOT THEIR FIRST--
16 THE FIRST THING ON THEIR LIST. SO JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
17 GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY AND HELPING THE PEOPLE IN THE
18 COMMUNITY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GABRIEL BIBS. KENNETH
21 DAVIS.

22

23 **SAIRA MUHAMMAD:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS SAIRA MUHAMMAD. I
24 CEASED TO BE HOMELESS AS OF JULY THE 31ST OF THIS YEAR DUE TO
25 THE A COALITION OF PEOPLE TO HELP ME GET OFF THE STREETS. BUT

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1 TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY SYMPATHETIC TO THE
2 PLIGHT OF THE HOMELESS, I WANT TO APPEAL TO YOUR SENSE OF
3 ECONOMICS. I ESTIMATE FROM MY INJURIES, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IT
4 COST THE TAXPAYER FOR ME TO GET HIT BY A SHOTGUN BLAST WHILE I
5 WAS HOMELESS COSTS THOUSANDS. WHEN YOU TAKE THE SOCIAL
6 SECURITY, I THINK MY HOMELESSNESS WOULD PROBABLY COST THE
7 GOVERNMENT A FEW MILLION DOLLARS. I WAS HOMELESS CLOSE TO 30
8 YEARS. THE TOLL OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE KILLING LOSS OF LIFE AND
9 THE EXPENSE AND IT'S NOT GOING TO GET ANY BETTER IF NOTHING IS
10 DONE BECAUSE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE CONVERGING
11 HERE IN THIS STATE AND IN THIS CITY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MOST
12 LIBERAL BENEFITS AND NOT ONLY THAT, THE CLIMATE. YOU DON'T
13 HAVE TO WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT FREEZING TO DEATH. AND PEOPLE ALL
14 OVER THE WORLD ARE WATCHING WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL
17 WILLIAM LUCAS, AND BIANCA JACKSON. AND MATTHEW VILLASENOR

18

19 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND
20 SUPERVISORS. I WAS VERY MOVED LAST WEEK AT THE SPECIAL MEETING
21 THAT WAS HELD WITH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
22 DEVELOPMENT AND ALL OF YOU HAD POWERFUL THINGS TO SAY ABOUT
23 THE WAY THAT THESE ISSUES ALL FIT TOGETHER. JUST FOR TIME'S
24 SAKE I'LL QUOTE THE REMARK THAT'S BEEN STICKING WITH ME.
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID "WE ARE LOSING GROUND. DESPITE

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1 THE ACTIVITIES, THE SUCCESS IN HOUSING MANY PEOPLE, WE ARE
2 LOSING GROUND. " AND THAT JUST STUCK WITH ME. AND THAT MAKES
3 ME THINK THAT WE NEED TO GO TO COMBINE IN SOME WAY THE BIGGER
4 PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE YOU NOW WITH THE PROCEDURAL AND
5 FINANCIAL CAUTION THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE USUALLY CONTRIBUTES ON
6 THESE THINGS AND TO HAVE YOU FOLKS WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE IT
7 REALISTICALLY ACHIEVED STEP-BY-STEP. BUT I'D LIKE TO PICK THE
8 BIGGEST AMBITION POSSIBLE. ALSO, WE MAY NEED TO DO, GO EVEN
9 BEYOND THAT AND STUDY WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF THE HOMELESSNESS,
10 TOO, THAT YOU THEN HAVE TO DEAL WITH. SO WE WORK UPSTREAM AS
11 WELL AS DOWNSTREAM. BUT I HOPE THERE CAN BE A WAY TO COMBINE
12 THESE SENSITIVITIES IN BOTH THESE MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE YOU
13 AND GO FOR JUST THE BIGGEST THAT YOU CAN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
16 DANIEL CLAY. YES, SIR.

17

18 **MATTHEW VILLASENOR:** HI, MY NAME IS MATTHEW VILLASENOR. WHEN I
19 WAS 19 I WAS KICKED OUT OF MY CHILDHOOD HOME FOR BEING GAY.
20 AFTER THAT, I SPENT THREE YEARS ON THE STREET JUST TRYING TO
21 SURVIVE DAY BY DAY DOING ANYTHING I COULD FROM SINGING FOR
22 DOLLARS TO FULL-ON PROSTITUTION. PROGRAMS LIKE PENNY LANE,
23 WHICH I AM PART OF RIGHT NOW, HAVE ALLOWED ME A STEPPING
24 STONE, A STEP ONE, IF YOU WOULD, TO TAKE MYSELF OUT OF THE
25 SITUATION WHERE I HAD NO ONE AND NOTHING TO HAVING STABILITY

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1 AND FINDING A WAY TO BE A REAL ADULT. I'M ONLY 24. AND I'VE
2 SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN L.A. ON THE STREETS. BUT BECAUSE OF
3 ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS, I REALLY CAN START OVER AGAIN. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP NORMAN
7 CERSWELL. YES, SIR.

8

9 **WILLIAM LUCAS:** MY NAME IS WILLIAM LUCAS. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT
10 OF RIVERS HOTEL S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION SINCE AUGUST OF
11 2006. AND I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PAY MY RENT EVER SINCE. AND THAT'S
12 THE WHOLE POINT AND PURPOSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL HAVING A PLACE
13 WHERE HE OR SHE CAN COME HOME TO AND FEEL COMFORTABLE. AT THE
14 END OF THE DAY THAT I CAN PAY FOR WHERE I STAY. AND I'M
15 GRATEFUL THAT. I GOT STRICKEN WITH MENINGITIS IN 2005. SO I'M
16 LEGALLY DEAF, LEGALLY BLIND. I ALSO CAN'T SMELL. I AM JUST SO
17 GRATEFUL FOR WHAT AFFORDABLE LOW INCOME HOUSING HAS PROVIDED
18 FOR ME AND MANY OTHERS AND THE DOMINO EFFECT THAT IT HAS IN
19 REGARDS TO THE FOOD BANKS AND OTHER AGENCIES I REACH OUT TO
20 THE FACT THAT IT IS LOW INCOME. SO PLEASE, I PRAY YOU GUYS
21 WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MARSHA TEMPLE AND
24 GERALD THOMPSON. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **BIANCA JACKSON:** HI, MY NAME IS BIANCA JACKSON. SORRY I DIDN'T
2 PREPARE A SPEECH. I AM JUST SPEAKING FROM THE HEART. I'M
3 REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT OF LOS
4 ANGELES, BETTER KNOWN AS SKID ROW. AND I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU
5 ALL KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF AND HOW LACK OF AFFORDABLE
6 HOUSING HAS IMPACTED ME. IT TORE APART MY FAMILY. WHEN I GOT
7 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. AND I
8 REACHED OUT TO 211 AND ALSO D.P.S.S. THEY GIVE YOU LIKE \$66 A
9 DAY FOR THE HOUSING VOUCHER, FOR THE HOTEL VOUCHER.
10 UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THE HOTELS WERE FULL. AND SO IT WAS MYSELF
11 AND I HAD MY TWO-YEAR-OLD SON, AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO
12 GO, NO WHERE ELSE TO TURN. I HAD TO SACRIFICE MY SON BECAUSE I
13 DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. SO I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE KNOWS
14 WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE TO LOOK AT THEIR CHILD AND SAY, "I
15 CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOU ANYMORE BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE
16 FOR YOU TO LIVE." AND I HAD TO GIVE HIM UP BECAUSE I HAD NO
17 OTHER OPTION. I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO DO THAT IF THERE WAS
18 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND SO I KNOW THAT MY
19 TIME IS UP BUT I JUST HOPE THAT MY STORY TODAY HAS INSPIRED
20 YOU ALL TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION FOR BUDGETING FOR
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE THERE IS A DESPERATE NEED FOR THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JERRY NEUMAN AND RAHABD
24 MITCHELL. YES, SIR.

25

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1 **DANIEL CLAY:** MY NAME IS DANIEL CLAY. I WAS ILLEGALLY EVICTED.
2 PUBLIC AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS ALLOWED ME TO BE A BETTER
3 PERSON, TO BETTER MYSELF, TO PROVE TO THE NAY SAYERS THAT IF A
4 PERSON REALLY WANTS AND NEEDS TO CHANGE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE
5 REHABILITATED THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT PREVENT AND STOP
6 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MY HOUSING HAS HELPED
7 ME FIND MYSELF IN GOD THROUGH TRUE REPENTANCE. SO PLEASE GIVE
8 S.R.O. MORE FUNDING. ABOUT HALF A BILLION WOULD BE FINE. GOD
9 BLESS Y'ALL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MATTHEW
12 SMITH. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM MARSHA TEMPLE, EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WHILE I GENERALLY
16 SUPPORT THE MOTION, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU ALREADY
17 KNOW. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 44,000
18 PEOPLE THAT ARE SLEEPING IN ALLEY, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, TODAY
19 AND TONIGHT. I SUPPORT THE MOTION GENERALLY. I THINK IT'S A
20 GOOD IDEA TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT IT WILL TAKE
21 AT LEAST THREE YEARS TO GET EVEN ONE OF THESE UNITS ONLINE.
22 AND I URGE YOU IN THE NAME OF PRACTICALITY AND HUMANITY, TO
23 MAKE SOME OF THIS MONEY AVAILABLE TO GET PEOPLE IN HOUSING
24 NOW. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DIANA
2 ZUNIGA.

3

4 **RAHABD MITCHELL:** MY NAME IS RAHABD MITCHELL. I'M REPRESENTING
5 UNITED JOB CREATION COUNCIL AND ANCHOR OF HOPE MINISTRIES
6 WHERE JEAN FRANKLIN IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I APPEAL TO YOU
7 TO SAY YES TO THIS MOTION. AND I ALSO AGREE WITH PROVIDING
8 IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON THE
9 STREETS. AND ALSO THE RE-ENTRY OF EX OFFENDERS BACK INTO THE
10 COMMUNITY IS A HOMELESS ISSUE, AS WELL. SO I'D LIKE YOU TO
11 ADDRESS THAT CONCERN. HOW WILL WE CONTINUE TO ALLOW A MAN OR
12 WOMAN TO COME OUT OF PRISON AND THEN WALK TO SKID ROW AND
13 THAT'S WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN? SO I HOPE YOU'LL APPLIED SOME
14 KIND OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE RE-ENTRY PROCESS, PROVIDE SOME
15 KIND OF PROTOCOL FOR ASSISTING THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT WILL
16 BE RETURNING FROM PRISON. IT'S A BIG CONCERN, AND WE'RE HOPING
17 TO ADDRESS IT THROUGH THE CHURCHES BUT WE'D LIKE TO APPEAL TO
18 THE SUPERVISORS, PARTICULARLY S.P.A. 6 AND MARK RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS'S SECOND DISTRICT WHERE WE HAVE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
20 RETURNING. WE NEED SOME MONEY THERE. WE NEED SOME HOUSING
21 SHELTERS THERE. WE NEED DOLLARS IN S.P.A. 6 AND IN THE SECOND
22 DISTRICT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
25 OSVALDO GARCIA AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? YES, SIR.

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1

2 **JERRY NEUMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JERRY NEUMAN AND, I'M REPRESENTING
4 HOME FOR GOOD AS WELL AS LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
5 THE BUSINESS LEADERS TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. THROUGH THE
6 TIME THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AS THE BUSINESS LEADERS
7 TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOME FOR GOOD, WE HAVE
8 RECOGNIZED THAT THIS IS MORE THAN A MORAL IMPERATIVE; IT IS AN
9 ECONOMIC ONE. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE KUEHL-RIDLEY-THOMAS
10 MOTION BECAUSE WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD AND HAVE COME TO LEARN THAT
11 BY ADDRESSING OUR ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, BY PUTTING PEOPLE IN
12 HOUSING, WE REDUCE THE COSTS TO THE COUNTY. WE REDUCE THE FACT
13 THAT YOU HAVE THE COST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COST OF MEDICAL
14 SERVICES DOWN THE LINE. AND WE INCREASE THE VIABILITY OF OUR
15 NEIGHBORHOODS AND OF BUSINESSES WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. IT
16 IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. OVER THE LAST 4-1/2
17 YEARS WE HAVE HOUSED OVER 23,000 PEOPLE. WE KNOW THAT THE
18 ADDITION OF RESOURCES CHANGES THE EQUATION. IT HAS CHANGED IT
19 FOR VETERANS. AND WE NOW NEED TO TURN THOSE RESOURCES TOWARDS
20 THE REMAINING HOMELESS POPULATION AND WE BELIEVE THIS MOTION
21 WILL DO THAT SO WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP BOOKER
24 PERSON, ERIC PREVEN, RUTH SARNOFF. YES, SIR.

25

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1 **MATTHEW SMITH:** NAME IS MATTHEW SMITH. I WORK WITH NEW
2 DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS. I JUST WANT TO REAL QUICKLY SHARE HOW
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKS. I AM A FORMERLY HOMELESS VETERAN.
4 SPENT MORE THAN 25 PLUS YEARS ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES,
5 ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND LIVING THAT WAY. I WAS PUT
6 OUT OF THE MILITARY BECAUSE I GOT SHOT SIX TIMES. I DIDN'T
7 HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, BACK ON THE STREET. I'M ADVOCATING FOR
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IF IT WAS NOT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I
9 WOULD NOT BE SITTING HERE TALKING WITH YOU GUYS TODAY. I WAS
10 GIVEN A HOUSING VOUCHER. AND I WAS GIVEN AN INCOME. THIS
11 PROGRAM I WAS IN, THEY HIRED ME. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK NOW
12 FOR NINE YEARS. BEEN SOBER NOW FOR 10 YEARS. AFFORDABLE
13 HOUSING WORKS. JUST HEARING ALL THE STORIES, IT JUST
14 SOLIDIFIES WHAT THIS MEASURE WILL DO FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
17 WAYNE SPINDLER.

18

19 **BOOKER PEARSON:** HI. BOOKER PEARSON. THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR
20 AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I COME TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION. THAT
22 IS MY OPINION. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE WITH A FEW FACTS. I'M ALSO
23 CHAIR OF THE COUNTY D.P.S.S. COMMISSION AND I'M A COMMISSIONER
24 FOR THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. I COME AS A
25 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF UPPER BOUND HOUSE. IN THE LATEST

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1 D.P.S.S. COUNT OF HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM
2 CALWORKS IS 16,500. IT HAS GONE UP 200 PERCENT IN THE LAST
3 NINE YEARS. THE NUMBER OF TOTAL FAMILIES ON CALWORKS HAS GONE
4 UP 8 PERCENT. WE HAVE A TSUNAMI OF HOMELESS FAMILIES AND
5 CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY. THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS
6 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES BETWEEN
7 THE 2013 COUNT, THE 2015 COUNT WENT UP 40 PERCENT. THE NUMBER
8 OF EVERYBODY HOMELESS WENT UP ONLY 12 PERCENT. AND YET WE HAVE
9 AN EMERGENCY. WE HAVE SO MANY HOMELESS CHILDREN ON THE STREETS
10 OF THIS COUNTY. IT IS IMMORAL AND ACTUALLY ECONOMIC SUICIDE.

11

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

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
15 DISTRICT 3. I WOULD THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THIS
16 ISSUE FORWARD YET AGAIN. AND THE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IS A
17 SUBSTANTIAL SUM. AND I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS ARE
18 SPLIT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO FUND IT
19 WHICH WOULD BE LESS. OBVIOUSLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER THE FUNDING
20 HAS TO BE IN PLACE AND THE QUESTION IS WHAT TO DO? THERE ARE
21 SO MANY PRIORITIES, AND YOU'VE HEARD FROM SO MANY ARTICULATE
22 CHARACTERS. ONE CONCERN IS IF WE'RE GOING TO BE FEEDING THIS
23 MONEY TO GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE PROBLEM, IS
24 THERE A NEW APPROACH? WE HAVE AN INCARCERATION PROBLEM, GUYS.
25 WE ARE INCARCERATING THE HOMELESS AT THE MOMENT. SO WE NEED TO

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1 BUILD SOMETHING THAT'S AN ALTERNATIVE TO THAT. NOW PERMANENT
2 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS A GREAT IDEA, ESPECIALLY IF THERE WAS A
3 WORK DIMENSION. I WAS TALKING TO DR. KATZ ABOUT SOMETHING
4 MODELED SIMILARLY TO A KIBBUTZ WHERE THERE'S A COOPERATIVE
5 FEELING. NOW 8 PERCENT BEING CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE BY
6 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO
7 HAVE TO DISCUSS, BECAUSE THAT'S \$8 MILLION EVERY YEAR TO MR.
8 ROGAN ET AL. WHAT FOR? CAN'T THEY SIMPLY DO IT AS PART OF
9 THEIR WORK FUNCTION? THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS SARNOFF. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MIKE
12 ALVIDREZ AND VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WAS THINKING OF THE FIGURE \$1
15 MILLION OR \$100 MILLION AND I'M THINKING CONSIDERING THAT'S
16 ABOUT THE COST OF BUILDING SOME OF THE UNITS THAT ARE HERE IN
17 THE CITY AS PART OF THE PROJECTS THAT ARE UNFOLDING HERE, THE
18 90 PROJECTS WITH THE SKYSCRAPERS AND ALL OF THE MONEY HERE, WE
19 ARE NOT A POOR COMMUNITY; IT IS SIMPLY IN THE WRONG POCKETS. I
20 WOULD SAY THAT THAT'S A CONSERVATIVE FIGURE AND I WOULD SAY IT
21 SHOULD BE EVERY YEAR AT LEAST 100 MILLION. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE
22 IT BIGGER. AND I THINK IT COULD BE BIGGER IF WE WOULD DO A
23 NUMBER OF THINGS. IF WE WOULD TAX OIL WEALTH. I THINK WE'RE
24 ONE OF THE CITIES THAT DON'T DO IT AROUND THE COUNTRY. THERE'S

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1 OTHER THINGS. I THINK WE NEED TO COLLECT FEES FOR BLIGHT AND
2 OTHER THINGS BUILD UP THE PLUS SIDE TO FUND IT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO CALL UP WILLIAM HUANG
5 AND ZAHIRAH MANN. YES, SIR.

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YEAH, ONE OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER
8 IS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE WEALTHY COMMUNITIES
9 BECAUSE THERE'S A LAWSUIT ALL THE WAY UP TO THE SUPREME COURT
10 THAT TALKS ABOUT THE DIVERSIFICATION OF LOCATIONS OF
11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ALL THE TIME YOU STICK THE SAME PROBLEMS
12 IN THE SAME PROBLEM AREAS. YOU HAVE TO EXPAND OUT. SO WE
13 SHOULD BUILD A HOMELESS SHELTER ON P.C.H. IN MALIBU. IT WOULD
14 BE THE PERFECT PLACE. ANOTHER IN BEVERLY HILLS. ANOTHER IN
15 CHEVIOT HILLS. ANOTHER IN PACIFIC PALISADES. THESE PEOPLE
16 SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND EMBRACE THE NEEDY AND LESS FORTUNATE.
17 AND I'M SURE THEY WOULD JUST OPEN THEIR ARMS TO THESE PEOPLE,
18 WOULDN'T THEY? YES, THEY WOULD. YES, THEY WOULD, OUR LITTLE
19 FRIENDS ON THE BOARD. OH, THE MALIBU HOMELESS SHELTER. A DREAM
20 COME TRUE.

21

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

23

24 **ZAHIRAH MANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND HONORABLE
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ZAHIRAH MANN AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING

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1 UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL FOR
3 THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION. AT UNITED WAY, WE'VE WORKED
4 TO END POVERTY AND WE DO THIS THROUGH ISSUES RELATED TO
5 EDUCATION, FINANCIAL STABILITY AND HOUSING STABILITY. TO THIS
6 END, IN 2011 WE LAUNCHED HOME FOR GOOD WHICH IS A PARTNERSHIP
7 WITH THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THAT WAS ALSO USHERED
8 IN BY THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS LEADERS TASKFORCE AND IS
9 SUPPORTED BY HUNDREDS OF PARTNERS. HOME FOR GOOD FOCUSES ON
10 ENDING CHRONIC AND VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND CREATING PATHWAYS
11 FOR ENDING ALL FORMS OF HOMELESSNESS. AS PART OF THIS WORK, WE
12 DO WORK WITH THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, WHICH IS A WAY OF
13 LINKING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS TO HOUSING AS QUICKLY AS
14 POSSIBLE. ONE OF THOSE POSSIBILITIES IN TERMS OF HOUSING IS
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS CRITICAL TO
16 ENDING HOMELESSNESS. I JUST WANT TO REFERENCE A MEMO THAT GARY
17 TOBIN FROM THE L.A. CHAMBER SENT TO ALL OF YOUR OFFICES IN
18 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AS WELL. AND IN IT MR. TOBIN SAID "AT
19 THE END OF THE DAY, THE REMEDY FOR HOMELESSNESS IS HOMES." AND
20 IN THAT SPIRIT, THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HOMES TO OUR HOMELESS
21 NEIGHBORS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT
2 TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SPOKE AND THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO
3 SUPPORT THEM, WHETHER YOU SPOKE OR NOT OR JUST DID THIS. YOU
4 WERE VERY ELOQUENT. AND ELOQUENT ABOUT SO MANY OF THE PIECES
5 THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ADDRESS AND WILL CONTINUE TO
6 ADDRESS ON THE BOARD BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE BE ALL AND END
7 ALL OF OUR APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING. WE HAVE PUT
8 MONEY INTO THE BUDGET THIS YEAR, AS YOU KNOW, FOR HEALTH
9 SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, FOR HOUSING, TEMPORARY HOUSING
10 SHELTER AND OTHER KIND OF WAYS THAT WE WILL TRY TO SERVE THIS
11 YEAR. WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS TO TRY TO TAKE A LONGER
12 APPROACH BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS DID
13 SAY AND IT WAS JUST QUOTED BY ONE OF YOU, WHEN WE MET WITH THE
14 SECRETARY OF H.U.D., WE CAN'T KEEP UP. WE'RE FALLING BEHIND. I
15 DON'T KNOW THAT ANYTHING WILL HELP US REALLY KEEP UP. BUT I
16 KNOW THAT ADDING THIS TO THE PANOPLY OF APPROACHES THAT WE ARE
17 TAKING THIS YEAR AND BEYOND, THIS MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
18 IS NOT JUST ABOUT HOUSING PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY HOMELESS.
19 THIS IS ALSO A WAY OF TRYING TO BUILD FOR A FUTURE WHERE
20 PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEIR HOUSING AND THEREFORE WILL
21 NOT LOSE IT AND BECOME HOMELESS. IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS FOR. BUT IT IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE WAYS
23 IN WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO DO SOME LONG-TERM PLANNING. ONE OF
24 THE WITNESSES SAID, THINK THE BIGGEST, OKAY? THIS MOTION IS
25 THINKING THE BIGGEST. I FEEL VERY SECURE LOOKING AT THE BUDGET

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1 POSSIBILITIES FOR 2016-'17 WHEN THIS WOULD BEGIN THAT WE CAN
2 FIND THAT \$20 MILLION. THAT'S THE FIRST INSTALLMENT. I FEEL
3 ALMOST AS SECURE IN 2017-'18 THAT WE WILL FIND THE \$40
4 MILLION. I HOPE I'LL BE HERE UNTIL 2026. AND I WANT TO TELL
5 YOU THAT EVERY SINGLE YEAR WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR C.E.O.
6 TO FIND, IDENTIFY AND INVEST THAT 100 MILLION BECAUSE I'LL
7 TELL YOU, WE CAN DO IT. WE CAN DO IT. THAT MONEY CAN BE FOUND
8 AND THAT MONEY WILL BE THERE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL
9 CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO NEED TEMPORARY HOUSING. BUT
10 IT'S A WAY OF MOVING PEOPLE THROUGH AND INTO PERMANENT
11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR CO-
12 SPONSORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
13 HOPEFULLY A POSITIVE VOTE AND WORKING TOGETHER INTO THE FUTURE
14 WITH OUR WONDERFUL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, WITH MY FELLOW
15 SUPERVISORS, BUT MOST OF ALL WITH YOU IN THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU
16 WERE NOT DOING THIS WORK, THIS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND SHOUT
21 OUT TO MY COLLEAGUE, SHEILA KUEHL, FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS
22 ISSUE. SHE'S BEEN INTENSE AND PASSIONATE ABOUT IT, AND
23 APPROPRIATELY SO. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, WE SALUTE THAT. I'M
24 PLEASED TO CO-AUTHOR THIS BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE TO COME TO A
25 FULL APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING A

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1 HOUSING CRISIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROPORTIONS. IT CAN'T BE SAID
2 ENOUGH. WE SIMPLY HAVE TO DO MORE. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARE
3 DOING NOTHING. IT MEANS WE ARE NOT DOING ENOUGH. TOO MANY
4 ANGELINOS CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE IN THIS TOWN, THIS REGION. TOO
5 MANY ARE LIVING IN POVERTY. YOU'VE HEARD THAT FROM THE
6 TESTIMONY THAT WAS ELOQUENTLY STATED BY MANY OF THE SPEAKERS.
7 AND TOO MANY LIVE ON THE BRINK OF HOMELESSNESS. JUST TOO MANY.
8 I KNOW THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT IS A CONTRIBUTING
9 FACTOR TO WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING IN TERMS OF THE SLOWING OF
10 THE BUILDING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SOME OF US HAVE TO
11 RECOGNIZE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.
12 BUT THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT THIS MOTION SEEKS TO DO. I KNOW
13 THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY DOES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 15 AND 25
14 MILLION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND I DECLARE THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.
15 IT IS SIMPLY INSUFFICIENT. THEREFORE WE'VE GOT TO PUSH HARDER,
16 PUSH FASTER AND BE STRATEGIC ABOUT IT. THAT STRATEGY NEEDS TO
17 BE COMPREHENSIVE. WE NEED TO BUILD A WAY THAT WE BRING THIS
18 MATTER TO SCALE. A BIG JOB. NO ONE IS UNDER THE MISTAKEN
19 IMPRESSION THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. WE DO HAVE
20 A LOT OF WORK TO DO. I JUST SIMPLY SAY WE OUGHT TO DO IT
21 TOGETHER. AGAIN, THE BOTTOM LINE IS, WE'VE GOT TO WORK HARDER,
22 WE'VE GOT TO WORK SMARTER. WE'VE GOT TO SCALE UP AND WE'VE GOT
23 TO RECOGNIZE THE CRISIS THAT CURRENTLY ENVELOPS US. WE NEEDN'T
24 BE PARALYZED BY IT. THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS COME
25 FORWARD WITH THE MOTION THAT SEEKS TO OUTLINE HOW WE CAN

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1 INCREMENTALLY DO THIS WORK. NOBODY IS CLAIMING THAT THIS IS
2 THE PANACEA. BUT IT DOES REFLECT A LOT OF FEEDBACK. IT
3 ADDRESSES BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM HOUSING NEEDS. IT IS
4 NOT EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT IT
5 ADDRESSES THAT. IT DOES CALL FOR RAPID REHOUSING WHICH WE
6 ADDRESSED JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO BECAUSE WE KNOW THE URGENCY OF
7 THE MOMENT. IT'S NOT SIMPLY A CRISIS THAT CAN BE IGNORED BUT
8 IT'S A CRISIS THAT NEEDS TO BE MET WITH OUR MORAL CAPACITY AND
9 OUR CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL CAPACITY. AND THAT'S WHAT THE
10 MOTION SEEKS TO DEAL WITH. IT CALLS FOR A GOVERNING MODEL, A
11 GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT WILL HELP WITH IMPLEMENTATION. SO IT'S
12 NOT AS THOUGH THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO BE PUSHED
13 WAY BACK INTO THE RECESSES OF THE BUREAUCRACY NEVER TO BE SEEN
14 AGAIN. THERE WILL, IN FACT, BE THE KIND OF ATTENTION TO
15 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IT WARRANTS. SO I THINK WE HAVE SOMETHING
16 HERE THAT'S DOABLE. IT'S AS AUDACIOUS AS IT IS ASPIRATIONAL.
17 AND THAT'S WHAT GOOD PUBLIC POLICY OUGHT TO BE. WE CAN DO
18 THIS. AND WE OUGHT TO DO IT NOW. I CONCUR WITH THE CO-AUTHOR
19 OF THE MOTION AND ASK FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MATTER
20 BEFORE US. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. LET ME BEGIN BY OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT ITEM 1-D.
25 AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 22, MY SUBSTITUTE MOTION, IF YOU WANT TO

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1 CALL IT THAT, THAT'S REALLY AS IT RELATES TO ITEM NO. 2 IN
2 YOUR MOTION, I SUPPORT ALL THE OTHER ITEMS, 1, 3, 5, 4, 6, 7,
3 8 9, THE WE THEREFORE MOVES AND EVERYTHING ELSE ABOUT IT. I
4 WOULD ONLY ASK FOR THE CONSIDERATION BASED ON MY CONVERSATION
5 WITH THE C.E.O. THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF ALL THIS IS
6 SUSTAINABILITY, THAT WE CAN DELIVER WHAT WE NEED TO DELIVER. I
7 THINK THIS BOARD HAS MADE ITS PRIORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I
8 SUPPORT THAT. JUST HAD A WONDERFUL RIBBON CUTTING WITH 90 NEW
9 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAST WEEK WITH OUR GOOD FRIEND WHO
10 PUT THE COUNTY ON ITS PATH THROUGH LITIGATION JUDGE HARRY
11 PREGERSON. WE HAD THE PREGERSON TOWER DOWN AT THE VILLAGES AT
12 CABRILLO FOR BOTH HOMELESS AS WELL AS VETERANS HOMELESS. SO I
13 WOULD ONLY ASK THAT AT LEAST THE MOTION I PUT OUT HERE BE PART
14 OF THE REPORT BACK, TO LOOK AT AS A POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE
15 FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY INSTEAD OF JUST DOING 20, 20, 20. FOR
16 EXAMPLE, MINE IS 28 MILLION THE FIRST YEAR, 28 MILLION THE
17 SECOND YEAR, THIRD YEAR, YOU GET UP TO 100 MILLION, BUT AS I
18 UNDERSTAND IT, IT'S \$100 MILLION PER YEAR, AM I CORRECT? MINE
19 IS NOT. BUT MINE WORKS OFF THE BASIS OF THE EXCESS DOLLARS
20 THAT WE HAVE, 20 PERCENT AS YOU SAID SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
21 THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE HAVE OF A RESPONSIBILITY.
22 THAT'S THE ONE ITEM THAT EVERYBODY FORGOT ABOUT IN ALL THE
23 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, WAS THE 20 PERCENT
24 SET ASIDE. I THINK WE HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH
25 THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THAT'S WHAT I'M ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE

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1 AS IT RELATES TO MY ITEM. NOT TO UNWIND EVERYTHING, BUT
2 EVERYTHING ELSE, IT'S THE WAY WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF
3 THE IMPORTANT JOB THAT WE HAVE TO DO HERE IN AFFORDABLE
4 HOUSING. AND I WOULD JUST ASK THAT MY MOTION BE PART OF NUMBER
5 2 OR PART OF WHATEVER PART IS THE REPORT BACK IN 150 DAYS,
6 THAT AT LEAST IT'S LOOKED AT AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO FINANCE. WE
7 CAN ALWAYS GO ABOVE THAT OR BEYOND THAT, BUT IT'S A WAY TO
8 FINANCE THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT THAT WE'RE DOING HERE IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR
14 MAKING SURE THAT HOUSING IS OUR PRIORITY AND WE'VE HEARD TIME
15 AND TIME AGAIN THE LACK OF AFFORDABILITY AND THE FACT THAT WE
16 DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THIS IMPORTANT STOCK. IT'S ALMOST AS
17 IMPORTANT AS THE AIR THAT WE BREATHE, BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T
18 FIND A PLACE TO LIVE AND RAISE YOUR FAMILY AND HAVE SOME SENSE
19 OF SECURITY, THEN WHERE DO YOU GO? YOU END UP IN OUR
20 WATERSHEDS? OFF RAMPS? ON OUR SIDEWALKS? MAYBE HALF A BLOCK
21 OUT FROM HERE, WHICH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO DO MORE.
22 AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR FOR BRINGING
23 THIS FORWARD. WHAT I THINK WE NEED TO DO, THOUGH, IS OUR
24 DISCUSSION WE HAD EARLIER ABOUT EXIDE, HOLDING OTHER
25 INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE. AND THAT MEANS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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1 AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T HAVE REDEVELOPMENT MONEY
2 ANYMORE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE NEED WENT AWAY. IT DIDN'T. IT'S
3 STILL HERE. AND WE KNOW WE'RE FACED WITH WORKING WITH LIMITED
4 DOLLARS NOW. AND I THINK WE'RE IN A BETTER POSITION. THIS
5 BOARD IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO DO THAT. AND THANK GOODNESS
6 FOR THAT. AND I COMMEND OUR C.E.O. FOR WORKING WITH THE AUTHOR
7 OF THE MOTION TO THINK ABOUT WHAT RESOURCES WE CAN DIP OUR
8 HANDS INTO AND THEN SET ASIDE BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE
9 FUTURE OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE SAW COME FORWARD DURING
10 MY DISCUSSION ON EXIDE. I WANT THEM TO HAVE A FUTURE. I WANT
11 THEM TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE. A CLEAN LIFE, CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS
12 AND CLEAN HOUSING. SO I WOULD OFFER UP MY SUPPORT. AS YOU KNOW
13 THIS IS SOMETHING WE CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT IN THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK THE C.E.O. FROM THE PAST
17 POLICIES THAT WE'VE DONE THIS YEAR, HOW MUCH WAS ASSUMED FROM
18 REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION TAX INCREMENT FUNDS?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** FOR THIS PAST YEAR, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT
21 THAT? SO \$140 MILLION WAS USED TO BALANCE THE FISCAL YEAR
22 '15/'16 BUDGET.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE HAD
25 REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND RECEIVED OVER \$207

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1 MILLION FROM REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION. THE CURRENT BUDGET
2 POLICY STATES THAT BEGINNING IN 2016/'17, WE ARE TO SET ASIDE
3 50 PERCENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX INCREMENTS GROWTH FOR
4 GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE
5 REQUIREMENTS. WILL ITEM 1-D SUPERSEDE THAT BOARD POLICY?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL
8 AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION IT DOES NOT SUPERSEDE THE BOARD'S
9 POLICY. THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE FLEXIBILITY TO LOOK AT ALL
10 SOURCES OF FUNDING AND REPORT BACK.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN THE GOVERNOR RECENTLY SIGNED
13 LEGISLATION TO NOW ALLOW CITIES TO FORM COMMUNITY
14 REVITALIZATION INVESTMENT AUTHORITIES, BASICALLY
15 REDEVELOPMENT. HAVE ANY CITIES MADE A REQUEST? OR ARE HAVE
16 THERE BEEN ANY INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS ASKING THE COUNTY TO
17 JOIN THE AUTHORITY?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANYBODY
20 THAT HAS CONTACTED THE COUNTY AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHEN A CITY DOES MAKE THAT
23 REQUEST, WHAT IS THAT PROCESS?

24

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME I THINK WE'D HAVE
2 TO SIT AND TALK TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AS WELL AS OUR
3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS INDIVIDUALS TO SEE HOW THAT WOULD
4 WORK. BUT AS OF THIS DATE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THERE'S PENDING LEGISLATION RIGHT
7 NOW RELATIVE TO REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION FUNDS DO WE HAVE AN
8 ANALYSIS OF WHAT THOSE IMPACTS WOULD BE IF THE GOVERNOR SIGNS
9 THOSE BILLS IN SESSION?

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I BELIEVE-- I THINK THE STAFF ARE WORKING
12 ON THAT RIGHT NOW. AND THAT SHOULD BE TO THIS BOARD SHORTLY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THE MOTION WOULD FACILITATE ANY
15 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS BEING EVALUATED SO THAT WHEN THE C.E.O.
16 COMES BACK TO US PURSUANT TO THE MOTION, WE WOULD HAVE A
17 COMPREHENSIVE VIEW ON WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES OR REVENUE SOURCES
18 WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAP INTO, MR. MAYOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS THE PROBLEM I
21 RAISED AT SOME OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES AND AUTHORITIES I SIT
22 ON. I'LL GIVE YOU AN ANALOGY. WE'RE PAYING FOR THIS AND THAT
23 WITH CAP-AND-TRADE. CAP-AND-TRADE. NOBODY KNOWS HOW MUCH MONEY
24 IS GOING TO BE IN CAP-AND-TRADE. HOW MUCH NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE
25 ALL THESE GREAT PROPOSALS, WE BUY THIS WE BUY THAT. ON THE

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1 REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION FUNDS, THOSE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE
2 DECREASING IN FUTURE YEARS UNLESS THERE'S NEW REVENUES. SO TO
3 LOCK IN, THIS IS THE PROBLEM I HAVE. I DO SUPPORT THE 20
4 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE FOR HOUSING. I WOULD SUPPORT
5 THE REPORT BACK SO WE GET THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR COULD I JUST ADD? ON THAT HUNDRED, THE
8 EXCESS FUNDS BALANCE SHE'S SPEAKING OF, THE 140 MILLION--

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** 140 IS THE BASE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, IT'S THE BASE BUT WE'VE ALREADY SPENT THAT.
13 THAT'S BEEN SPENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS, CORRECT?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IN THE OUT YEARS, WE HAVE BUDGETED THE
16 \$140 MILLION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE ALREADY SPENT THAT IN OTHER MOTIONS HERE
19 RECENTLY.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DIDN'T BUDGET THE GROWTH. THE MOTION ON THE
22 BOARD THAT CAME BEFORE I WAS HERE ESSENTIALLY SAID THAT 50
23 PERCENT OF THE GROWTH IN THE INCREMENTAL FUNDS THAT WE GET
24 FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD GO FOR DEFERRED
25 MAINTENANCE. IT DID NOT ALLOCATE THE OTHER 50 PERCENT.

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1 HOWEVER, I THINK IT'S REAL IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT WHAT THE
2 C.E.O. ASKED US TO DO WITH THIS MOTION, I ACTUALLY THINK-- I
3 WOULD MOST RESPECTFULLY NOT SUPPORT A SUBSTITUTE AS YOU
4 PRESENTED IT, SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE I FEEL WHAT WE'VE ASKED THE
5 C.E.O. TO DO AND WHAT SHE ASKED US TO DO IN THE MOTION WAS TO
6 ALLOW THE IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER FUNDS AS WE GO ALONG. YOU
7 KNOW, WE GET FOUR BITES AT THE APPLE ON THE BUDGET PRETTY MUCH
8 AS WE LOOK AT IT. AND THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE END OF THE
9 BUDGET YEAR, THE MORE CLEAR WE ARE ABOUT THE VERY THING YOU
10 WERE TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE FUNDS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO
11 BE UTILIZED. THAT'S A LOT OF COMPETITION FOR THAT. WE DID NOT
12 DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. WE
13 SAID INCLUDING LOOKING AT THESE FUNDS. BECAUSE 50 PERCENT OF
14 THE GROWTH IS STILL AVAILABLE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS ANOTHER SOURCE OF REVENUE, THE
17 REDEVELOPMENT, BUT THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT IS CORRECT. IT WAS ONE THING TO LOOK
20 AT. I THINK IT ALSO WOULD INCLUDE WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS
21 ASKED FOR ON THE GREEN SHEET, WHICH WAS: LET'S LOOK AT WHAT WE
22 HAVE LEFT AT THE END OF THE YEAR BECAUSE WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE
23 ARM WRESTLING OVER IT, ANYWAY. AND IF WE AGREE THAT AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT, THEN IT SEEMS TO ME
25 THAT MONEY CAN EASILY BE USED IN PART TO COME TO THE TOTAL. WE

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1 DON'T EVEN STRIVE FOR \$100 MILLION UNTIL 2020. WE GO 20, 40,
2 60, 80, THAT'S PER YEAR AND THEN 100. AND THE C.E.O. ASKED US
3 TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE THERE ARE VARIOUS SOURCES FOR
4 THESE FUNDS. SOME PEOPLE ARE CRITICAL. I KNOW OFTEN THE FOURTH
5 ESTATE WOULD LIKE US TO SAY, AND THEY ASK, WHERE IS THIS
6 MONEY? WHAT FUND? WHAT FUND? AND I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT
7 TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON THAT WE DID AWAY WITH EARMARKS, WHICH
8 IS TO TELL THE C.E.O. YOU MUST TAKE X DOLLARS OUT OF THIS
9 FUND. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING LOOK LIKE IN 2019, IS NOT
10 RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING. RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING IS ASKING THE
11 C.E.O. TO COME BACK EVERY SIX MONTHS AND TELL US, WHERE'S THIS
12 MONEY COMING FROM THAT WE'RE PUTTING INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING?
13 THIS IS HOW MUCH I WANT. AND IF WE HANG TOGETHER AND LOOK AT
14 THAT, I THINK WE CAN DO IT. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS SUGGESTED
15 ANOTHER WAY TO DO IT. \$28 MILLION, I WOULDN'T SNEEZE AT THAT.
16 IT COULD EVEN ACTUALLY BE MORE. BUT I PREFER NOT TO
17 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY IT JUST AS WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY
18 IDENTIFY ONLY ONE FUND. SO I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR
19 THE ORIGINAL MOTION OF ITEM 22 AS I THINK WE HAVE YOUR SUPPORT
20 FOR 1-D.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN BIFURCATE IT IF THE MAIN MOTION'S ON THE
23 FLOOR, I WOULD HAVE TO VOTE NO ON ITEM NO. 2. BUT ON THE REST,
24 I'M ALL IN.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU MEAN BIFURCATE?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** YOUR MOTION. I SUPPORT 1-D. AND 22. I SUPPORT 1,
4 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 AND IN ADDITION WE THEREFORE MOVE, I
5 SUPPORT THAT. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE FUNDING CONCEPT IN ITEM NO.
6 2.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WOULD SAY THE FUNDING CONCEPT IS REALLY
9 THE ID OF IT, AS WE USED TO SAY. I WOULD NOT THINK THAT
10 BIFURCATION IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO ON IT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU WANT ME TO VOTE AGAINST THE WHOLE MOTION? ALL
13 I'M ASKING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 2.
14 AND AT LEAST--

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE MATTER IS THIS, IF I MAY, MR. MAYOR.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM NO. 2 EXPLICATES A WAY IN WHICH WE
21 COULD GET TO THE GOAL THAT WE SEEK. IT'S ALREADY BEEN
22 INDICATED, AND CORRECTLY SO, THAT ALL OF THIS HAS TO COME BACK
23 TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL DISPOSITION IN THE CONTEXT OF BUDGET
24 DELIBERATIONS. BETWEEN NOW AND THIS POINT OF TIME, I EXPECT
25 THERE WILL BE QUITE A BIT OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE

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1 OFFICES AND THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. TO TRY TO LAND IN A PLACE
2 THAT WE CAN ALL EMBRACE OR DEFEND IN A PRUDENT MANNER. IF WE
3 CAN'T ALL AGREE, THEN PRESUMABLY THE MAJORITY AND PERHAPS MORE
4 WILL LAND THERE. I DO NOT SEE IT AS BEING INAPPROPRIATE, THEN,
5 FOR OTHER METHODOLOGIES TO BE CONSIDERED. THAT WHICH YOU
6 OFFER, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IS YET ANOTHER APPROACH. THE QUESTION
7 IS ULTIMATELY GOING TO MAKE SENSE. I SUSPECT THAT THE C.E.O.
8 WOULD COME UP WITH POTENTIALLY A THIRD SCENARIO. THE OBJECTIVE
9 IS TO GET MOVING AND GET MOVING NOW ON BUILDING MORE
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THE FORMULA, THE METHODOLOGY CAN AND
11 WILL BE WORKED OUT. THE BOTTOM LINE I THINK IS WE NEED TO
12 SCALE UP. AND WE WILL DO MORE WITH WHAT'S BEFORE US THAN WHAT
13 WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING. MORE IN THIS INSTANCE IS BETTER. IF I
14 MAY, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUS
15 COMMITMENTS THAT SUSTAIN DECISIONS THAT WE'VE MADE TO OUR
16 WORKFORCE AND SO FORTH AND THOSE DOLLARS THAT ARE SUPPORTING
17 RATHER SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS THAT WE'VE MADE, THOSE
18 REDEVELOPMENT DOLLARS, I TAKE THE POSITION THAT THOSE
19 REDEVELOPMENT DOLLARS ARE MORE DESIGNED FOR A SPECIFIC
20 PURPOSE. THIS BOARD MADE A DECISION THAT IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY
21 FUND, I'M GOING TO CALL IT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS AND
22 RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS THAT WE HAVE MADE. IN THAT
23 DECISION, I THINK WE DECIDED THEN THAT WE WOULD DO LESS IN THE
24 WAY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LESS IN THE WAY OF COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT AND THAT I INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND A RANGE

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1 OF THINGS. AND THAT DECISION ESSENTIALLY CAUSES US TO BE WHERE
2 WE ARE TODAY. IT IS NOT THE CASE THAT WE HAVE TO STAY THERE.
3 WE CAN MAKE A DECISION TO DO MORE IN THE WAY OF AFFORDABLE
4 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS CONSISTENT WITH
5 REDEVELOPMENT THAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO DO. THE BOTTOM
6 LINE IN MY VIEW IS THIS: IN LIGHT OF THE CRISIS THAT WE ALL
7 SUGGEST IS REAL, WE HAVE TO DO MORE RATHER THAN LESS. THE
8 STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. IT WILL NOT GET US WHERE WE NEED
9 TO BE. THEREFORE WE NEED TO GET TO THE BUSINESS OF ADOPTING
10 MOTIONS LIKE THIS. OTHERWISE, I FEEL VERY STRONGLY WE'LL BE IN
11 A WORSE POSITION THAN WE CURRENTLY FIND OURSELVES. WE WONDER
12 WHY THERE'S BEEN SLIPPAGE? WE WONDER WHY THERE'S A 12 PERCENT
13 UPTICK IN HOMELESSNESS? WE WONDER WHY THERE'S 44 PERCENT OF
14 THE CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS? IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE NOT RUNNING
15 FAST ENOUGH KEEPING UP WITH THE CRISIS THAT HAS ENVELOPED US.
16 THIS IS AN EFFORT TO DO PRECISELY THAT. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IN ALL DUE RESPECT, I'M NOT ADVOCATING BUSINESS AS
19 USUAL. I'M NOT ADVOCATING THAT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SAME
20 PRIORITY YOU SUPPORT. ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT ANOTHER OPTION BE
21 CONSIDERED HOW WE SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY. YOU CAN MAKE MY
22 MOTION PART OF ITEM NO. 2 AND HAVE THAT ALL COME BACK, I DON'T
23 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. BUT I THINK-- I'M NOT ADVOCATING AT
24 ALL FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL. I HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN MY DISTRICT.
25 I HAVEN'T DONE THAT COUNTY-WIDE. I HAVEN'T DONE THAT WITH ALL

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1 OF YOU ON THIS BOARD. AND I'M COMMITTED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
2 JUST LIKE YOU ARE. BUT I ALSO, YOU KNOW, TAKING JUST NUMBERS
3 OUT OF THE SKY SOMETIMES BOTHERS ME. I'M TRYING TO GET A
4 FORMULA THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. BURIED IN THIS CONVERSATION
5 ARE THOSE OTHER COMMITMENTS OF THESE EXCESS DOLLARS WE'RE
6 SPENDING ON AN ONGOING BASIS NOT ONE TIME BUT THE \$147
7 MILLION. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE ARE OBLIGATIONS WE
8 COMMITTED TO. BUT THAT HAS TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION. SO
9 ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT AT LEAST LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE TALKING
10 ABOUT ON THIS FORMULA BASIS TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION.
11 NOT TO REPLACE ITEM NO. 2 IF IT COMES DOWN THAT WAY OR IF OUR
12 C.E.O. COMES UP WITH THE THIRD OPTION, SO BE IT. I THINK THAT
13 WOULD BE FAIR AND REASONABLE, THAT THAT BE PART OF THE
14 CONVERSATION AS IT COMES BACK TO REPORT TO THIS BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR, I HAVE NO OBJECTION AT ALL
17 HAVING THE C.E.O. CONSIDER YOUR PROPOSAL AS PART OF WHAT SHE
18 LOOKS AT FOR THE REPORT BACK. I WOULD HESITATE TO HAVE IT
19 WRITTEN INTO NUMBER 2. WE HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFIC ON NUMBER 2.
20 WE HAVE DONE THAT ON PURPOSE SO THAT SHE COULD COME BACK WITH
21 A REPORT BACK.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT ASKING IT TO BE WRITTEN IN, I'M JUST
24 ASKING IT BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION, THE REPORT BACK.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T AGREE TO
2 ALLOW BIFURCATION, BECAUSE WE GENERALLY ALWAYS SAY YES TO EACH
3 OTHER IF THERE'S A PIECE WE DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR, THAT'S
4 SIMPLE COURTESY. I WOULD ASSUME THERE WOULD BE THREE VOTES
5 HERE. ONE ON ITEM 1-D, ONE ON ITEM 22 EXCEPT FOR-- 1-D AND 22
6 CAN BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER, COUNSEL? SORRY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** ER, WE'RE GOING THROUGH THAT AGAIN? JUST A SECOND.
9 CAN I JUST SAY, IF WE BIFURCATE 1-D AND 22 SO WE DON'T GET IN
10 THAT ARGUMENT AGAIN?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I BELIEVE THE REQUEST ON THE TABLE WAS TO
13 BIFURCATE ITEM NO. 22.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S CORRECT, BUT WE DON'T NEED A
16 SEPARATE VOTE ON 1-D?

17

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

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO BIFURCATE. I'LL SUPPORT 22 AS IS
21 AS LONG AS MY MOTION IS PART OF THE REPORT BACK. THAT'S WHAT
22 I'M SAYING. I'M NOT SAYING WRITE IT IN. I'M SAYING BEING PART
23 OF THE ECONOMIC DISCUSSION.

24

25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** LET ME SAY ONE WORD, SUPERVISOR. DEAL.

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

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY? STUPID
5 QUESTION?

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** COULD I JUST SAY ONE MORE THING. I WANT TO
8 THANK MOLLY RICEMAN ON MY STAFF. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LIFT THE ROOF, PLEASE.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T BELIEVE SHE SLEPT, ACTUALLY, SINCE
13 MAYBE FEBRUARY, WORKING ON THIS MOTION. AN INCREDIBLE HOUSING
14 ADVOCATE, SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER ON MY STAFF. I JUST WANTED
15 TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK BECAUSE IT'S CALLED THE KUEHL-THOMAS
16 MOTION, BUT IT'S REALLY STAFF THAT DID IT. SO THANKS TO STAFF.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE ALL DEPEND UPON A GOOD STAFF.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT ONLY WORKS. THANKS, MOLLY.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE MADE AN IMPORTANT
25 POINT THAT I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF

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1 BUSINESS AS USUAL. YOU HAVE A PORTFOLIO AND A WORK PRODUCT IN
2 TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT CAN BE EXAMINED BY WHOEVER
3 WISHES TO LOOK AT IT. YOU MAKE REFERENCE TO A RECENT
4 INSTALLMENT. WE CELEBRATE THAT. THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF
5 BUSINESS AS USUAL. THIS IS A MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT WE'VE
6 MISSED THE MARK IN OUR PREVIOUS POLICY CONSIDERATIONS WHERE WE
7 LOCKED IN THESE REDEVELOPMENT DOLLARS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY
8 DON'T KEEP PACE WITH THE CRISIS THAT KEEPS MOVING. AND THE
9 QUESTION WILL ULTIMATELY CONFRONT US AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE
10 NEED TO REVISIT OUR BUDGETING PROCESS IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR
11 PRIORITIES ARE. WE UNDERESTIMATED SEVERITY OR THE GRAVITY OF
12 THE PROBLEM THAT WE DESCRIBED AS A HOUSING CRISIS. THAT'S THE
13 DEAL, IN MY VIEW. NOT A QUESTION OF BUSINESS AS USUAL. IT'S A
14 QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT WE MISSED THE MARK, ESTIMATED OR
15 ACCURATELY CAPTURED WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES NEED TO BE IN
16 LIGHT OF THE CRISIS. MR. MAYOR?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS, WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL.
20 CLARIFICATION, THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BACK WE'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOTION REMAINS INTACT.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** REMAINS INTACT THE REPORT BACK. WILL
2 ALSO HAVE THE OTHER DISCUSSION--

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WE WILL LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SUGGESTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WITHOUT OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LIFT THE ROOF. ITEM S-2, WE HAVE
12 PUBLIC HEALTH? THIS IS AN ITEM S-2, A SET ITEM RELATIVE TO THE
13 WEST NILE VIRUS. [GAVEL.] WE JUST HAD ANOTHER DEATH IN THE
14 ANTELOPE VALLEY I BELIEVE LAST WEEK ON THIS END, SO WE'VE
15 ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MAKE A REPORT.
16 YOU'RE GOING TO DO A SLIDE PRESENTATION? OKAY.

17

18 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND
19 JUST TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES THAT ARE WITH ME. I'M CYNTHIA
20 HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
21 AND I HAVE WITH ME DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ WHO IS OUR ASSISTANT
22 DIRECTOR FOR THE ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL, DIVISION
23 OF OUR DEPARTMENT. AND WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY KEN FUJIOKA. DR.
24 FUJIOKA IS WITH THE VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT. I'M GOING TO TURN

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1 IT OVER TO DR. SCHWARTZ TO DO THE PRESENTATION AND THEN WE'RE
2 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DR. SCHWARTZ.

5

6 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
7 ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE AND EMERGING MOSQUITO-BORNE
8 INFECTIONS. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
9 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT--

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:.** [GAVEL.] OKAY, DOCTOR.

12

13 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE CLOSE
14 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE
15 MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICTS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PRESENTATION OF DR.
17 FUJIOKA AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MOSQUITO AND
18 VECTOR CONTROL. WEST NILE IS A MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRAL INFECTION
19 THAT CAN CAUSE SEVERE NERVOUS SYSTEM DISEASE SUCH AS
20 MENINGITIS AND RARELY LEADS TO DEATH. WEST NILE VIRUS WAS
21 FIRST INTRODUCED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN 1999 IN NEW YORK
22 CITY AND IT SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH THE FIRST CASE IN
23 L.A. COUNTY OCCURRING IN 2003 AND THE FIRST L.A. COUNTY
24 OUTBREAK IN 2004. THE VIRUS IS CARRIED BY BIRDS BUT
25 TRANSMITTED TO PEOPLE BY MOSQUITOES AND HAS BECOME THE MOST

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1 COMMON MOSQUITO-BORNE INFECTION IN THE UNITED STATES. WHEREAS
2 EARLY AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS DISEASE THAT HAD A FOUR-
3 YEAR PERIODICITY WITH A HIGH OR AN EPIDEMIC YEAR FOLLOWED BY
4 THREE LOW YEARS, THIS PATTERN HAS CHANGED AND WE HAVE HAD A
5 LARGE NUMBER OF CASES FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, SUGGESTING
6 THAT WEST NILE VIRUS ILLNESS IS NOW AN ANNUAL OCCURRENCE IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 2014, THERE WERE 218 CASES REPORTED TO
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO DATE IN 2015 THERE
9 HAVE BEEN 110 CASES. USUALLY CASES CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED
10 THROUGHOUT OCTOBER AND THEN FALL OFF RAPIDLY AS THE WEATHER
11 COOLS. PEOPLE WHO ARE REPORTED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTION
12 GENERALLY HAVE MORE SEVERE DISEASE, WHICH IS WHAT LEADS THE
13 DOCTOR TO DO THE DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND IDENTIFY THE
14 INFECTION. THUS CASES REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
15 REPRESENT THE MORE SEVERE END OF THE DISEASE SPECTRUM. IT HAS
16 BEEN ESTIMATED THAT FOR EVERY SEVERE CASE OF INFECTION, THERE
17 ARE ABOUT 140 PEOPLE WHO ARE ASYMPTOMATIC AND 28 PEOPLE WHO
18 HAVE WEST NILE FEVER. HOWEVER, THE REAL IMPACT OF THE DISEASE
19 OCCURS AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE MENINGITIS, ENCEPHALITIS,
20 PARALYSIS AND DEATH, WITH THE NUMBERS SHOWN ON THE SLIDE FOR
21 2014 AND 2015. SEVERE ILLNESS MOST OFTEN OCCURS AMONG ELDERLY
22 PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH UNDERLYING DISEASE, PARTICULARLY
23 DISEASES THAT SUPPRESS IMMUNITIES. THERE'S NO SPECIFIC
24 TREATMENT FOR WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTION AND THERAPY IS
25 SUPPORTIVE. WEST NILE VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED BY THE CULEX

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1 MOSQUITO, WHICH CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND
2 THEREFORE DISEASE PREVENTION MESSAGES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THAT
3 PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTY ARE AT RISK AND THAT EVERYBODY
4 SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS. HOWEVER, AS WE LOOK AT THE PATTERNS
5 OF DISEASE ACROSS YEARS, WE SEE THAT SOME AREAS APPEAR TO BE
6 AT HIGHER RISK THAN OTHERS. THIS SLIDE SHOWS SPOT MAPS OF WEST
7 NILE VIRUS CASES IN THE COUNTY IN 2014 AND 2015. THE CIRCLES
8 ARE ROUGH ESTIMATES OF AREAS THAT ARE AT HIGHER RISK. YOU CAN
9 SEE THAT IN EACH YEAR CASES WERE CLUSTERED IN THE EASTERN SAN
10 GABRIEL VALLEY AND IN THE SOUTHEAST AROUND WHITTIER AND
11 BELLFLOWER AS WELL AS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THEN IN 2014
12 BUT NOT 2015, THERE ALSO WERE FOCI ON THE WEST SIDE AND IN THE
13 WESTERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THIS APPARENT CLUSTERING LED TO
14 OUR ANALYZING HOW OFTEN IF THERE'S A CASE REPORTED IN THE
15 CITY, THERE WILL BE A SECOND CASE IN THE SAME CITY WITHIN A
16 MONTH. WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT 30 PERCENT OF CASES DID FOLLOW A
17 PREVIOUS REPORT IN THE SAME CITY WITHIN THE PRIOR MONTH.
18 PREDICTING WHERE HUMAN DISEASE WILL OCCUR BASED ON THE
19 LOCATION OF PREVIOUS CASES HAS SOME VALUE, BUT WE'RE ALWAYS
20 PLAYING CATCH UP BECAUSE IT TAKES SEVERAL WEEKS BETWEEN WHEN
21 AN ILLNESS OCCURS AND WHEN IT'S REPORTED. A BETTER PREDICTOR
22 OF HUMAN DISEASE COMES FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEST NILE
23 VIRUS POSITIVE MOSQUITOES. SHOWN ON THIS MAP ARE THE POSITIVE
24 MOSQUITO POOLS FOR 2015, AND THEY ARE IN THE SAME AREAS WHERE
25 WE SAW HUMAN CASES ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, IN THE WHITTIER

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1 AREA, THE EASTERN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE SAN FERNANDO
2 VALLEY. THUS BY COMBINING INTELLIGENCE ON HUMAN CASES AND
3 INFECTED MOSQUITOES, WE CAN DETERMINE THE AREAS WITH HIGHER
4 RISK FOR MORE TARGETED DISEASE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES. SO WHAT
5 ARE OUR WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE PREVENTION STRATEGIES? THE
6 FIRST AND PROBABLY MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGY IS CONTROLLING THE
7 VECTOR. IN OTHER WORDS, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INFECTED
8 MOSQUITOES. AND THIS IS DONE BY OUR PARTNERS IN THE FIVE
9 MOSQUITO CONTROL VECTOR DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. THESE
10 AGENCIES WORK TO ELIMINATE BREEDING SITES, EDUCATING PEOPLE
11 ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH STANDING WATER AROUND THEIR
12 HOUSES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS THAT ARE NOT BEING CARED FOR OR
13 VARIOUS OTHER TYPES OF WATER CONTAINERS. STORM DRAINS ALSO MAY
14 BE SITES WHERE THERE'S STANDING WATER, AND THESE CAN BE
15 TREATED WITH LARVICIDES AND PESTICIDES WHICH ALSO MAY BE USED
16 IN AREAS WHERE INFECTED MOSQUITOES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE
17 SECOND COMPONENT OF OUR DISEASE PREVENTION IS HUMAN BEHAVIOR
18 CHANGE WITH PEOPLE WEARING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, SHIRTS WITH
19 LONG SLEEVES AND LONG PANTS AND USING INSECT REPELLENTS,
20 PARTICULARLY WHEN OUTSIDE AT TIMES WHEN MOSQUITOES ARE MOST
21 LIKELY TO BITE. IN ADDITION PERHAPS THE GREATEST PREVENTION
22 OCCURS FROM PEOPLE BEING INDOORS WITH AIR CONDITIONING OR
23 HAVING SCREENS WHICH KEEP THE MOSQUITOES OUT. BUT I THINK WE
24 ALL REALIZE THAT IT'S NOT REASONABLE TO THINK THAT PEOPLE IN
25 L.A. COUNTY WILL WEAR LONG SLEEVES AND PANTS FROM MAY THROUGH

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1 OCTOBER. SO WHILE MAINTAINING THE MESSAGE THAT EVERYBODY IS AT
2 RISK, WE ARE MOVING TO HONE OUR PREVENTION MESSAGING TO A MORE
3 TARGETED STRATEGY THAT FOCUSES ON THE PEOPLE AT HIGHEST RISK,
4 THE ELDERLY AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSED, THAT FOCUSES ON THE HIGHEST
5 RISK GEOGRAPHIES, CITIES THAT HAVE HAD PRIOR CASES AND AREAS
6 WITH INFECTED MOSQUITOES AND ALSO THAT FOCUSES ON THE TIMES OF
7 DAY WHEN CULEX MOSQUITOES ARE MOST LIKELY TO BITE, AT DAWN AND
8 DUSK. AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON IMPROVING PREVENTION OF WEST
9 NILE VIRUS, WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF AN EMERGING CONCERN, THE
10 INTRODUCTION AND ONGOING PRESENCE OF TWO SPECIES OF AEDES
11 MOSQUITOES IN L.A. COUNTY, AEDES ALBOPICTUS AND AEDES EGYPTI.
12 AEDES ALBOPICTUS, OR THE TIGER MOSQUITO, WAS FIRST INTRODUCED
13 INTO LOS ANGELES ON A SHIPMENT OF BAMBOO FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA
14 IN 2011. INITIALLY FOUND IN EL MONTE, THIS MOSQUITO HAS SLOWLY
15 BEEN EXPANDING ITS RANGE DESPITE STRONG CONTROL EFFORTS BY SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AND NOW HAS BEEN
17 FOUND IN 17 OF THE 24 CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. IT
18 ALSO HAS BEEN FOUND IN GREATER LOS ANGELES AS SHOWN BY THE
19 BLACK DOTS ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT MAP WITH AEDES EGYPTI ALSO
20 BEING FOUND. IN DISTINCTION, WITH THE CULEX MOSQUITOES WHICH
21 TRANSMIT, WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE, AEDES ARE AGGRESSIVE DAY-
22 BITING MOSQUITOES, AND THE VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES FOUND
23 NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF PEOPLE SUFFERING MULTIPLE BITES IN A
24 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND THESE TEND TO BE MORE ITCHY AND
25 LARGER THAN USUAL MOSQUITO BITES. WHILE CURRENTLY THESE

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1 MOSQUITOES ARE JUST A NUISANCE, THE CONCERN IS THAT AEDES
2 MOSQUITOES MAY TRANSMIT TROPICAL DISEASES, SUCH AS DENGUE,
3 CHIKUNGUNYA AND YELLOW FEVER. AND THIS WAS HIGHLIGHTED ON THE
4 FRONT PAGE OF THE CALIFORNIA SECTION IN LAST SUNDAY'S "LOS
5 ANGELES TIMES." SO WHAT IS THE SCIENCE HERE? FIRST, THERE HAS
6 NOT BEEN A SINGLE YELLOW FEVER CASE BROUGHT TO LOS ANGELES
7 FROM SOMEONE WHO BECAME ILL OVERSEAS IN MORE THAN A DECADE. SO
8 THE CONCERN IS FOCUSED ON DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA WHERE BETWEEN
9 20 AND 50 CASES ARE IMPORTED EACH YEAR AND REPORTED TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE HAS NOT BEEN LOCAL
11 TRANSMISSION OF THESE INFECTIONS IN THE COUNTY YET. AND FOR
12 SUCH LOCALLY ACQUIRED DISEASE TO OCCUR, FOUR STEPS WOULD NEED
13 TO TAKE PLACE. THE FIRST STEP IS THAT THE MOSQUITO VECTOR BE
14 FOUND IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS I MENTIONED, THIS ALREADY HAS
15 OCCURRED. A SECOND STEP IS THAT A PERSON INFECTED OVERSEAS
16 TRAVELS TO LOS ANGELES. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS ALSO OCCURS
17 ABOUT 20 TO 50 TIMES A YEAR. A THIRD STEP, THEN, IS THAT AN
18 AEDES MOSQUITO BITES AN INFECTED PERSON WHILE THEY HAVE THE
19 DENGUE OR CHIKUNGUNYA VIRUS IN THEIR BLOOD AND THEN FOURTH,
20 THAT THIS INFECTED MOSQUITO BITES OTHER PEOPLE AND TRANSMITS
21 THE DISEASE TO THEM. AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THESE FINAL TWO
22 STEPS HAVE NOT OCCURRED. RECOGNIZING THE RISK AND KNOWING THAT
23 IN 2014 IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA THERE WERE 11 LOCALLY TRANSMITTED
24 INFECTIONS OF CHIKUNGUNYA, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
25 THE VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES ARE WORKING AT EACH ONE OF THESE

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1 STEPS IN ORDER TO REDUCE RISK. VECTOR CONTROL IS WORKING TO
2 REDUCE THE POPULATION OF AEDES MOSQUITOES ADDRESSING STEP
3 NUMBER 1. PUBLIC HEALTH IS EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT THE RISK OF
4 DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA WHEN TRAVELING IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE
5 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BECOME INFECTED AND BRING THE DISEASE
6 BACK TO L.A., ADDRESSING STEP NUMBER 2. AND BOTH WE AND VECTOR
7 CONTROL ARE EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND THOSE WHO HAVE
8 ILLNESS ON HOW TO REDUCE THEIR RISK OF BEING BITTEN,
9 ADDRESSING STEPS NUMBER 3 AND 4. SO WHILE WE CANNOT SAY THAT
10 LOCAL TRANSMISSION WILL NOT OCCUR HERE, WE ARE CERTAINLY
11 WORKING TO REDUCE THAT POSSIBILITY. GIVEN THE FEW PEOPLE WHO
12 BRING DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA TO L.A., AND SO FAR THE LIMITED
13 RANGE OF THE AEDES MOSQUITOES, WE THINK THAT THE RISK
14 CURRENTLY IS SMALL BUT NEED TO KEEP WORKING IN ORDER TO ENSURE
15 THAT IT STAYS THAT WAY. ONE CHALLENGE THAT COULD MAKE THIS
16 TASK HARDER IS THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF EL NI O AND OF WARMER
17 TEMPERATURES. MORE WATER AND HIGHER TEMPERATURES COULD
18 TRANSLATE TO GREATER AEDES MOSQUITO DENSITY AND RANGE. THE
19 GRAPH SHOWN ON THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FOR
20 2015 SHOWN IN THE RED BAR HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN FOR PREVIOUS
21 YEARS AND THIS COULD INCREASE MOSQUITO SURVIVAL OVER THE
22 WINTER AND LEAD TO FURTHER SPREAD IN THE SPRING. MOREOVER, EL
23 NI O COULD RESULT IN MORE LOCATIONS THAT HAVE SMALL AMOUNTS OF
24 STANDING WATER AND AEDES MAY BREED IN SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER
25 SUCH AS IN BOTTLE CAPS WHICH ARE SHOWN HERE AND THE EGGS MAY

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1 SURVIVE DRYING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND HATCH WHEN WATER ONCE
2 AGAIN IS INTRODUCED. BY CONTRAST, THE STORMS FROM EL NI O
3 COULD WATCH THE EGGS OUT OF STORM DRAINS AND WE WILL NOT KNOW
4 UNTIL NEXT SPRING WHETHER IT'S LIKELY TO BE A BIGGER YEAR THAN
5 USUAL. REGARDLESS OF THE IMPACT OF EL NI O, THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT L.A.
7 COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK CASES OF WEST NILE
8 VIRUS, DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA TO DETECT WHERE IN THE COUNTY
9 CASES OCCUR IN ORDER TO FOCUS OUR PREVENTION EFFORTS AND TO
10 ENSURE THAT ALL DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA INFECTIONS ARE IMPORTED
11 RATHER THAN OCCURRING HERE. DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FOR WEST NILE
12 VIRUS IS OFFERED IN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, AND DENGUE
13 AND CHIKUNGUNYA TESTING ARE AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL LABS. THE
14 DEPARTMENT PUTS OUT WEEKLY WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATES DURING THE
15 SEASON, AND THESE HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE THE CITIES
16 WHERE CASES HAVE OCCURRED AND TO EMPHASIZE PREVENTION MESSAGES
17 SO THAT IN THOSE HIGH-RISK AREAS, PEOPLE CAN TAKE PRECAUTION.
18 THERE ALSO ARE F.A.Q. SHEETS AND POSTERS ABOUT ALL OF THE
19 MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES AND PHYSICIAN EDUCATION MATERIALS AND
20 OUTREACH. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JANUARY 2015, A HEALTH ADVISORY
21 ABOUT CHIKUNGUNYA WAS DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES
22 HEALTH ALERT NETWORK. FINALLY, WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
23 THE VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE
24 LOCATION OF CASES AND INFECTED MOSQUITOES IN ORDER TO HELP
25 TARGET PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO

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1 COORDINATE COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. I'M
2 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND THANK YOU ALL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION. CURRENT PRACTICES
5 FOR VECTOR CONTROL TO NOTIFY PUBLIC HEALTH ONLY WHEN A PERSON
6 IS INFECTED, I THINK, IS THERE A WAY TO CHANGE THAT PROTOCOL
7 TO LOOK AT A PROTOCOL WHERE WE ALSO NOTIFY RESIDENTS IN THE
8 AREA TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTION WHEN THEY FIND? I KNOW IT
9 HAPPENED FOUR HOUSES FROM MY HOME. IT WAS JUST A BY CHANCE
10 THING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DISCOVER IT. NO ONE HAD BEEN
11 INFECTED AT THAT POINT. BUT OBVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO
12 ALERT THE NEIGHBORS, WHICH WE EVENTUALLY WERE ABLE TO DO. SO
13 IS THERE ANY REASON WHY PUBLIC HEALTH CAN'T BE NOTIFIED WHEN
14 THE VIRUS CARRYING MOSQUITOES ARE FOUND BEFORE ACTUALLY
15 INFECTING SOMEONE?

16

17 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. THAT'S A
18 GREAT POINT. AND AS YOU POINT OUT, KNOWING WHERE THE INFECTED
19 MOSQUITOES ARE CAN HELP PEOPLE TAKE PROTECTIVE MEASURES. AND
20 WE'VE WORKED WITH THE VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES TO INCREASE OUR
21 INFORMATION SHARING. AND WE WILL BE DOING A BETTER JOB OF
22 COMMUNICATING TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE SUPERVISORS WHERE
23 INFECTED MOSQUITOES ARE LOCATED AND ALSO THE CITIES WHERE
24 INFECTED PEOPLE ARE LOCATED.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** INFECTED PEOPLE I UNDERSTAND, BUT WHEN THE
2 MOSQUITOES ARE THERE, OBVIOUSLY YOU WANT-- WITH ALL THOSE
3 THINGS YOU LISTED, YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO-- NEIGHBORHOODS TO
4 BE ABLE TO TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS BOTH FOR VECTOR CONTROL AND
5 PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMEND THAT THEY DO THEM, INSTEAD OF WAITING
6 FOR SOMEBODY TO BE BITTEN, BEING TOO LATE.

7

8 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** EXACTLY. THAT'S OUR TARGETED STRATEGY.
9 AND AS YOU SAY AGAIN, KNOWING ABOUT THE MOSQUITOES FIRST GIVES
10 US A CLUE BEFORE HUMAN DISEASE OCCURS. AND WE WILL WORK HARD
11 TO DISSEMINATE THAT INFORMATION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SOME NON AEDES ARE NOT FROM THIS AREA. BUT THE
14 POINT BEING, WHAT ARE WE DOING LIKE AT LAX FOR POINT OF ENTRY
15 TO PORTS, ON LOOKING FOR THESE KINDS OF MOSQUITOES?

16

17 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** I THINK AND I'LL ASK KEN TO ADDRESS
18 THAT QUESTION AS WELL. BUT WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. NOW THAT
19 THE MOSQUITOES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNTY, I THINK
20 OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS HOW THEY ARE SPREADING AND OUR
21 ABILITIES TO CONTROL THAT FURTHER SPREAD. BUT LET ME SEE IF
22 DR. FUJIOKA HAS A COMMENT.

23

24 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** IN 2001 THERE WAS AN INTRODUCTION OF AEDES
25 ALBOPICTUS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND IT WAS THE FEDERAL

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1 INSPECTORS THAT POINTED IT OUT. AND SO THERE IS A FEDERAL
2 PROGRAM AT AIRPORTS AND POINTS OF ENTRY. BUT VECTOR CONTROL
3 AGENCIES AND THE COUNTY ARE NOT PART OF THAT SYSTEM. YES, THEY
4 WOULD NOTIFY US IF THEY FOUND ANYTHING.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I JUST WANTED TO ASK.
9 GIVEN THAT YOU'VE ALREADY DETECTED SOME INFESTATION IN MY
10 DISTRICT, ROSEMEAD, EL MONTE AND SOUTH EL MONTE, WE HAVE A
11 HIGH NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS, ASIAN-PACIFICS, MOST IMPORTANTLY
12 VIETNAMESE AND OTHERS. AND I JUST WONDERED WHAT STRATEGIES
13 YOU'RE USING TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THOSE HOUSEHOLDS? I
14 THINK THAT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. ALSO I WOULD SIDE WITH
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE IN SAYING IT IS IMPORTANT, WHERE WE KNOW
16 THERE IS INFESTATION, BECAUSE I KNOW, I'VE EVEN HAD MY OWN
17 HOME VISITED THREE TIMES IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. AND BELIEVE
18 ME, WE ARE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS ABOUT CLEANUP. SO IF YOU'RE
19 COMING TO MY HOUSE THREE TIMES, I HOPE YOU'RE DOING IT TO THE
20 AREAS THAT ARE-- WHERE YOU'RE FINDING THAT THERE'S AN
21 INFESTATION.

22

23 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** YES, WE DO HAVE MULTILINGUAL INFORMATION
24 THAT'S DISTRIBUTED. ONE OF OUR BIGGEST PROGRAMS IS A CLASSROOM
25 PROGRAM WHERE WE EDUCATE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN. AND THEY BRING

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1 THE INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR PARENTS. THEY CAN SPEAK THEIR
2 LANGUAGE. AND SO IT'S QUITE USEFUL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCHES? WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
5 TEMPLES THAT ARE WORKING WITH THESE COMMUNITIES.

6

7 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA YES, WE HAVE GONE TO ANY COMMUNITY EVENT THAT**
8 **WE HEAR OF OR THAT IS WILLING TO GRANT US TIME, WE WILL**
9 **PARTICIPATE.**

10

11 **>>SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK YOU SHOULD BE PROACTIVE, THOUGH.
12 DON'T WAIT TO BE TOLD THERE'S AN EVENT. YOU SHOULD GO IN AND
13 TALK TO THE DEACON OR WHOEVER IS THE LEAD INDIVIDUAL AND SEE
14 IF YOU CAN MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S TIMELY.
15 ESPECIALLY NOW WITH THE SEASONS CHANGING AS THEY ARE. I WOULD
16 ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT. OUR STAFF WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP OUT
17 IN OUR AREA, OUR RESPECTIVE AREA, AS WELL.

18

19 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

20

21 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTION. I THINK THE
24 MESSAGE IS CLEARLY DELIVERED THAT THESE CONDITIONS OR
25 CIRCUMSTANCES OR PROBLEMS, AS YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE THEM, ARE SET

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1 TO BE EXACERBATED BY EL NI O. WE GET THAT A COUPLE QUESTIONS
2 PURSUANT TO THAT WOULD BE THE PLANS YOU HAVE FOR SPRING
3 PESTICIDES TO REDUCE THE MOSQUITO COUNT IN PREVENTION-RELATED
4 FRONT AND WHAT ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SUCH SPRAYING?
5 TWO QUESTIONS. ARE YOU GOING TO SPRAY? HOW MUCH? AND WHAT ARE
6 THE IMPACTS?

7

8 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** MOST OF THE CONTROL METHODS THAT ARE USED BY
9 VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES INVOLVE EDUCATION AND SOURCE
10 REDUCTION. IF WE CAN GET RID OF THE WATER, WE WILL DO SO. IF
11 WE ARE USING PIECE TIE SIDES, THE MAIN TARGET IS THE MOSQUITO
12 LARVAE. THE PESTICIDES THAT ARE USED TO CONTROL LARVAE ARE
13 MUCH SAFER, MUCH LESS INVASIVE AND BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.
14 WE ON RARE OCCASIONS USE PESTICIDES TO AFFECT THE ADULT
15 POPULATION. WHEN WE DO SO, WE ARE NOT TRYING TO ERADICATE
16 THEM. WE ARE TRYING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER TO A NUMBER THAT
17 REDUCES THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION. THAT IS OUR LAST RESORT. AND
18 THE APPLICATION RATE FOR THOSE TYPES OF TREATMENTS ARE
19 SOMEWHERE AROUND TWO OUNCES PER ACRE. THAT'S A COUPLE OF
20 TABLESPOONS SPREAD OUT OVER AN ACRE. SO WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF A
21 POTENTIAL EFFECT OF PESTICIDES IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND WE TAKE
22 THAT VERY SERIOUSLY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE QUESTION RELATED TO THAT WOULD BE:
25 HOW LIKELY WOULD IT BE THAT THE LAST RESORT, AS YOU DESCRIBED

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1 IT IN TERMS OF THE SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES, WOULD BE UTILIZED
2 IN LIGHT OF CONDITIONS BEING MUCH MORE SERIOUS AND PERHAPS
3 WARRANTING SUCH. YOU'VE ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EL NI O WILL
4 MAKE CONDITIONS SUBSTANTIALLY WORSE. SO I WOULD TAKE FROM THAT
5 THAT YOU HAVE TO ACCELERATE THE PUSHBACK ON THE SEPARATION OF
6 THE INSECTS, ET CETERA. IS THAT CORRECT, OR SHOULD I STICK TO
7 MY OWN DISCIPLINE?

8

9 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** I THINK THE BEST WOULD BE TO START EARLY NEXT
10 YEAR, AS SOON AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS, LOOKING FOR SOURCES OF
11 MOSQUITOES. THE EARLIER WE KNOCK DOWN THE POPULATION, THE LESS
12 LIKELY IT'LL BE FOR US TO USE PESTICIDES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT DON'T WAIT. THE OTHER QUESTION
15 IS I THINK IS AN INTERESTING ONE. MANY OF THE HEALTH PROVIDERS
16 IN OUR ENVIRONMENT WILL PRESUMABLY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE
17 PRESENTATION OF THESE PROBLEMS. SO WHAT'S BEING DONE TO ENGAGE
18 IN RIGOROUS HEALTH EDUCATION SCENARIOS THAT WOULD CAUSE THEM
19 TO BE MUCH MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING AND WHAT
20 TO DO ABOUT IT?

21

22 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** WE DO REACH OUT TO PHYSICIANS ACROSS
23 THE COUNTY TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE VARIOUS MOSQUITO-BORNE
24 DISEASES AS WELL AS THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. LAST JANUARY,
25 WE SENT OUT A HEALTH ALERT NETWORK NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS IN THE

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1 COUNTY INFORMING THEM ABOUT CHIKUNGUNYA, AND WE DO COMMUNITY
2 PRESENTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS AT LOCAL HOSPITALS AND OTHER
3 HEALTH FACILITIES WHERE WE CAN SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE
4 DISEASES DIRECTLY WITH CLINICIANS AS PART OF THEIR CONTINUING
5 EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT WAS DONE LAST YEAR.
8 THE QUESTION IS: IS THERE A NEED TO STEP UP THOSE EFFORTS, AND
9 IF SO, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

10

11 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** I THINK WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE
12 THOSE EFFORTS AND TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN TO BETTER
13 INFORM THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY. AS YOU POINT OUT, WITH THE
14 SPREAD OF THE MOSQUITO VECTOR, I THINK THAT IT IS VERY
15 APPROPRIATE TO PUT OUT ADDITIONAL HEALTH ALERT NOTICES
16 DESCRIBING THAT AND DESCRIBING THE RISK TO THE POPULATION SO
17 THAT PHYSICIANS WILL KNOW AND MAKE THE DIAGNOSIS AND BE ABLE
18 TO REPORT IF CASES OCCUR.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE IS AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF SCHOOL-
21 BASED HEALTH CLINICS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BY NOW
22 THERE COULD BE UPWARDS OF 100 OR SO OF THEM THROUGHOUT THE
23 COUNTY. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WOULD BE A SPECIFIC
24 NETWORK THROUGH WHICH COMMUNICATION, THAT IS EDUCATION,
25 PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE PROVIDERS CAN HAPPEN. ADD TO THAT THE

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1 NETWORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICS AND THOSE ASSOCIATIONS. SO
2 I WOULD THINK IN A SPECIFIC WAY THOSE VENUES COULD AND SHOULD
3 BE TARGETED. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT GOES THROUGH ANY PARTICULAR
4 ASSOCIATIONS AND THE LIKE, WHEN YOU SAY PHYSICIANS AND
5 CONTINUING EDUCATION, ET CETERA, THAT'S A LITTLE MORE
6 DISPARATE AND ATOMIZED IN SOME WAYS THAN I'M SUGGESTING. I
7 THINK WE TARGET CERTAIN PROVIDERS AND MAKE IT THEIR BUSINESS
8 TO COMMUNICATE AMONG THEMSELVES. THAT COULD BE A HELPFUL
9 APPROACH, WHAT DO YOU THINK, PROFESSOR HARDING?

10

11 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WELL, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR,
12 AND I THINK WORKING THROUGH THE SCHOOLS IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA.
13 WE WORK ACTIVELY WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINICS OF THE ASSOCIATION
14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE CAN WORK WITH THEM THROUGH THE
15 COMMUNITY CLINICS, AS WELL. I THINK WE CAN UP OTHER
16 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GET IT OUT THROUGH THOSE VENUES.
17 IT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S HAPPENING MORE FREQUENTLY NOW
22 THAN BEFORE AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF EL NI O OR ARE THERE OTHER
23 FACTORS?

24

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1 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** YOU'RE SPEAKING OF WEST NILE DISEASE.
2 PROBABLY OTHER FACTORS. IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT IS
3 MULTIFACTORIAL SO THAT THE ANNUAL OCCURRENCE RATHER THAN THIS
4 PERIODIC OCCURRENCE MAY REFLECT CHANGES IN CLIMATE. IT MAY
5 REFLECT THE DECREASED PRECIPITATION, WHICH COULD BRING THE
6 MOSQUITOES AND THE BIRD RESERVOIRS CLOSER TOGETHER AROUND
7 SOURCES OF WATER. IT COULD REPRESENT CHANGES IN THE DIE OFF OF
8 BIRDS SO THAT EARLY IN THE COURSE OF THE EPIDEMIC, AFTER AN
9 EPIDEMIC YEAR, IT WOULD KILL MANY OF THE BIRDS THAT WOULD
10 CARRY THE WEST NILE VIRUS. AND SO THERE COULD BE CHANGES IN
11 THE BIRD POPULATION AND THEIR ABILITY TO SURVIVE INFECTIONS,
12 AS WELL. SO IT'S PROBABLY A MORE COMPLEX PHENOMENON. BUT WHAT
13 WE HAVE SEEN AND IN TERMS OF SEEING THE CASES FOR EACH OF THE
14 PAST THREE YEARS AT VERY HIGH LEVELS SUGGESTS TO US THAT WE
15 NEED TO BE READY FOR WEST NILE VIRUS TO BE AN ANNUAL THREAT
16 AND MAKE SURE THAT PROVIDERS ARE AWARE SO THAT PEOPLE TAKE
17 PRECAUTIONS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS NEW MOSQUITO BREED, AEDES, IS
20 THERE ANY NEW STRATEGIES ON HOW WE CAN GET RID OF THOSE?

21

22 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** I DON'T THINK WE CAN GET RID OF THEM. BUT AS
23 FAR AS MOSQUITO GOES WHEREVER IT IS SHOWN UP, IT'S CHANGED
24 HUMAN BEHAVIOR. AND THE WAY PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES CAN MANAGE
25 THAT MOSQUITO MOST EFFECTIVELY IS TO DO SO ON A COMMUNITY

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1 LEVEL. WE HAVE TO BE CONCERNED FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND TAKE
2 EVERY STEP POSSIBLE ON OUR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REMOVE
3 SOURCES OF WATER AS SMALL AS A BOTTLE CAP OR THE SPACE BETWEEN
4 LEAVES OR POTTED PLANTS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN YOU GET BITTEN BY A MOSQUITO,
7 WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS THAT ENDS UP IN DEATH?

8

9 **DR. KEN FUJIOKA:** THESE MOSQUITOES ARE NEW. AND SO THE PEOPLE
10 OF LOS ANGELES WILL EXPERIENCE BITES THAT ARE BIGGER, MORE
11 ITCHY AND LAST LONGER. AS TIME GOES BY, THOSE BITES WILL
12 BECOME MORE IMMEDIATE AND DISAPPEAR MORE QUICKLY. BUT FOR NOW,
13 THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ANGRY. THEY'RE CALLING THE
14 DISTRICTS VERY REGULARLY. WE CAN PROVIDE TEMPORARY RELIEF, BUT
15 THE LONG-TERM EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT COMES FROM A COMMUNITY
16 EFFORT, NOT FROM OUR DISTRICT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOCTOR, YOU'RE BIT BY THE MOSQUITO,
19 WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS THAT LEAD TO DEATH?

20

21 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** THE SYMPTOMS OF MORE SEVERE DISEASE IN
22 WEST NILE VIRUS, IT WOULD BE FEVER AND THEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
23 NERVOUS SYSTEM, NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS. IN CHIKUNGUNYA, THE
24 SYMPTOMS ARE FEVER AND JOINT PAIN. AND THE JOINT PAIN CAN BE
25 VERY SEVERE AND CAN OCCUR FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, IN SOME

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1 PEOPLE UP TO A YEAR. AND THEN THERE ALSO IS A RASH ASSOCIATED
2 WITH THE ACUTE ILLNESS. DENGUE MOST OFTEN PRESENTS ALSO WITH
3 FEVER AND WITH VERY SEVERE MUSCLE ACHES, AND IN SEVERE CASES
4 MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH HEMORRHAGE OR DEATH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES IT HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY OR IS IT A
7 PERIOD OF TIME? BECAUSE EVERYBODY GETS MOSQUITO BITES WHEN
8 THEY'RE OUTSIDE. SO HOW DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
9 LETHAL?

10

11 **DR. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ:** IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSOCIATE THE
12 MOSQUITO BITE WITH ONE OF THESE ILLNESSES BECAUSE THERE MAY BE
13 AN INCUBATION PERIOD, AN ASYMPTOMATIC PERIOD BETWEEN THE BITE
14 AND ILLNESS OF A WEEK OR EVEN MORE THAN A WEEK.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT. SO
17 THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP DR. GENEVIEVE
18 CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, WAYNE SPINDLER.

19

20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, I THINK ONE THING YOU'VE GOT TO DO, WE'VE
21 GOT TO PROTECT THE HOMELESS FROM WEST NILE VIRUS. I MEAN,
22 THEY'RE OUT THERE BY RIVERS AND SLEEPING BY LAKES AND ALL OF
23 THESE OPEN SPACES. SO I THINK YOU NEED TO GO OUT THERE IF YOU
24 FIND HOMELESS OUT THERE CAMPING OUT, ESPECIALLY NEAR RIVER
25 AREAS, THE L.A. RIVER, I THINK YOU SHOULD-- MANDATORILY THE

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1 COUNTY SHOULD ISSUE THEM A TENT ALONG WITH SPECIAL NETTING,
2 BECAUSE NOW AFTER LISTENING TO THIS, I CAN SEE THAT THE
3 HOMELESS HAVE AN ADDITIONAL THREAT, WEST NILE VIRUS. SO I'M
4 GLAD YOU DID THIS REPORT BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO
5 WORRY ABOUT. AND I THINK 5 MILLION OUGHT TO DO IT. I THINK YOU
6 SHOULD GO AHEAD AND PASS THAT FORTHWITH. SEEING NO OBJECTION,
7 IT'S SO ORDERED, \$5 MILLION FOR THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
10 CLAVREUL. THIS WAS A VERY GOOD PRESENTATION. I THINK IT WAS
11 VERY WELL DETAILED AND SO ON. I THINK THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT
12 WAY. I THINK I WILL EMPHASIZE NOT HAVING ANY PARTY AT NIGHT AT
13 DUSK. THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO AVOID THE WEST NILE VIRUS.
14 PERSONALLY, MYSELF, I WAS IN A PARTY SATURDAY. AND THE ONLY
15 THING I COULD THINK WAS MOSQUITO AND NOT BE BITTEN BY
16 MOSQUITOES. SO THANK YOU.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. ALTHOUGH IT
19 WAS ASKED, IT WAS NEVER ANSWERED ABOUT THE SPRAYING. IT WAS
20 SOMEWHAT OF A DANCE AROUND THAT. BUT ALSO WHAT CAUGHT MY
21 ATTENTION WAS SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S REMARKS
22 ABOUT PEOPLE COMING OUT TO THEIR HOMES. WERE THEY COMING OUT
23 TO THEIR HOME BECAUSE THEY WERE CALLED? OR WERE THEY COMING
24 OUT TO THEIR HOMES ON A PREVENTIVE PLAN? HOW DO YOU ADDRESS
25 THAT? CAN YOU CALL THE VECTOR SERVICE TO COME OUT TO YOUR HOME

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1 TO DO A SPRAYING? I MEAN THAT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE DONE
2 BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE AND NOT-- HOW WOULD YOU IDENTIFY THE
3 MOSQUITOES IN QUESTION? AND THEN ALONG THE LINES OF LIKE
4 MAKING ME AN ANIMAL LOVER, I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE
5 MOSQUITOES ACTUALLY BITING SUPERVISOR KNABE AND GETTING
6 INFECTED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S
9 INAPPROPRIATE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE'S A PATTERN OF GRATUITOUS, CHEAP
16 SHOTS THAT ARE TAKEN BY ARNOLD SACHS. AND NO ONE QUESTIONS HIS
17 FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, BUT I DO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT IT'S
18 NECESSARY TO COME AND DENIGRATE THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS BY THESE
19 INVECTIVES THAT ARE OF NO VALUE TO ANYONE. IT'S BENEATH YOU,
20 ARNOLD. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME YOU WOULD TRY TO SAY WHAT YOU
21 HAVE TO SAY BY WAY OF CRITIQUE, THAT'S FAIR. BUT TO MAKE
22 UNTOWARD REMARKS TOWARD MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ROUTINELY IS JUST
23 SIMPLY BENEATH YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RECEIVE AND FILE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 SO ORDERED.

3

4 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR, WE'LL NOW TAKE
5 UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE'RE ON ITEM NO. 6. SO ON THIS
6 ITEM, THIS IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2011-00518, ALL
7 DISTRICTS, ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NUMBER 20110007 AND UPDATE TO
8 TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING. ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A
9 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE
10 ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

11

12 **BRUCE DURBIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
13 IS BRUCE DURBIN, I'M SUPERVISING PLANNER FROM THE ORDINANCE
14 STUDY SECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AND I
15 PRESENT TO YOU TODAY THE TECHNICAL UPDATE TO TITLE 22 OF THE
16 COUNTY CODE. THE LAST COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO TITLE 22, THE
17 PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE, WAS APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD IN
18 1974. IN THE 40 PLUS YEARS THAT HAVE SINCE PASSED, THE ZONING
19 CODE HAS BEEN AMENDED MORE THAN 500 TIMES AND OVER TWO DOZEN
20 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, RESULTING IN
21 THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF THE CODE. IN 1974, TITLE 22 CONSISTED
22 OF JUST 208 PAGES OF TEXT, BUT IT HAS SINCE GROWN TO WELL OVER
23 1500 PAGES TODAY. THE 1974 FORMAT NEVER ANTICIPATED THIS LEVEL
24 OF GROWTH IN THE ZONING CODE, AND THE RESULT IS AN ORDINANCE
25 THAT IS DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE AND COMPLICATED TO UNDERSTAND

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1 FOR THE AVERAGE USER. ALTHOUGH FUNCTIONALLY SOUND, EXISTING
2 TITLE 22 IS OVERLY REPETITIVE AND SECTIONS SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME
3 OBSOLETE THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL OR PROCEDURAL ADVANCES. ALSO IN
4 THAT TIME, NEW STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS HAVE TRANSFORMED THE
5 FIELD OF LAND USE PLANNING IN CALIFORNIA. ALTHOUGH THE
6 DEPARTMENT HAS INCORPORATED PROCEDURES IN COMPLIANCE WITH
7 THESE LAWS, TITLE 22 WAS NEVER UPDATED TO REFERENCE THESE
8 UPDATED PROCEDURES. THE TECHNICAL UPDATE TO TITLE 22 WAS
9 INITIATED WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO REORGANIZE AND SIMPLIFY THE
10 EXISTING CODE, CORRECT ERRORS, REMOVE OBSOLETE OR REDUNDANT
11 PROVISIONS AND INCORPORATE PLANS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE
12 BOARD. THIS COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE BEFORE YOU TODAY WILL NOT ADD
13 LAND USES, WILL NOT ADD ANY NEW LAND USES NOR WILL IT MODIFY
14 LAND USE REGULATIONS OR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. NOW, THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS AWARE OF THE COUNTLESS
16 STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE INTEREST IN THE ZONING CODE, EVERYTHING
17 FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND PROFESSIONAL
18 DEVELOPERS. IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD CONSENSUS AND ACHIEVE THE
19 HIGHEST POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS, THE SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION OF THE
20 COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE , THE PROJECT TEAM COLLABORATED WITH A
21 LARGE CROSS SECTION OF DEPARTMENT PLANNERS, SUBJECT MATTER
22 EXPERTS AND PROFESSIONALS WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WHO
23 SERVED IN ADVISORY ROLES AND SUPERVISED THE TESTING AND
24 EVALUATION OF THE FINAL DRAFTS BEFORE YOUR BOARD. THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ALSO CONDUCTED CONSIDERABLE

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1 OUTREACH WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY, WHICH WERE OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROJECT
3 AND GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AS DESCRIBED
4 WILL RESULT IN ONLY TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE CODE. IN A SERIES
5 OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEGINNING ON JUNE 18, 2014 AND CONCLUDING
6 ON APRIL 22, 2015, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED
7 THIS DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO TITLE 22 AND ADOPTED THE
8 RESOLUTION WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD CONSIDER THE
9 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. WE HAVE PREPARED A CATEGORICAL
10 EXEMPTION FOR THIS PROJECT BASED ON FACT THAT NO NEW POLICIES
11 ARE INTRODUCED AND THIS AMENDMENT CONSISTS OF TECHNICAL AND
12 ORGANIZATIONAL AMENDMENTS. THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S
13 PRESENTATION. AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. I HAVE A
16 MOTION WAS THAT THIS LAST TITLE 22 UPDATE WAS IN 1974. "IN THE
17 44 YEARS SINCE THE LAST UPDATE, THE ZONING CODE HAS GROWN BOTH
18 IN SIZE AND COMPLEXITY AND THE EXISTING FORMAT IS OBSOLETE,
19 DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. IN 2004, THE BOARD HAD AUTHORIZED THE
20 ZONING CODE STREAMLINING PROJECT WITH THE INTENT TO TRANSFORM
21 AND MODERNIZE TITLE 22 OF THE CODE. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO
22 REORGANIZE AND SIMPLIFY THE EXISTING CODE, CORRECT ERRORS AND
23 OMISSIONS, STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REMOVE
24 OBSOLETE, REDUNDANT REGULATIONS, INCORPORATE SPECIFIC PLANS
25 THAT WERE ADOPTED AND HELD SEPARATE FROM TITLE 22. TO COMPLY

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1 WITH EXISTING FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, NO SUBSTANTIVE
2 MODIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE TO EXISTING LAND USE REGULATIONS OR
3 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE,
4 PENDING CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT, ADDITIONAL ZONING
5 ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN HEARD AND ADOPTED OR ARE WAITING FOR
6 FINAL APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, THUS THOSE ORDINANCES SHOULD BE
7 INCORPORATED INTO THE UPDATED TITLE 22 FORMAT, REVISE TO
8 CONFORM WITH THE NUMBERING AND ORGANIZATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE
9 UPDATED CODE WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THOSE ORDINANCES.
10 SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND
11 THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO TITLE 22 IS CATEGORICALLY
12 EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A., DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
13 FINAL ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE L.A. COUNTY CODE AS
14 RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BY REPEALING
15 AND REPLACING THE EXISTING 22, AS REFLECTED IN THE DRAFT
16 ORDINANCE AND DIRECTING COUNSEL TO INCORPORATE ANY RECENTLY
17 ADOPTED ORDINANCES TO THE TECHNICAL UPDATE AND WITHOUT MAKING
18 ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES, REVISE AND CONFORM SOON TO BE ADOPTED
19 TITLE 22 ZONING ORDINANCES FOR THE FORMAT AND BRING A
20 TECHNICAL UPDATE." MY QUESTION IS, THOUGH: WE ASKED THIS IN
21 2004. WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG?

22

23 **BRUCE DURBIN:** IT BECAME A MUCH GREATER TASK THAN WE
24 ENVISIONED. AND THROUGH THE OUTREACH, WE KEPT REFINING THE
25 PROCESS. IT WAS JUST AN ENORMOUS TASK TO GO THROUGH 1500 PAGES

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1 AND REFINE THEM AND ENSURE THAT WE DIDN'T MAKE ANY POLICY
2 CHANGES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT MEANS WHEN WE PASS THIS TODAY, WE
5 ALSO DIRECT YOU IN 11 YEARS TO COME BACK AND UPDATE THE ONE?

6

7 **BRUCE DURBIN:** SHOULD PROBABLY START NOW, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO
10 SPEAK ON THIS, TWO PEOPLE. ARNOLD SACHS AND MR. SPINDLER.

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, ANOTHER ONE OF THESE FASCINATING ITEMS.
13 ANYWAY, WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WELL, REALLY WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT
14 MEANS. WHAT IT WILL MEAN IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD THINGS
15 ESSENTIALLY NO ONE WANTS THEM TO BUILD, BUT IT WILL MAKE IT
16 EASIER FOR THEM TO BUILD IT AND TO PUT LIQUOR LICENSES WHERE
17 PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEM. AND THAT'S ALL IT IS. IT'S REORGANIZES
18 AND CLARIFIES AND SIMPLIFIES FOR THE DEVELOPERS AND FOR THE
19 WELL HEELED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OLD, THE NEEDY AND THE
20 HOMELESS. THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD BE TITLED. THAT'S ALL IT IS.
21 IT'S JUST JARGON. IT'S GETTING LATE. IT'S ANOTHER SHORT
22 MEETING. SO WITH THAT, I WILL SAY VOTE NO ON IT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
25 AND I TAKE EXCEPTION TO THIS PART OF THIS AGENDA ITEM WHERE IT

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1 MENTIONS, "SIMPLIFIES COUNTY-WIDE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES AND
2 COMBINES LOGICAL INFORMATION AND TABLES AND FIGURES TO
3 ILLUSTRATE COMPLEX INFORMATION." THE REASON I TAKE EXCEPTION
4 TO THIS IS BECAUSE SOME OF THE LOGICAL INFORMATION THAT COMES
5 TO THIS MEETING IS SO ILLOGICAL. I CAN STATE CATEGORICALLY
6 SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. PLEASE, PLEASE TELL ME THAT WAS A
7 PUBLIC HEARING. 6 TIMES 12, 66. NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. WE'VE
8 HEARD YOU DISCUSS GOING TO SCHOOLS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC SO
9 THEY CAN INFORM THEIR PARENTS ABOUT THE WEST NILE VIRUS. TELL
10 ME WHAT SCHOOL WILL TEACH 6 TIMES 12 IS 66. SCHOOL OF THE
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. COMPLEX INFORMATION? THAT'S NOT
12 THAT COMPLEX. THAT'S PRETTY SIMPLE. IT'S WRONG.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
16 NEXT ITEM?

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM IS NUMBER 7.
19 THIS IS A HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R2012-01555-
20 3 LOCATED AT 1820 AND 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD IN
21 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN NORTH
22 AREA WITHIN THE MALIBU ZONED DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
23 TWO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITH BED AND
24 BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON

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1 THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

3

4 **AUDRANEE ARIKELLIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
5 NAME IS AUDRANEE ARIKELLIAN [PH?] AND I'M A PLANNER WITH THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, ZONING PERMITS WEST SECTION.
7 THE PROJECT AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IS A REQUEST FOR TWO
8 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO
9 NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES, EACH WITH BED AND BREAKFAST
10 ESTABLISHMENTS ON TWO CONTIGUOUS PARCELS ON 1820 AND 1832
11 NORTH TOPANGA BOULEVARD. THE APPLICANTS HAVE ALSO REQUESTED
12 FOR A VARIANCE AS PART OF THE PROJECT IS LOCATED AT 1832 NORTH
13 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, FALLS WITHIN THE 50-FOOT VERTICAL
14 PROTECTED AREA OF A DESIGNATED SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE. THE
15 FINDINGS FOR A VARIANCE REQUIRE THAT THE DESIGN LIMIT VISUAL
16 IMPACTS AND BLEND INTO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE REGIONAL
17 PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT
18 LOCATED AT 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON CONSISTING OF THE
19 VARIANCE AND ONE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON JUNE 17, 2015. THE
20 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE
21 PORTION OF THE PROJECT AT 1820 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON WHICH
22 CONSISTS OF A SECOND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. THE PROJECT WAS
23 APPEALED ON BEHALF OF AREA RESIDENTS. THE APPLICANT HAS SINCE
24 WITHDRAWN THE REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A BED
25 AND BREAKFAST AT 1832 NORTH TOPANGA BOULEVARD AND IS PRESENTLY

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1 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY
2 RESIDENCE AT 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON AND A CONDITIONAL USE
3 PERMIT FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST OPERATED WITHIN A RESIDENCE AT
4 1820 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD. THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S
5 PRESENTATION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME CALL UP WILLIAM CARRIER.
8 CARRIE CARRIER AND ROB GLUSHON.

9

10 **WILLIAM CARRIER:** MY NAME IS WILLIAM CARRIER AND MY WIFE AND I
11 ARE THE APPLICANTS. WE'RE A HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM LOOKING TO
12 BUILD OUR HOME AND USE IT AS A SINGLE FIVE-ROOM BED AND
13 BREAKFAST. WE HAVE OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN OUR C.U.P APPLICATION
14 FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST USE ON OUR BACK PARCEL. MY WIFE HAS
15 EXTREME CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AND IS CURRENTLY ON FEDERAL
16 DISABILITY. THIS PROJECT WILL ALLOW HER TO GET OFF OF
17 DISABILITY AND ALLOW HER TO LIVE AND WORK IN A HOME THAT IS
18 SAFE FOR HER SO SHE CAN HEAL FROM HER SICKNESS. OUR PROPOSED
19 B&B IS DEFINITELY AN ALLOWED USE OF OUR PROPERTY. THE REASON
20 WE'RE HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE HAVE APPEALED
21 OUR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THESE
22 OPPONENTS WILL NOT BE IMPACTED AT ALL BY OUR PROJECT. WE HAVE
23 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FROM MANY PEOPLE ALL OVER TOPANGA, AND
24 YOU'LL HEAR FROM SEVERAL OF OUR SUPPORTERS TODAY. THIS IS NOT
25 SIMPLY JUST SOME PROJECT BEING BUILT BY A DEVELOPER. THIS IS

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1 PROJECT IS OUR ENTIRE LIFE AND OUR ENTIRE FUTURE. WE'RE NOT
2 REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS. WE'RE PLANNING TO LIVE HERE FOR THE
3 REST OF OUR LIVES. WE'RE ALSO ENVIRONMENTALISTS. WE'RE PLANNING
4 TO BUILD AS ECOFRIENDLY AND AS NONTOXIC AS POSSIBLE AND WE
5 PLAN TO HAVE OUR HOME BE L.E.E.D.-CERTIFIED. MY WIFE AND I
6 WILL LIVE IN ONE HOME ON ONE PARCEL AND MY PARENTS WILL LIVE
7 IN THE OTHER HOME ON THE OTHER PARCEL. REGARDING THE BACK
8 PARCEL, THE TOP OF OUR BACK ONE WAS PLANNED FOR 38-1/2 FEET
9 BELOW THE RIDGE LINE BUT SINCE IT IS NOT 50 FEET BELOW, THOSE
10 11-1/2 FEET MEANT THAT WE HAD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE. WHEN WE
11 BOUGHT THE PROPERTY, IT CONSISTED OF TWO ALREADY GRADED
12 BUILDING PADS AND A LARGE PAVED DRIVEWAY. SO IN TERMS OF
13 IMPACT, BASICALLY ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE HAS ALREADY
14 BEEN DONE BY THE PRIOR OWNER. OUR PROJECT SIMPLY MAKES USE OF
15 THE GRADING AND THE PAVED DRIVEWAY THAT THE PRIOR OWNER
16 ALREADY COMPLETED. OUR BACK PORTION ONLY HAS ONE FEASIBLE
17 PLACE TO BUILD AND REQUESTING A VARIANCE IS THE MOST
18 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPTION. GRANTING A VARIANCE, THERE IS
19 NO DAMAGE OF ANY SORT TO ANYONE ELSE AND ALLOWS US TO BUILD A
20 HOME ON OUR COMPLETELY LEGAL PROPERTY. THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT
21 BEHIND THE RIDGELAND ORDINANCE WAS PRIMARILY TO PROTECT THE
22 VISUAL BEAUTY OF RIDGELINE DEVELOPMENT, AND THIS INTENT WILL
23 REMAIN INTACT WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT. IN FACT, THERE'S A TOTAL
24 OF ZERO PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE THEIR RIDGELINE VIEWS IMPACTED BY
25 OUR PROPOSED HOME, ZERO. TO OUR NORTH IS A 10 ACRE VACANT

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1 PARCEL. TO OUR EAST IS 20 ACRE VACANT PARCEL. AS FAR AS THE
2 SIZE OF OUR HOME, OUR PLANNED HOME IS THE SAME SIZE AS THE
3 ONLY HOME THEY CAN SEE , THE ONE THAT SITS ON TOP OF THE RIDGE
4 LINE. OUR ORIGINAL VARIANCE APPROVAL IS NOT SETTING ANY
5 PRECEDENT WHATSOEVER, AS ANOTHER RIDGELINE VARIANCE WAS
6 ALREADY APPROVED TWO YEARS AGO.

7

8 **CARRIE CARRIER:** HI, I'M CARRIE CARRIER, THE APPLICANT AND I
9 WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE IMPETUS FOR THIS PROJECT AND
10 WHY WE HAVE ASKED FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE
11 TO BUILD ON OUR BACK PARCEL. THIS HOUSE WAS INTENDED AS A SAFE
12 HOME FOR ME. SOMEONE WITH A HISTORY OF DISABLING CHEMICAL
13 SENSITIVITY, ALSO KNOWN AS M.C.S. WE HAD ALSO HOPED TO PROVIDE
14 A PUBLIC BENEFIT BY OFFERING IT AS A TOXIC-FREE, SHORT-TERM
15 ESCAPE FOR OTHERS AND AS A GREENPRINT FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY
16 FRIENDLY DESIGN. WE PLANNED THIS ECOFRIENDLY HOME ON THE BACK
17 PARCEL TO BE SO SAFE THAT EVEN THOSE WITH EXTREME M.C.S. COULD
18 STAY THERE WHILE VISITING FAMILY, GETTING MEDICAL CARE OR
19 SEARCHING FOR SUITABLE LONG-TERM HOUSING. SAFE LODGING OF ALL
20 KINDS IS A DIRE MEDICAL NEED FOR THE M.C.S. COMMUNITY, YET
21 THERE IS ALMOST NO SAFE HOUSING AVAILABLE TO THEM. OUR TINY
22 B&B PROJECT WAS TO SERVE AS A PEBBLE IN THE POND OF
23 POSSIBILITY TO HELP PEOPLE SENSITIZED BY CHEMICALS TO LIVE
24 MORE NORMAL AND FULL LIVES, REPLETE THE SIMPLE JOY OF TRAVEL.
25 DUE TO THREATS OF LITIGATION FROM A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE PLANNING

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1 TO USE OUR REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO TORPEDO OUR NONTOXIC B&B,
2 WE HAVE WITHDRAWN OUR REQUEST FOR A C.U.P. FOR THE BACK PARCEL
3 BUT HAVE RETAINED IT FOR THE FRONT ONE WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE
4 A VARIANCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME OF OUR OPPONENTS RUN
5 THEIR OWN ILLEGAL AIR B.N.B.S AND PROBABLY DO NOT WELCOME
6 LEGAL COMPETITION, THAT WE HAVE WITHDRAWN OUR PLANS FOR THE
7 B&B FOR THE BACK PARCEL. WE ASK TO BUILD A SINGLE-FAMILY
8 RESIDENTS THERE THAT WILL BE A SAFE HAVEN FOR ME LONG TERM. AS
9 ONE WHOSE LIFE WAS HIJACKED BY M.C.S. FIVE YEARS AGO, I HAVE
10 HAD TO REDESIGN MY LIFE SUCH THAT I CAN LIVE AND WORK IN AN
11 ENVIRONMENT THAT IS AS NONTOXIC AS POSSIBLE. AN M.C.S.
12 RESEARCHER AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY FOUND THAT 2/3 OF
13 PEOPLE WITH M.C.S. HAD TO LIVE IN CARS, TENTS OR ON PORCHES AT
14 SOME POINT DURING THEIR ILLNESS. THE SITUATION CAN BECOME SO
15 DIRE THAT 20 PERCENT OF M.C.S. SUFFERERS HAVE SERIOUSLY
16 CONSIDERED SUICIDE IN THEIR FUTILE QUEST FOR A SAFE HOME. ONCE
17 PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY ARE PUSHED TO THE BRINK BY THIS
18 STUBBORN ILLNESS WHICH CAN STRIP YOU OF YOUR HEALTH, YOUR
19 HOME, YOUR IDENTITY AND YOUR LIVELIHOOD. AS ONE OF THESE
20 PEOPLE MYSELF, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELPING US HELP
21 OURSELVES AND BE OUR OWN SOLUTION TO THE BRACING CHALLENGE
22 THAT WE FACE AS WELL AS IN PROVIDING A HEALTHY AND SAFE PLACE
23 FOR OTHERS WHO NEED IT. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE BEEN ARDENT AND
24 LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES IN THE COMMUNITY. AS BOARD
25 MEMBERS OF TOPANGA CREEK WATERSHED COMMUNITY, AS MEMBERS OF

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1 THE T.C.B.R.C. WHICH LOOKS FOR NONTOXIC APPROACHES TO ROADSIDE
2 MANAGEMENT AND DIEHARD VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTLESS GOOD CAUSES IN
3 THE CANYON AND BEYOND. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **ROBERT GLUSHON:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ROB GLUSHON, I'M A LAND USE ATTORNEY.
9 AND I REPRESENT MUCH MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF NEIGHBORS.
10 VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOWED UP AT THE
11 PLANNING COMMISSION TO OPPOSE WHAT WAS A MEGAPROJECT. THIS WAS
12 DISGUISED AND APPLIED FOR AS ONE PROJECT, ONE C.U.P. AND EVEN
13 THE PLANNING COMMISSION SAID, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE
14 THIS. YOU WANT TWO BED AND BREAKFASTS ON TWO ADJACENT LOTS.
15 AND IN ORDER TO GET A BED AND BREAKFAST, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A
16 HOME ON WHAT WE CALL THE UPPER LOT. IT NEEDED A RIDGE LINE
17 VARIANCE. AND CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU HEARD, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A
18 RIDGE LINE VARIANCE AS A PRECEDENT FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST OR
19 OTHER HOTEL USE. THE REASON THEY WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION IS
20 BECAUSE, AS WE UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL ANNOUNCED SHE
21 WOULD SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S APPEAL AS TO THAT. I DO WANT
22 TO THANK ON BEHALF OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
23 HER STAFF BECAUSE I THINK WHAT YOU'RE GOING HEAR AFTER THE
24 HEARING IS SHE'S CRAFTED A MOTION THAT IN LAND USE MATTERS,
25 AND I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 35 YEARS AND I'VE SAT ON CITY

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1 PLANNING COMMISSION, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A WIN/LOSE. AND I
2 THINK WHAT THE SUPERVISOR AND HER STAFF HAVE COME UP WITH IS
3 SOMETHING THAT THE NEIGHBORS CAN PROBABLY LIVE WITH, AND THAT
4 IS NO BED AND BREAKFAST ON THE UPPER LOT. THE BED AND
5 BREAKFAST WOULD BE GRANTED TO THE LOWER LOT WITH SPECIFIC
6 CONDITIONS. THE ONLY CONCERN THAT I HAVE TO DO MY JOB FOR THE
7 NEIGHBORS AND PUT ON THE RECORD IS THAT AS MUCH AS I
8 UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO GET THIS CASE OVER WITH, WITHOUT
9 ANYONE HAVING TO COME BACK TO THE COMMISSION OR HERE, EVERY
10 PERSON IN THE COUNTY THAT ASKS FOR A VARIANCE HAS TO PROVIDE
11 VERY DETAILED SPECIFIC PLANS, OTHERWISE YOUR PLANNERS WON'T
12 ACCEPT IT, OTHERWISE YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION WON'T APPROVE
13 IT, OTHERWISE ON APPEAL, YOU WON'T APPROVE IT. AS A MATTER OF
14 DUE PROCESS, ALL OF US NEED TO SEE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET.
15 WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE IT WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR
16 YOU DON'T LIKE IT. AND THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE HERE, THAT
17 AGAIN IS FOR THE RECORD, IS THAT YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO SUPPORT
18 A COMPROMISE THAT WILL ALLOW A SCALED-BACK SINGLE-FAMILY HOME
19 ON THE UPPER LOT ONLY BUT WITHOUT ANY PLANS. AND THAT'S JUST
20 NOT THE RIGHT WAY. IN FACT, STAFF SAID AT THE VERY BEGINNING,
21 ONE OF THE REQUIRED LEGAL FINDINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE FOR
22 THE VARIANCE IS ABOUT DESIGN, THAT THE DESIGN WON'T HAVE A
23 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. REASONABLE MINDS CAN DIFFER.
24 BUT AS A MATTER OF DUE PROCESS, YOU GOT TO SEE THE PLANS. YOU
25 ARE NOT GOING TO SEE THOSE PLANS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THOSE

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1 PLANS. STAFF IS GOING TO BE DELEGATED THE DUTY TO REVIEW
2 REVISED PLANS THAT WILL BE OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE AND WITHOUT
3 ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT. SO I HAVE TO PUT THAT ON THE
4 RECORD. BUT AGAIN I DO WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR AND HER
5 STAFF. THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT CASE. HIGH EMOTIONS ON ALL
6 SIDES. VERY RAUCOUS. TWO DIFFERENT HEARINGS BEFORE THE
7 PLANNING COMMISSION. AND TO BRING ABOUT THE RESULT THAT I
8 THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN TODAY TOOK A LOT OF LEADERSHIP AND I
9 APPRECIATE IT, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME CALL UP JENNI BILLINGS.
12 JULIE ROSENDO. JOSEPH ROSENDO. BRYCE ANDERSON. WHOEVER WANTS
13 TO GO FIRST.

14

15 **JENNI BILLINGS:** HI, MY NAME IS JENNI BILLINGS, I'M CURRENTLY A
16 BOARD MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HAVE BEEN
17 A BOARD MEMBER FOR TWO YEARS. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE
18 TOPANGA COMMUNITY SINCE 2002 IN VARIOUS WAYS. I CAME TO
19 SUPPORT THE CARRIERS ECOFRIENDLY BED AND BREAKFAST AND I THINK
20 IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY. I'VE SEEN
21 THAT THE CARRIERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL
22 CAUSES IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR YEARS NOW WITHOUT
23 EVEN LIVING THERE. THEY'RE TOTALLY INVOLVED. THE CARRIERS HAVE
24 THE SUPPORT OF MANY PEOPLE IN TOPANGA. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE
25 THAT I HAVE SPOKEN WITH ARE INTERESTED AND EXCITED ABOUT THEIR

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1 B&B. I'M AN ECOCONSCIOUS MOM WHO TRIES TO MAKE THE MOST
2 SUSTAINABLE CHOICES AND LEAST TOXIC CHOICES FOR MY FAMILY. I
3 BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ARE
4 ENVIRONMENTALLY AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE. I THINK THAT THE
5 SUPER ECOFRIENDLY B&B WOULD MELD WITH THE CULTURE OF TOPANGA
6 WHILE ALSO MEETING A REAL NEED FOR SAFE, RELIABLE, AND EASILY
7 ACCESSIBLE LODGING WITHIN THE CANYON ITSELF. THERE ARE A LOT
8 OF VENUES, EVENT VENUES, BUSINESSES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT
9 WOULD BENEFIT A LOT FROM HAVING A NEARBY PLACE TO SEND THEIR
10 GUESTS, CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS. AND AS FAR AS THE VARIANCE IS
11 CONCERNED, THEIR HOME WOULD NOT IMPACT THE VIEW. I SAT HERE ON
12 THE FIRST-- THIS IS MY THIRD HEARING-- I SAT HERE ON THE FIRST
13 HEARING WHEN THE COMMISSIONER SAID, SHOW US WHAT THIS LOOKS
14 LIKE. HE COULDN'T SEE IT. IT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE RIDGE LINE.
15 AND I'M REALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY B&B.
16 AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A FABULOUS THING TO BRING MY FRIENDS
17 TO AND FAMILY TO AND WANT TO LEARN ALL THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL
18 CHOICES THEY MAKE IN BUILDING THIS, SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS.

19

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

21

22 **JULIE ROSENDO:** HI, I'D LIKE THIS TO GO ON THE OFFICIAL BOARD
23 RECORD AND I HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT I'LL LEAVE, AS WELL.
24 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JULIE ROSENDO, I'M
25 A LONGTIME TOPANGA RESIDENT. AMONG MY COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS,

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1 I AM ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WILL GEER'S THEATRIC BOTANICUM.
2 I AM ON THE BOARD OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC
3 COMMUNITY AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA CREEK WATERSHED
4 COMMUNITY AMONG OTHER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS. AND WHILE I'M
5 NOT HERE IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, I STAND WITH MANY, MANY
6 OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF THE CARRIERS' C.U.P. AND
7 ASK THAT YOU DENY THE APPEAL AS RICHARD BRUCKNER, THE DIRECTOR
8 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, HAS RECOMMENDED TO YOU
9 ALL IN A LETTER DATED TODAY. I HAVE KNOWN BOTH BILL AND CARRIE
10 FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THEIR COMMUNITY
11 INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO CREATING A HEALTHY AND
12 SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. THE CARRIERS ARE PLAYING BY THE RULES,
13 SEEKING TO BUILD THEIR B&B AND HOME WITH ALL THE NECESSARY
14 PERMITS. I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT THE CARRIER'S
15 B&B WILL CAUSE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA. TO THE
16 CONTRARY. A SMALL B&B OFF THE MAIN ROAD WITH ITS OWN DRIVEWAY
17 AND PARKING WILL NOT AFFECT ANY NEIGHBORS. JUST DOWN THE
18 STREET FROM THE CARRIER'S PROPERTY IS A COMMERCIAL
19 ESTABLISHMENT, THE 1909, WHICH HOSTS WEDDINGS AND PRIVATE
20 EVENTS SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK CLOGGING THE ROAD WITH AN EXCESS
21 OF 100 VEHICLES PARKED ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR MAIN STREET,
22 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, AND YET THERE IS NO PUBLIC OUTCRY
23 AGAINST THIS ESTABLISHMENT. WITH THE CARRIERS' PERMISSION, I
24 USED THEIR 10 ACRES TO PRACTICE WITH A NEW VIDEO CAMERA
25 RECENTLY AND WAS SURPRISED BY THE AMOUNT OF FOOT TRAFFIC THAT

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1 TRAVELS THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY ON TRAILS THAT LEAD TO AND FROM
2 TOPANGA STATE PARK. IT IS MY OPINION THAT SOME OF THOSE
3 AGAINST THE C.U.P. MAY BE MORE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE LAND
4 VACANT FOR THEIR OWN USE, WHICH OF COURSE IS NOT THEIR
5 DECISION TO MAKE. IT IS PRIVATE LAND AND AS SUCH THE CARRIERS
6 HAVE A RIGHT TO BUILD A HOME THAT WILL INCIDENTALY ALSO BE A
7 B&B. AND FOR THE RECORD, THE CARRIERS TELL ME THEY ARE FINE
8 WITH THE COMMUNITY UTILIZING THE TRAILS ON THEIR PROPERTY AS
9 ACCESS TO THE STATE PARK. THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL OFFICIAL
10 B&BS IN THE CANYON. AND CHECKING THE AIR B.N.B. WEBSITE THIS
11 MORNING, I FOUND LITERALLY DOZENS OF PROPERTIES FOR RENT.
12 DENYING THE CARRIERS' LEGAL AND PERMITTED L.E.E.D.-CERTIFIED
13 HOME DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, SIR. LET ME
16 ALSO CALL UP DAVID BILLINGS. AND REBECCA CATTERALL. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JOSEPH ROSENDO:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M JOSEPH ROSENDO,
19 PAST PRESIDENT AND PRESENT COMMUNITY LIAISON CHAIR FOR THE
20 TOPANGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA
21 ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY AND THE TOPANGA CREEK
22 WATERSHED COMMUNITY. I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF. I SUPPORT CARRIE
23 AND BILL CARRIER AND THEIR PROPOSED HOME AND BED AND
24 BREAKFAST, AND I URGE YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL. I MENTIONED THE
25 ORGANIZATIONS I BELONG TO BECAUSE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS I

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1 HAVE WORKED WITH CARRIE AND BILL IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND IN
2 PARTICULAR AS MEMBERS OF THE TOPANGA BOULEVARD ROADSIDE
3 COMMITTEE WHICH IS A GROUP OF TOPANGA ORGANIZATIONS WORKING
4 WITH THE STATE, COUNTY, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CALTRANS FOR THREE
5 YEARS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, OUR MAIN
6 STREET, FROM CALTRANS HERBICIDE POISONING SPRAYING ALONG OUR
7 CREEK AND OUR BOULEVARD. ALTHOUGH NOT YET RESIDENTS OF
8 TOPANGA, THE CARRIERS HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS TO PROTECT AND
9 PRESERVE TOPANGA'S LANDSCAPE, WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT AND
10 COMMUNITY TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN MANY WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE
11 TOPANGA FOR DECADES. WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED TOPANGA IN 1970,
12 I LOVED THE CANYON, THE COMMUNITY AND I DREAMED ABOUT LIVING
13 THERE. ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO THAT DREAM BECAME A REALITY. CARRIE
14 AND BILL HAVE A DREAM OF HAVING THEIR HOME AND BUSINESS IN
15 TOPANGA AND HAVE FOLLOWED EVERY RULE, ACQUIRED EVERY PERMIT,
16 DONE ALL THE PLANS, SPOKE WITH ANYONE AND JUMPED THROUGH EVERY
17 HOOP IN ORDER MAKE THAT DREAM COME TRUE. IT'S WRONG TO DENY
18 THEM THAT RIGHT, PARTICULARLY AFTER PREVIOUSLY GRANTING THEM
19 ON MERIT THE VARIANCE AND C.U.P. PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION
20 OF TOPANGA IS AN ONGOING MISSION THE PRESSURES ON LANDSCAPE,
21 WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT ARE ENDLESS. THE CARRIERS AND WHAT THEY
22 PROPOSE, A L.E.E.D.-CERTIFIED HOME AND FIVE ROOM BED AND
23 BREAKFAST ARE POSITIVE ADDITIONS TO TOPANGA. I WOULD BE
24 THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE CARRIERS AS MY NEIGHBORS. IN
25 FACT, I WOULD HAPPILY SWAP SOME OF THE FEW THAT I HAVE TODAY.

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1 DO NOT BE MISLED, PLEASE. EVERY TOPANGAN WHO KNOWS THEM AND
2 HAS WORKED WITH THEM AND MOST WHO HAVE YET TO DO SO WOULD
3 WELCOME THEM AND THEIR BED AND BREAKFAST WITH OPEN ARMS. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP WAYNE
7 SPINDLER. YES, SIR.

8

9 **BRYCE ANDERSON:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M BRYCE ANDERSON, I'M
10 A 15-YEAR RESIDENT OF TOPANGA. I LIVE ON ARTEIQUE, I LIVE IN
11 THE ARTEIQUE/DEERHILL NEIGHBORHOOD. I'M ONE OF MANY RESIDENTS
12 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THE STRUCTURES. I LIVE
13 IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE TWO PARCELS. I'M STRONGLY
14 OPPOSED TO GRANTING A VARIANCE TO THE RIDGE LINE ORDINANCE ON
15 THE NORTHERN PARCEL. THAT'S 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON
16 BOULEVARD, WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE PLANS TO MEET THE CONDITIONS
17 SET FORTH-- AND I DO WANT TO THANK AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT
18 OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HER STAFF IN CRAFTING A WORKABLE
19 SOLUTION. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE GRANTING OF A VARIANCE TO THE
20 RIDGE LINE ORDINANCE ON THE NORTHERN PARCEL WITHOUT ACCESS TO
21 PLANS THAT MEET THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE SUPERVISOR.
22 GRANTING THE VARIANCE PRIOR TO FULL ACCESS TO THE PLANS THAT
23 MEET THE CONDITIONS DENIES THE PUBLIC RIGHT TO REVIEW AND
24 QUESTION WHETHER THE PLANS MEET THOSE CONDITIONS. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **DAVID BILLINGS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DAVID BILLINGS. I'M
4 CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND
5 I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN TOPANGA COMMUNITY SINCE 2002. I CAME OUT
6 TODAY TO SUPPORT THE CARRIERS' ECOFRIENDLY BED AND BREAKFAST.
7 I THINK IT WILL BE GREAT FOR TOPANGA. I THINK THE TYPE OF
8 CLIENTELE IT WILL DRAW WILL BE CONCERNED WITH MAINTAINING THE
9 ENVIRONMENT OF THE CANYON. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE CARRIERS
10 HAVE THE MAJORITY OF-- THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF TOPANGA
11 RESIDENTS I HAVE SPOKEN WITH. ALSO, I WANT TO ADD IN TOPANGA,
12 THERE ARE HUNDREDS, LITERALLY, HUNDREDS OF ILLEGAL AIR B.N.B.
13 RENTALS THAT HAVE NO PERMITS. THEY DON'T COME TO ANYONE TO ASK
14 PERMISSION TO RUN A BED AND BREAKFAST, WHICH IS ONE OF THESE
15 AIR B.N.B.S ARE. AND THE CARRIERS ARE TRYING TO DO IT OUT IN
16 THE OPEN, UP FRONT AND GET ALL THE REQUIRED PERMITS, SUBMIT
17 PLANS AND DO IT LEGALLY. AS FAR AS THE VARIANCE IS CONCERNED,
18 I DRIVE BY THEIR PROPERTY ALL THE TIME. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO
19 WAY FOR ANYONE TO SEE THAT BACK HOME THAT WOULD REQUIRE A
20 VARIANCE. AND I THOUGHT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RIDGE LINE
21 VARIANCE WAS SO PEOPLE CAN SEE THE RIDGE LINES, NOT HOMES. AND
22 IN FACT, THERE IS A HOUSE NEXT TO THEIR PROPERTY THAT SITS ON
23 TOP OF THE RIDGE LINE THAT CAN BE SEEN FROM ALL OVER TOPANGA.
24 THE CARRIERS; PLANNED HOUSE WON'T BE ABLE TO BE SEEN BY ANYONE

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1 AND WON'T BLOCK ANYONE'S VIEW OF A RIDGE LINE. AND FOR THAT
2 REASON, FOR THESE REASONS, I ASK THAT YOU DENY THE APPEAL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SPINDLER?

5

6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. I THINK SINCE YOU'RE DOING THIS VARIANCE,
7 ISN'T IT REALLY TIME THAT WE START HAVING HOTELS ON TOPANGA?
8 SO I THINK YOU SHOULD AMEND IT, NOT THAT THEY'LL USE IT, BUT
9 YOU SHOULD AMEND THIS TO ALLOW THEM TO BUILD A 14-STORY HOTEL.
10 I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO DO THINGS. JUST MAKE IT
11 THE NEXT BROADWAY, MAKE IT THE NEXT WALL STREET. BECAUSE HERE
12 AGAIN, LIKE I ALWAYS SEE YOU HOLD YOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND
13 THEN YOU BAIT AND YOU SWITCH. YOU COME BACK WITH A SINGLE
14 FAMILY HOME WITH NO PLANS BUT THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY
15 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LOOKING AT THOSE PLANS. YOU WON'T JUST
16 SIMPLY DENY IT, SEND IT BACK, HAVE THEM DO IT RIGHT WITH THE
17 PLANS AND THE PUBLIC HEARING THE OTHER FOUR OF YOU, YOU'RE
18 GOING TO STAY MUTE BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO GET INTO
19 THE BACKYARD OF A FELLOW SUPERVISOR ON THINGS LIKE PLANNING
20 BECAUSE IF YOU DO, IT STARTS A CIVIL WAR AND NOBODY WANTS
21 THAT. SO BASICALLY THERE'S ONLY ONE VOTE HERE. THE FOUR OF YOU
22 SHOULD RECUSE YOURSELVES, EXCEPT FOR SHEILA KUEHL, IT'S GOING
23 TO BE HER VOTE, IT'S HER KINGDOM. I DRIVE DOWN TOPANGA CANYON
24 SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. IT'S WONDERFUL. IT'S BUCOLIC. IT'S
25 RUSTIC. IT'S REALLY PRESERVED IN THE TRADITION OF WHAT YOU

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1 SHOULD HAVE AT L.A. COUNTY. IT'S REALLY ONE OF THE LAST NATURE
2 PRESERVES THAT YOU CAN ACCESS. IT RUNS VERY WELL, THE PARKING,
3 EVERYTHING RUNS VERY WELL. BUT SOMEBODY GOOFED AND TRIED TO
4 GET TWO BED AND BREAKFASTS SQUEEZED INTO A LITTLE FIVE ACRE
5 PARCEL. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO THE FRONT, START
6 AGAIN, BECAUSE YOU LOST, YOU TRIED TO GET TOO GREEDY OR AMEND
7 IT FOR A 14-STORY HOTEL AND YOU CAN TURN IT INTO AN
8 OVERDEVELOPMENT ZONE. THINK OF ALL THE PROPERTY TAX MONEY, ALL
9 THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS YOU'D GET OF DEVELOPMENT. SO LET'S GO
10 AHEAD AND BUILD THAT HOTEL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL MY CONSTITUENTS ON
15 ALL SIDES OF THIS ISSUE FOR TESTIFYING TODAY, AND FOR SITTING
16 THROUGH ALL OF THE OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. IT'S BEEN A
17 LONG DAY. THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT CASE. PROTECTION OF THE
18 RIDGE LINES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IS VERY, VERY
19 IMPORTANT. I'M PLEASED THAT THE APPLICANT WITHDREW THEIR
20 REQUEST FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST ON THE UPPER PARCEL, INSTEAD
21 DECIDED TO PURSUE A VARIANCE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE
22 ONLY. I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GRANT A VARIANCE
23 FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. THE APPLICANT HAS ALSO AGREED TO
24 SCALE DOWN THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED HOME IN ORDER TO FURTHER
25 REDUCE ENCROACHMENT INTO THE VERTICAL SETBACK OF THE RIDGE

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1 LINE. THE VARIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ON A SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE
2 SHOULD ONLY BE GRANTED UNDER VERY LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, WHEN
3 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS MINIMIZED AND WHEN NO OTHER
4 SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT EXISTS ON THE PARCEL.
5 THIS IS THE CASE WITH THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE. IN THIS CASE, THE
6 DEVELOPMENT PAD WAS LEGALLY GRADED IN THE PAST PRIOR TO THE
7 ADOPTION OF OUR SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE ORDINANCE. ANY OTHER
8 LOCATION ON THIS PARCEL WOULD CAUSE A DESTRUCTION OF NATIVE
9 HABITAT, RESULTING IN MORE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAN THE
10 PROPOSED LOCATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2012-
12 01555-3 AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
13 PROJECT AND DETERMINE BASED ON THE WHOLE RECORD BEFORE THE
14 BOARD THAT WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIRED MITIGATION
15 MEASURES, THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON
16 THE ENVIRONMENT AND FIND THAT THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND
17 REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT IS ADEQUATELY DESIGNED TO
18 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MITIGATION MEASURES DURING PROJECT
19 IMPLEMENTATION. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DENY IN PART AND
20 APPROVE IN PART THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
21 COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS: 1) GRANT A VARIANCE TO ALLOW BUILDING
22 ONLY OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AT 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON
23 BOULEVARD THAT ENCROACHES ON THE RIDGE LINE SETBACK WITH THE
24 FOLLOWING MINIMUM CONDITIONS TO THAT VARIANCE. A) LIMIT THE
25 MAXIMUM BUILDING SQUARE FOOT FOOTAGE ON SITE TO 4500 SQUARE

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1 FEET INCLUDING ALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. B) LIMIT THE HEIGHT
2 OF THE BUILDING WITHIN THE VERTICAL SETBACK OF THE RIDGE LINE
3 TO 16.5 FEET. AND, C) ELIMINATE 5 PARKING SPACES SHOWN ON THE
4 SITE PLAN BECAUSE THEY WERE INTENDED FOR THE BED AND BREAKFAST
5 OPERATION FORMERLY PROPOSED FOR THAT PARCEL. AND, 2) REVERSE
6 THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING THE
7 REQUESTED C.U.P. FOR THE PARCEL LOCATED AT 1820 NORTH TOPANGA
8 CANYON BOULEVARD THAT WAS TANTAMOUNT TO A DENIAL OF THAT
9 C.U.P. AND GRANT A C.U.P. TO ALLOW OPERATION OF A BED AND
10 BREAKFAST FACILITY ON THAT PARCEL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
11 PROPOSED FOR THAT PART OF THE PROJECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 REGIONAL PLANNING AND ADD THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS: 1)
13 PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POOL ON THE PARCEL AND, 2)
14 PROHIBIT AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR OTHER NOISE OUTDOORS AFTER 10 P.M.
15 I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
16 PREPARE, CONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING, THE NECESSARY FINDINGS
17 AND CONDITIONS FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF ONLY A
18 SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AT 1832 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD AND
19 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW OPERATION OF A BED AND
20 BREAKFAST AT 1820 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. ANY QUESTIONS? SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WHY CAN'T THEY HAVE A POOL?

25

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

2

3 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 8, THIS IS A
4 HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2014-00667-4 LOCATED WITHIN THE
5 CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
6 COMMUNITY SOUTH WHITTIER TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY
7 WITH 53 ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTIAL UNITS. ON THIS ITEM,
8 THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED
9 AND THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

10

11 **LINDA HITICHI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HONORABLE BOARD, MY NAME IS
12 LINDA HITICHI, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM
13 NO. 8 ON TODAY'S AGENDA IS A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPROVAL
14 OF A NEW RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN THE
15 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER. THE APPLICANT,
16 BRANDYWINE HOMES, PROPOSES TWO MULTI-FAMILY LOTS WITH 53 NEW
17 ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS DISBURSED IN 12 DETACHED BUILDING
18 ON 3.67 GROSS ACRES WITHIN THE CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB GOLF
19 COURSE. PROPOSED LOT 1 IS CURRENTLY VACANT AND PROPOSED LOT 2
20 CURRENTLY CONTAINS A GOLF CART BARN PROPOSED TO BE RELOCATED
21 WITHIN THE COUNTRY CLUB. THE PROJECT ALSO ENTAILS THE
22 DEVELOPMENT OF A CLUBHOUSE, A RECREATION AREA AND A COMMUNITY
23 GARDEN. SINCE THE COMMISSION HEARING, STAFF HAS RECEIVED FOUR
24 EMAILS. TWO REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE
25 PROJECT AND, TWO, EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE TRAFFIC

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1 IMPACTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF TELEGRAPH ROAD AND BRAMBLEBUSH
2 AVENUE AND HONEYSUCKLE LANE. THE APPLICANT HAS PREPARED A
3 SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT SUBSEQUENT TO THE
4 COMMISSION HEARING TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC ISSUES BROUGHT UP AT
5 THE COMMISSION. THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
6 CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROJECT ON SEPTEMBER 2,
7 2015 AND VOTED IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE
8 PROJECT TO YOUR BOARD. THEREFORE, TODAY STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT
9 YOUR BOARD APPROVE PROJECT NUMBER R2014-00667 AND THE
10 ASSOCIATED VESTING MAP PLAN AMENDMENT ZONE CHANGE CONDITIONAL
11 USE PERMIT AND PARKING PERMIT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE JIM BARISIC,
14 JAMES MANGIELLI, BRIAN THIENES AND MR. PREVEN. THE APPLICANT
15 WILL SPEAK FIRST. MR. BARISIC? YOU WILL HAVE FOUR MINUTES, THE
16 OTHERS WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JIM BARISIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JIM BARISIC. I'M CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF
20 BRANDYWINE HOMES. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU PROVIDING
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HAVE YOU HEAR THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
22 FOR WHICH WE WOULD BE THE BUILDER AND DEVELOPER. BRANDYWINE
23 HOMES, JUST A QUICK BACKGROUND, WE'RE A FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS.
24 WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR OVER 20 YEARS IN THE L.A. AND ORANGE
25 COUNTY AREAS. WE BUILD ONLY INFILL DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THIS.

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1 AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE ALWAYS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WE'RE
2 CRAFTING ONE OF THESE NEW INFILL-TYPE DEVELOPMENTS IS TO MAKE
3 SURE THAT IT DOES BLEND IN WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND WE THINK
4 THAT ONCE AGAIN WE WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN THESE EFFORTS.
5 SPECIFICALLY, WE'VE BEEN WORKING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, FOR
6 ACTUALLY IT'S OVER FOUR YEARS WITH BOTH THE CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY
7 CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP, THE NEIGHBORS IN IN
8 THE COMMUNITY AND WITH YOUR STAFF. YOUR STAFF, BY THE WAY, HAS
9 BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH US. THIS WAS OUR FIRST VENTURE INTO A
10 FULLY APPROVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TYPE PROJECT. AND IT WAS--
11 THE LEARNING CURVE WAS PRETTY HIGH FOR US. SO I DID WANT TO
12 TAKE A SPECIFIC MOMENT AND THANK ANDY NIRAJ IN YOUR PUBLIC
13 WORKS DEPARTMENT, LINDA HITICHI IN YOUR REGIONAL PLANNING
14 DEPARTMENT AND SPECIFICALLY TWO LADIES IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
15 OFFICE, THAT WOULD BE JULIE MOORE AND ANDREA AVILA BECAUSE
16 THEY HELPED GUIDE US THROUGH WHAT WAS FOR US A LITTLE
17 TORTUOUS, SO WE THANK THEM FOR THAT. WE HAVE OUR FULL
18 DEVELOPMENT TEAM HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS
19 YOU MIGHT HAVE. THE STAFF VETTED THIS PROJECT SO THOROUGHLY
20 I'M NOT SURE YOU'LL HAVE ANY LEFT. IT WAS-- THEY DID ONE HECK
21 OF A JOB. TO MY RIGHT IS BRIAN THIENES. HE'S ON THE BOARD OF
22 DIRECTORS OF CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB AND I THINK HE HAS A FEW
23 WORDS HE WOULD LIKE TO SAY, AS WELL.
24

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1 **BRIAN THIENES:** YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS BRIAN THIENES. I SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT
3 CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER THERE FOR ABOUT 24
4 YEARS. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THIS PROJECT. WE'RE VERY
5 EXCITED. WE FEEL THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE A GOOD
6 ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OF COURSE THE SALE OF THE
7 LAND WILL HELP US IMPROVE OUR CLUBHOUSE AND HOPEFULLY ENSURE
8 THAT THE CLUB CONTINUES TO THRIVE THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEARS
9 BY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS THAT HOPEFULLY MAKE IT MORE DESIRABLE
10 AND ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS. AND I ALSO WANTED
11 TO THANK STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK IN GETTING BRANDYWINE
12 THROUGH THE PROCESS AT L.A. COUNTY. IT WAS A REALLY WELL
13 DETAILED EFFORT. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING STAFF'S DONE TO
14 GET US TO THIS POINT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **JIM BARISIC:** WE ALSO HAVE, IF I MAY, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND
17 BOARD, WE HAVE OUR TRAFFIC ENGINEER, BOB KAHN FROM ARC
18 ENGINEERING GROUP HERE. HE COULD GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC STUDY THAT WAS DONE. NO? VERY GOOD. SO
20 WE'RE PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW ABOUT LATER ON, REGIONAL PLANNING BUT LET THE
23 PUBLIC TESTIFY.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ROBERT KAHN? CALL UP ERIC PREVEN AND
2 WE CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY
5 RESIDENT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND MR. SPINDLER.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** SO I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THIS. THIS IS THE
10 CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE PROPERTY. IT IS PART OF
11 THEIR PROPERTY. THEY ARE GOING TO PUT UP, THESE GUYS OF
12 BRANDYWINE THAT JUST DID A 30 CONDO DEVELOPMENT I READ ABOUT.
13 THIS WILL STIMULATE, THEY'VE PUT SOME NICE HOMES INTO THE
14 AREA. THESE WILL BE 12 BUILDINGS WITH 53 UNITS. THESE ARE ON A
15 COUNTRY CLUB. SO THIS IS NOT WHAT I WOULD DESCRIBE AS THE
16 AFFORDABLE PIECE. THIS IS PROBABLY MORE, I DON'T KNOW,
17 PROBABLY MORE OF AN UPSCALE. FOR THE UPSCALE GUYS, LIKE YOU,
18 SIR. NOW THE QUESTION I HAD WAS: IS REGIONAL PLANNING AND
19 BRUCKNER-- BY THE WAY, LET ME JUST TAKE A MINUTE HERE,
20 BRUCKNER IS FANTASTIC. THIS GUY SERIOUSLY, IF YOU HAVE A
21 PROBLEM YOU NEED SOLVED, HE WILL WORK WITH THE TEAM AND WITH
22 THE SUPERVISORS LIKE KUEHL AND MAKE EVERYBODY HAPPY. HE'S
23 GREAT GUY. NOW THE QUESTION I HAVE IS: IS THERE ANY WAY WHEN
24 WE ARE ROLLING OUT THESE KINDS OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE GOING
25 TO YOU LATE THE ECONOMY, WE WILL GET PROPERTY TAX, WE WILL GET

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1 INCOME. WE WILL GET A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. SIR, THAT'S NOT
2 POSSIBLE. WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? EVERYBODY GETS TWO MINUTES
3 AND I GET ONE? IS THAT A MISTAKE? THOSE GUYS TALKED FOR MORE.

4

5 **ROBERT KAHN:** YES, MY NAME IS ROBERT KAHN, I'M A PRINCIPAL WITH
6 THE ARC ENGINEERING GROUP AND WE WERE THE CONSULTANT PREPARING
7 THE TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE PROJECT. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH
8 PUBLIC WORKS TO DEVELOP THE SCOPE OF THAT TRAFFIC STUDY AND
9 THE RESULTS. WE FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS AT ALL AS A
10 RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT. THE 53 UNITS HAD
11 MINIMAL TRAFFIC GENERATION. AS A RESULT OF THE REGIONAL
12 PLANNING MEETING, I WAS REQUESTED TO DO A SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC
13 STUDY TO LOOK AT THE NEED FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT BRAMBLE-
14 BUSH AND TELEGRAPH. WE FOUND NO NEED FOR THAT; HOWEVER, WE DID
15 SUGGEST TWO IMPROVEMENTS. ONE, TO PROVIDE AN ACCELERATION LANE
16 WHICH THE DEVELOPER WILL BE BUILDING IN TELEGRAPH AND ALSO
17 PROVIDING A SECOND OUTBOUND LANE ON BRAMBLEBUSH. THESE
18 IMPROVEMENTS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE EXISTING OPERATION AND
19 FUTURE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WITH THE PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. I'M GLAD WE'RE BUILDING AFFORDABLE
23 HOUSING ON COUNTRY CLUBS. AND I KNOW THESE 53 UNITS, I KNOW
24 MANY OF THEM ARE SET ASIDE FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING. I KNOW THAT
25 MANY OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE HOMELESS

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1 DISPLACEMENT THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT TODAY. SO 53 UNITS, 53
2 FAMILIES, HOMELESS, TAKEN OFF THE STREETS AND PUT INTO SOUTH
3 WHITTIER ON THE CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB. NOW I DON'T KNOW IF
4 THE HOMELESS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY
5 CLUB, BUT, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR KNABE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. BUT
6 OF COURSE THE UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL BILLBOARD EXCLUSION,
7 HOWEVER, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I THINK YOU SHOULD ALLOW
8 UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL BILLBOARDS TO BE PUT UP ON THIS
9 DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE OWNER NEEDS TO RAISE MORE
10 REVENUE TO OFFSET THE LOW INCOME HOUSING THAT'S BEING BUILT.
11 SO I THINK YOU SHOULD ADD THAT TO THE PROPOSAL.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
14 BRANDYWINE HOMES. WILL THIS BE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
15 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEVELOPER AND THE RESIDENTS? WE HEARD
16 ABOUT THAT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT THAT YOU
17 HAD CONCERNS AND IT TURNED OUT WITH A HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION,
18 YOU HAVE NO OVERSIGHT. THE GOLF COURSE, IS IT ELIGIBLE FOR ANY
19 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROPOSITION FUNDS THAT YOU ROUTINELY
20 GIVE OUT TO OTHER GOLF COURSES? I KNOW, I UNDERSTAND FOR
21 COMMUNITY USE. AND THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED, FOUR-YEAR PROJECT
22 FOR THIS, FOUR YEARS TO DO THIS PROJECT. SO AGAIN I'M THINKING
23 YOU HAD THAT PROJECT ABOUT CREATING LOW- INCOME HOMES, FOUR
24 YEARS TO CREATE THIS. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT
25 OTHER ITEMS, TWO MINUTES' TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING? AND THIS

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1 ITEM? I GUESS IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHO'S SPEAKING? ONE MINUTE
2 TIME? SO THAT'S NOT A SHOT, THOUGH. I UNDERSTAND BUT THE
3 HEARING BEFORE YOU HAD TWO MINUTES.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FIRST
6 OF ALL I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO STAFF. IT HAS BEEN A LONG
7 TIME, FOUR YEARS, RIGHT? AND I APPRECIATE ALL THEIR EFFORTS IN
8 BRINGING THIS TO FINALLY SOME FINALITY. YOU KNOW, ALL THE
9 LITTLE SHOTS ABOUT BEING ON A GOLF COURSE, I THINK EVERYONE
10 NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY IS. IT'S OUT
11 FRONT. IT'S TOTALLY SEPARATE. CANDLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB HAPPENS
12 TO OWN THE PROPERTY BUT IT'S NOT ON THE GOLF COURSE ITSELF.
13 IT'S IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR. AND THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL DO
14 MUCH TO IMPROVE THE ENTIRE AREA AND THE ENTIRE RESIDENTIAL
15 AREA AS FAR AS PROPERTY VALUES. SO I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.
16 SO I DO HAVE-- THE ONLY ISSUE I HAD IS THE TRAFFIC STUDY AND
17 THE SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC STUDY. I STILL THINK AT SOME POINT WE
18 NEED TO REVIEW THAT TO SEE HOW IT LOOKS BECAUSE I REALLY THINK
19 THAT ONCE YOU HAVE THAT DEVELOPMENT, YOU MAY NEED TO RE-VISIT
20 THE ISSUE BECAUSE AS I TOLD YOU, MR. BRUCKNER, WHEN YOU'RE
21 GOING IT WOULD BE EASTBOUND ON TELEGRAPH, YOU HAVE SOME BLIND
22 SPOTS SORT OF COMING UP THE HILL RIGHT TO THE TOP THERE THAT
23 MAY BE IMPACTED. IT'S ONE THING TO DO A TRAFFIC STUDY WITH NO
24 TRAFFIC, AND ESTIMATE AND ANOTHER ONCE YOU HAVE 53 UNITS
25 DEPENDING UPON THE NUMBER OF CARS AND RESIDENTS AND THINGS. I

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1 WOULD JUST ASK THAT PART OF THIS APPROVAL PROCESS, WOULD BE AT
2 SOME POINT YOU REVISIT THE TRAFFIC ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THIS
3 DEVELOPMENT.

4

5 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE WILL DO THAT, SIR. AND WE'RE HERE WITH
6 PUBLIC WORKS, WHO ACTUALLY DOES THE TECHNICAL WORK AND WE'LL
7 WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM TO DO THAT WORK.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. WITH THAT, MR.
10 MAYOR, I WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE
11 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO, ONE
12 CONSIDER THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DEC ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT
13 NO. R2014-00667-4 TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING
14 THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS, FIND ON THE WHOLE RECORD BEFORE THE
15 BOARD THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT
16 WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, FIND THAT
17 THE M.N.D. REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND ANALYSIS OF
18 THIS BOARD AND ADOPT THE M.N.D. AND FIND THAT THE MITIGATION
19 MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT IS ADEQUATELY
20 DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MITIGATION MEASURES
21 DURING THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. 2) THAT THE BOARD INDICATE
22 ITS INTENT TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 204-00002-4 AND
23 THE ZONE CHANGE 2014, 00002-4 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING
24 COMMISSION AND INDICATES ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED
25 C.U.P. NUMBER 2014-000028-4, THE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP

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1 072684 AND PARKING PERMIT NUMBER 2014-00009-4 CONDITIONED AS
2 APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND NUMBER 3 THAT THE
3 BOARD INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY
4 RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE FOR THE PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE
5 CHANGE AND THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF THE C.U.P.
6 TRACT MAP AND PARKING PERMIT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.
9 ITEM NO. 8, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, WE HAVE THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT 29-D, I'M SORRY. 29-D. HUMAN TRAFFICKING? HUMAN
11 TRAFFICKING REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR EVERY MEMBER ON THIS
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR VARIOUS MOTIONS HAVE BEEN IN
13 SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMS TO COMBAT THIS HAS BEEN PUBLIC RECORD.
14 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE SHERIFF FOR HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
15 THIS GRANT, A TESTAMENT TO HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO HELP YOUNG
16 VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND COMBAT ALL FORMS OF HUMAN
17 TRAFFICKING. WORKING IN A REGIONAL MANNER, WHICH INCLUDES OUR
18 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, WE HAVE A
19 FORCE MULTIPLIER EFFECT NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THE TOOLS AT OUR
20 DISPOSAL BUT ALSO MAXIMIZING THE CONSEQUENCES OF TRAINING OUR
21 OFFICERS AND RAISING AWARENESS. PARTNERING WITH THE COALITION
22 TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING, C.A.S.T. CLOSES THE LOOP
23 BY ENSURING THAT OUR MINOR VICTIMS RECEIVE THE SUPPORT AND
24 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED FOR THE PATH TO RECOVERY. SO, WELCOME
25 AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

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1
2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. MAYOR, AND ALL OF THE
3 SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE
4 COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING, WE'RE SO
5 GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE AND THAT WE'RE HERE
6 TALKING ABOUT TODAY BUT ALSO THE GREAT LEADERSHIP FROM ALL OF
7 THE SUPERVISORS HERE. I WORKED WITH SO MANY OF YOU ON
8 DIFFERENT INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY, AT THE STATE LEVEL, A
9 GREAT PROJECT IN DISTRICT 2 AND ALSO WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS IN
10 FORCED LABOR WORK. AND WE'VE NEVER HAD SUCH GREAT SYNERGY HERE
11 LOCALLY TO REALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND
12 FOR THAT WE ARE SO GRATEFUL. SO YOU PROBABLY ARE ALL AWARE WE
13 ARE HERE TO THANK YOU TODAY ON OCTOBER 1ST. WE WERE PRIVILEGED
14 TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. ONE GRANT
15 GOES TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ANOTHER GRANT GOES TO
16 C.A.S.T. AND FOR C.A.S.T., WHAT WE'RE DOING IS GOING OUT AND
17 PROVIDING LIBERATION SERVICES, FIRST RESPONDING SERVICES TO
18 SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING, AND THAT INCLUDES CHILDREN, BOTH
19 BOYS AND GIRLS, WOMEN AND MEN, WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF BOTH SEX
20 TRAFFICKING AND LABOR TRAFFICKING. AND JUST TO PUT IT IN
21 CONTEXT FOR THE SUPERVISORS, LAST YEAR ALONE, C.A.S.T.
22 ACTUALLY HAD OVER 350 CASES THAT WE WERE WORKING ON. SO IT
23 SHOWS JUST HOW PREVALENT IT IS IN OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE
24 COUNTY. AND, AGAIN, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIP
25 THAT WE HAVE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY WE

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1 WORKED WITH SHERIFF MCDONNELL AT L.A.P.D. AND AT LONG BEACH
2 P.D. AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL THAT HE'S THE SHERIFF. WE LOOK
3 FORWARD TO HAVING THIS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH THAT WILL HOLD
4 TRAFFICKERS ACCOUNTABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT ALSO MAKE SURE
5 THAT THE SURVIVORS GET ALL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES THAT
6 THEY SO DESERVE IN ORDER TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. SO WE LOOK
7 FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
8 REPORTING PERIODICALLY ON THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE. ONE OF
9 THE MAIN POINTS OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT IS TO COLLECT DATA
10 SO THAT WE CAN REALLY BETTER UNDERSTAND JUST HOW PREVALENT IT
11 IS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALL OF THE MODEL PROGRAMS AND
12 SERVICES THAT SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING NEED. SO WITH THAT, I'M
13 GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO OUR CHIEF OF THE BUREAU, THE HUMAN
14 TRAFFICKING BUREAU.

15

16 **EARL SHIELDS:** HELLO, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
17 IS EARL SHIELDS, I'M CHIEF OF DETECTIVE DIVISION FOR THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HERE TODAY REPRESENTING SHERIFF
19 MCDONNELL. AND I'M HERE WITH MS. BUCK AND CAPTAIN MERRILL
20 LADENHEIM OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BUREAU. I'M GOING TO MAKE
21 THIS SHORT BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAD A LONG DAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT WILL BE LONGER. THERE'S MORE AFTER
24 THIS.

25

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1 **EARL SHIELDS:** WELL I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY PORTION SHORT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

4

5 **EARL SHIELDS:** I'M JUST HERE ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF MCDONNELL AND
6 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
7 YOUR FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER THAT WENT IN SUPPORT OF US
8 OBTAINING THE GRANT WE BELIEVE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN
9 US BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN THE GRANT. IT WAS A VERY COMPETITIVE
10 PROCESS. AND NOW BECAUSE OF THIS GRANT, WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE
11 TO FORM THE L.A. COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE, WHICH IS
12 GOING TO BRING TOGETHER THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND WE
13 WILL COLLOCATE THOSE IN A SINGLE LOCATION NOW. AND WE'RE GOING
14 TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS BOTH LABOR AND SEX TRAFFICKING PROBLEMS.
15 AND WHAT WE INTEND TO DO WITH THIS APPROACH IS TO IMPLEMENT
16 THE FEDERAL MODEL, THE THREE-PRONGED APPROACH AND THAT'S TO
17 PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE VICTIM FIRST AND FOREMOST AND THEN USE
18 ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION TO GO AFTER THE TRAFFICKER OR THE
19 SUPPLIER AND THEN ALSO GO AFTER THE BUYER, IMPACT THE DEMAND
20 AND TREAT THEM AS THE PREDATORS THAT THEY ARE. THAT'S ALL I
21 WANTED TO SAY TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAPTAIN?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CAPTAIN MERRILL LADENHEIM. I AGAIN WANT TO
2 THANK THE BOARD WITH YOUR SUPPORT. IT WAS A VERY COMPETITIVE
3 PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THE
4 NATION. THAT LETTER CERTAINLY WAS A VERY, VERY STRONG POINT IN
5 BACKING US UP ON THIS. AND IT FOLLOWS BEST PRACTICES OF
6 MARRYING FIRST RESPONDERS WITH THE SERVICES FOR OUR VICTIMS.
7 SO I THANK YOU ON BEING ON THE FRONT END OF THIS CUTTING EDGE
8 PILOT. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS BUT FIRST
11 I NEED SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO SAY WE'VE
14 BEEN GETTING DIFFERENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OVER THE
15 LAST, YOU KNOW, 15 YEARS, REALLY, ABOUT WHO EXACTLY ARE BEING
16 TRAFFICKED AND WHO ARE TRAFFICKING. AND IT SEEMS TO NOT
17 NECESSARILY HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH BUT TO HAVE HAD VARIOUS
18 POPULATIONS ADDED AND ADDED AND ADDED. FOR MANY YEARS, AS WE
19 WORKED TOGETHER, WE WERE LOOKING AT WOMEN, YOUNG WOMEN BEING
20 TRAFFICKED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AND THOSE TRAFFICKERS WERE AN
21 ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SET OF PEOPLE. NOW WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
22 NOT ONLY CHILDREN BUT A LOT OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE BEING
23 TRAFFICKED RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BY
24 OTHER PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. SO IN GATHERING THE
25 INFORMATION, I GUESS I WANTED TO ASK HOW YOU PLAN TO IDENTIFY

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1 THESE DIFFERENT POPULATIONS BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT ALL BE ABLE
2 TO BE IDENTIFIED OR DEALT WITH IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'LL ANSWER THAT. SO THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AT
5 C.A.S.T., WE ACTUALLY HAVE A CUSTOMIZED DATABASE THAT WE'VE
6 ALREADY BEEN TRACKING THIS INFORMATION ALREADY. YOU'RE
7 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT THE LANDSCAPE OF THIS ISSUE HAS EVOLVED.
8 AND EVEN THOUGH WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN-- AND WHEN WE PASSED THE
9 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT BACK IN 2000, THE FEDERAL
10 STATUTE, WE ACTUALLY HAD A CLAUSE IN THERE THAT WAS FORESEEING
11 THIS ISSUE OF DOMESTIC TRAFFICKING, NOT DOMESTIC SERVITUDE BUT
12 DOMESTIC TRAFFICKING, WHICH IS GENERALLY THE SEX TRAFFICKING
13 OF GIRLS AND WOMEN WHO ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS OR LEGAL
14 PERMANENT RESIDENTS. SO WE ARE-- THE GREAT THING ABOUT THIS
15 PROJECT IS THAT IT IS COMPREHENSIVE. WE WILL BE INVESTIGATING
16 AND SERVING VICTIMS OF ALL FORMS OF TRAFFICKING BECAUSE ALL
17 FORMS OF TRAFFICKING HAPPEN HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I
18 THINK THAT'S THE EXCITING THING ABOUT THIS PROJECT, THAT IT
19 IT'S A REAL REFLECTION OF HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WANTS
20 US TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE PREVALENCE OF THIS PROBLEM IN ALL
21 OF ITS DIFFERENT FACETS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AND TO BE RELEVANT IN THIS ARENA, WE HAVE TO BE IN
24 THE CYBER ARENA. PART OF THE TASKFORCE AND THE SUCCESS OF THE
25 TASKFORCE WILL DEPEND ON US BRINGING PEOPLE THAT ARE EXPERTS

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1 IN UNDERSTANDING THIS PHENOMENON AND THEN BEING WHERE THE
2 BUSINESS IS BEING CONDUCTED. AND THAT'S IN THE CYBER ARENA. SO
3 PART OF THE TASKFORCE, WE BUILT A TEAM OF CYBER EXPERTS AND
4 ARE UTILIZING STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY. BY THE WAY, THAT IS
5 FREE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BY MANY OF THE DEVELOPERS TO IMPACT
6 THIS CRIME. AND WE FULLY EXPECT TO BE VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL IN
7 ALL ARENAS. JUST LAST NIGHT, THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BUREAU
8 TASKFORCE WAS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WITH HOMELAND SECURITY
9 INVESTIGATORS REGARDING A LABOR ISSUE WHERE PEOPLE WERE BEING
10 BROUGHT IN AND FORCED LABOR AND SERVITUDE. AND AT THE SAME
11 TIME, WE RESCUED A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WAS ON THE SEPULVEDA
12 TRACK IN LOS ANGELES THAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR FOR A LONG
13 TIME. SO THAT SPEAKS TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE TASKFORCE, THE
14 SUCCESS OF THE TASKFORCE AND WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD WITH
15 THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR BOARD AND C.A.S.T., A VERY
16 SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WORK WITH HOMELAND SECURITY?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. AS PART OF THE TASKFORCE, THEY'VE ALREADY
21 SIGNED AN M.O.U. AND WE HAVE FIVE FULL-TIME INVESTIGATORS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THIS IS LONG
2 OVERDUE AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THE COLLABORATION ON THE HEALTH
3 AND LABOR, I'M SORRY, THE LABOR ASPECTS BECAUSE JUST A MONTH
4 AGO I THINK WE WERE RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
5 ENSLAVED WOMEN FROM THAILAND THAT WERE FOUND IN EL MONTE. AND
6 THOSE KINDS OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS STILL EXIST. THEY MAY BE
7 A LITTLE BIT MORE PREVALENT IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY,
8 BUT NONETHELESS THEY HAPPEN. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE WE HAVE OUR
9 COMMUNITY GROUPS, OUR NONPROFITS, OUR N.G.O.S INVOLVED BECAUSE
10 THEY'RE ALSO, WHILE THEY MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE CYBER
11 ASPECT, THEY ARE OUR BEST, SOMETIMES, LEADS, AND INFORMANTS TO
12 GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE THESE HOT SPOTS ARE. SO I WAS
13 GLAD TO SEE AT A RECENT FORUM, MANY OF THESE GROUPS WORKING
14 WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF IS VERY
15 DEDICATED TO THIS. SO I THANK HIM AND I THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUESTIONS? OKAY. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXCUSE ME. WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS.
19 ARNOLD SACHS AND WAYNE SPINDLER. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK
20 YOU. MR. SACHS?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR THE ONE MINUTE. ADDRESSING HUMAN
23 TRAFFICKING, BUT WE ALSO HEARD ABOUT THE FORCED LABOR, SO I'M
24 WONDERING BECAUSE YOU BROUGHT UP AGAIN THE BOARD HEARING. WAIT
25 STAFF. AND THE PROBLEM THAT THE LABORERS HAVE AN ESPECIALLY

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1 AROUND THE PORT OF L.A. AND LONG BEACH WHERE THEY WORK FOR
2 THESE COMPANIES AND THEY DON'T GET PAID WHAT THEY'RE ENTITLED
3 TO GET PAID THEN THE COMPANIES GO OUT OF BUSINESS. AND YOU
4 WERE LOOKING FOR AN ENFORCEMENT ARM. WOULDN'T THIS BE PART OF
5 THAT ENFORCEMENT ARM FOR WAGE THEFT? IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM IN
6 L.A. I DON'T HEAR ABOUT ANY OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS OCCURRING IN
7 ANY OF THE OTHER PORTS IN CALIFORNIA OR THROUGHOUT THE REST OF
8 THE UNITED STATES. AND AGAIN ACT PASSED IN 2000. WHAT YEAR IS
9 IT? 2015. SO THIS RUSH TO JUDGMENT BY THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE
10 SHERIFF? YES INDEEDY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN? MR. SPINDLER.

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** \$750,000 WITH A MATCH OF 250. SO THAT PROBABLY
15 EQUALS A MILLION, BUT WE'LL CALL IT 750 JUST TO MAKE IT SOUND
16 LOWER. SO WE'RE GOING TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
17 UNDERSTANDING, M.O.U., YES, WE HAVE TO HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF
18 UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE SOME THIRD-PARTY THEN HAS TO GET THE
19 MONEY. WE CAN'T JUST PUT THE MONEY INTO THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY FOR OVERTIME AND JUST ASSIGN OFFICERS TO
21 THE BEAT WHERE THEY KNOW THE PROBLEM IS. WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH
22 ALL THESE LAYERS. BUT DEFINITELY YOU HAVE A LOT OF THESE SO-
23 CALLED MASSAGE PARLORS. AND THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. AND OF COURSE
24 THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON THERE THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE OR SEX
25 TRAFFICKING, NO. BUT THEY JUST OPEN THEM UP BY THE DOZENS ALL

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1 OVER, ESPECIALLY IN L.A. CITY. SO YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THAT,
2 TOO.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS? 29.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. THERE ARE PERSONS
8 WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO JOIN
9 FILING AN AMICUS BRIEF TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS
10 BETWEEN OUR UNIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC- SECTOR EMPLOYEES. IT IS
11 RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD. AND I WILL ASK THOSE WHO WISH TO BE
12 HEARD TO BE HEARD IF THE BOARD WANT TO ENGAGE BEYOND THAT, AND
13 IF COUNTY COUNSEL IS NEEDED TO WEIGH IN SUBSTANTIVELY, THAT IS
14 APPROPRIATE. SO MR. MAYOR IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'M MORE
15 THAN GLAD TO HAVE THIS BE HEARD BY THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK BY
16 WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH YOUR PERMISSION MR. MAYOR? DAVID
17 GREEN. ALINA MENDIZABAL, MICHELE REED, ANTHONY COLEMAN, ARNOLD
18 SACHS IN THAT ORDER, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND BE HEARD ON
19 THE ITEM BEFORE US, WHICH IS ITEM 29-B. SIR?

20

21 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M BOB
22 SCHOONOVER PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. THIS BRIEF
23 INVOLVES A CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT ENTITLED FRIEDRICHS
24 VERSUS CALIFORNIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. BUT NO ONE BE MISLED.
25 THIS AFFECTS ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. WHAT

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1 THIS IS REALLY ABOUT, SEVERAL DECADES AGO, IT WAS AGREED THAT
2 PEOPLE SHOULD PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE WITH UNIONS. THIS IS NOT TO
3 SAY THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSED HAVE TO JOIN A
4 UNION. THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE JUST PAYING FOR THE SERVICES THEY
5 GET. SUCH AS CONTRACT BARGAINING AND REPRESENTATION. IT'S
6 CALLED FAIR SHARE. THIS CASE WOULD DO AWAY WITH THAT. IN OTHER
7 WORDS, IT WOULD ENTITLED CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO GET THE BENEFITS
8 OF A UNION WITHOUT PAYING ANYTHING AT ALL. NOW, IF WE LOOK
9 BACK THROUGH THE DECADES, 1995 L.A. COUNTY WAS IN A REALLY BAD
10 STATE FINANCIALLY. WE WORKED TOGETHER WITH THE THEN BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM GOING. THE END RESULT
12 WAS WE GOT THE FIRST 1115 WAIVER. THAT WAS SOMETHING WE DID
13 TOGETHER. IT WAS A SIMILAR CASE WITH THE LIBRARIES IN 1997.
14 AND IN 2002 THERE WAS AN HISTORIC MEASURE, MEASURE B SAVES
15 LIVES TO PROTECT EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES. IN 2012, DURING THE
16 HEIGHT OF THE DOWNTURN, WHEN THE STATE BUDGET WAS IN SERIOUS
17 CRISIS, PROPOSITION 30, THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE
18 DO. AND EVEN TODAY WE'RE WORKING ON THE CURRENT 1115 WAIVER
19 RENEWAL, WHICH IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE IN A MATTER OF DAYS. WE ALSO
20 PARTNERED WITH THE COUNTY OVER THE HEALTH SYSTEM TO MAKE IT
21 MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE EFFICIENT, PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES AND DO
22 IT CHEAPER. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO ALL THESE THINGS.
23 THE POINT HERE IS: STRONG UNIONS HAVE A POSITIVE FORCE NOT
24 ONLY FOR UNION MEMBERS BUT FOR ALL COUNTY WORKERS, FOR PUBLIC
25 SERVICES THEY DELIVER AND THE RESIDENTS THEY SERVE. I WANT TO

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1 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS VITAL
2 ISSUE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. SCHOONOVER. THANK YOU.

5

6 **DAVID GREEN:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
7 IS ARNOLD SACHS. NO, I'M SORRY. DAVID GREEN [LAUGHTER.] AND
8 I'M A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER AND THE TREASURER OF S.E.I.U.
9 LOCAL 721. I, TOO, COME BEFORE YOU TO URGE SUPPORT OF THIS
10 MOTION SO THE COUNTY MAY FILE OR JOIN A BRIEF IN THE CASE OF
11 FREDERICKS VERSUS CALIFORNIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION WHICH IS
12 EXPECTED TO GO BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN 2016.
13 THIS CASE POSES A STRONG THREAT TO OUR STRONG LABOR-MANAGEMENT
14 PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE BUILT UP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE WORK
15 WE'VE DONE TOGETHER THROUGH LABOR MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS HAS
16 KEPT CHILDREN SAFE NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY BUT HAS INFLUENCED
17 THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, THE REST OF THE WORLD, THE GREAT WORK
18 WE'VE DONE IN CHILD WELFARE. THE CONCERN IS THAT THIS ATTACK
19 WITH THIS CASE IS ALSO ATTACK ON FAIRNESS, BUT LET ME EXPLAIN.
20 AT ISSUE IS THE QUESTION OF HOW WORKERS SHOULD PAY FOR
21 SERVICES THAT THEIR UNION PROVIDES. UNDER THE CURRENT LAW, ALL
22 EMPLOYEES IN THE BARGAINING UNIT WHETHER THEY'RE UNION MEMBERS
23 OR NOT, ARE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE COST OF
24 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, THE ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTIVE
25 BARGAINING AGREEMENTS. THE RATIONALE FOR THIS IS CLEAR. ALL

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1 EMPLOYEES IN ANY BARGAINING UNIT, THEY BENEFIT FROM THE
2 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. AND THE UNION'S REQUIRED BY
3 LAW TO REPRESENT ALL THESE WORKERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR
4 MEMBERSHIP STATUS. SO IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT THESE EMPLOYEES CAN
5 CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE COST OF THOSE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
6 CONTRACT ENFORCEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONAL SERVICES. IF THIS
7 LAW IS OVERTURNED IT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO THE WEAKENING
8 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS AND THE LABOR MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS
9 THAT WE BUILT TOGETHER. IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED IF L.A. COUNTY
10 SERVICES IF PROPERTY TAXES WERE VOLUNTARY. WHAT IF EACH
11 INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER COULD OPT OUT FOR ANY REASON AT ALL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WRAP IT UP.

14

15 **DAVID GREEN:** SOME RESIDENTS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WOULD
16 CONTRIBUTE THEIR FAIR SHARE BUT OTHERS WOULD FIND REASONS OR
17 EXCUSES TO OPT OUT AND COUNTY SERVICES WOULD BE DEVASTATED.
18 THE POINT IS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT UNION SERVICES SUCH AS
19 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SUCH AS LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT THEY CANNOT BE PAID FOR FAIRLY ON AN INDIVIDUAL
21 PAY AS YOU GO BASIS. WRAP IT UP? OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE GOT MORE COMING.

24

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1 **DAVID GREEN:** I GOT YOU. LET ME JUST SAY ONE MORE THING,
2 SUPERVISORS, PLEASE DON'T LET OUR ENEMIES HURT OUR PUBLIC
3 SECTOR. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE URGE YOU TO
4 SUPPORT FAIRNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **ALINA MENDIZABAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALINA MENDIZABAL
9 AND I'M A MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER S.E.I.U. 721. AND
10 THE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 HEALTH SERVICES AND S.E.I.U. MEMBER EMPLOYEES LIKE MYSELF,
12 IT'S A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE IN LOS ANGELES OF THE GOOD THAT FAIR
13 SHARE AGREEMENTS CAN DO. WITH THE RESOURCES AND STABILITY
14 PROVIDED BY THE FAIR SHARE DUES, WE THE, THE S.E.I.U. AND
15 D.H.S. HAS CREATED A WELL-ESTABLISHED LABOR MANAGEMENT
16 PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS IMPROVED THE PATIENT CARE,
17 IT'S REDUCED THE COST, IMPROVED EFFICIENCIES AND STAFF MORALE
18 ALL AT THE SAME TIME. THESE ARE THE SAME KINDS OF LABOR-
19 MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS THAT KAISER PERMANENTE HAS TO USE TO
20 IMPROVE THEIR PATIENT CARE IN THEIR SYSTEM. D.H.S., AND OUR
21 PATIENTS WHO COUNT ON D.H.S., DESERVE TO HAVE ALL THE SAME
22 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TOOLS THAT PRIVATE HOSPITALS DO. WE URGE
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION SO THAT
24 TOGETHER D.H.S. AND THE FRONTLINE WORKERS SUCH AS MYSELF CAN
25 CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE CARE. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO GO

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1 BACKWARDS OR TO UNDERMINE THE IMPORTANT AND INNOVATIVE WORK
2 WE'RE DOING TO IMPROVE OUR PATIENT CARE AND TO BE THE
3 PROVIDERS OF CHOICE. SI, SE PUEDE AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALL
4 OF YOU, FOR SUPPORTING THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING TO BE THE
5 BEST PROVIDERS OF CARE AND PLEASE, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
6 SUPERVISOR M.R.T. FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. GOODBYE,
7 EVERYBODY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MICHELE REED, ANTHONY
10 COLEMAN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, MY NAME IS ARNOLD SACHS. AND I'M THINKING
13 TO MYSELF: IN HOME CARE WORKERS. LABOR MANAGEMENT AND THE
14 AGREEMENTS LABOR MANAGEMENT WORKS-- MAKES WITH THE ELECTED
15 OFFICIALS THEY NEGOTIATE WITH IS DIFFERENT THAN THE LABOR THE
16 PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DO THE LABOR. SO THEY BECOME THE GO
17 BETWEEN. I'M THINKING IN HOME CARE WORKERS WHO ARE-- CERTAIN
18 EMPLOYEES GET BENEFITS WITHOUT PAYING DUES AND CERTAIN PEOPLE
19 PAY DUES WITHOUT GETTING BENEFITS, IN HOME CARE WORKERS.
20 THEY'RE NOT GETTING \$15 AN HOUR. THEY'RE GETTING PAID BY A
21 COUNCIL. THEY DON'T GET PAID FROM THE COUNTY. BUT THEY'RE
22 CONSIDERED UNION MEMBERS. WHAT UNION DO THEY BELONG TO?
23 S.E.I.U.. SO WHERE WAS S.E.I.U. TO SUPPORT THEM FOR THE \$15
24 DRIVE, THAT HIGHWAY THAT THEY'RE ON? WELL THEY WERE IN SAN
25 BERNARDINO. SPEAK ABOUT THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I
5 TRUST THAT WE CAN ACT IN UNISON ON THIS MATTER. I DON'T KNOW
6 IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO WEIGH IN. I
7 THINK THIS IS CLEAR IN TERMS OF THOSE MATTERS THAT HAVE
8 REQUIRED YOUR CONSULTATIONS SO THIS IS PROBABLY PRESENTED. AM
9 I IN ORDER?

10

11 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS, MR. MAYOR, THEN I WOULD MOVE A
14 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM 21, ZAHIRAH MANN, NO. 19,
22 21, SAIRA MUHAMMAD. 24, 25, DR. CLAVREUL. 2-D, 1, 8, 17, C.S.-
23 2, C.S.-3, MR. PREVEN. 19, 24, 25, 26, 27 MR. SACHS. RUTH
24 SARNOFF, NO. 19, MR. SPINDLER 17, 19, 26, 1-H, 2-D. YES,
25 MA'AM.

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1
2 **ZAHIRAH MANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
3 NAME IS ZAHIRAH MANN MANN AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF UNITED WAY
4 OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS FOR THIS MOTION TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 21 HOME WALK DAY
6 AND ENCOURAGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO
7 PARTICIPATE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP FOR HOME
8 FOR GOOD AND THE WORK TO END HOMELESSNESS AND THANK YOU FOR
9 YOUR LEADERSHIPS ON FINDING PERMANENT SOURCES OF FUNDING TO
10 HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS. THE ISSUE OF
11 HOMELESSNESS IS IMPORTANT TO ALL ANGELINOS. AT HOME WALK, WE
12 STAND IN A SEA OF 13,000 ANGELINOS WE SEE THE COMMITMENT TO
13 HOMELESSNESS, THE COMMITMENT OF OUR HOMELESS AND HOUSED
14 NEIGHBORS TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THE COUNTY TEAMS ARE
15 SOME OF OUR LARGEST TEAMS, AND IT SPEAKS TO THE COMPASSION AND
16 DEDICATION THE COUNTY INSPIRES AROUND THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THROUGH THE WALK, IT'S ABOUT RAISING
18 AWARENESS BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT RAISING RESOURCES. AND THIS YEAR
19 WE BELIEVE THAT WE'LL RAISE AROUND OVER \$700,000 IN RESOURCES
20 WHICH WILL THEN BE MATCHED BY THE CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION
21 AND THEIR FURTHER INCENTIVES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY KOBE BRYANT,
22 MEANING THAT WE INTEND TO RAISE WELL OVER \$1.5 MILLION TOWARD
23 THIS EFFORT. ALL OF THOSE RESOURCES ARE THEN REINVESTED INTO
24 THE COMMUNITY ON SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS AND THEY'RE
25 LEVERAGED THROUGH THE HOME FOR GOOD FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE.

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1 THAT FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS
2 COORDINATED OVER \$720 MILLION IN RESOURCES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 SUPPORT, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 21ST.

4

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

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
8 DISTRICT 3. AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH, YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE
9 BROWN ACT. YOU DO NOT HAND OUT TIME TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AS
10 YOU LIKE AND THEN SHUT DOWN OTHERS. IT'S COMPLETELY IMPROPER.
11 AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HEARING WHERE YOU'RE SAYING
12 THAT'S THE APPLICANT, YOU SAY THE APPLICANT WILL SPEAK FOR
13 FIVE MINUTES AND THEN EVERYBODY ELSE WILL NOT. YOU SHUT ME
14 DOWN AND THEN YOU BRUTALLY JUST DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE. YOU HAVE
15 THESE PEOPLE YAMMERING ON ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING FOR THE 50TH
16 WEEK IN A ROW. WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE. BUT IT IS NOT PROPER.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. OH, OKAY.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M SORRY, I GOT A LITTLE CONFUSED HOW ABOUT ITEM
21 23, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. OKAY. LET'S GO TO SUPERVISOR-- (OFF MIC.
22 COMMENTS). WELL, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR
23 THAT. AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE GETTING RID OF JOEL PER MY
24 REQUEST. THANK YOU. SO GOING BACK TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA,
25 THAT'S JOEL BELLMAN WHO MORE OR LESS ADVERTISED TO THE PUBLIC

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1 THAT THERE WERE FOUR CANDIDATES BUT NOT THE OTHERS IN THE RACE
2 AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. SO HE IS LEAVING BECAUSE THE YEAR IS
3 COMING UP WHERE HE WOULD BASICALLY BE FROG MARCHED OUT AS YOU
4 ALL KNOW. AND HE SHOULD BE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'LL SAVE THAT FOR LATER.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE HER YOUR RESUME FOR THAT
11 POSITION.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY RESUME, I'LL SHARE THAT WITH YOU LATER, SIR.
14 I'LL SUBMIT IT FOR YOUR JAIL HOUSE COMMISSIONERS, OH AND THE
15 CHILD PROTECTION, THAT ONE, EITHER. LET'S TALK ABOUT C.S.-2
16 BECAUSE MISS WICKHAM IS A VERY NICE PERSON BUT SHE IS
17 OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO DO HER JOB. SO I WOULD SUGGEST
18 YOU FIND A NEW COUNTY COUNSEL QUICKLY. NO I'M SERIOUS. MR.
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS ON OCT 19TH, ON OCTOBER 19TH THE DISTRICT
20 ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES WROTE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DID
21 SHE SHARE THAT WITH YOU? RIGHT. THERE IS NO LAUGHING NOW,
22 CORRECT. THEY WROTE SAYING WHAT MR. KNABE DID ON ITEM 36 ON
23 SEPTEMBER 15TH WAS NOT TECHNICALLY A VIOLATION BUT VERY, VERY
24 BAD. YOU REMEMBER WHAT HE DID. IT WAS 1-H TODAY, MA'AM, WHICH
25 IS THE ROOF IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S A

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1 \$700,000 ROOF SOLE SOURCED FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE HAVING RAIN
2 COME IN. IT WAS A JOB ORDER CONTRACT INITIALLY, BUT GUESS WHAT
3 HAPPENED? IT RAINED ON THAT DAY, SO THEY THOUGHT, WELL LET'S
4 GET RID OF THEM. WE'LL BRING IN SOMEBODY SOLE SOURCE NOW
5 THAT'S BEING FIXED, SO THANK YOU. BUT JOB ORDER CONTRACTS ARE
6 WHAT MR. KNABE PUSHED THROUGH TWO OF AT \$5 MILLION ON THAT
7 DATE WHEN THIS D.A. SAID REALLY? YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT?
8 AFTER THE PUBLIC LEAVES YOU SLIP IT THROUGH AGAIN?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** -- DIDN'T SAY THAT AND YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T SAY
11 THAT.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** READ THE LETTER YOURSELF. THAT'S ONE. ANYBODY
14 ELSE? OKAY. SAVE IT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I KNOW IT'S BUSY
15 TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DOCTOR? YOU'RE THE DOCTOR.
18 GIVE SOME THERAPY.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LACK OF
21 CIVILITY, UNBELIEVABLE. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR LACK OF CIVILITY
22 REALLY DOES NOT PLEASE ME VERY MUCH, ESPECIALLY YESTERDAY I
23 READ I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ARTICLES SAYING HOW MUCH THE LACK
24 OF CIVILITY AFFECTS PERFORMANCE AND SUCCESS. AND I THINK THE
25 LAST FEW MONTHS HERE WE ARE REALLY LACKING OF THAT CIVILITY. I

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1 WILL SPEAK TO ITEM 24. WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT, THE BILLING,
2 IS THAT, AND I BROUGHT THAT ISSUE BEFORE. WE HAVE NOT HEARD
3 ANYTHING ABOUT I.C.D. 10, AND I.C.D. 10 REALLY IS GOING TO
4 AFFECT OUR PRACTICE IN ALL OUR HOSPITALS. IT'S GOING TO AFFECT
5 THE PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIANS AND SO ON. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
6 KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT. ALSO ON ITEM 25, WITH
7 THAT CONTRACT WITH U.S.C., I'M KIND OF CONCERNED OF SOME OF
8 THE PAY SCHEDULES. LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE HEAD OF
9 ORTHOPEDIC WILL GET ONLY \$146,000 A YEAR WHICH I THINK IS VERY
10 LOW. AND THEN YOU HAVE THE IN HEMATOLOGY, \$123,000 BUT THEN
11 YOU HAVE AN O.B./GYN PERSON WHO GET \$314,000. THOSE ARE NOT
12 THE RATES IN A MEDICAL PRACTICE AT THIS TIME. AND THEN YOU
13 HAVE OTOLARYNGOLOGY FOR 275, AGAIN, WAY ABOVE THE PALE, SO
14 WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE FOR DR. KATZ TO
15 WRITE THOSE BECAUSE THAT'S SURELY NOT THE RATES THAT THOSE
16 PHYSICIANS SHOULD BE PAID DEPENDING UPON THEIR PRACTICE. ON
17 THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY FOR
18 \$386,000, WHICH IS AVERAGE, SO I THINK MAYBE BEFORE THAT
19 CONTRACT IS SIGNED, ALSO THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN, THOSE
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONTRACTORS ARE TOTALLY MANDATED TO TAKE
21 CARE OF TITLE 22 AND I HEARD YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO TALK ABOUT
22 THAT, BUT IN A HOSPITAL, TITLE 22 IS VERY IMPORTANT, THE SAME
23 ABOUT JOINT ACCREDITATION, AND I THINK THAT CONTRACT IS VERY
24 LOOSE AND IT HAS A LOT OF LOOSE ENDS, THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. MR. SPINDLER.

2

3 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, COMBINING ALL OF THE ITEMS INTO 3
4 MINUTES. IT'S A GOOD IDEA. ANYWAY, FLEXIBILITY, NO. 19, OR
5 EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER. WELL, THE GOOD NEW IS, HERB WESSON,
6 JR., THE PRESIDENT OF L.A. CITY COUNCIL HAS ALREADY
7 APPROPRIATED IT. HE PROMISED AND MAYOR GARCETTI OF L.A. CITY
8 PROMISED \$100 MILLION. SO THE MONEY'S THERE. JUST SEND ALL OF
9 YOUR HOMELESS OVER TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. BUS THEM INTO THE CITY LIMITS. AND THEN THE
11 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND ALL THE OTHER 78 CITIES DON'T HAVE TO
12 PAY FOR THIS WINTER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS. IT'S A VERY GOOD
13 IDEA. NOW, WE USED TO CALL IT HOMELESS DUMPING, BUT I DON'T
14 LIKE THAT TERM. I LIKE TO PREFER TO CALL IT HOMELESS MOVEMENT.
15 SO IF YOU ARE IN THE OTHER 78 CITIES, IF YOU HAVE ANY HOMELESS
16 IN ANY OF THE 78 INCORPORATED CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, JUST TAKE
17 AND PUT THEM ON A BUS OR A LIFT OR SOMETHING AND SEND THEM
18 OVER TO THE CITY LIMITS OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THE CITY
19 COUNCIL AND ERIC GARCETTI HAVE PROMISED \$100 MILLION OF
20 EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS. SO THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF
21 THAT. AND THEN WE HAD SOME OTHER NICE ITEMS HERE. THERE'S A
22 ROOF IN DISTRICT 3. SHEILA KUEHL WANTS TO PUT A ROOF ON SOME
23 SORT OF BUILDING. AND, I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO HAVE ROOFS, RIGHT?
24 IT'S GOING TO RAIN. YOU HAVE TO HAVE ROOFS. AND THERE'S A
25 CONTINGENCY OF \$67,500. AND THEN THERE'S A COMMUNITY

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1 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR \$657,000. WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW,
2 YOU GOT TO PUT A ROOF IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. A LOT OF
3 POOR PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. I MEAN LOOK AT THE
4 PRICE OF HOUSING IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. IT'S SO LOW.
5 THE MOST AFFORDABLE AREA IN THE WHOLE CITY. SO OF COURSE YOU
6 HAVE TO RUN INTO AREAS LIKE THAT AND IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE
7 NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE THE TOP PRIORITY. NOT IN THE POOR AREAS
8 OF THE COUNTY BUT IN THOSE RICH AREAS, RIGHT? SO THEN WE HAVE
9 THE LATINO FESTIVAL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE CALLING IT.
10 AND WE HAVE TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LATINO VOTES. BECAUSE WHAT'S
11 GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT JERRY BROWN PASSED A LAW. YOU GET A
12 DRIVER'S LICENSE AND EVERYBODY'S AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED TO
13 VOTE. SO LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH. PASS THE RESOLUTION.
14 WE'LL START HERE WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IF YOU HAVE A
15 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ONE OF THOSE PERMITS, YOU'RE ALLOWED TO
16 VOTE IN ALL THE COUNTY ELECTIONS. JUST GIVE IT A TRY. IT'LL
17 WORK OUT GOOD, YOU'LL SEE. I HAVE FAITH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS SARNOFF.

20

21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK A BIT ABOUT
22 THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. I'M ASSUMING I MISSED THAT PART OF
23 THE MEETING EARLIER TODAY. AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS
24 ADDRESSED. BUT IT APPEARS HERE THAT WHAT YOU'RE-- IT LOOKS
25 LIKE IT'S A DOWNSIZING FROM WHAT I READ EARLIER OF FOUR

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1 MONTHS, AN EXTENSION TO FOUR MONTHS FOR THE SHELTERS BEING
2 OPEN. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK CONSIDERATION
3 SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR SHELTERS IF WE HAVE UNUSUALLY WARM WEATHER
4 AND FOR SUMMER SHELTERS, AS WELL. ALSO, I THINK THE QUALITY OF
5 OVERNIGHT CARE IN SHELTERS IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE I KNOW
6 ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS HAS BEEN THE CLOSENESS OF COTS AND BEDS
7 WHERE I THINK THEY WERE LIKE AT ONE POINT ABOUT 16 INCHES
8 APART WHICH IS NOT VERY FAR TO BE AWAY FROM SOMEBODY ELSE.
9 ALSO I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN
10 CONGREGATE. AND I THINK WE NEED SHADE AND OUTDOOR SPACE AROUND
11 WHERE WE HAVE SHELTERS. PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF CONCRETE.
12 AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE INNER CITY AND IN SKID ROW HAVE
13 BEEN FACED WITH KIND OF BEING ON HEAT ISLANDS THERE WITH
14 CONCRETE. AND THEN IT WAS THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT. AND I GUESS
15 THEY KIND OF FELT WAREHOUSED BECAUSE ALL OF THE BUILDINGS ARE
16 OF SIMILAR COLOR AND THEY HAVE NO WINDOWS IN THEM. SO FOR
17 STARTERS, I THINK SOME AMBIENCE TO THE SHELTERS LIKE MURALS.
18 BRING THE ARTISTS IN, BRING THE GARDENERS IN AND TRY TO DO
19 SOMETHING SO WE ALSO CREATE AROUND THEM SOME OF THE FEATURES
20 THAT WOULD BE MOST AMENABLE TO CREATING HOPE AMONGST PEOPLE
21 WHO HAVE SUFFERED FOR SO, SO MANY DECADES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS SARNOFF. MR. SACHS?
24 YEAH, YOU CAN COME BACK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. I DID HOLD A FEW ITEMS. MY ITEMS
2 24 AND 25 REFER TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT.
3 YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN L.A.C.+U.S.C MEDICAL SCHOOL
4 AFFILIATION AGREEMENT, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE MENTIONED THE
5 MEDICAL SCHOOL AFFILIATION WITH HARBOR-U.C.L.A.. AND I KNOW
6 THAT L.A. U.S.C., THE PRIVATE UNIVERSITY AND U.C.L.A. IS A
7 STATE COLLEGE, WOULD THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH
8 REFERENCING THIS MEDICAL SCHOOL AFFILIATION? THAT'S A LOT OF
9 MONEY TO BE PAYING OUT THERE. \$139 MILLION. I DID TALK ABOUT
10 THE-- HELD 19. HOPEFULLY THAT'S A MISPRINT FROM OCTOBER 15,
11 2015 TO DECEMBER 1, 2015. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WINTER SHELTER
12 PROGRAM. WINTER DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL DECEMBER 22ND IN CASE YOU
13 NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THAT. BUT IT SAYS 153 DAYS WHICH IS 5-
14 1/2 MONTHS. SO I'M THINKING THAT'S GOT TO BE A MISPRINT. BUT
15 IT DOESN'T MENTION HOW MANY BEDS. NOW I KNOW THERE'S NO WINTER
16 SHELTERS. UNLESS YOU CONSIDER LONG BEACH PART OF THE SOUTH
17 BAY, WHICH BECOMES ONE OF THE PROBLEMS. PEOPLE MAY NOT BE
18 AWARE OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED S.C.A.G., WHICH IS SOUTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE AND IT'S BROKEN DOWN INTO MANY
20 REGIONS, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNANCE WHICH MAKES UP DIFFERENT
21 COMMUNITIES, DIFFERENT CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
22 ORANGE COUNTY AND EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE FIVE SOUTHERN
23 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA. BUT STICKING STRICTLY WITH L.A., YOU
24 SHOULD START LOOKING AT A PROGRAM WHERE YOU HAVE COMMUNITY
25 SHELTERS INVOLVED OR THESE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, MIGHT BE

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1 ONE IN MALIBU AND CALABASAS AND THAT AREA AND SANTA MONICA AND
2 THERE MIGHT BE ONE IN AGOURA HILLS AND PALMDALE AND LANCASTER
3 AND THERE'S ONE I KNOW IN THE SOUTH BAY AND THERE'S ONE,
4 GATEWAY CITIES, WHERE EACH ONE OF THEM HAVE INPUT INTO
5 SHELTERS SO THEY'RE SPREAD AROUND THROUGH ALL THE COUNCIL OF
6 GOVERNANCE AND THEY HAVE INPUT ON THAT. JUST A THOUGHT. AND
7 THEN 26 AND 27, BECAUSE WE HEARD THIS WONDERFUL CONVERSATION
8 FOR THE HOUSING TO FIND FUNDING. NOW I HAD SOME IDEAS ABOUT
9 THAT BUT UNFORTUNATELY I FORGOT TO SIGN UP ON IT. BUT FOUND
10 FUNDING FOR SALARIES. AGAIN, ANOTHER SALARY ADJUSTMENT, AGAIN.
11 LIKE EVERY OTHER MONTH THERE'S A SALARY ADJUSTMENT. AGAIN. WE
12 GOT TO FIND FUNDING FOR HOUSING, FOR-- NOT LOW INCOME HOUSING,
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE CAN FIND FUNDING FOR SALARIES, AGAIN.
14 MUST BE PART OF THAT UNION MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION WITH THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE JUST HEARD TALK ABOUT. MIGHT BE.
16 YOU THINK? AGAIN.

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

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR, FOR THE ITEMS
21 THAT ARE BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS NO. 2-D, 1-H, 17, 19, 21, 24,
22 25, 26 AND 27.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISOR 4, KNABE FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. THE BOAT SLIPS.

4
5 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A
6 GOOD FRIEND, CHARLES EDWARD FRISCO, THE HONORABLE JUDGE FRISCO
7 RETIRED LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE PASSED AWAY OCTOBER
8 15TH AT THE AGE OF 92. BORN AND RAISED BY HIS PARENTS IN
9 DETROIT, ATTENDED DETROIT INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BEFORE
10 SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE. UPON HIS
11 HONORABLE DISCHARGE, HE RELOCATED TO CALIFORNIA ATTENDING
12 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY AND LOYOLA SCHOOL OF LAW. PASSED THE BAR IN
13 1951, MET HIS WIFE MARJORIE OF 61 YEARS, RAISED 7 WONDERFUL
14 CHILDREN. IN 1968 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DOWNEY COURT AS A
15 MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND DURING THAT TIME SERVED AS PRESIDING
16 JUDGE FOR FIVE YEARS. IN 1980 HE WAS ELEVATED TO THE SUPERIOR
17 COURT AND IN 1994 HE RETIRED AFTER A WEEK, HE RETURNED AS AN
18 ASSIGNED JUDGE TO THE NORWALK COURT. HE CHAIRED MANY
19 ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COURTS, THE HISTORICAL EVENTS COMMITTEE,
20 UNROBING CEREMONIES AND INTRODUCED 200 SOME JUDGES BEFORE
21 RETIRING IN 2010. RECIPIENT OF MANY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS. MEMBER
22 OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. DOWNEY SYMPHONIC SOCIETY, DIRECTOR
23 OF LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AT LOYOLA, ITALIAN-AMERICAN BAR
24 ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST BAR. HE WAS A GENTLEMAN, KNOWN FOR HIS
25 WARM CHARM, KINDNESS AND INCREDIBLE WIT, WAS ONE OF THE BEST

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1 THE EMCEES YOU'LL EVER HEAR. HE ENJOYED OPERA AND LOVED HIS
2 ITALY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARJORIE, 7 CHILDREN,
3 CHARLES, JR., JANINE, CHRISTOPHER, PATTI, JOANNE, CRAIG AND
4 JACQUELYN AND 7 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
5 OF STEVE SCHMITZ, A NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL COACHING LEGEND
6 WHO COACHED FOOTBALL EL CAMINO COLLEGE AND HARBOR. HE DIED
7 FRIDAY AT THE AGE OF 68. HE WAS A THREE-SPORT ATHLETE IN NORTH
8 HIGH. HE WAS ALL C.I.F. AND TEAM M.V.P. IN FOOTBALL HIS SENIOR
9 YEAR. HE TAUGHT PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN NORTH HIGH FOR 40 YEARS.
10 WAS ALSO THE P.E. DEPARTMENT, CHAIR. COACHED FOOTBALL,
11 WRESTLING, GOLF, TRACK, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL. HE WILL BE
12 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, COMMUNITY, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS. THOSE
13 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. MAYOR. I DO HAVE A MOTION THAT ASKS
14 COUNTY COUNSEL TO-- I THINK IT'S LISTED ON THE AGENDA BUT THIS
15 IS A REWARD. SO WE CAN DO THAT, CORRECT? SO ON DECEMBER 13TH,
16 ANYWAY, LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER FRANKE NEAL LEWIS WAS
17 MURDERED ON THE 6200 BLOCK OF CANTEL IN LONG BEACH A NUMBER OF
18 YEARS AGO. AS HE APPROACHED A CAR, HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY
19 AN UNKNOWN SUSPECT. THE GENTLEMAN THAT HE SAVED PRIOR TO BEING
20 APPROACHED REALLY SAID THIS OFFICER SAVED HIS LIFE. OFFICER
21 LEWIS'S KILLERS HAVE NEVER BEEN FOUND, HOWEVER THE LONG BEACH
22 POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS REOPENED THE INVESTIGATION AND CONTINUES
23 TO SEEK THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN SOLVING THIS HOMICIDE. SO I WOULD
24 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER A \$10,000 REWARD FOR

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1 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE
2 PERPETRATORS OF THIS CRIME.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
9 IN MEMORY OF MY CLASSMATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, JOHN MARSHALL HIGH
10 SCHOOL, AND A REAL GOOD FRIEND, COMMUNITY LEADER, MEL KOHN. HE
11 WAS A LEADER IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, BUSINESS LEADER. HE
12 WAS THE FORMER MANAGING PARTNER OF C.P.A. FIRM, KINSCH KOHN
13 AND BRIDGE. ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
14 INCLUDING THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION AND THE
15 CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUSINESS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE. RECEIVED
16 A NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THESE ROLES,
17 INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AND THE
18 CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND ONE OF 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL
19 PEOPLE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BY THE "SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
20 BUSINESS JOURNAL." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JUDGE WENDY
21 KOHN, HIS TWO CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, MEL, HE WAS A
22 NEIGHBOR. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HIS FATHER WAS A POLICE
23 COMMISSIONER UNDER MAYOR SAM YORTY, BUT HE WAS A GOOD MAN,
24 GOOD LEADER AND A BIG LOSS. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, TRAGICALLY
25 PASSED AWAY JUST TWO DAYS AGO. FRED SANDS.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO BE ON THAT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** REAL ESTATE BROKER, DEVELOPER, DIED AT
5 THE AGE OF 77. HE BUILT THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL
6 REAL BROKERAGE IN CALIFORNIA, GENERATING ROUGHLY \$9.5 BILLION
7 IN SALES. HE TRANSITIONED TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT,
8 ACQUIRING MALLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A NOTED ART COLLECTOR,
9 PHILANTHROPIST, SANDS WAS A FOUNDER OF THE MUSEUM OF
10 CONTEMPORARY ARTS, SERVED ON THE BOARD OF LOS ANGELES OPERA,
11 APPOINTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ARTS BY
12 PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, APPOINTED TO THE CALIFORNIA ARTS
13 COUNCIL BY GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, HONORED AS THE
14 RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. ATTENDED
15 U.C.L.A. STUDYING REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.
16 ALSO ENDOWED THE FRED SANDS INSTITUTE OF REAL ESTATE AT THE
17 SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. HE
18 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CARLA AND THEIR SON JONATHAN, DAUGHTER
19 ALEXANDRA AND BROTHER WILLIAM. BUT FRED WAS JUST A REAL GOOD
20 MAN, ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND ALL THE PRESIDENTIAL
21 CANDIDATES BASICALLY HAD RECEPTIONS IN HIS HOME. BIG SURPRISE
22 THAT HE PASSED ON SO QUICKLY. ROBERT RASMUSSEN IS A LONGTIME
23 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY AT
24 THE AGE OF 49 DURING THE FLASH FLOOD OF TWO WEEKS AGO IN
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WAS SELF-EMPLOYED, WAS ACTIVE IN HIS

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1 CHURCH, THE HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, AND HE IS SURVIVED
2 BY HIS MOTHER, STEPFATHER, SON, TWO SISTERS AND STEPBROTHER.
3 DR. WALTER GRAF, ACCLAIMED CARDIOLOGIST LONGTIME LEADER IN THE
4 HEALTH SERVICES, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. HE WAS A
5 PIONEER OF PARA- MEDICINE AND DEVELOPED THE PROTOTYPE FOR
6 TODAY'S AMBULANCE. HE WAS A FOUNDER AND 20-YEAR DIRECTOR OF
7 THE DANIEL FREEMAN PARAMEDIC PROGRAM, A CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT
8 U.S.C. AND LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY HEART ASSOCIATION, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY AND DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITALS, PRESIDENT OF THE CEDARS-
11 SINAI EMERITUS MEDICAL STAFF, CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE CALIFORNIA
12 STATE COMMISSION OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND CALIFORNIA MEDICAL
13 ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE. AND HE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, 8 CHILDREN, 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 22 GREAT
15 GRANDCHILDREN. MY, MY. JUDITH ROBERTS PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER
16 9TH AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF MARLENE RADER, THE
17 PAST PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE KAGEL CANYON CIVIC
18 ASSOCIATION. SHE WAS RAISED IN BURBANK AND GRADUATE FROM JOHN
19 BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL. ACTIVE MEMBER OF GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
20 WHERE SHE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WAS PART OF THE WOMEN'S
21 MINISTRY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND SCOTT, SISTER IRMA,
22 BROTHER CARLOS, THREE DAUGHTERS, LISA, MARLENE AND CARLA. CARL
23 HUNTER, 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WORKED FOR
24 U.S. BORAX FOR 39 YEARS ON THE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, SERVED ON
25 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANTELOPE VALLEY EAST KERN WATER AGENCY.

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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NOREEN AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. WINSTON
2 BEAUMONT AGUA DULCE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. SERVED IN
3 THE UNITED STATES NAVY. WAS A PUBLICATION ANALYST FOR
4 LOCKHEED. COMMERCIAL ARTIST AND OWNER OF AN ADVERTISING
5 AGENCY. HE INVENTED AN IGNITION SYSTEM, PRODUCED HIS OWN
6 MOTORCYCLE PUBLICATION AND DESIGNED HIS OWN LINE OF HOTROD
7 CULTURE T-SHIRTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR FIVE
8 CHILDREN. PAUL ALLEN RAMSEY, PIONEER OF THE REAL ESTATE
9 INDUSTRY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92, GRADUATE OF DRAKE
10 UNIVERSITY, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. SERVED DURING WORLD
11 WAR II WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
12 FLORENCE, THEIR TWO SONS AND HIS TWO GRANDSONS AND ONE
13 GRANDDAUGHTER. EUNICE RENNER HILGENDORF, 82-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT
14 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 103. SHE
15 WORKED FOR PALM RANCH WATER COMPANY, TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
16 GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, VOLUNTEERED WITH THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE
17 AND ANTELOPE VALLEY GUILD CHILDREN HOSPITAL. SHE IS SURVIVED
18 BY HER SON AND DAUGHTER, JACK AND ARLENE. GERALD PHILLIPS,
19 LONGTIME ATTORNEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE HAD SERVED
20 AS VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED ARTISTS FOR THREE DECADES LEADING
21 ITS LITIGATION DEPARTMENT. HE WAS A PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF
22 PHILLIPS NIZER, SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK'S PUBLIC RADIO
23 STATION, W.N.Y.C. EXPERT ON LEGAL ETHICS. SERVED AS ADJUNCT
24 PROFESSOR AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. CO-FOUNDER
25 OF THE COLLEGE OF ARBITRATORS AND PAST PRESIDENT OF DISPUTE

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1 RESOLUTION SERVICES. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND
2 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. THOMAS PARTAKER, APPRAISAL SPECIALIST WITH
3 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, MAJOR REAL PROPERTIES DIVISION OF
4 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON JIM. OFFICER
5 RANDOLPH HOLDER WITH THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS
6 TRAGICALLY MURDERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AT THE AGE OF 33. A
7 GUYANESE IMMIGRANT AND THIRD GENERATION POLICE OFFICER,
8 JOINING THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2010. HIS LAST
9 ASSIGNMENT WAS TO HOUSING BUREAU PUBLIC SERVICE AREA 5. HE
10 WILL BE LAID TO REST IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA FOLLOWING MEMORIAL
11 SERVICES IN NEW YORK AND SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER. VIRGINIA
12 "GINNY" FLORENCE KIRBY, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN GABRIEL
13 VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED
14 FOR TAKING JOY IN SERVING OTHERS, VOLUNTEERING FOR OVER 35
15 YEARS AT FOOTHILL PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL. SHE WAS AWARDED THE
16 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR HER COMPASSION AND LOVING
17 ENCOURAGEMENT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN AS WELL
18 AS NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND 14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. JOANNE MARIE
19 VIRANT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62, 33-YEAR CAREER WITH
20 G.T.E./VERIZON. ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, MEMBER OF THE NORTH
21 PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH. SERVED AS CHAIRWOMAN AND MEMBERSHIP FOR
22 SANTA CLARITA REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED. SURVIVED BY HER TWO
23 CHILDREN AND FOUR SIBLINGS. ELIZABETH "LIZ" LEAVENS OF
24 MONROVIA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE WAS GREATLY
25 INVOLVED IN HER CHILDREN'S LIFE, WAS ROOM MOTHER AND PHYSICAL

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1 EDUCATION TEACHER AT THEIR SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS AND ALSO AN
2 USHER FOR HER CHURCH SATURDAY EVENING MASS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
3 HER HUSBAND OF 55 YEARS, HAL, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN.
4 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
5 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, I HAVE ONE
8 ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTIN BECERRA. MARTIN WAS BORN SEPTEMBER
10 20, 1962 IN LEON GUANAJUATO, MEXICO. HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH
11 BURKITT'S LYMPHOMA IN 2000 AND WAS IN REMISSION FOR 15 YEARS.
12 HE WAS DIAGNOSED AGAIN EARLIER THIS YEAR AND HE FINALLY
13 SUCCUMBED TO THAT ON OCTOBER 10TH IN TUCSON, ARIZONA. MARTIN
14 HAS DONATED HIS BODY TO SCIENCE SINCE ONCOLOGISTS BELIEVE
15 THERE WAS NO WAY THIS TYPE OF CANCER COULD APPEAR TWICE. THEY
16 WOULD THEN STUDY HIS TISSUE, BLOOD, BONES, BRAIN IN AN ATTEMPT
17 TO UNDERSTAND THIS DISEASE. THE STUDY WAS GIVEN A NAME,
18 MARTIN'S CURE. UNAFFECTED ORGANS WERE DONATED TO OTHER
19 PATIENTS WHO NEED EYES, HEART, LUNG AND SKIN. DURING HIS LIFE
20 HE WAS A MATH AND CHEMISTRY TUTOR AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN
21 EAST L.A. HE WAS A KIND OF MAN WHO PURCHASED DISNEYLAND
22 TICKETS AND AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS, MOVIE TICKETS AND GIFT
23 CARDS FOR HIS NEIGHBORS TO TAKE THEIR KIDS OUT TO HAVE A GOOD
24 TIME. HE WAS ALSO A RESTAURANT OWNER IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS, AND
25 HE FED THE HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO COULDN'T

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1 AFFORD A MEAL. HE WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PADRE, RITO AND
2 MONTE MARIA RADIO AND TELEVISION TO PURCHASE AND DELIVER BEDS,
3 LINEN, CLOTHING, SHOES, DIAPERS, FOOD TO THE LEAST FORTUNATE
4 IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND TO TIJUANA, MEXICO. HE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HIS WIFE IRMA, AND DAUGHTER DULCE MILAGROS, NINE YEARS OLD,
6 WHO WAS CONCEIVED AFTER HE SURVIVED CANCER, BEATING ALL ODDS.
7 HE ALSO IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SISTERS AND THREE BROTHERS,
8 HUNDREDS OF GODCHILDREN. SINCE THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE UNABLE
9 TO HAVE CHILDREN, THEY SPONSORED ALMOST EVERY CHILD THAT
10 FILLED THEIR HEART, INCLUDING HIS VERY OWN LUISA BARAGAN, WHO
11 WORKS FOR US IN HUMAN RESOURCES. HE REALLY WAS A BEAUTIFUL MAN
12 AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY MANY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I ASK THAT
18 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF ODELL RIDLEY BORN
19 FEBRUARY THE 14TH, 1928 AND DATE OF DEATH WAS OCTOBER THE
20 24TH. BORN IN HOMER, LOUISIANA. LONG TERM RESIDENT OF THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. A RATHER EXTRAORDINARY PERSON IN TERMS
22 OF HIS GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS AND HIS PRESENCE IN THE LIFE OF
23 FAMILY. WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, AND HE LEAVES A LARGE FAMILY
24 TO MOURN HIS PASSING, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS MY WIFE, MAVIS
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND JUST A HOST OF OTHERS WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM

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1 WITH FONDNESS. AND I WON'T REGALE YOU WITH THE STORIES OF HIS
2 CULINARY EXPLOITS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AT THIS HOUR. ODELL RIDLEY. NOW, MR.
7 MAYOR, I HAVE AN URGENCY MATTER FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. DR.
8 KATZ AND DR. GHALY, IF THEY ARE STILL HERE, WOULD LIKE TO ASK
9 THEM TO COME FORWARD. THIS IS SIMPLY TO REQUEST THAT YOU HEAR
10 AN ITEM ON URGENCY RELATED TO THE FUNDING OF HEALTH
11 FACILITIES. AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IT'S QUITE A NUMBER OF
12 THEM. CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, CENTINELLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL,
13 DOWNEY REGIONAL, LAKEWOOD REGIONAL, LONG BEACH MEMORIAL,
14 MEMORIAL GARDENA, ST. FRANCIS, WHITE MEMORIAL. THIS IS AN ITEM
15 THAT DR. KATZ MAY WISH TO EXPOUND ON IN MORE DETAIL. I'LL
16 ALLOW HIM TO DO THAT. BUT MAY I MOVE THAT ON THE STRENGTH OF
17 URGENCY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND PURSUANT
18 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2, THAT THERE'S A NEED TO
19 TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO TRANSFER UP TO \$4.2 MILLION IN COUNTY
21 FUNDS AS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE CALIFORNIA
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO
23 OBTAIN C.M.S. APPROVAL FOR THE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT. AND
24 FINALLY, THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR

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1 BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO TODAY'S MEETING, I'M SORRY. IT'S BEFORE
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THE URGENCY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. ON THE URGENCY. BOTH SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS AND I PUT THIS BEFORE YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. KATZ?

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13 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** DR. MITCH KATZ, DIRECTOR OF D.M.H. THANK
14 YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR CARRYING THIS AND FOR YOUR
15 BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING. WE CERTAINLY TRY NOT TO BRING YOU
16 MATTERS OF URGENCY. WE HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM YOU TO DO
17 THIS ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS, WHICH IS HOW WE'VE ALWAYS DONE
18 THIS. WHAT WE RECENTLY LEARNED IS THAT THE STATE WANTS TO DO
19 THIS ON A MULTI-YEAR BASIS AND WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE
20 DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM YOU TO DO THIS ON A MULTI-YEAR BASIS.
21 AND THEIR DEADLINE REQUIRED THIS EMERGENCY DELEGATION. BUT
22 IT'S OTHERWISE CONTINUING THE SAME POLICY THAT WE'VE ALWAYS
23 DONE. IT'S JUST MOVING IT ONE YEAR TO MULTIPLE YEARS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH THAT EXPLANATION, MR. MAYOR AND
2 COLLEAGUES, BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I THEN HAVE THE
3 COMPANION MOTION TO CAUSE THIS TO TAKE EFFECT, WHICH IS
4 ESSENTIALLY REMARKS MADE BY DR. KATZ AND IT IS BEFORE YOU FOR
5 YOUR CONSIDERATION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY THOMAS, SECOND BY SOLIS,
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, DR. KATZ.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU FOR THAT LENGTHY REPORT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOUR ADJOURNMENT
13 MOTIONS?

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DR. KATZ? DR. KATZ?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. KATZ!

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. I JUST WONDERED. IS THERE NEW
20 NEWS ON THE WAIVER? IT IS NOT AGENDIZED BUT I WONDER BECAUSE
21 IT'S RELATED TO THIS D.M.S. STUFF, I THINK.

22

23 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WE'VE SPOKEN WITH THE STATE AS RECENTLY AS
24 TODAY. IT DOES SEEM THAT THERE IS MOVEMENT. WE THINK THAT THEY
25 ARE SOME OF THE HOPEFUL SIGNS OF THE STATE HAS PASSED AND

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1 ASKED FOR A TWO-WEEK EXTENSION TO FINISH THE CONCEPTUAL PART
2 AND A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION TO FINISH THE WHOLE DEAL. AND WE
3 FEEL THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE RECOMMENDING THAT UNLESS THEY WERE
4 ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT WE COULD COME TO AN AGREEMENT. AND THEY
5 KNOW WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE CURRENT TERMS THAT HAVE BEEN
6 OFFERED IN PAPER. WHERE IT SEEMS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE
7 PROGRESS IS THAT WE HAVE COME UP WITH WAYS THAT WE THINK WE
8 CAN DO THE STUDIES THEY WANT IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT HARM OUR
9 WORK. AND THAT THEY SEEM NOW TO BE SAYING IF YOU'RE WILLING TO
10 DO THOSE STUDIES, THEN WE'RE PREPARED TO CONSIDER GOING BEYOND
11 THREE YEARS. BUT NOTHING IS IN WRITING. BUT TODAY'S REPORT IS
12 GOOD.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO MY
15 TURN ON ADJOURNMENTS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR TURN.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. I MOVE THAT WE
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY MARTY INGELS. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD
21 DISTRICT AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. ACTOR, TALENT AGENT,
22 LEGENDARY, RACONTEUR RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79
23 AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE. BORN IN BROOKLYN AS MARTIN INGERMAN,
24 SERVED A STINT IN THE ARMY BEFORE MOVING TO L.A. TO PURSUE AN
25 ACTING CAREER. GOT HIS FIRST BREAK LIKE MANY OTHER ASPIRING

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1 ACTORS AT THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE. MANY T.V. PARTS FOLLOWED,
2 "THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW," "BEWITCHED" AND OTHERS, INCLUDING A
3 LEADING ROLE OPPOSITE JOHN ASTIN IN THE '60S SITCOM CULT
4 FAVORITE "I'M DICKENS, HE'S FENSTER. " HE'S ALSO BEGAN
5 APPEARING IN SUCH FILMS AS "THE BUSY BODY," A GUIDE FOR THE
6 MARRIED MAN" AND "IF IT'S TUESDAY, THIS MUST BE BELGIUM." IN
7 THE 1970S, HE MET AND MARRIED ACTRESS SHIRLEY JONES. THERE WAS
8 A LOT OF SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT SHIRLEY JONES ACTUALLY SAW IN
9 THIS GUY. THEY WERE SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER. AND SHE ONCE
10 SAID, HE MAKES ME LAUGH. CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND. HE BECAME A
11 SUCCESSFUL TALENT AGENT WHILE DEVELOPING AN ACTIVE CAREER AS A
12 VOICE ACTOR IN CARTOONS AND COMMERCIALS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
13 SHIRLEY JONES, THREE STEPSONS, SHAUN, PATRICK AND RYAN
14 CASSIDY, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY
15 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. COLLEAGUES, I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
16 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED PIERCE, LONG- TIME
17 RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, ATTORNEY, PROMINENT FIGURE IN
18 THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64
19 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. BORN IN NEW YORK, EARNED A DEGREE IN
20 FRENCH LITERATURE FROM YALE BEFORE GOING ON TO EARN HIS
21 MASTER'S FROM BROWN UNIVERSITY IN TEACHING. BRIEFLY TAUGHT
22 HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH IN RHODE ISLAND BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL
23 AND EARNING A J.D. FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. THERE HE MET HIS
24 FUTURE HUSBAND, ROB SALTZMAN. FOR THE NEXT 36 YEARS, THEY
25 SHARED A LIFE CENTERING ON FAMILY, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY AND

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1 SOCIAL JUSTICE. AFTER RELOCATING TO CALIFORNIA AND PASSING THE
2 BAR, HE WENT ON TO SERVE AS A PARTNER IN A SERIES OF LOCAL LAW
3 FIRMS BEFORE BECOMING GENERAL COUNSEL FOR GEOCITIES WHICH WAS
4 THEN ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR WEBSITES OF ITS EARLY ERA. HE WAS
5 INSTRUMENTAL IN GUIDING THE FIRM THROUGH SEVERAL ROUNDS OF
6 VENTURE FINANCING AND INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING AND SUBSEQUENT
7 SALE TO YAHOO. AFTER RETIRING FROM LAW PRACTICE, HE DEVOTED
8 HIMSELF CONTRIBUTING AND VOLUNTEERING AT MANY DESERVING
9 ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY, G.L.I.S.T.E.N., THE GAY LESBIAN
10 AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK AIMED AT CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING
11 ON L.G.B.T. ISSUES FOR K-12 STUDENTS. HIS HUSBAND ROB,
12 ASSOCIATE DEAN U.S.C. GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW SURVIVES HIM AS DO
13 HIS TWO BROTHERS, TERRY AND TIM, SEVERAL NEPHEWS, NIECES AND
14 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRED SANDS
16 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, PROMINENT REAL ESTATE
17 EXECUTIVE, VENTURE CAPITALIST WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE
18 AGE OF 77 AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE WHILE TRAVELING. HE WAS THE
19 SON OF A NEW YORK CAB DRIVER, HUMBLE BEGINNINGS. BUT AFTER HIS
20 FAMILY MOVED WEST TO BOYLE HEIGHTS, HE WENT ON TO ATTEND
21 U.C.L.A. AND BECAME SUCCESSFUL FLIPPING HOUSES WHILE STILL A
22 STUDENT WHO HAD YET TO OBTAIN A REAL ESTATE LICENSE. HE WENT
23 ON TO FOUND THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE IN
24 CALIFORNIA, SYNONYMOUS WITH PROPERTIES IN L.A.'S MOST AFFLUENT
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. HE SOLD THE FIRM IN 2000 FOR MORE THAN \$100

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1 MILLION. BUT INSTEAD OF RETIRING, HE TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO
2 VENTURE FINANCING, BECAME SUCCESSFUL BUYING AND IMPROVING
3 TROUBLED SHOPPING MALL COMPANIES. HE ALSO BECAME A GENEROUS
4 DONOR TO CIVIC ARTS INSTITUTIONS, WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL
5 FOUNDERS OF THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, AS WELL AS SERVING
6 ON THE BOARD OF L.A. OPERA, THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7 ON THE ARTS AND THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL. HE IS SURVIVED BY
8 HIS WIFE CARLA, HIS SON JONATHAN, HIS DAUGHTER ALEXANDRA AND A
9 BROTHER WILLIAM. FINALLY, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. WALTER GRAF,
11 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN WESTWOOD, RECENTLY
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. BORN IN NEW YORK, HE GRADUATED
13 HIGH SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF 12. WENT ON TO FORGE A BRILLIANT
14 CAREER AS A CARDIOLOGIST AND FOUNDER AND 20-YEAR DIRECTOR OF
15 THE DANIEL FREEMAN PARAMEDIC PROGRAM. THE FIRST NATIONALLY
16 ACCREDITED PARAMEDIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. HE WAS KNOWN AS THE
17 PIONEER OF PARAMEDICINE, DEVELOPING AND PROPOSING THE CONCEPT
18 OF PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES WITH TRAINED E.M.T.S WHOSE RAPID
19 RESPONSE HAS SAVED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES OUT IN THE
20 FIELD BEFORE TRANSPORT TO AREA HOSPITALS. HE SERVED AS A
21 CLINICAL PROFESSOR FOR LOMA LINDA AND U.S.C., PRESIDENT OF THE
22 L.A. COUNTY HEART ASSOCIATION, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE L.A.
23 COUNTY AND DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITALS, PRESIDENT OF THE CEDARS-
24 SINAI EMERITUS MEDICAL STAFF, CHAIRMAN FOR BOTH THE STATE
25 COMMISSION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE CALIFORNIA

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1 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE. HE WAS
2 WIDELY HERALDED AND HONORED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD
3 AND FOR HIS PERSONAL DEVOTION AS A PRACTICING PHYSICIAN TO HIS
4 OWN PATIENTS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOAN, NINE CHILDREN,
5 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND 22 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. ANDREW MARLEN? OSCAR MUHAMMAD. RUTH
9 SARNOFF. ERIC PREVEN. YES, SIR.

10

11 **ANDREW MARLEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
12 NAME IS ANDREW MARLEN. I RESIDE IN CLAREMONT. I'M A PRIVATE
13 INVESTOR, EQUESTRIAN. I LIVE JUST OVER THE EAST RIDGE OF
14 MARSHAL CANYON COUNTY PARK. AND I'M HERE TO ASK THE BOARD TO
15 RECONSIDER PROPOSAL, A SPECIOUS PROPOSAL, I MIGHT ADD, THAT
16 WAS SUBMITTED IN SEPTEMBER CONCERNING MARSHALL CANYON GOLF
17 COURSE. I HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL
18 AND ECOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS ETHICAL
19 CONSIDERATIONS. THE NET EFFECT OF THE PLAN IS TO ELIMINATE,
20 DESTROY 120 ACRES OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY COUNTY PARKLAND, PUBLIC
21 PARKLAND. AND I THINK IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. THERE IS SOME SORT OF
22 SCHEME TO, IT'S CONSTRUCTED AS SOME SORT OF SCHEME WITH AN
23 OUTSIDE PRIVATE DEVELOPER TO SWAP PROPERTIES WITH A FAR
24 INFERIOR GOLF COURSE. I THOUGHT I HAD THREE MINUTES HERE?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL GIVE YOU TWO MINUTES BECAUSE
2 OF THE TIME. CONTINUE.

3

4 **ANDREW MARLEN:** I MIGHT ADD, THIS IS MY FIRST BOARD MEETING
5 I'VE ATTENDED. I ARRIVED BEFORE 9:00 O'CLOCK SO AT ANY RATE,
6 I'D LIKE SOME SORT OF RESPONSE ON A PROGRAM WHERE THE PROPOSAL
7 IS TO ELIMINATE 120 ACRES OF COUNTY PROPERTY, A VERY PRECIOUS
8 ECOLOGICAL ZONE. IT'S THE RICHEST, DEEPEST CANYON IN L.A.
9 COUNTY THAT I'M AWARE OF. I HAVEN'T RIDDEN ANY ONE THAT IS
10 SIMILAR TO THIS. AND THE GOLF COURSE IS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT
11 TO MARSHALL CANYON PARK. IT'S VERY FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM. IT HAS
12 BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION, AN ABUNDANCE OF DEER. AND THE GOLF COURSE
13 ITSELF IS A BUFFER AND A TRANSITION ZONE FOR THE WILDLIFE. THE
14 WILDLIFE IS DEPENDENT ON THIS RIPARIAN ZONE THAT IS BASICALLY
15 THE CREEK THAT RUNS ALL THE WAY DOWN MARSHALL CANYON TO
16 BASELINE AVENUE. ADDING A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT, 200 HOMES OR SO,
17 WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL
20 UP HARRIET ELLIOTT. MR. MUHAMMAD?

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, YOU CALLED ME FIRST. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. IN
23 FOLLOW UP TO WHAT THAT GENTLEMAN JUST SAID, AS YOU KNOW, THIS
24 WAS THE LEWIS ACQUISITION MATTER, WHICH I DID BRING TO YOUR
25 ATTENTION AND IS EXTREMELY WORRISOME. THE IDEA THAT WE ARE

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1 TAKING GOLF COURSES AROUND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WHETHER
2 IT'S THE CASE OF MR. KNABE ACQUIRING ONE IN NORWALK FOR \$3-1/2
3 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH IS RIGHT NEAR WHERE THE BRANDYWINE LAST
4 DEVELOPMENT, THE ONE WITH 31 UNITS THAT WAS NOT ON OUR AGENDA
5 TODAY, THE IDEA THAT THE GREAT SUPERVISOR FOR MR. RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS' DISTRICT IS PREPARING A VERY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR
7 ANOTHER GROUP, THE NAME OF WHICH WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING WITH
8 THE COUNTY COUNSEL WHO SEEMS TO THINK IT'S OKAY TO SIGN
9 ANYTHING AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO'S SIGNING. YOUR OWN LAWYERS
10 TOLD ME FOUR DIFFERENT NAMES WHO SIGNED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR
11 GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT. SO IT'S VERY WORRISOME AND SOMEBODY
12 IS NOT PAYING ATTENTION AND IT'S REALLY PROBLEMATIC. JOHN
13 WICKER IS THE ONE ON THE LINE BECAUSE YOU ALL HAVE DEPUTIZED
14 HIM TO TAKE THE FALL FOR THIS BEHAVIOR IF I MAY. AND MR.
15 BELLMAN NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY UPDATED ABOUT WHAT HE DID WRONG
16 BECAUSE EVIDENTLY HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE DID WRONG. WHEN
17 YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OR ANYONE AND YOU'RE HAVING
18 A FAIR ELECTION AND YOU SAY, HEY, WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES? WE'D
19 LIKE TO HAVE ONE IN OUT IN TOPANGA LIKE STACEY SLEDGE OF THE
20 TOPANGA TOWN COUNCIL SAID, YOU DON'T SAY JUST FOUR OF THE
21 EIGHT NAMES. YOU SAY ALL OF THE NAMES. AND YOU DON'T USE YOUR
22 PERSONAL EMAIL, YOU USE THE COMPANY EMAIL LIKE YOU WERE TOLD
23 TO BY SUSAN NISMAN WITH WHOM HE WORKS. WHAT HE DID WAS IN FACT
24 A KIND OF FRAUD. HE BASICALLY KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY CUT
25 A CANDIDATE OUT OF THAT DISCUSSION. WOULD THAT WERE THE ONLY

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1 ONE. THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE I COULD CATCH HIM, SIR. BUT YOU
2 KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT IN EVERY INSTANCE THAT'S WHAT
3 HAPPENED. WITH ALL OF MISS KUEHL'S TEAM WHO SHE HAD BEEN
4 SCARING AWAY THE COMPETITION FOR THREE YEARS AHEAD OF THE
5 RACE. I WAS COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO THAT, NATURALLY. APPALLING
6 BEHAVIOR. APPALLING. REALLY THE WORST OF THE WORST. AND THE
7 C.E.O. SHOULD PREPARE A J.O.C. REPORT SO WHEN THE ROOF CAVES
8 IN WHEN WE DO A JOB ORDER CONTRACT BECAUSE WE PAID 49 CENTS ON
9 THE DOLLAR WE WILL HAVE, IN FACT, A SENSE OF HOW MANY OF THESE
10 J.O.C.S WE HAVE AND WHY SUCH A BEHAVIOR WOULD RESULT IN A SOLE
11 SOURCE CONTRACT. THANK YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I GUESS YOU DON'T GET ALONG WITH MR.
14 BELLMAN. MR. MOHAMMED.

15

16 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK FOR THE
17 OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
18 CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT MORAL ADJUSTMENT IN
19 THE BIG CITY FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT
20 FOR AFRICAN-AMERICA. AND I LOOK AT DOWNTOWN SKID ROW WHERE THE
21 BLACK AMERICANS RESIDES DAILY. IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS
22 ENVIRONMENT THAT THE BLACK AMERICANS LIVE IN IN THE UNITED
23 STATES OF AMERICA AND WE NEED ADDRESS TO IT. BLACK AMERICA
24 NEED BLACK SUPERVISORS, MORE BLACK AUTHORITIES IN THEIR LIVES.
25 OUR CONSTITUTION SAYS SEPARATE BUT EQUAL. NO RACE SHOULD HAVE

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1 AUTHORITY OVER ANOTHER RACE. PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON, HE
2 WAS THE FOUNDING FATHER OF AMERICA. PRESIDENT GEORGE
3 WASHINGTON RAN FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT UNOPPOSED. AND
4 PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON DID NOT REPRESENT NO POLITICAL
5 PARTY. PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID POLITICS IS EVIL. BUT
6 WE LIVING AT THE END OF THIS DESTRUCTED POLITICAL SYSTEM AND
7 THIS CAPITALIST POLITICAL SYSTEM. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
8 REPRESENT THE END OF THIS. THERE WILL BE NO PRESIDENT GOING
9 INTO OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND CONTRIBUTE WHAT
10 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HAS CONTRIBUTED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. MOHAMMED. MISS ELLIOTT.

13

14 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS HARRIET ELLIOTT. I'M
15 ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO URGE THE L.A.P.D. TO CLOSE
16 MY SON'S OPEN MURDER CASE. MY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR IS NAMED
17 JAN B. TUCKER. HE'S VERY FAMOUS IN THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY.
18 EVEN THOUGH HE'S STRAIGHT, BUT HE'S SO COOL. BUT HE CANNOT GO
19 THROUGH WITH MY SON'S CASE UNTIL IT'S CLOSED. THAT'S WHAT HE
20 SAYS. MY SON WAS KILLED 23 YEARS AGO. I DIDN'T INVESTIGATE. MY
21 AFRICAN-AMERICAN SON. I WOULD LIKE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO HAVE
22 THIS. OKAY. I DID NOT INVESTIGATE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH
23 AT THAT TIME, OKAY. IT GOES TO HIM. ONLY HIM. BECAUSE I AM IN
24 YOUR DISTRICT, OKAY. AND IT IS MY SON IS A BEAUTIFUL BLACK
25 MAN, OKAY. AND HE IS A POLITICAL ACTIVIST. I WAS A POLITICAL

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1 ACTIVIST. MY DAD WAS THE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. SOCIAL WORKERS
2 AND ELIGIBILITY WORKERS, OKAY. THAT'S OUR HISTORY, OUR
3 TRADITION, OKAY. MY DAD MOVED UP INTO MANAGEMENT. IF YOU WERE
4 AROUND 25 YEARS AGO, HIS NAME'S GEORGE GAMMON. HE WAS WELL
5 KNOWN. THE THING IS, IF HE WERE LIVING, HE WOULDN'T GO ALONG
6 WITH THE STUFF THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME. I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE
7 THIS. 6 INCHES TALLER. ONE DOCTOR SAYING TO ANOTHER "I AM 6
8 INCHES TALLER. "I HAVE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH HARASSMENT IT'S
9 NOT EVEN FUNNY. I DON'T FIX MY TEETH BECAUSE I'M GOING THROUGH
10 HARASSMENT. JAN KNEW WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT
11 POLICE HARASSMENT OF WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, IT'S NOT ABOUT
12 SEX, IT'S AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVISTS. JAN KNEW RIGHT AWAY
13 WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT. I DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL HIM TWICE.
14 THAT'S WHY I DON'T FIX MY TEETH, OKAY. ANYWAY, OKAY. JUST TO
15 FINISH, MY SON DID NOT HAVE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IN HIM. I DID
16 DRINK, SO I'M NOT SAYING I'M THE GREATEST MOTHER. MY SON
17 COULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN A GANG ON HIS LAST YEAR, HE COULDN'T
18 BECAUSE HIS GRADES WERE BROUGHT UP HIGHER THAN-- HE WASN'T AN
19 A STUDENT BUT THEY WERE BROUGHT UP.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

22

23 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** AND ALSO, HIS HOMEROOM SAID, I HAVE NOT ONE
24 COMPLAINT ABOUT OBIE. THEY DEFAMED MY SON, THEY'RE TRYING TO
25 DEFAME AND HARASS ME.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAYVON WILLIAMS.
3 MARIO TURNER. ARNOLD SACHS. YES MISS SARNOFF.

4

5 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF A
6 PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY OF ALL THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF POPULATIONS
7 OR SCIENTIFIC CONFIGURATIONS, PARTICULARLY PREGNANT WELL,
8 BABIES, TODDLERS, SENIORS AND THE WORKERS THAT DO THE CLEAN
9 UP. AND IT'S IN RELATION TO EXIDE AND TO THE WHOLE SOUTHEAST
10 AREA OF LOS ANGELES AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THE 277
11 METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE STUDIED AND THIS
12 AREA, INCLUDING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF LONG
13 BEACH, RIVERSIDE AND JUST THE DOWNTOWN L.A. AREA RANKED ONE
14 FOR OZONE, HIGHEST IN THE WHOLE NATION, RANKED FOURTH FOR 24-
15 HOUR PARTICULATE POLLUTION. THIS IS ALL IN A 277 METROPOLITAN
16 CITIES AREAS. I WANTED TO ALSO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
17 FACT THAT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT HAS A
18 PROVISION THAT ALLOWS FOR THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF MULTIPLE
19 SOURCES OF POLLUTION IN AN AREA TO BE A CONSIDERATION WHEN
20 EVALUATING ANY KIND OF A NEW PROJECT. AND I THINK IT COULD BE
21 A USEFUL PROVISION TO PROVIDE A CATALYST TO DIRECT ATTENTION
22 TO THE EFFECTS OF OTHER POLLUTERS OTHER THAN-- AS WELL AS
23 EXIDE SUCH AS THE REFINERIES, THE PORT OPERATIONS, THE OFF
24 SHORE TANKERS, TRANSPORT TRUCKS, BUS OVERNIGHT STORAGE AND THE
25 FREIGHT MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF SOUTH L.A. AND--

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WRAP UP MISS SARNOFF.

3

4 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YES. AND I DO HAVE A HANDOUT FOR EACH OF YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAUL WILL GET IT FOR US. THANK YOU.

7 AND MR. SPINDLER? YES, SIR.

8

9 **MARIO TURNER:** MY NAME IS MARIO TURNER. I'M HERE WITH A PLEA
10 FOR HELP AND SOME INFORMATION. BACK IN 1998 MY MOTHER, WHO
11 PASSED IN APRIL, SHE WENT THROUGH A HOME LOAN PROJECT THROUGH
12 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE AMOUNT OF THAT LOAN
13 IS NOW AT ABOUT \$62,000. THE CONTRACTOR THAT WAS PROVIDED BY
14 THE COMMISSION DESTROYED HER HOME TO THE TUNE OF \$42,000.
15 ALONG THE WAY, COMPLAINTS WERE MADE TO THE AGENCY, ARSENAL DEL
16 HOMME [PH?]--- WHO IS NOW DEFUNCT. THEY WERE MADE AWARE OF
17 COMPLAINTS WITH THE CONTRACTOR. OF COURSE MY MOTHER HAD KEPT
18 SIGNING THE PAYMENTS, STATING THAT IF SHE DIDN'T, THAT THE
19 CONTRACTOR WOULD BE SUING HER FOR PUTTING LIENS AGAINST HER
20 HOME FOR NONPAYMENT. WENT TO THE COMMISSION AND COMPLAINED
21 ABOUT THEM. THE COMMISSION REFERRED BACK TO ARSENAL DEL HOMME.
22 ATTORNEYS GOT INVOLVED. AND THE COMMISSION FINALLY CAME OUT
23 AND DID A WALK THROUGH OF THE HOUSE AND AGREED THAT THERE WAS
24 A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAMAGES. THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TO COVER
25 THE PROBLEMS. THIS HAS BEEN 17 YEARS IN THE MAKING AND THE

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1 COMPLETION PAPERS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED ON THIS. THE HOME
2 IS STILL IN DISREPAIR. THE ONLY TIME THE C.D.C. HAS AGREED TO
3 DO ANYTHING IS WHEN THERE WAS LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THERE WAS
4 LOANS TAKEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY TO PAY FOR LEGAL
5 REPRESENTATION. WE'RE OUT OF FUNDS TO PAY FOR LEGAL
6 REPRESENTATION. I WENT THROUGH MISS MOLINA'S OFFICE QUITE SOME
7 TIME AGO WHEN MY MOTHER WAS STILL ALIVE AND WE WERE REFERRED
8 BACK TO C.D.C. FOR HELP. WELL, THEY'RE AT THE ROOT OF THIS
9 PROBLEM. JUST YESTERDAY I WAS HERE IN CONTACT WITH MISS
10 SOLIS'S OFFICE, AND A CRY FOR HELP. AND ONCE AGAIN WE WERE
11 REFERRED BACK TO THE C.D.C. REFERRING ME BACK TO THE C.D.C. IS
12 JUST THROWING ME BACK INTO THE YARD OF THE DOG THAT BIT ME. I
13 NEED HELP WITH THIS. THIS NEEDS TO GO WAY UP. MY MOTHER PUT
14 THE HOME IN TRUST AND LEFT IT TO ME BEFORE SHE PASSED. AND I'M
15 NOW THE PROUD OWNER OF THE FAMILY HOME WHICH I CAN'T AFFORD TO
16 KEEP IT AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO SELL IT. THERE'S OVER \$100,000
17 IN DEBT AGAINST THE PROPERTY AND IT NEEDS 40 TO \$50,000 WORTH
18 OF IMPROVEMENTS. I'M STUCK I NEED HELP. WHAT DO I DO?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE OF HER STAFF AND I'LL GET THE
21 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASSIST TO TRY TO FIGURE THAT OUT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND, MR. MAYOR?

24

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

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONE. QUESTIONS THAT OCCURRED TO ME IS THIS
3 IS SOME OF THE WORK THAT CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE LIKE DOES IN
4 TERMS OF BAD LOANS AND THOSE KIND OF THINGS? MAYBE THAT'S AN
5 OPTION TO BE CONSIDERED.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD POINT. MR. SACHS?

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
10 AND I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT ONE THING AND I HAD TO CHANGE
11 COURSE. I'M A LITTLE BIT UPSET. IT'S A LITANY OF THINGS. I
12 JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START. COULD START WITH METRO. COULD
13 START WITH THE GREEN LINE. COULD START WITH THE GOLD LINE.
14 COULD START WITH MEASURE R. COULD START WITH THE 3 PERCENT
15 LOCAL MATCH THAT METRO, PART OF MEASURE R. COULD START WITH
16 THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR. ALL OF THEM LIES. ALL OF THEM LIES
17 MANIPULATED BY THE BOARD'S-- COULD START WITH THE REDUCTION OF
18 TIME IN METRO BECAUSE WE HAVE IMPORTANT PROJECTS TO DISCUSS
19 AND WE WANT MORE PUBLIC INPUT. SO WE'RE GOING TO REDUCE TIME.
20 COULD START WITH THE REDUCED TIME HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. COULD START WITH TODAY'S PRESENTATION. COULD
22 START WITH LAST WEEK'S PRESENTATION ABOUT HELPING BUSINESS,
23 SMALL BUSINESSES GOING TO HIRE CONSULTANTS. GOING TO DO
24 SOMETHING FOR HOUSING WHERE WE NEED TO FIND FUNDING. I'M
25 REALLY UPSET WITH MYSELF FOR NOT PUTTING A CARD ON THAT

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1 BECAUSE I COULD HAVE SAID YOU KNOW THE MONEY IS SPENT TO PAY
2 THE JUDGES AT \$20 MILLION A YEAR. WE COULD USE THAT FOR LOW
3 INCOME HOUSING. YOU KNOW THERE WAS AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA BACK
4 IN FEBRUARY AND I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS, BUT THE
5 DEPARTMENT HEAD CAME IN AND WAS TALKING TO SUPERVISOR KNABE
6 HAD A QUESTION ABOUT HER AND HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT \$240
7 MILLION OR \$260 MILLION AND SHE CORRECTED HIM AND SAID, YOU
8 KNOW SUPERVISOR, IT'S \$300 MILLION. \$40 MILLION, WHO CARES.
9 THAT'S \$60 MILLION THAT DIDN'T EVEN GO THROUGH 15 SECONDS. SO
10 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MONEY, I JUST FOUND \$60 MILLION. YOU DON'T
11 DISCUSS ANYTHING. SO HERE'S THE THING. IF I TAKE A SHOT AT
12 YOU, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO FULL OF GAS I'M JUST LETTING A
13 LITTLE AIR OUT.

14

15 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN
16 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
18 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
19 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, RECRUITMENT
20 AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE
21 POSITION OF COUNTY COUNSEL; ITEM NO. C.S.-3, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
22 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION; ITEM NO.
24 C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO.
25 C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS SACHI A. HAMAI AND

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