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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 ON PAGE 275]**

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. I WANT TO
7 WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS MAY 3, 2016 MEETING. WE WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.
9 AND I ALSO WANT TO CONVEY, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, TO ALL THE
10 MOTHERS THAT WILL BE CELEBRATING MOTHERS' DAY THIS SUNDAY, WE
11 WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OUR MOMS. [APPLAUSE.] THE INVOCATION
12 THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY FATHER JESUS ZAMARRIPA, OUR LADY
13 OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND THE PLEDGE
14 WILL BE LED BY LESLEY WASHINGTON, FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED
15 STATES ARMY, FROM LANCASTER. PLEASE STAND.

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17 **FR. JESUS ZAMARRIPA:** GOOD MORNING. BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR
18 MEETING, LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE LORD FOR THIS
19 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD THE COMMON GOAL
20 OF ENRICHING THE LIVES OF THOSE WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE.
21 HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU TODAY ASKING FOR YOUR
22 GUIDANCE, WISDOM AND SUPPORT AS WE BEGIN THIS MEETING. HELP US
23 TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION. ALLOW US TO GROW CLOSER AS
24 A GROUP AND NURTURE THE BONDS OF COMMUNITY. FILL US WITH YOUR
25 GRACE, LORD GOD, AS WE MAKE DECISIONS THAT MIGHT AFFECT THOSE



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1 YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED US TO SERVE. CONTINUE TO REMIND US ALL WE
2 DO HERE TODAY, ALL WE PLAN AND ACCOMPLISH IS FOR THE PURSUIT
3 OF TRUTH FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF YOU AND FOR THE SERVICE OF
4 YOUR PEOPLE. WE ASK THESE THINGS IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS
5 CHRIST OUR RISEN AND LIVING LORD. (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

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7 **LESLEY N. WASHINGTON:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. PLACE YOUR RIGHT
8 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. THOSE THAT ARE VETERANS MAY SALUTE.
9 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO THIS MORNING THANK FATHER
12 ZAMARRIPA FOR LEADING US THIS MORNING IN OUR PRAYER. FATHER IS
13 ORIGINALLY FROM SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEXICO AND HAS SERVED THE LOS
14 ANGELES AREA FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE WAS ORDAINED IN
15 CHICAGO IN 2001 AND FATHER JESUS ZAMARRIPA CURRENTLY SERVES AT
16 OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH IN EAST LOS ANGELES. FATHER
17 ZAMARRIPA IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORLD,
18 THE LAY MISSIONARY OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE IN THE UNITED
19 STATES OF AMERICA. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PROVIDING THE
20 OPENING PRAYER THIS MORNING. MUCHAS GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE.]
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL TODAY IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME
24 LESLEY WASHINGTON HERE, WHO LED US WITH THE PLEDGE OF
25 ALLEGIANCE, WITH HER SON KEVIN WHO IS SIX YEARS OLD. AND



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1 LESLEY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SHE WAS A
2 COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST. SHE SERVED BETWEEN 2003 AND 2012 IN
3 IRAQ, BULGARIA AND PAKISTAN. SHE HAD TWO TOURS IN IRAQ, TWO
4 TOURS IN PAKISTAN AND EIGHT MONTHS IN BULGARIA. SHE IS A
5 GRADUATE OF OUR OWN LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS,
6 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AND HER COLLEGE,
7 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IS FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN PARALEGAL
8 STUDIES. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
9 COUNTRY, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND HAVING AN ASSISTANT
10 KEVIN, HELPING YOU BECAUSE I SAW HIM RECITING IT OVER IN THE
11 CORNER. GOOD JOB, KEVIN. SO THANK YOU, LESLEY. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS MORNING WE'LL BEGIN.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS
16 OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, POLICY
17 MATTER. ON ITEM P-1, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON
18 ITEM P-4-- ON PAGE 4, ON ITEM R-1, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED UNTIL JUNE 8TH,
20 2016. AND ON ITEM R-2, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 17TH. ON PAGE 5,
22 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
23 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P AND 2-P,
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON



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1 ITEM 5-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
8 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16, ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND KNABE
9 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE MADE. IN THE FIRST
11 SECTION, BEFORE THE WORD "HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES" INSERT "FOR A
12 PILOT PROGRAM WITH" AND IN THE SECOND SECTION, AFTER THE WORD-
13 - AFTER THE PHRASE "OPEN TO ANY ORGANIZATION" STRIKE
14 "INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES." AND A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
17 ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
18 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISORS
19 KUEHL AND KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
20 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 17, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
2 17 THROUGH 62. ON ITEM NO. 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
3 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 17TH,
5 2016. ON ITEM 20 AND 21, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
6 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 25, A MEMBER OF
8 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 26,
9 THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 10TH, 2016. AND ON ITEMS 28 AND 29,
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
12 ON ITEM NO. 30, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
13 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY
14 17TH, 2016. ON ITEMS 31 AND 32, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
15 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 34, A MEMBER OF THE
16 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 35, A MEMBER
17 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 36, THE
18 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
19 ONE WEEK TO MAY 10TH, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 37, A MEMBER OF THE
20 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 42, A MEMBER
21 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 47, AS
22 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
23 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THE ADVERTISED AND SET DATE OF MAY 24TH,
24 2016 BE CHANGED TO JUNE 28TH, 2016, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 50, A MEMBER OF



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1 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 51, A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON
3 ITEM 55, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
8 ORDER.

9

10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 38, ON ITEM NO. 63,
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
12 WEEKS TO MAY 17, 2016.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 5/17, ITEM 63?

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16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 63 CONTINUED TO MAY 17TH. ON
17 PAGE 39, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
18 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 64-A, SUPERVISOR
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
21 BE HELD. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED
22 AS A NO. ON PAGE 42, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION FOR MAY 3RD. AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM C.S.-1, COUNTY
24 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 24, 2016.



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1 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. LAST WEEK WE HEARD
7 SOME VERY MOVING TESTIMONY FROM MEMBERS OF L.A.'S TRANSGENDER
8 COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION AND CHALLENGES THAT THEY
9 FACE. TODAY I'M EXTREMELY HAPPY IF THEY WILL JOIN ME UP HERE
10 TO WELCOME THE MAY DAY TRANS QUEER CONTINGENT TO OUR WONDERFUL
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MEMBERS OF THE MAY DAY TRANS QUEER
12 CONTINGENT, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED TO BE ABLE TO
13 SAY THOSE WORDS AT A SUPERVISORS' MEETING, HAVE RAISED THEIR
14 VOICES FOR MANY YEARS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE INCLUSION,
15 VISIBILITY AND SAFETY AS WELL AS EQUAL ACCESS TO CIVIL,
16 POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
17 TRANSGENDER, QUEER AND INTERSEX IMMIGRANTS. EVERY YEAR THEY
18 MARCH IN THE MAY DAY IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS IN L.A.
19 AND BELIEVE ME, THAT TOOK SOME COURAGE THE FIRST COUPLE OF
20 YEARS, TO REMIND US THAT LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS FOLKS
21 LIVE IN EVERY COMMUNITY, CARE ABOUT EVERY ISSUE, ADVOCATE FOR
22 EVERY KIND OF HUMAN RIGHT, AND ARE AN IMPORTANT AND VIBRANT
23 PART OF OUR LARGER L.A. COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN
24 CONGRATULATING AND THANKING EILEEN MA AND THE MEMBERS OF THE



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1 MAY DAY TRANS QUEER CONTINGENT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK TO
2 ADVANCE EQUALITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **EILEEN MA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOARD SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE
5 MAY DAY TRANS QUEER COALITION, AS SHE MENTIONED, IS A
6 COALITIONAL EFFORT THAT ADVOCATES FOR THE CIVIL AND POLITICAL
7 RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX
8 IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, ASYLEES. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN A FULL ON
9 CAMPAIGN TO END ALL TRANS DETENTION IN I.C.E. DETENTION
10 CENTERS AND TO END DISCRIMINATION AND BIAS IN HOMELAND
11 SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COURT SYSTEMS. (SPEAKING SPANISH).
12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. THAT WAS TOO MUCH FUN. SO I HAVE ONE
15 MORE PRESENTATION. TODAY WE'RE CELEBRATING THE CALFRESH
16 PROGRAM WHICH WAS CREATED SIX YEARS AGO TO SAFEGUARD THE
17 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY INCREASING
18 THEIR FOOD PURCHASING POWER AND ACCESS TO NUTRITIONAL FOODS.
19 RESEARCH TELLS US THAT KIDS WHO ARE HUNGRY-- AND WE HAVE MANY,
20 MANY MORE THAN WE ACTUALLY HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IN L.A. COUNTY--
21 KIDS WHO ARE HUNGRY DON'T GROW AS WELL. THEY DON'T LEARN AS
22 WELL. THEY DON'T BEHAVE AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE LUCKY ENOUGH
23 TO HAVE GOOD NUTRITION. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1.18 MILLION
24 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE CALFRESH BENEFITS. YET THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
25 WHO NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE ARE UNAWARE THAT THEY MIGHT QUALIFY



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1 FOR THESE BENEFITS. THAT'S WHY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS
2 PROCLAIMING MAY 2016 AS CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY
3 OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S A CHANCE TO REACH PEOPLE WHO DON'T
4 CURRENTLY RECEIVE BENEFITS ABOUT HOW TO APPLY FOR CALFRESH AND
5 HOW TO USE THE BENEFITS TO PURCHASE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS
6 FOODS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND ITS
7 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY, HAVE WORKED
8 ON A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES TO REACH THOSE WHO ARE MOST
9 VULNERABLE TO HUNGER. D.P.S.S. HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN
10 COORDINATING THIS HUGE EFFORT. PLEASE HELP ME THANK OUR
11 D.P.S.S. DIRECTOR, SHERYL SPILLER, AND WESLEY FORD OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND
13 LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SHERYL SPILLER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
16 ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE
17 CALFRESH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH
18 HIGHLIGHTS THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT CALFRESH BENEFITS PLAY IN
19 HELPING LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO BRING
20 NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO THEIR FAMILIES. THE PUBLIC AWARENESS
21 CAMPAIGN HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND
22 COORDINATED EFFORTS IN THE STATE. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PROGRAM
23 FUND-- THIS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM PROVIDE FOOD FOR
24 FAMILIES, IT ALSO BRINGS OVER \$2 BILLION ANNUALLY TO THE L.A.
25 COUNTY ECONOMY. NOW, ACCORDING TO U.S.D.A. REPORTS, EVERY \$1



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1 BILLION IN CALFRESH BENEFITS BRINGS BETWEEN 8,000 AND 17,000
2 FULL-TIME JOBS. [APPLAUSE.] YES. 3,300 FARM JOBS. \$340 MILLION
3 IN FARM PRODUCTION, AND \$110 MILLION IN ADDED FARM VALUE. SO
4 YOU SEE THAT THE BENEFITS FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE VERY FAR
5 REACHING. AS PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN, D.P.S.S. PARTNERS WITH
6 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE'RE
7 HAPPY TO HAVE WESLEY FORD HERE TODAY, WHOSE STAFF PROVIDES
8 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH INFORMATION ON BENEFITS ON THE
9 PROGRAM AND ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF EATING HEALTHY FOODS WHILE
10 MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR MANY
11 SUPPORTING PARTNERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY. THEY HAVE
12 DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO PREPARE FOR
13 TODAY'S LAUNCH OF CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH. THIS CAMPAIGN IS
14 TRULY A PARTNERSHIP AND I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THEM AND ALL
15 OF YOU WHO DO WORK THAT IMPROVES THE HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL
16 NEEDS OF THE MILLIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. LET ME
17 JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO JUST IDENTIFY SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT
18 ARE HERE TODAY. WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, L.A.
19 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARY. 211 L.A.
20 COUNTY. C. L.A. FARMERS' MARKET. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
21 FOOD BANKS. BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA. HUNGER ACTION L.A.
22 DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY. CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES. L.A.
23 REGIONAL FOOD BANKS, AND THE HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES. THANK
24 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **WESLEY FORD:** I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS, AND
2 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH. I'M PLEASED TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
4 SOCIAL SERVICES AND STAND ALONGSIDE OUR COUNTY PARTNERS TO
5 PROCLAIM MAY AS CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH. CALFRESH PLAYS AN
6 IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING LOW INCOME FAMILIES KEEP HEALTHY,
7 NUTRITIOUS FOOD ON THEIR TABLES. THERE IS-- THIS CRITICAL
8 PROGRAM IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT NOW AS FOOD INSECURITY IS A
9 GROWING CONCERN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A RECENT REPORT BY THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATED THAT MORE THAN A HALF
11 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN NEAR POVERTY REPORTED BEING FOOD
12 INSECURE IN THE COUNTY. THIS REPORT TITLED "SOCIAL
13 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: RISING FOOD INSECURITY IN LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY" DETAILED THE NEGATIVES ON FOOD INSECURITY ON HEALTH
15 AND WELL-BEING ACROSS RESIDENTS' LIFE SPAN. THESE HEALTH
16 IMPACTS INCLUDE AN INCREASE AND RISK OF OBESITY, IMPAIRMENT OF
17 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AMONG CHILDREN, AND A WORSE PROGNOSIS
18 FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS AMONG THE ELDERLY. RATES OF OBESITY
19 AMONG ADULTS WHO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY FOOD FOR MEALS
20 ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE WHO DO. FURTHER, ADULTS WHO HAVE A HARD
21 TIME RAISING MONEY FOR FOOD ALSO HAVE MORE CHALLENGING TIME
22 AROUND HOUSING AND PAYING FOR HEALTHCARE. TO ADDRESS THIS
23 ISSUE, IN 2012, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BEGAN TO PARTNER TO
25 PROMOTE THE USE OF CALFRESH BENEFITS AT FARMER MARKETS. IN



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1 ADDITION, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS ORGANIZED THE COUNTY NUTRITION
2 ACTION PARTNERSHIP TO BRING TOGETHER AGENCIES THAT FOCUS ON
3 IMPROVING ACCESS TO FOOD. THE FOCUS THIS YEAR IS IMPROVING
4 AWARENESS OF CALFRESH SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS LUNCH
5 AT NO COST AT APPROXIMATELY 400 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY,
6 INCLUDING SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, PARKS AND OTHER LOCATIONS.
7 HAVING ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS, AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY FOOD IS
8 ESSENTIAL TO LEADING A HEALTHY LIFE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS PROUD TO
9 SUPPORT WORK TO MAKE THIS A REALITY FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY
10 RESIDENTS. AND, AGAIN, I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS COULD
11 NOT BE DONE WITHOUT ALL THE PARTNERSHIPS WE HAVE AND WITHOUT
12 THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AT
15 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR DIRECTOR CONSUMER BUSINESS
16 AFFAIRS BRIAN STIGER TO JOIN ME ALONG WITH HIS STAFF AND SOME
17 OF OUR-- THAT WORK WITH OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES. TODAY THE
18 BOARD'S PROCLAIMING MAY 1ST THROUGH THE 7TH AS SMALL BUSINESS
19 WEEK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S AN EFFORT AS PART OF
20 A COORDINATED NATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT RECOGNIZES THE VERY
21 CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS
22 OWNERS. CAN WE HAVE SOME QUIET OVER THERE, PLEASE?

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER, PLEASE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** A VIBRANT ECONOMY REQUIRES THAT ENTREPRENEURS AND
2 SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE ACCESS TO STARTUP ASSISTANCE AND,
3 MORE IMPORTANTLY, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. AND IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, THESE VALUABLE RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED BY OUR
5 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. THIS BOARD
6 SUPPORTS NATIONAL BUSINESS WEEK, SMALL BUSINESS WEEK BECAUSE
7 WE RECOGNIZE THE TREMENDOUS BENEFIT THAT SMALL BUSINESSES
8 BRING TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, THE ECONOMY AND THE LOCAL
9 MARKETPLACE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF
10 AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO BRIAN AND HIS
11 STAFF AND ALL THE WORK THAT THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY ON
12 BEHALF OF ALL SMALL BUSINESSES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 CONGRATULATIONS, BRIAN. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, HONORABLE MEMBERS
16 OF THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION. FOR OVER 43 YEARS, THE
17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS CELEBRATED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
18 SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. AND SO THIS
19 YEAR, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING
20 FIVE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU CAN
21 COME TO THOSE EVENTS, GO ON OUR WEBSITE AT
22 WWW.DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV TO FIND OUT WHERE THOSE EVENTS ARE. THE
23 BOARD HAS DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB OVER THE PAST YEAR OF
24 ADOPTING POLICIES TO LIFT UP SMALL BUSINESSES AND MAKE SURE
25 SMALL BUSINESSES ARE SUPPORTED. THESE FOLKS BEHIND ME, THESE



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1 ARE MY TEAM, AND THEY ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB. AND SO I WANT
2 TO RECOGNIZE THEM. AND ALSO, AGAIN, LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL
3 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO ALL OF YOU THE
6 CERRITOS COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER PROGRAM AND DR. FIERRO, THE
7 PRESIDENT AT THE COLLEGE, BOB ARTHUR FROM THE BOARD OF
8 TRUSTEES. WE HAVE THE WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH RUBEN GONZALEZ
9 AND MEMBERS OF THE 2015 STATE CHAMPION WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM
10 FROM CERRITOS COLLEGE. NOW-- [APPLAUSE.] SO THAT'S A FEAT IN
11 ITSELF, BEING THE 2015 STATE CHAMPIONS, BUT WE GO A LITTLE BIT
12 FARTHER. THIS MARCH--

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COULD WE TAKE A MOMENT JUST TO ALERT
15 THE AUDIENCE. PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN AS WE ARE HEARING
16 FROM OUR SUPERVISOR MAKING HIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. MAYBE THE SERGEANTS CAN ASK THE
19 STAFF ON BOTH SIDES TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS OUTSIDE SO OUR
20 SUPERVISOR CAN MAKE HIS PRESENTATION AND BE HEARD. JUST ASK
21 THOSE STAFF PEOPLE IF THEY WOULD JUST LEAVE IF THEY ARE NOT
22 CONDUCTING BUSINESS ON THIS ITEM. WHOEVER THEY ARE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO AS I MENTIONED, THEY ARE THE 2015 COMMUNITY
25 COLLEGE ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONS. BUT THIS MARKS THEIR FOURTH-



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1 - FOURTH STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND THEIR SIXTH
2 SINCE 2008. [APPLAUSE.] THE LADY FALCONS POSTED A 23-0 WITH
3 THREE TIE RECORD FOR THE 2015 SEASON. THEY HAVE WON 20 OF
4 THEIR LAST PLAYOFF GAMES AND ARE UNBEATEN IN THEIR LAST 44
5 MATCHES DATING BACK TO LAST SEASON. THEY FINISHED THEIR SEASON
6 BY DEFEATING RIO HONDO COLLEGE. DID YOU HEAR THAT? BY
7 DEFEATING RIO HONDO COLLEGE? HILDA? [LAUGHTER.] FIRST
8 DISTRICT. HA! I COULDN'T RESIST. AND THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
9 LAST DECEMBER. THE TOURNAMENT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER HONOR
10 WENT TO FRESHMAN CAROLINE JARAMILLO, WHO ACCOUNTED FOR THREE
11 GOALS AND TWO ASSISTS IN THE FALCONS' WIN. THEY WERE LED BY
12 THEIR HEAD COACH RUBEN GONZALES. THEY WERE ALSO NAMED THE 2015
13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS BY THE NATIONAL SOCCER COACH ASSOCIATION OF
14 AMERICA AND ARE CURRENTLY RANKED NUMBER 1 BY THE N.S.C.A.A. SO
15 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND ALL
16 THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WANT TO SAY
17 CONGRATULATIONS NOT ONLY ON A GREAT SEASON BUT JUST A GREAT
18 HISTORY OF SOCCER AT CERRITOS COLLEGE. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ALL
19 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **RUBEN GONZALES:** I WANT TO THANK DON KNABE, I WANT TO THANK ALL
22 THE GIRLS, ALL MY ASSISTANT COACHES, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOB
23 ARTHUR AND DR. FIERRO FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU'VE GIVEN ME
24 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DR. JOSE FIERRO:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR
2 RECOGNIZING OUR TEAM. THEY ARE NOT ONLY GREAT ATHLETES BUT
3 THEY ARE ALSO GREAT STUDENTS. THEY HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHER
4 G.P.A.S OF ALL ATHLETICS TEAMS AT CERRITOS COLLEGE. SO NOT
5 ONLY THEY PERFORM WELL IN THE SOCCER FIELD, BUT THEY PERFORM
6 EXCELLENT IN THE CLASSROOM. AND WE CONSIDER THEM STUDENTS
7 FIRST, ATHLETES SECOND. BUT THEY EXCEED AT BOTH. THANK YOU.
8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS UP.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY ONCE AGAIN WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME
13 MEMBERS OF THE ARMENIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS THIS PAST MONTH
14 WE HAVE BEEN MEMORIALIZING THE 1913-1915 GENOCIDE OF THE
15 ARMENIANS BY THE TURKISH OTTOMAN EMPIRE WHERE 1.5 MILLION
16 ARMENIANS WERE MURDERED. OTHERS WERE SOLD INTO SLAVERY. WOMEN
17 WERE TATTOOED INTO FORCED MARRIAGES AND PROSTITUTION AND
18 DISRUPTIVE OF A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY THAT DATES BACK TO BEING
19 THE FIRST COUNTRY TO ADOPT OUR FAITH OF CHRISTIANITY. AND THEN
20 THIS PAST MONTH, WE HAD NEW ATTACKS ON AZERBAIJAN WHERE THE
21 ARMENIANS WERE ONCE AGAIN MARTYRED. SO TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING
22 THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY, ACROSS THE GLOBE, WE ALL REMEMBER AND
23 DEMAND. I REMEMBER AND DEMAND. THE GENOCIDE IS REMEMBERED WITH
24 THE PURPLE FORCE-- EXCUSE ME, THE FORGET ME NOT FOREVER
25 FLOWER, THE FIVE PURPLE PETALS REPRESENTING THE FIVE



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1 CONTINENTS WHERE ARMENIAN REFUGEES HAVE FORMED THE ARMENIAN
2 DIASPORA. DUE TO THE HORRIBLE TRAGEDY, WE JOIN WITH THE
3 ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WHICH IS COMMITTED TO ENDURING, THAT THOSE
4 WHO HAVE DIED WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. TODAY WE HAVE A FREE
5 AND INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC ARMENIA. AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF
6 BEING ON A DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHO
7 OVERSAW THOSE ELECTIONS THAT WERE FREE SO THAT THE PEOPLE
8 COULD ELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
9 HOME TO THE LARGEST POPULATION OF ARMENIAN AMERICANS IN THE
10 UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE ENRICHED OUR COUNTRY THROUGH THEIR
11 LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE,
12 GOVERNMENT, THE ARTS. AND I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HOSTING, AND
13 MANY OF YOU WERE HERE, THE EYEWITNESS ART EXHIBIT WHERE
14 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GRAND PARK VISITORS WERE ABLE TO VIEW
15 THE TOUCHING SCULPTURES OF GENOCIDE SURVIVORS AND MY OFFICE IS
16 NOW WORKING WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE
17 END OF THIS MONTH WHERE WE WILL HAVE THE PERMANENT MONUMENT IN
18 GRAND PARK MEMORIALIZING THE GENOCIDE OF 1913-1915. THE ROCK
19 IS COMING FROM ARMENIA, SCULPTURED THERE, WHICH WILL HAVE AN
20 EVERLASTING MEMORIAL SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO VISIT GRAND PARK
21 WILL SEE AND REMEMBER AND WORK TOGETHER SO THERE WILL BE NO
22 MORE GENOCIDES. SO WE WANT TO THANK THE LEADERS THAT ARE HERE
23 TODAY. WE HAVE THE DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL VALERY WHO IS HERE.
24 YOU WILL SAY A FEW WORDS. AND FATHER VICKEN OF THE WESTERN
25 PRELACY OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE



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1 ARMENIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE ARMENIAN COUNCIL OF AMERICA
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMENIAN LOCAL 721 ARMENIAN CAUCUS. CONSUL
3 GENERAL?

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5 **HON. VALERY MKRTOUMIAN:** THANK YOU. HONORABLE MICHAEL
6 ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS, HONORABLE MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, HONORABLE SHEILA KUEHL, HONORABLE DON KNABE,
8 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. ON BEHALF OF THE
9 CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA IN LOS ANGELES I
10 AM REALLY HONORED TO WELCOME YOU AT THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION
11 AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PROCLAIMING
12 APRIL 24TH AS THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.
13 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FROM THIS HIGH PODIUM.
14 THE LAST CENTURY WAS MARRED BY WARS OF UNIMAGINABLE BRUTALITY,
15 MASSACRES AND GENOCIDES. IT WAS REALLY A CENTURY OF DESPICABLE
16 CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. ARMENIANS WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE OF
17 THE LAST CENTURY TO HAVE ENDURED THESE CRUELITIES BY BEING
18 SUBJECTED TO A STATE LEVEL GENOCIDAL CAMPAIGN THAT DEFIES ANY
19 COMPREHENSION. AS THE LATE POPE JOHN PAUL II NOTED, QUOTE,
20 "THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE THAT BEGAN THE CENTURY WAS A PROLOGUE
21 TO HORRORS THAT WOULD FOLLOW: TWO WORLD WARS. COUNTLESS
22 REGIONAL CONFLICTS. AND DELIBERATELY ORGANIZED CAMPAIGNS OF
23 EXTERMINATION TO THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF FAITHFUL." DIASPORA
24 ARMENIANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VOCAL IN DEMANDING THAT THE TURKISH
25 GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THE CRIME OF ITS PREDECESSORS. AMONG



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1 THEM ARE STILL THOSE WHO MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE GENOCIDES BY
2 MIRACLE. WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THE REST OF THE SURVIVORS
3 HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED. AND THE PRESENCE OF EACH ONE IS
4 INDEED A TRIBUTE TO THE VITALITY OF HUMAN SPIRIT. AFTER THE
5 REBIRTH OF INDEPENDENT ARMENIA, THE REPUBLIC HAS BEEN CALLED
6 TO ADVOCATE THE INTERESTS OF ITS PEOPLE BY INCLUDING THE ISSUE
7 OF INTERNATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE IN THE
8 POLITICAL AGENDA OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA. TURKEY, A
9 SUCCESSOR STATE TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, MUST COME TO TERMS WITH
10 THE DARK PAGES OF ITS HISTORY AS SOME COUNTRIES DID. WE PURSUE
11 THIS POLICY WITH THE INTENTION TO RESTORE HISTORICAL JUSTICE
12 AND TO HAVE THIS ISSUE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MANKIND IN THE
13 CONTEXT OF ELIMINATION OF CRIMES AND THREATS OF CRIMES AGAINST
14 HUMANITY TO BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY TURKEY ITSELF AND
15 INTERNATIONALLY AFFIRMED. QUITE RECENTLY HOLLYWOOD STAR AND
16 RIGHTS ADVOCATE GEORGE CLOONEY VISITED ARMENIA AS A CO-CHAIR
17 OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE AURORA PRIZE FOR AWAKENING
18 HUMANITY. DURING HIS SPEECH, WHILE REMINDING THE AUDIENCE THAT
19 ADOLF HITLER REPORTEDLY SAID, QUOTE, "WHO REMEMBERS ARMENIANS
20 TODAY?" UNQUOTE, CLOONEY ANSWERED, "THE WHOLE WORLD." AND
21 INDEED, DOZENS OF COUNTRIES HAVE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED THE
22 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. THEY REMEMBER IT. THE VATICAN CITY
23 REMEMBERS IT. THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REMEMBERS. THE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REMEMBERS. THE STATE OF
25 CALIFORNIA REMEMBERS. FORTY-FIVE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES



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1 OF AMERICA REMEMBER IT. AVAILING MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, I
2 WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU,
3 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. PERSONALLY TO HONORABLE MICHAEL
4 ANTONOVICH FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND KIND INVITATION, TO BE
5 PRESENT HERE TODAY TOGETHER WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY
6 REPRESENTATIVES FOR YOUR STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION
7 OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND READINESS TO COMBAT CRIMES AGAINST
8 HUMANITY. IT IS THROUGH OUR JOINT EFFORTS THAT WE CAN SECURE A
9 BRIGHTER FUTURE AND BETTER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN, FOR OUR
10 GRANDCHILDREN, FOR THE COMING GENERATIONS, THE WORLD THAT
11 WOULD BE FREE OF VIOLENCE, INTOLERANCE AND THREATS OF
12 GENOCIDE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN HILDA SOLIS AND FATHER?

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH. AND I ALSO WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ARMENIAN
18 COMMUNITY, THE 200,000 THAT LIVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 I'M PLEASED TO HAVE ALSO PARTICIPATED OVER THE YEARS IN THIS
20 PARTICULAR CELEBRATION TO MEMORIALIZE THE GENOCIDE. AND IT'S
21 SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE STILL HAVE TO CONTINUALLY INFORM OUR
22 COMMUNITY, EDUCATE THEM AT LARGE ABOUT WHAT ATROCITIES
23 OCCURRED OVER 101 YEARS AGO. WE CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY. WE
24 KNOW THAT WE HAVE MUCH MORE WORK TO DO. AND I ALSO LEND MY
25 SUPPORT ALONG WITH MY OTHER COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD TO



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1 CONTINUE TO SEE THAT JUSTICE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL. ON
2 BEHALF OF THE 1.5 MILLION VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE, WE PAY OUR
3 SOLEMN CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND TO THOSE FUTURE
4 GENERATIONS THAT WE NEVER FORGET THIS TRAGIC MOMENT THAT
5 OCCURRED SO MANY YEARS AGO. THANK YOU. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO
6 REPRESENT MANY ARMENIANS THAT LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF
7 MONTEBELLO, PICO RIVERA AND ALONG THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SO
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE.
9 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. [APPLAUSE.] FATHER VICKEN?

10

11 **FR. VICKEN VASSILIAN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE JOIN YOU IN SPIRIT
13 WITH A THANKFUL HEART AS YOU HAVE INVITED OUR COMMUNITY TO
14 JOIN YOU AT THIS ANNUAL PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF THE 1-1/2
15 MILLION CANONIZED MARTYRS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. IN THE
16 MONTH OF APRIL, ARMENIANS WORLDWIDE RALLIED ONCE AGAIN TO
17 REMEMBER, TO REMIND, AND TO KEEP ON PURSUING RECOGNITION AND
18 JUSTICE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND FOR ALL VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE, PAST
19 AND PRESENT. INDEED, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES, WE WILL
20 CONTINUE TO PERSIST IN OUR CAUSE. AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE
21 WILL TRIUMPH WITH THE UNITED EFFORTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND WITH
22 THE SOLIDARITY OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU. WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL FOR
23 THE UNWAVERING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS OVER THE YEARS. IT IS REASONING AND REASSURING TO
25 KNOW THAT THE ARMENIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS ON ITS SIDE



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1 PRINCIPLED INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU WHO STAND ON THE SIDE OF
2 TRUTH. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL WITH MANY YEARS TO COME AND LEAD
3 YOU TO CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR NOBLE SERVICE TO OUR
4 COMMUNITIES AND FELLOW CITIZENS. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. AND
5 WITH PRAYERS OF ARCHBISHOP MOUSHEGH MARDIROSSIAN, PRELATE OF
6 THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING ON BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 AND THE
9 ARMENIAN CAUCUS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
10 THANK THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE ARMENIAN
11 GENOCIDE EVERY YEAR AND FIGHTING AGAINST ATROCITIES AGAINST
12 HUMANITY. AND WE'RE HOPING AND DEMANDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO FOLLOW SUIT OF THESE HONORABLE
14 SUPERVISORS SO GENOCIDE WILL CEASE TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD.
15 THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIAN COUNCIL OF AMERICA AND AS
18 AN ARMENIAN AMERICAN YOUTH MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING APRIL
20 24 AS THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. YOUR
21 CONTINUOUS SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE ARMENIAN
22 COMMUNITY. AND FOR THAT WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND THANK YOU.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY SPELLING BEE COMPETITION WHICH WAS HELD EACH YEAR FOR
3 DISTRICT LEVEL SPELLING CHAMPIONS IN GRADES 4 THROUGH 6. EACH
4 DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY IS INVITED TO SEND ONE DISTRICT WINNER
5 TO COMPETE IN THAT COMPETITION. FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND
6 TEACHERS ARE ON HAND FOR THE NERVE-RACKING COMPETITION THAT
7 TESTS THE SKILLS, SMARTS AND STAMINA OF THE PARTICIPATING WORD
8 NERDS, THEY'RE CALLED. THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WERE FIRST PLACE
9 GABRIEL GOTTHEIM FROM LA CANADA. THIRD PLACE NOAH NERI OF
10 NEWHALL. AND TODAY WE HAVE THE SECOND PLACE WINNER RYAN YAN OF
11 SAN GABRIEL. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE RYAN FOR A GREAT
12 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. WE
13 KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE ACADEMICALLY BUT DON'T FORGET
14 TO EAT THE VEGETABLES, AS WELL, SUE CHAI HEN HOW. OKAY.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I DO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
18 ALLOWING US TO COME HERE TODAY. IT'S A WONDERFUL HONOR. AND WE
19 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. AND ALSO, I WANT TO SAY REALLY A
20 GREAT THANKS TO THE SCHOOL. WE HAVE OUR PRINCIPAL, OUR SCHOOL
21 TEACHER AND OUR SPELLING BEE COORDINATOR AT THE SCHOOL.
22 WITHOUT HER, I THINK WE WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. SO I REALLY
23 WANT TO THANK THEM, AS WELL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A FOUR-MONTH OLD LITTLE BOY,
2 LITTLE TERRIER MIX WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. OH MY GOODNESS,
3 HE IS LITTLE. THIS IS FOUR MONTHS OLD. SO THIS IS JACK. SO YOU
4 CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4610. OKAY, LOOK OVER HERE, JACK.
5 MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE A LITTLE
6 MASCOT FOR THE T.V. STATION. OKAY, JACK? THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
9 GOING TO ASK THAT WE PREVAIL ON THE SERGEANTS TO EARN THEIR
10 MONEY TODAY. IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO HEAR SOME OF THE
11 PRESENTATIONS. AND, VICK, DON'T BE BASHFUL. THOSE YOUNG LADIES
12 AND ALL THOSE FOLK WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE ON THE STAFF, ASK
13 THEM THAT THEY WOULD JUST SIMPLY ALLOW THE MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD TO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATIONS. I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN THE
16 DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM. AS A RECOGNIZED
17 BEST PRACTICE IN BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPENDENT
18 ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM REQUIRES COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO
19 VERIFY THE STATUS OF THEIR DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS TO ENSURE
20 ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNTY HEALTH BENEFITS. THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT
21 UNDERTAKING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN
22 COLLABORATION WITH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE, THE COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS, BARGAINING UNITS,
24 CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS. THE COMPLETION OF THE DEPENDENT
25 ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM REQUIRED A ROBUST



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1 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN TO CONTACT APPROXIMATELY, GET THIS, 63,000
2 EMPLOYEES AND VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR 146,000 DEPENDENTS. I
3 THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF.
4 [APPLAUSE.] AND YOU MAY WISH TO KNOW, MADAME CHAIR AND
5 COLLEAGUES, THIS REPRESENTED AN UNPRECEDENTED 98.9 PERCENT
6 PARTICIPATION RATE WAS ACHIEVED IN DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY
7 VERIFICATION REVIEW. I DID SAY 98.9 PERCENT. [APPLAUSE.] SO
8 WHAT ARE THE RESULTS? A SAVINGS OF \$7.8 MILLION IN 2015 AND A
9 PROJECTED SAVINGS OF \$17.8 MILLION IN 2016 HERE IN THE COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, MAY I SAY THIS IS
11 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS THE COUNTY SPENDS OVER \$1 BILLION ON
12 SUBSIDIZED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.
13 AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCIES AND
14 STRATEGIES TO OFFER BENEFITS THAT ARE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE FOR
15 BOTH EMPLOYEES AND THE COUNTY, I THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 RESOURCES AND ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WHO MADE THIS
17 DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESSFUL
18 OPERATION. AND SO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, YOU
19 MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT THE ONE AND ONLY LISA GARRETT, GIVE HER
20 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL AS EPIFANIO PEINADO, PAMELA MISET
21 [PH?] AND ELIZA CARRILLO, BEN KEMPER, LORETTA VALENZUELA. SO
22 THAT'S FROM D.H.R. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. DEBBIE. THE
23 REGISTRAR COUNTY RECORDER, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK IS
24 REPRESENTED BY DEBBIE MARTIN. MONIQUE BLAKELY AND JEREMY GREY.
25 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. [APPLAUSE.]



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1 THE C.E.O. BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION UNIT ARE ABLY REPRESENTED
2 BY MARYANNE KEEHN AND SUSAN MOOMJEAN. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
3 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE AUDIENCE.
4 AND WE ARE GOING TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED,
5 D.H.R. STAFF, THE UNISOURCE GROUP, H.M.S. EMPLOYEE SOLUTIONS
6 AND BUCK CONSULTANTS. PLEASE STAND UP IF YOU'RE IN THE
7 AUDIENCE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE APPRECIATE THAT. I
8 SEE YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
9 EXPERTISE, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE SAVINGS THAT HAVE BEEN
10 REALIZED. NOW LET'S HEAR FROM THE D.H.R. LEADER, LISA GARRETT,
11 FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE AND THE CONTRIBUTING
12 PARTNERS THAT THEY REPRESENT. MS. GARRETT, PLEASE.

13

14 **LISA GARRETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I WANT
15 TO THANK YOUR BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE AWESOME WORK OF THIS
16 GREAT TEAM AND THE REST OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS ARE OUT HERE. GIVE
17 THEM ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE, IF YOU WILL. [APPLAUSE.] THIS
18 WAS TRULY A JOINT EFFORT AND A COLLABORATIVE OF MANY. I WANT
19 TO THANK THE BOARD FOR GRANTING OUR EMPLOYEES AMNESTY, WHICH
20 ALLOWED THEM TO GIVE FULL AND FRANK DISCLOSURE OF THOSE IN
21 ELIGIBLE DEPENDENCE WITHIN THEIR HOUSEHOLDS. I ALSO WANT TO
22 THANK THE C.E.O. FOR GRANTING THE SEED MONEY, WITHOUT WHICH WE
23 COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS PROGRAM. GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
24 THE MONEY. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO THANK THE STELLAR D.H.R. TEAM
25 BEHIND ME AND SOME OF THEM ARE IN THE OFFICE. WE ALSO THANK



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1 DEAN LOGAN AND THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER BECAUSE THEY DID A
2 PUBLIC MATCH AGAINST OUR PUBLIC RECORDS WHICH ALLOWED OVER
3 3600 EMPLOYEES TO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT ANY DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO
4 THE AUDIT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. YAY! [APPLAUSE.] I
5 WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS. STAND
6 UP IF YOU WILL IN THE AUDIENCE. YAY! WITHOUT WHOM WE COULD NOT
7 HAVE RUN THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE THE CURRENT AND PAST PRESIDENT
8 OF THE D.H.R.M. NETWORK MARK COULTER FROM I.S.D. AND GINA
9 LUGO-TULLY FROM D.H.R. AND OTHER OTHER D.H.R.M.S IN THE
10 COMMUNITY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK S.E.I.U. COME ON STAND UP,
11 LINDA DAN, MICHAEL GREEN, RAMON RUBICALA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
12 FOR WHAT YOU DID AND FOR C.C.U. AND WE HAVE FROM A.L.A.D.S.
13 DEREK SHAY, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND UP? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
14 [APPLAUSE.] BECAUSE THE UNITS REALLY WORKED WITH THEIR
15 MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE MET ALL THE
16 DEADLINES. AND THEY HELPED US TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP
17 FROM OUR EMPLOYEES. LASTLY, AGAIN, I THANK THE H.M.S. GROUP.
18 YAY! BECAUSE WE HAD DAILY CALLS. DAILY CALLS TO RECONCILE OUR
19 NUMBERS. FROM H.M.S. WE HAVE JONATHAN HEATH. WOULD YOU STAND
20 UP? FROM UNISOURCE WE HAVE MONICA HOLST, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 [APPLAUSE.] AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE HAVE FROM BUCK XEROX WHO
22 IS OUR T.P.A. FOR BENEFITS, MELISSA HATCH. THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS FOR
24 MAKING THIS D.E.V. PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS, WHICH WILL SAVE OUR
25 COUNTY OVER \$25 MILLION IN TOTAL. YAY! THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING



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1 US TO UPHOLD OUR FIDUCIARY AND FISCAL DUTIES TO OUR EMPLOYEES,
2 THE COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE. THANK
3 YOU VERY MUCH, BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO AFTER THAT PRESENTATION, THERE'S
6 NOTHING ELSE TO SAY BUT THE DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION
7 PROGRAM, YAY! [LAUGHTER.] MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHY DON'T YOU
8 JOIN ME AS WE TAKE THIS GROUP PHOTO WITH THIS STELLAR TEAM.
9 DON, MIKE, SHEILA, HILDA? COME FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR
12 CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
13 FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY DO SOME OUTSTANDING WORK. [APPLAUSE.] I
14 WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROUDLY CONGRATULATE AND
15 RECOGNIZE OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR GENEROUSLY
16 RAISING A WHOPPING \$1 MILLION FOR CHARITIES THAT SERVE OUR
17 LOCAL COMMUNITIES. A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEM, PLEASE.
18 [APPLAUSE.] THE CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN THEME IS "CREATING
19 GREATER COMMUNITIES." IT EXEMPLIFIES OUR EMPLOYEES' COMMITMENT
20 TO SERVE AND ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR NONPROFIT CAMPAIGN
21 PARTNERS INCLUDE THE ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND. THE
22 BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE. COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES. EARTH SHARE
23 CALIFORNIA. UNITED LATINO FUND. UNITED WAY. THE VARIETY, THE
24 CHILDREN'S CHARITY. THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS PARTNERED
25 WITH THESE AGENCIES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND WE HAVE



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1 CHALLENGED THEM TO GROW OUR FUNDRAISING BASE THROUGH MINIMUM
2 FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS AND MATCHING REQUIREMENTS THAT WE SET FOR
3 THEM. IN ADDITION, THESE AGENCIES EXPEND THE FUNDS WITHIN THE
4 COUNTY THAT BENEFIT ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS
5 COMBINATION ENSURES THAT THE MONEY WE RAISE WILL GROW AND THAT
6 THE INVESTMENTS GO RIGHT BACK WHERE THEY STARTED, IN OUR
7 COMMUNITY. THEY INDEED HAVE BEEN CREATING GREATER COMMUNITIES.
8 WE WANT TO APPLAUD ALL OF YOU. AND WE WANT TO THANK OUR
9 C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI FOR HER COMMITMENT AND HER DILIGENCE IN
10 HELPING TO CORRAL ALL OF US IN THIS EFFORT. SO WE WANT TO
11 THANK ALL OF YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
12 CONGRATULATIONS ON HITTING THE 1 MILLION MILESTONE. WHOO!
13 EVERYBODY. ALL MEMBERS. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE,
16 OFFICIALLY, THE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. YEAH! SO, I DON'T KNOW
17 IF YOU ARE AWARE, BUT BACK IN 1980, FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY
18 CARTER CHANGED THE SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH TO ITS CURRENT
19 DESIGNATION KNOWN AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. I GUESS THAT'S
20 POLITICALLY CORRECT. THIS IS NOW AN AMERICAN TRADITION. OLDER
21 AMERICANS MONTH IS CELEBRATED ACROSS THE COUNTRY THROUGHOUT
22 DIFFERENT CEREMONIES, EVENTS, FAIRS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. WHEN
23 OLDER AMERICAN MONTH WAS ESTABLISHED BACK IN 1963, THERE WERE
24 ONLY 17 MILLION AMERICANS THAT WERE AGED 65 AND OLDER. WELL
25 GUESS WHAT, FOLKS? NOW THERE ARE A WHOPPING 45 MILLION OLDER



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1 AMERICANS. GIVE YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
2 AND A LOT OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH LONGEVITY AND THE EXPECTANCY
3 OF LIFE. SO WE'VE INCREASED OUR LIFE SPAN FROM 69.7 BACK IN
4 1960 TO NOW 78.7. HISTORICALLY, OLDER AMERICANS MONTH HAS BEEN
5 A TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAST AND CURRENT
6 OLDER PERSONS IN OUR COUNTRY, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT
7 DEFENDED OUR RIGHTS FOR FREEDOM. THE NATIONAL THEME FOR THIS
8 YEAR'S PROGRAM IS BLAZE A TRAIL. OUR OLDER RESIDENTS BLAZE A
9 TRAIL BY ADVOCATING FOR IMPORTANT CAUSES AND INVESTING THEIR
10 RESOURCES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH SHARING THEIR WISDOM,
11 THEIR TALENTS AND THEIR TIME AND CULTURE WITH OTHERS. THESE
12 OLDER ADULTS MAKE COUNTLESS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AS ACTIVE
13 PARTICIPANTS IN OUR SCHOOL, IN FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND
14 SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. AND LORD KNOWS THEY DO A LOT TO HELP
15 OUR CHILDREN AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN. WITH THAT, IT'S MY
16 PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS THE PROCLAMATION TO DEFINE THE MONTH OF MAY 2016
18 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS. WHOO! ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** GOOD MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, CHAIR, AND THE BOARD FOR PROCLAIMING ONCE AGAIN MAY THE
23 MONTH OF OLDER AMERICANS. MY DEPARTMENT HAS A DISTINCT HONOR
24 OF SERVING THOUSANDS OF OLDER ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES EACH
25 DAY THROUGH OUR ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY AND



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1 SENIOR CENTERS, AND MANY OTHER SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS. WE
2 RECOGNIZE THAT OLDER ADULTS-- WE RECOGNIZE OLDER ADULTS FOR
3 BLAZING A TRAIL, THROUGH THEIR ADVOCACY, VOLUNTEERISM,
4 KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, TALENTS AND TIRELESS SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT OUR OLDER ADULTS
6 HAVE MADE ARE IMMEASURABLE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. WE SALUTE ALL
7 OLDER ADULTS TODAY AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BLAZING A TRAIL.
8 TODAY WITH ME I HAVE THE CHAIRPERSON OF OUR OLDER ADULTS
9 COMMISSION APPOINTED BY OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LINDA
10 YAMAGUCHI AND SHE'S GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

11

12 **LINDA YAMAGUCHI:** HI. ON BEHALF OF L.A.C.O.A., THE LOS ANGELES
13 COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS, COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER
14 ADULTS, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
15 PROCLAIMING THIS AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. AND AN EXCITING
16 THING HAPPENS IN MAY WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE
17 CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENRICHED THE LIVES OF OUR
18 SENIORS THROUGH HONORING THEM AT THREE OF OUR OLDER AMERICAN
19 RECOGNITION DAY LUNCHEONS. SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.
20 AND AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MEMBERS, I'D
23 LIKE TO CALL UP MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF OPEN DATA INITIATIVE
24 PROJECT. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECENTLY VISITED BACK IN
25 WASHINGTON, D.C. A FEW WEEKS AGO. AND WHILE WE WERE THERE, THE



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1 WHITE HOUSE WAS ALSO HOLDING A CONFERENCE ON ITS DATA
2 INITIATIVE AIMED AT ENCOURAGING TRANSPARENCY IN LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT MORE THAN 53
4 JURISDICTIONS COVERING A COMBINED 41 MILLION PEOPLE HAD JOINED
5 THIS INITIATIVE. THREE OF THESE JURISDICTIONS WERE RECOGNIZED
6 AS MODEL PROGRAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK ON DATA
7 TRANSPARENCY. AND LO AND BEHOLD, I CAME TO LEARN THAT ONE OF
8 THOSE BEING RECOGNIZED WAS OUR VERY OWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S OPEN DATA TOOL GIVES THE
10 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS ACCESS TO DAILY, MONTHLY AND YEARLY
11 CRIME INFORMATION AND DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING EVENTS. THESE
12 TOOLKITS ARE USER FRIENDLY AND ENABLE THE QUICK CREATION OF
13 CHARTS, MAPS AND SPREADSHEETS. I WANT TO PERSONALLY COMMEND
14 THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THIS
15 DATA INITIATIVE AND ESPECIALLY WANT TO HONOR CHIEF DATA
16 OFFICER WENDY HARN. CONGRATULATIONS AND TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
17 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **WENDY HARN:** WELL, CERTAINLY HONORABLE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
20 CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD, THIS IS A THRILL. AND SHERIFF
21 MCDONNELL IS EXTREMELY COMMITTED TO OPEN DATA AND SHARING
22 DATA. AND IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE SELECTED AND GO BACK TO THE
23 WHITE HOUSE AND MAKE A PRESENTATION WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES
24 AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE ARE THRILLED THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZES
25 OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUR EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT TO SHARING



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1 OPEN DATA AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC TRUST. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH
2 FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME WE ARE GOING TO
5 HEAR A RECORDING AND THEN WE'LL BRING UP SPEAKERS THAT HAVE
6 HELD ITEMS.

7

8 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
9 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
11 BE READ AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
12 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC: IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
14 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
15 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
16 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
17 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
18 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
19 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
20 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
21 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
22 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
23 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
24 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
25 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,



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1 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
2 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR ANY OTHER
3 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
4 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY
5 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
6 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
7 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
8 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
9 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
10 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
11 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR.
15 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. SHE HAS HELD ITEMS 17, 31, 32. ERIC PREVEN
16 HAS HELD ITEM 1-P, 10, 19 AND 34. AND ARNOLD SACHS HAS HELD
17 ITEM 1-P, 2-P, 5-P, 17, 25, 29, 42, 47 AND 50. WE HAVE SHELLY
18 WEINSTEIN HAS HELD ITEM 55. AND CLYDE WILLIAMS, ITEM NO. 10.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT IS ERIC PREVEN. KINDLY REFRAIN FROM
21 PLAYING THAT AUDIO RECORDING, WHICH IS DEEPLY OFFENSIVE TO
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. NOBODY IS DISRUPTING THE MEETING. IN
23 FACT, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS ADMONISHING STAFF. IT'S JUST
24 OFFENSIVE. THANK YOU. TODAY IS A CONFUSING REAL ESTATE WEEK
25 HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK



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1 C.E.O. HAMAI FOR BRINGING FORWARD A SERIES OF NEARLY
2 PREPOSTEROUS DEALS. ONE IN PARTICULAR IS ITEM NO. 20, THE
3 JAMISON PROPERTIES GROUP, IS A LARGE-- ONE OF THE LARGEST IN
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-- REAL ESTATE COMPANIES. THIS LOOKS LIKE
5 WE'RE RENTING 124,000 SQUARE FEET FOR THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT
6 FACILITY DOWN ON 600 COMMONWEALTH. AND IT IS THAT, BUT IT IS
7 MORE. WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS IN THAT
8 BUILDING. I THINK WE'RE UP TO CLOSE TO 300,000 SQUARE FEET
9 THAT WE ARE RENTING FOR MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO
10 THE JAMISON GROUP, WHO ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY FROM COMERICA
11 FAMILY TRUST IN 2014. SO IT JUST THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SO
12 GENEROUS WITH VARIOUS LOCAL POLITICIANS INCLUDING MR. RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS AND MANY AT THE CITY HALL, IT REALLY IS WORRISOME
14 BECAUSE THE COUNTY, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS DEEP ASSETS. IT HAS
15 THESE OBLIGATIONS TO RUN SUPERIOR COURT, PUBLIC HEALTH,
16 VARIOUS GROUPS, BUT TO DO SO IN A WAY WHERE WE'RE PAYING A
17 PREMIUM IN COUNTY DOLLARS TO A REAL ESTATE GROUP AS OPPOSED TO
18 OWNING, THE WAY FOLKS WHO CAN AFFORD TO DO SO DO, JUST
19 BLANCHES THE RESIDENTS. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO
20 DO THOSE THINGS TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND WE DON'T EVEN
21 IDENTIFY THAT WE HAVE SO MUCH REAL ESTATE ON THE ITEMS WITH
22 THEM. WE SHOULD FLAG THAT. WE SHOULD DEFINITELY FLAG THAT.
23 THERE'S A LOT OF PARKS AND REC STUFF, AND WE'LL COME BACK ON
24 THAT TODAY BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL
25 PRESENTATION. AND ALSO ON THE SHERIFF, I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF



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1 THE DOING AWAY WITH THE IDEA OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR YOUTH
2 IN PROBATION CAMPS, BUT WE'LL COME BACK ON THAT, AS WELL. I
3 GUESS MAYBE I SHOULD SPEAK ABOUT THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING,
4 WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS I'VE ASKED FOR A REPORT ON THIS FROM THE
5 C.E.O. WHO SIMPLY REFUSES. THIS IS A GROUP, ITEM 34, IS FOR
6 \$428,000 IT'S FOR SOME TRAILS IN PALOS VERDES. I'M SUPPORTIVE
7 OF THAT. THERE'S \$14,000 GOING FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM,
8 WHICH IS EXCELLENT. THERE'S OVER \$16,000 GOING FOR VARIOUS
9 COUNTY-- A CERTAIN GORDIAN GROUP TAKES \$5,000. THIS ONE TAKES
10 \$6,000, AND IT'S MORE. SO THAT DOES IRK ME A BIT. AND THE
11 QUESTION IS: WHY IS THAT ITEM BEING RECOMMENDED BY-- ACTUALLY
12 THERE'S ONE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT WHICH IS VERY
13 SIMILAR FOR PARKS AND REC., WHICH I REALLY APPRECIATE WHERE
14 YOU'RE PUTTING IN SOME-- A SENIOR CENTER UPGRADE. THERE'S SOME
15 LIGHTING FOR A PARK, ALL THAT STUFF, AND YOU MADE THE MOTION.
16 WHEN WE HAD AN ITEM THAT WAS VERY SIMILAR LAST WEEK FOR \$13
17 MILLION IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT MONEY, THE SUPERVISOR
18 FROM THE DISTRICT DOING IT, SUPERVISOR 4, MR. KNABE, DIDN'T
19 MAKE THE MOTION. IN FACT IT WAS MADE BY THE OTHER SUPERVISORS.
20 THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 17, I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED



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1 THAT THE WAGE INCREASE IS RETROACTIVE OF TWO-YEAR BACK. I HAVE
2 NO PROBLEM WITH THE WAGE INCREASE AS SUCH. I HAVE PROBLEM
3 BEING RETROACTIVE. BUT THAT'S MY ISSUE. ON ITEM 31, I THINK
4 IT'S REALLY GREAT THAT WE ARE DOING SOME WORK WITH THE
5 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI. AND THAT MIGHT BRING US SOME MORE
6 WORK HERE. THE THING I AM VERY UPSET ABOUT IS THAT R-1 THAT
7 MOVE FOR ONE MONTH FROM NOW THE HEALTH AGENCY IS NOT WORKING
8 WELL. FOR DR. KATZ WHO HAS ASKED ONE MONTH'S EXTENSION IS A
9 TOTAL REFLECTION OF C.N.R. ARE NOT DOING WELL. AND I THINK YOU
10 SHOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORIZED THE POSTPONEMENT FOR ONE MONTH. I
11 THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **SHELLEY WEINSTEIN:** MY NAME IS SHELLEY WEINSTEIN. I'M THE BOARD
16 PRESIDENT FOR THE SULFUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
17 TRUSTEES AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 55. OUR DISTRICT IS
18 COMMITTED TO INCREASING VOTER PARTICIPATION. OVER THE PAST FEW
19 YEARS, OUR DISTRICT HAS BEEN EVALUATING OPTIONS TO INCREASE
20 VOTER PARTICIPATION. THREE YEARS AGO, THE DISTRICT SUBMITTED A
21 PRIOR REQUEST TO CONVERT TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS, BUT OUR
22 REQUEST WAS DENIED AT THAT TIME. UNFORTUNATELY ON JUNE 26,
23 2013, A C.B.R.A. LAWSUIT WAS SERVED UPON THE DISTRICT,
24 CHALLENGING THE DISTRICT'S USE OF AT-LARGE VOTING. IN ORDER TO
25 AVOID PROTRACTED LITIGATION AND CONSERVE PRECIOUS DISTRICT



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1 RESOURCES, OUR BOARD RESPONSIBLY SETTLED THE MATTER BY
2 AGREEING TO HOLD THE DISTRICT ELECTIONS AFTER THE COMPLETION
3 OF THE TRANSITION TO A BY- TRUSTEE ELECTION SYSTEM. THE FIRST
4 ELECTION UNDER THE BY-TRUSTEE ELECTION WAS NOT HELD THIS PAST
5 NOVEMBER BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE ANYONE REGISTERING TO RUN
6 AGAINST THE INCUMBENTS. IN MOVING TOWARDS OUR GOAL OF
7 INCREASING VOTER TURNOUT, AND POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS, OUR
8 DISTRICT AGAIN EXAMINED THE ISSUE OF CONSOLIDATION TO EVEN-
9 YEAR ELECTION. OUR DISTRICT LEARNED AND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
10 THAT THE VOTER TURNOUT WITHIN THE DISTRICT INCREASES
11 SIGNIFICANTLY DURING STATEWIDE ELECTIONS WHICH ARE HELD IN
12 EVEN YEARS. THE DISTRICT WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS HAS SINCE CHANGED ITS POLICY, NOW CONSIDERS
14 REQUESTS FOR CONSOLIDATION ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. IN
15 RESPONSE TO BEING PROVIDED WITH THIS INFORMATION, THE
16 GOVERNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2016, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION
17 SEEKING THE CONSOLIDATION TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS. THE BOARD'S
18 STATED PURPOSE AND GOAL WAS TO ENHANCE VOTER PARTICIPATION
19 WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS. THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER, THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
21 CONDUCTED A CONSOLIDATION ANALYSIS AND DETERMINED THAT THE
22 DISTRICT'S CONSOLIDATION WOULD NOT CREATE ANY ISSUES
23 CONCERNING BALLOT CAPACITY. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE COUNTY IS
24 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF OUR REQUEST. THEREFORE THE DISTRICT
25 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S



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1 REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH
2 NOVEMBER 2018. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
7 I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE PARKS AGENDA, 1-
8 P. I HELD 1-P. IT MENTIONS THE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE
9 PUBLIC LAND TRUST FOR THE RUNYON CANYON EXPANSION PROJECT
10 WHICH HAS MADE THE NEWS RECENTLY. SO I'M WONDERING BECAUSE 2-
11 P, YOU'RE MENTIONING, YOU'RE SENDING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF L.A.
12 FOR THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER. SO I WAS
13 WONDERING WHY THERE'S NOT A TRUST FOR THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC
14 ART RESOURCE CENTER IN TUJUNGA. WHY ONE SET OF FUNDING GOES TO
15 A TRUST AND THE OTHER SET OF FUNDING GOES TO THE CITY OF L.A.,
16 WHEN BOTH PROJECTS ARE IN THE CITY OF L.A. AND THEN 5-P
17 MENTIONS FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARK PROPOSITION OF 1996.
18 AND IF THEY'RE NOT USED PROPERLY, THEY'RE ASSIGNED BACK TO THE
19 EXCESS FUNDS ACCOUNT. BUT THEY DON'T COME FROM THE EXCESS
20 FUNDS ACCOUNT. THEY COME FROM THE ASSESSMENT FROM THE PARKS
21 PROPOSITION. SO WHY DON'T THEY GO BACK TO THE PARKS
22 PROPOSITION ASSESSMENT FUNDING ACCOUNT? DON'T KNOW. ITEM 17
23 MENTIONS A RAISE, RETROACTIVE FIVE YEARS AGO. 16 PERCENT
24 INCREASE. SO DOES THE 16 PERCENT INCREASE GO BACK TO THE
25 SALARY OF 2013? OR IS THE 16 PERCENT INCREASE REACHED IN 2018?



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1 ITEM 25 REFERS TO EMERGENCY SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN
2 COUNTY PARKS. WHO KNEW? EMERGENCY SHELTERS IN COUNTY PARKS?
3 WITH PARK PROPOSITION FUNDING. WHAT EMERGENCY SHELTERS EXIST
4 IN COUNTY PARKS? ITEM 29 REFERS TO A BETTER FUTURE. BUT ITEM
5 30, I THINK, NO, THAT WAS HELD. SO WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT. ITEM
6 42 REFERS TO TRANSIT SERVICES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
7 CONGRATULATIONS B.Y.D. HOW MUCH ARE THEY PAYING FOR THOSE
8 CLEAN AIR BUSES? \$900,000 APIECE? THAT'S A NICE BIT OF MONEY.
9 ALTHOUGH THEY RUN-- THE COST TO OPERATE THEM ARE VERY SLOW,
10 THEY ONLY COST \$900,000. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY COST THE
11 CITY OF LONG BEACH AND METRO. ITEM 47 REFERS TO INCORPORATION
12 OF UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES. SO DOES THAT INCLUDE ANY OF
13 ALISO CANYON LANDFILL, WHERE THIS OIL WELL FIASCO OCCURS? ITEM
14 50 REFERS TO VENDING MACHINES IN THE SHERIFF'S AGENCY, THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO I WAS WONDERING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I
16 REMEMBER WE HAD SOMEBODY HERE, I BELIEVE IT WAS THE EX-
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND YOU MENTIONED TO HIM THAT YOU'RE NOT
18 GOING TO ALLOW A PROFIT ON INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. BUT DO
19 YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE COMPLAIN, ALTHOUGH NOT
20 RECENTLY BECAUSE THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE A HEARING, ABOUT
21 PHONES. YOU KNOW THE COST OF COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES, THAT
22 THE PHONE COMPANY THAT OPERATES THE PAY PHONE IS MAKING A
23 KILLING, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, ON THE COST TO TALK TO
24 RELATIVES.
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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, I KNOW.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

6 CLYDE WILLIAMS AND MELLO DESIRE. ITEM NO. 32 WAS HELD BY MELLO

7 DESIRE AND ITEM 10 WAS HELD BY WILLIAM CLYDE.

8

9 **CLYDE WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. DR. CLYDE, THOMAS WILLIAMS FROM
10 EL SERENO AND SPEAKING REGARDING ITEM NO. 10. ITEM NO. 10,
11 EXCESS FUNDS. I ALWAYS LIKE THOSE CATEGORIES. AND THE COUNTY
12 OF LOS ANGELES. WHERE ARE THEY? HOW CAN THE PEOPLE OF EAST
13 L.A. FIND OUT ABOUT THESE EXCESS FUNDS. AND THEN THE GRANTS
14 THAT ARE GOING TO BE HELD. BUT ONE ASPECT IN THIS WHOLE THING
15 IS: WHO'S GOING TO KEEP PAYING FOR ESPECIALLY THE COOLING
16 CENTERS? OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. BASED UPON YOUR MEASURE R
17 FIASCO, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THESE FUNDS AND THE OTHER
18 FUNDS TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE. AND OH, BY THE WAY, THERE'S A
19 NEW CATEGORY: STATE OF GOOD REPAIR. THAT IS MAJOR MAINTENANCE
20 AND REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR ALL OF THESE FACILITIES THAT WILL
21 BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RECS AND PARK TO MAINTAIN FOR THE
22 NEXT 25, 50 OR 100 YEARS. IS THERE ANY COST ACCOUNTING,
23 ABILITY TO PAY WHERE THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO COME FROM? IS IT
24 GOING TO BE GRANTS? IS IT GOING TO BE REVENUE BOND ISSUES? WE
25 DON'T KNOW. SO WE'RE QUITE INTERESTED IN THESE AREAS. AND



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1 WE'RE ALSO QUITE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND THE
2 CORRIDOR COMMONLY CALLED NOW THE BIOMEDICAL CORRIDOR FROM
3 G.R.I.F.L.S AND THE CAL. STATE L.A. ON THE EAST END TO L.A.
4 COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER ON THE WEST END. WHERE ARE THE PERKS
5 THERE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WITHIN THE COUNTY OF
6 LOS ANGELES? THAT'S ALL.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A LAST PUBLIC
9 SPEAKER, MELLO DESIRE? NO? OKAY. VERY GOOD. OKAY, MEMBERS. I
10 JUST WANT TO INFORM THE AUDIENCE THAT BEFORE WE GO TO THE SET
11 ITEM NO. 11 REGARDING THE PARKS THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP
12 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 AND TRY TO GO THROUGH THAT QUICKLY. SO BEAR
13 WITH US, PLEASE. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE BEING HERE. SO WITH
14 THAT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NO. 8. OH, I'M SORRY.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
17 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1-P, 2-P, 5-P, 10, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25,
18 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 42, 47, 50, 51 AND 55.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU. OKAY.
22 NOW WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 8. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THANK YOU FOR
25 LETTING ME SPEAK FIRST ON THIS. THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT



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1 SEVERAL OF US HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT EVEN BEFORE SOME
2 OF US CAME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE ISSUE OF SOLITARY
3 CONFINEMENT IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. A NUMBER OF
4 STUDIES RECENTLY HAVE RATIFIED WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE, USING
5 OUR COMMON SENSE, IMAGINED TO BE THE TRUTH, WHICH IS THE
6 ISOLATION, SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE CAUSES
7 ANGUISH, PROVOKES SERIOUS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
8 AND ACTUALLY WORKS AGAINST THE EFFORTS THAT WE MAKE IN TERMS
9 OF REHABILITATION FOR THESE TEENAGERS. THIS WAS THE FINDING OF
10 THE 2012 REPORT, "GROWING UP LOCKED DOWN: YOUTH IN SOLITARY
11 CONFINEMENT IN JAILS AND PRISONS ACROSS THE U.S." PREPARED BY
12 HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH. THE SAME YEAR THE UNITED NATIONS
13 GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DESCRIBED
14 PUNITIVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 18 AS
15 CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING. AND ALTHOUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 HAS BEEN USING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE,
17 GENERALLY NOT PUNITIVE, MEASURE, IT STILL CONFLICTS WITH
18 EVIDENCE-BASED APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF OUR CHILDREN. IT
19 DOESN'T IMPROVE BEHAVIOR. IT DOESN'T SECURE PUBLIC SAFETY. IT
20 DOESN'T PROMOTE REHABILITATION. AND, INDEED, THOSE WHO HAVE
21 EXPERIENCED SOLITARY CONFINEMENT RECIDIVATE IN HIGHER NUMBERS.
22 SO IN 1999, THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
23 PREVENTION FOUND THAT 50 PERCENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
24 COMMITTED SUICIDE WERE IN ROOM CONFINEMENT AT THE TIME OF
25 THEIR SUICIDE. AND MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THEM HAD A HISTORY



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1 OF PUNITIVE ISOLATION. SO, THIS MOTION SIMPLY, IN MY OPINION,
2 RATIFIES AND UNDERSCORES THE DIRECTION WE'VE BEEN GOING IN OUR
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND IN SOME WAYS SAYS "AND WE REALLY MEAN
4 IT" BUT ALSO, I THINK, GIVES GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE MEAN WHEN
5 WE ARE TALKING ABOUT USING SPARINGLY ANY KIND OF ROOM
6 CONFINEMENT AND WHAT THE PARAMETERS OF THAT ARE. SO I'M VERY,
7 VERY PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE CO-AUTHORS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE
8 DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I
11 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS PARTICULAR MOTION WITH
12 ME. AND I DO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I
13 KNOW AS A NEW MEMBER FOR MYSELF WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS ON MY
14 MIND AS I TOOK ON THIS JOB AND STARTED TO VISIT SOME OF THE
15 FACILITIES THAT WE RUN, PROBATION CAMPS AND JUVENILE HALLS.
16 AND I AM VERY PROUD THAT THERE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
17 COMING BEFORE US TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS
18 ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT THIS MEANS AND THE REFORM THAT WE'RE
19 TALKING ABOUT. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT IN THE MOTION
20 BEFORE US TODAY, THAT EARLIER IN THIS YEAR, PRESIDENT BARACK
21 OBAMA ELIMINATED ANY FORM OF RESTRICTIVE HOUSING FOR JUVENILES
22 IN THE FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM EXCEPT IN THE RAREST SITUATIONS.
23 AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIS OFFICE TRAVELED OUT HERE IN
24 PARTICULAR. THEY VISITED WITH US AT CAMP DOROTHY KIRBY, WITH
25 ME AND ALSO WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE HELD A MEETING



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1 THERE WITH DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE TALKED ABOUT AN
2 INITIATIVE THAT HE HAD PUT FORWARD, THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE
3 KNOWN AS MEN AND BOYS OF COLOR INITIATIVE. IT'S IMPORTANT
4 BECAUSE WE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE BARRIERS AND THINGS THAT
5 HAPPEN TO YOUNGSTERS WHEN THEY ARE DETAINED. AND WE ACTUALLY
6 GOT TO VISIT SOME OF THE CLASSROOMS AND MET WITH SOME OF THE
7 TEACHERS BUT WE ALSO GOT A SENSE OF WHAT THAT MEANS, TO BE
8 LIVING THERE AND HAVING YOUR LIFE PRETTY MUCH CONTROLLED BY
9 WHAT SURROUNDS YOU THERE IN THE CAMPS. AND SOME OF THAT WE SEE
10 AND SOME WE DON'T SEE. AND THEREFORE TODAY I THINK WE ARE
11 LOOKING AHEAD TO SEE JUST WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP PROVIDE
12 ASSISTANCE TO OUR YOUNGSTERS, BECAUSE, AFTER ALL-- AND I SAY
13 YOUNGSTERS. ARE MANY ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18. BUT FOR THE MOST
14 PART, THEY'RE OUR CHILDREN. THEY'RE FAMILY MEMBERS. BUT THE
15 THING THAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER HERE, I BELIEVE, IS THAT THESE
16 ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT PERHAPS MAYBE HAVE TAKEN A WRONG ROAD
17 SOMEWHERE. MAYBE SOME MISHAP. MAYBE THEY WERE VICTIMS OF CRIME
18 AND TRAUMA. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR
19 OWN, ENDED UP BEING DETAINED AND INCARCERATED IN OUR CAMPS OR
20 IN JUVENILE HALL. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THOUGH, WE HAVE A LONG WAYS
21 TO GO. AND WHILE STUDY AFTER STUDY DEMONSTRATES THAT SOLITARY
22 CONFINEMENT DOES NOT REALLY DO ANY GOOD IN THE LONG RUN
23 BECAUSE IF THERE'S NO INTERACTION AND SOMEONE'S BEING PUNISHED
24 FOR AN ACT THAT PERHAPS THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND OR NO
25 ONE IS EXPLAINING TO THEM HOW THEY CAN WORK THROUGH THAT



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1 PARTICULAR MOMENT IN TIME WHEN ANGER STRIKES, THEN WHAT GOOD
2 ARE WE DOING IF WE'RE NOT HELPING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE? SO
3 I'M VERY PROUD TODAY THAT THE PROBATION OFFICE IS ALSO JOINING
4 WITH US, OUR OFFICER, CHIEF OFFICER, WHO'S ALSO COMMITTED TO
5 MAKING SOME VERY DEMONSTRABLE CHANGES. AND THE PREVIOUS
6 PROBATION CHIEF THAT ALSO UNDERTOOK I THINK MASSIVE REFORMING
7 IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS. THAT'S GOOD. BUT WE KNOW THAT IT STILL
8 ISN'T ENOUGH. WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO. AND I HOPE THAT
9 TODAY WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE THAT NOT EVERY
10 CHILD THAT COMES TO US IS BAD PERSON, THAT THEY CAN ALSO BE
11 GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE. AND THEY CAN ALSO BE GIVEN THE
12 APPROPRIATE TOOLS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THAT CHANGE. AND
13 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE NECESSARY TOOLS AND
14 INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE, WHETHER THAT BE MORE COUNSELING,
15 MENTORING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, PERHAPS
16 OFFER ARTISTIC CLASSES, PERHAPS GIVEN AN ABILITY TO CREATE
17 FILMS, VIDEOS, START TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN POWER AND EMPOWER
18 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. I'VE SEEN SO MANY GOOD THINGS HAPPEN
19 AROUND THE COUNTRY AND AROUND, IN SOME OF OUR CAMPS. BUT IT'S
20 NOT UNIFORM. AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT MORE OF THAT
21 HAPPENS. I WANT TO ALSO SAY THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
22 HAVE TO REALLY EMBARK ON WITH OUR STAFF, WITH OUR PROBATION
23 OFFICERS, IS LEARNING THE TOOLS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
24 WITH THE SHERIFF AND WITH MANY OF OUR OTHER CORRECTIONAL
25 INSTITUTIONS. AND THAT IS ABOUT THE USE OF DE-ESCALATION. A



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1 WAY OF BRINGING DOWN THE LEVEL OF ANGER AND HURT AND PAIN AND
2 UNDERSTANDING THAT AND BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE TO PEOPLE IN
3 A HUMANISTIC WAY. AND I MEAN THAT SINCERELY, THAT IT'S TIME
4 THAT WE OPEN UP, OPEN UP THOSE CHANNELS AND DO IT IN A MORE
5 DIRECT WAY. AND SO THEREFORE I ALSO HAVE A SLIGHT AMENDMENT TO
6 THIS MOTION. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT IN WITH THE CHANGES AS
7 STATED. "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE CHIEF
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO END THE
9 PRACTICE OF PLACING JUVENILES IN RESTRICTIVE HOUSING IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE UNITED
11 STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IN VERY RARE SITUATIONS, AFTER
12 ALL INTERVENTIONS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, A JUVENILE MAY BE
13 SEPARATED FROM OTHERS AS A TEMPORARY RESPONSE TO BEHAVIOR THAT
14 POSES A SERIOUS OR IMMEDIATE RISK OF PHYSICAL HARM TO ANY
15 PERSON. EVEN IN SUCH CASES, THE PLACEMENT SHOULD BE BRIEF,
16 DESIGNED AS A COOL DOWN PERIOD, AND DONE ONLY IN CONSULTATION
17 WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. WE FURTHER INSTRUCT THE
18 C.E.O. AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT TO CREATE NEW POLICIES, PROCEDURES, ENFORCEMENT
20 MECHANISMS, INCLUDING OVERSIGHT BY THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
21 COMMISSION CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED AND REPORTING STRUCTURES
22 AND DATA RELEASES, PROCESSES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS
23 CHANGE WITH FULL FIDELITY TO THE L.A. MODEL PHILOSOPHY. THIS
24 CHANGE SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AT THE CENTRAL JUVENILE
25 HALL, CAMP MCNAIR, CAMP SCOTT, BY MAY 30, 2016, AND AT ALL



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1 REMAINING JUVENILE FACILITIES BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. EXTENSIVE
2 STAFF TRAINING SHOULD PRECEDE FULL IMPLEMENTATION SO AS TO
3 PREPARE AND SUPPORT THE STAFF IN MAKING THESE CHANGES. WE
4 FINALLY INSTRUCT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND INTERNAL
5 SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN RE-PURPOSING OR
6 RECONFIGURING ALL SPECIAL HANDLING HOUSING UNITS KNOWN AS
7 S.H.U.S TO ALTERNATIVE PURPOSES, ONE OF WHICH COULD BE THE USE
8 OF SOME SPACE TO CREATE A CREATION FOR COOLING DOWN AREAS,
9 WHICH SHOULD BE RARELY USED. ONLY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
10 DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH
11 THE ONSITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENTER FOR
12 COORDINATED ASSISTANCE TO THE STATES. THESE COOL DOWN ROOMS
13 NEED TO BE LOCATED IN FORMER-- EXCUSE ME. THESE COOL DOWN
14 ROOMS NEED NOT BE LOCATED IN FORMER S.H.U. UNITS. AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY THE MOST CONDUCTIVE SPACE
16 AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE." THEREFORE, MEMBERS I WOULD LIKE
17 TO PRESENT THIS BEFORE YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND WELL
18 TAKE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS .

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LET ME
22 COMPLIMENT BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PROVIDING
23 LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER. PERMIT ME TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING
24 INSIGHTS THAT INFORM MY SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I GUESS THE
25 FIRST POINT THAT WE FULLY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ESTIMATES



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1 OF APPROXIMATELY 90,000-- SORRY. 90 PERCENT OF THOSE
2 INCARCERATED, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF
3 TRAUMA BEFORE ENTERING THE SYSTEM AND THEN THAT'S INFORMED BY
4 LEVELS OF DEGRADING IMPOVERISHMENT, IN SOME INSTANCES,
5 HOMELESSNESS, THE EXPERIENCE OF VIOLENCE. AND SO THERE'S THE
6 POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND THE SYNDROME THAT ATTACHES,
7 SOME OF WHOM ARE EXPERIENCING THE WORST OF THE FOSTER CARE
8 SYSTEM, WHICH I HASTEN TO SAY IS NOT IN ITS TOTALITY BAD, BUT
9 THEY OFTEN EXPERIENCE THE VERY DOWN SIDE OF IT.
10 DISPROPORTIONATELY YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR, MORE SPECIFIC,
11 LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESPECTIVELY IN TERMS OF THE
12 PROPORTIONALITY. MIGHT I JUST SIMPLY SAY 40 PERCENT OF THE
13 YOUNGSTERS IN PROBATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAPPEN TO
14 HAVE RESIDENCY IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND WE
15 RECOGNIZE THAT THE BOARD HAS SOUGHT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS
16 ISSUE ON AN INCREASING BASIS BY PRIORITIZING REHABILITATIVE
17 AND TRAUMA-INFORMED JUVENILE JUSTICE MODELS. AND IT'S
18 IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S A SHIFT IN PARADIGM
19 HERE THAT IS OF SOME CONSEQUENCE AND THIS MOTION HIGHLIGHTS
20 THAT. AND SO WHILE WE UNDERTAKE THESE VARIOUS ISSUES TO MAKE
21 SURE THAT PROBATION, THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES ALL THAT IT CAN
22 DO AND RECLAIM ITS MISSION AND GET THE WORK DONE THAT THE
23 BOARD CAN EMBRACE AND INDEED SALUTE, WE COME TO THE QUESTION
24 OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. WHICH IS IN SOME WAYS NOT ONLY
25 OPPOSITIONAL BUT IN CONFLICT, IS ANTITHETICAL TO WHAT WE ARE



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1 SEEKING TO DO IN TERMS OF REHABILITATION AND TRAUMA-INFORMED
2 JUVENILE JUSTICE AS A MODEL. IT'S ALREADY BEEN ASSERTED WHAT
3 THE DOWNSIDE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IS. WE NEEDN'T REPEAT
4 THAT, BUT IT SHOULD BE PUNCTUATED THAT ENLIGHTENED WAYS OF
5 MANAGING THESE YOUNGSTERS AND CAUSING THEM TO BE THE BEST THAT
6 THEY CAN BE MAKES IT VERY TOUGH TO SEE HOW WE CONTINUE ALONG
7 THE PATH OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON
8 THE QUESTION OF RECIDIVISM. THE DATA WILL SUPPORT THE CLAIM
9 THAT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CORRELATES WITH HIGHER LEVELS,
10 HIGHER RATES OF RECIDIVISM. WE DON'T WANT TO WORK AGAINST THE
11 VERY THING THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH. ACROSS THE
12 NATION, THERE ARE SOME 20 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE BANNED OR
13 DRAMATICALLY LIMITED THIS PRACTICE. IT'S HIGH TIME THAT LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY FOUND ITSELF AMONG THOSE RANKS. THERE'S NOTHING
15 MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF THESE YOUNG
16 PEOPLE. AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN
17 THAT CONNECTION. MADAME CHAIR, YOU MADE REFERENCE TO THE CHIEF
18 PROBATION OFFICER. I SIMPLY WISH TO POSE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR
19 HIM AND THE STAFF TO ANSWER. AND I SUSPECT NOW IS A GOOD TIME
20 TO DO SO.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM OTHERS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WISH TO POSE SOME QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COME FORWARD, PLEASE, MR. REMINGTON,
2 THE INTERIM PROBATION OFFICER.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE MOTION THAT'S BEEN INTRODUCED BY
5 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL MAKE REFERENCE TO A COOL DOWN
6 PERIOD. AND THE QUESTION THAT WE WANT TO ASK EARLY ON IS: HOW
7 THAT BRIEF, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, BRIEF COOL DOWN PERIOD WILL BE
8 DEFINED. AND HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT IT IS NOT THEN GOING TO BE
9 A MODIFIED FORM OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT? WHAT PRACTICES AND
10 THE LIKE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED? WHAT MODELS WILL YOU APPEAL TO?
11 WE'RE NOT TRYING TO DO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT LITE. THE THRUST
12 OF THE MOTION IS TO ELIMINATE THE PRACTICE. SO PERHAPS YOU CAN
13 ADDRESS THAT, IF YOU'D FOLLOW UP WITH HOW S.H.U., NAMELY THE
14 SPECIAL HANDLING UNIT, WILL BE RECONFIGURED. WHAT THOUGHT HAS
15 BEEN GIVEN TO THAT? THE TYPE OF TRAINING THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO
16 STAFF IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW POLICY. IT'S NEW AS IT
17 RELATES TO THIS COUNTY, BUT IT'S NOT NEW IN TERMS OF THE
18 INSIGHTS THAT INFORM WHY SOLITARY CONFINEMENT SHOULD BE
19 ESSENTIALLY REDEFINED TO THE POINT OF TAKEN OUT OF USE AS A
20 METHODOLOGY. FOLLOW UP QUESTION, MR. REMINGTON, RELATES TO THE
21 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NEW POLICY, IF THERE ARE ANY COSTS.
22 AND WHAT THOUGHT HAVE WE GIVEN TO THAT? AND HOW THOSE COSTS
23 WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND SECURED SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT
24 THIS POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENT WITH ITS INTENT. AND MY
25 FINAL QUESTION IS DATA. HOW WILL IT BE COLLECTED SO THAT THE



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1 BOARD HAS SOME SENSE OF HOW THIS NEW POLICY IS ROLLING OUT?
2 INCLUDING DATA THAT LOOKS AT THE COOL DOWN PERIODS. HOW MANY
3 TIMES THAT HAS TO BE UTILIZED AND TO WHAT EXTENT WE ARE
4 LEARNING FROM THE REDUCTION OF THE COOL DOWN PERIOD AND THE
5 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA THAT ATTACHES TO IT. THOSE ARE SEVERAL
6 QUESTIONS, MR. REMINGTON. THESE ARE NOT QUESTIONS THAT OUGHT
7 TO BE NEW TO YOU GIVEN THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A SEASONED
8 PROFESSIONAL IN THIS AREA. AND I THINK THE BOARD AS WELL AS
9 THE LISTENING PUBLIC WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR RESPONSES. DO I
10 NEED TO REPEAT ANY OF THE QUESTIONS? I'LL BE GLAD TO DO.

11

12 **CAL REMINGTON:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
13 MS. HAMAI. SO LET ME SAY IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO SPEAK
14 ON THIS SUBJECT. SO FIRST OF ALL, I WANT THE BOARD TO KNOW
15 THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO DOING AWAY WITH
16 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN
17 MOVING TOWARD FOR SOME TIME. STAFF HAVE BEEN VERY POSITIVE IN
18 THIS. AND WE'VE CERTAINLY INVOLVED KIDS. IT WILL COST,
19 SUPERVISOR, IT WILL COST ADDITIONAL MONEY. I DON'T EXPECT THAT
20 THAT'S GOING TO BE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE, BUT IT WILL COST
21 ADDITIONAL MONEY. AND I'VE TALKED TO DAVE CRITTENDEN THE
22 I.S.D. DIRECTOR, AND HE WILL BE WORKING WITH US. I'M CONFIDENT
23 THAT IF WE RUN OUT OF MONEY, THE BOARD WILL BE OPEN TO
24 ASSISTING US.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE QUESTION IS HOW MUCH AND WHY? I MEAN
2 TO ASSERT THAT IT'S GOING TO COST ADDITIONAL MONEY, I MEAN,
3 YOU GOT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS.

4
5 **CAL REMINGTON:** SURE. WE-- AND I DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR,
6 EXACTLY HOW MUCH. I DO KNOW THAT WE'RE STARTING THE PROCESS OF
7 CONVERTING THE SECURITY HOUSING UNITS FROM A SECURITY HOUSING
8 UNIT TO A COOL DOWN SETTING. THAT WILL REQUIRE-- FIRST OF ALL
9 WE STARTED PAINTING-- IT WILL REQUIRE PAINTING. IT MAY REQUIRE
10 SOME ADDITIONAL, SOME FURNITURE. WE WANT THE SITUATION TO BE A
11 CALMING EXPERIENCE. WE WANT IT TO BE A PLACE WHERE STAFF AND
12 KIDS CAN SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE SO THAT IT CAN BE
13 DIFFUSED. AND SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY THAT'S
14 GOING TO BE. BUT I KNOW IT'LL COST SOME ADDITIONAL MONEY. BUT
15 I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO BE CONSIDERED AT ALL
16 EXORBITANT BY THIS BOARD. SO I'LL BE ABLE TO, BEFORE LONG,
17 I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD. BUT
18 IT'S IMPORTANT TO CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT. AND SO THAT'S
19 EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO. WE WANT TO CHANGE THAT
20 ENVIRONMENT. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS CULTURAL CHANGE. AS
21 FAR AS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, WE'VE DEVELOPED POLICIES AND
22 PROCEDURES NOW TO PREVENT EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME IN A
23 RESTRICTED HOUSING UNIT. IF WE PUT A MINOR IN THERE, WE MAKE A
24 REFERRAL TO MENTAL HEALTH AT THAT TIME. WE HAVE WITHIN TWO
25 HOURS, A SUPERVISOR MUST GET INVOLVED, TALK TO THE MINOR. AND



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1 IN MOST CASES, THE SITUATION IS DIFFUSED BY THEN AND THAT
2 SUPERVISOR CAN MAKE THAT DECISION. WE'VE HAD SITUATIONS IN THE
3 PAST WHERE A MINOR MAY SAY, "I'M NOT READY TO COME OUT. I'M
4 NOT READY TO GO BACK INTO THE DORM." AND WE RESPECT THAT
5 POSITION. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY
6 ON. ONCE THOSE NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, THEY'LL BE
7 DEVELOPED AS TIME GOES ON WITH OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GROUP,
8 THAT IS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REFERRED TO THAT GROUP EARLIER. IT
9 IS SUPPORTED BY THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
10 PREVENTION. SO IT'S PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON
11 AT THIS POINT. WE'VE ASKED OUR STUDENT COUNCILS PARTICULARLY
12 IN THE INSTITUTIONS WHERE WE WILL BEGIN TO PILOT THIS FOR
13 THEIR INPUT. THEY'VE HAD A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS, THE MOST
14 RECENT ONE AT LEAST FOR THOSE MINORS OUT AT CHALLENGER IS,
15 THEY WANT TO RENAME THE S.H.U., AND THE NAME THAT THEY HAVE
16 SELECTED IS HOPE CENTER. SO WE WANT-- WE'RE TRYING TO GET
17 INPUT FROM ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS. CERTAINLY THE MOTION CALLS
18 FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH, AND THEY'LL BE PART OF
19 LOOKING AT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. SO AS THEY'RE ADOPTED,
20 THOSE WILL BE-- WILL HAVE CHECKS AND BALANCES TO ENSURE THAT
21 THAT'S HAPPENING. WE KEEP TRACK OF MINORS WHO GO IN TO
22 SECURITY HOUSING AT THIS POINT. WE KEEP TRACK OF THAT ON AN
23 ONGOING BASIS. SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK IN TIME AND SEE
24 WHAT IMPACT IT HAS HAD. YOU MENTIONED TRAINING. AND TRAINING
25 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. WE BEGAN LAST MONTH TRAINING OF OUR



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1 CAMP STAFF IN DIFFUSING SITUATIONS. YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR,
2 THE ISSUE OF TRAUMA. AND TRAUMA INFORMED IS VERY IMPORTANT TO
3 US. THAT TRAINING WILL START THIS MONTH. IT WILL START IN MAY.
4 WE'RE ALSO-- SOME OF THE TRAINING, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR STAFF.
5 SOME OF THIS IS SOMETHING THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A LONG
6 TIME. BUT THIS MOTION DOES MOVE IT FORWARD FAIRLY QUICKLY. AND
7 SO TRAINING BECOMES IMPORTANT. STAFF NEED TO FEEL SAFE. AND
8 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CHANGE, THE TRAINING WILL CERTAINLY HELP.
9 SUPERVISOR, YOU MENTIONED OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY
10 THAT HAVE ADOPTED SOLITARY-- THE ELIMINATION OF SOLITARY
11 CONFINEMENT. WITHIN OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GROUP, WE HAVE
12 SIX OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT MAKE UP THIS COHORT. SO WE'LL BE
13 WORKING DIRECTLY WITH CONSULTANTS, BUT WE'LL ALSO IN ESSENCE
14 BE WORKING WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHO HAVE THE SAME GOAL IN
15 MIND. WE WANT TO LEARN FROM THOSE OTHER JURISDICTIONS. SO, WE--
16 - I APPRECIATE THE MOTION LIMITING IT TO THREE INSTITUTIONS
17 INITIALLY. WE NEED-- OUR TRAINING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY THE
18 END OF MAY. IT WILL BE ONGOING. A LOT OF THE CONSULTING
19 ASSISTANCE WE'RE GOING GET, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THAT GOES
20 THROUGH NOVEMBER. SO BY ALLOWING US TO REALLY START WITH THREE
21 INSTITUTIONS, AND WE PICKED STRATEGICALLY WHERE IN THE PAST
22 THE SECURITY HOUSING UNIT'S BEEN USED MORE OFTEN, HAS BEEN OUT
23 AT CHALLENGER, SO WE PICKED A CAMP AT CHALLENGER. WE CERTAINLY
24 WANTED TO PICK ONE OF THE GIRLS' CAMPS, SO SCOTT WAS SELECTED.
25 AND THEN WE ALSO WANT TO BEGIN EXPERIMENTING WITH THIS IN OUR



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1 JUVENILE HALL, SO CENTRAL WAS SELECTED. THAT WILL ALLOW US TO
2 MOVE MORE-- A LITTLE SLOWER. IT WILL ALLOW US TO LEARN FROM
3 OUR EXPERIENCE. IT WILL ALLOW US TO LEARN FROM OTHERS. AND
4 THEN MY EXPECTATION IS BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER WE'LL BE IN A
5 MUCH BETTER POSITION TO EXPAND THIS. SO AT THIS POINT, WE'RE
6 EXCITED ABOUT IT. AGAIN, THIS MOTION IS-- THERE'S SOME PARTS
7 OF IT THAT PRESENT CHALLENGES FOR US. CERTAINLY, AGAIN, STAFF
8 SAFETY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US. AND THIS, THROUGH TRAINING
9 AND BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH OTHERS, WE WANT TO GET TO THAT
10 POINT WHERE OUR STAFF FEEL SAFE WITH THESE CHANGES. SOLITARY
11 CONFINEMENT IS ELIMINATED. THERE ARE STILL GOING TO BE TIMES,
12 THOSE WILL BE EXCEPTIONAL, WHERE WE NEED TO HAVE SOME FORM OF
13 RESTRICTIVE HOUSING, WHERE WE NEED A WAY OF CONTAINING. IT'S
14 NOT ALWAYS ONE INDIVIDUAL OR ONE YOUTH, ONE MINOR WE'RE
15 DEALING WITH. UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE HAVE
16 INCIDENTS WHERE IT MAY BE A NUMBER OF MINORS INVOLVED. WE HAD
17 ONE THIS PAST SUNDAY WHERE AT ONE POINT, 17 MINORS WERE
18 INVOLVED. SO WHEN YOU HAVE THAT POTENTIAL FOR SOMEONE GETTING
19 HURT IS SUCH THAT YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO AT LEAST TEMPORARILY
20 ISOLATE THOSE THAT ARE TAKING LEAD POSITIONS IN THAT, FOR
21 EVERYONE'S SAFETY. SO WITH THAT, I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT
22 THERE ARE CHALLENGES WITH THIS. BUT THEY'RE CHALLENGES WE'RE
23 WILLING TO TAKE ON. AND I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THERE.
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. REMINGTON. THERE ARE A FEW
2 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, BUT MADAME CHAIR, I'LL DEFER TO THE
3 BALANCE OF THE SPEAKER AND COME BACK AND ASK THE QUESTIONS
4 LATER.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAD
7 QUESTIONS?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PRACTICE
10 OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE
11 PAST FEW YEARS. WHAT HAS BEEN DIFFERENT FROM TODAY AS OF
12 YESTERDAY?

13

14 **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, I THINK A LOT OF THE CHANGE BEGAN WHEN
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS HERE. AND THE ISSUE OF SOLITARY
16 CONFINEMENT CERTAINLY WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM. I THINK THIS
17 BOARD-- AND I WOULD AGREE. WE'RE NOT COMPLETELY THERE IN
18 RELATION TO THIS MOTION. BUT I THINK THIS BOARD WOULD BE,
19 SUPERVISOR, WOULD BE PROUD OF PROBATION STAFF WHO HAVE MADE
20 EFFORTS TO END THESE PRACTICES, WHO HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO BE
21 INVOLVED MORE THERAPEUTICALLY WITH THE MINORS IN THESE CAMPS.
22 I THINK THIS BOARD IS AWARE THAT THAT'S BECOMING SO MUCH MORE
23 IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS OUR CAMP POPULATION HAS DROPPED
24 SIGNIFICANTLY, THEN WE HAVE MINORS WITH MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS.
25 WE HAVE MORE MINORS NEEDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE



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1 HAVE MORE INCIDENTS OF MINORS COMING TO THE CAMP FOR VIOLENCE.
2 THAT HAPPENS WHEN THAT POPULATION IS REDUCED TO THE EXTENT IT
3 HAS BEEN REDUCED. SO, YES, WE HAVE MADE, I THINK, GREAT
4 STRIDES, SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK AGAIN YOU'D BE PROUD OF THE
5 CAMP STAFF WHO HAVE MADE THAT WORK.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE, ARE YOU AWARE OF OTHER
8 JURISDICTIONS WHERE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT HAS TAKEN A SHARP
9 TURN. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM THOSE EXPERIENCES?

10

11 **CAL REMINGTON:** YOU KNOW, IT'S INTERESTING. THIS HAS BEEN
12 SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED FOR SOME TIME. THIS IS THE
13 SECOND COHORT GROUP WITH OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSULTANT.
14 BUT I THINK, SUPERVISOR, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO SEE SIGNIFICANT
15 CHANGES OCCUR, I THINK THE TIMING IS SUCH THAT IN THE PAST,
16 THIS HAS BEEN ONE TOOL THAT INSTITUTIONAL STAFF HAVE HAD TO
17 SEPARATE MINORS WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS. SO I THINK AT
18 THIS POINT-- BUT AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, THE RESEARCH SAYS
19 THAT'S NOT A GOOD WAY TO DO IT. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DO IT.
20 THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO DO IT. AND SO, YES, WE'RE STARTING TO
21 SEE OTHER JURISDICTIONS. BUT I THINK WE'RE PRETTY MUCH AT THE
22 CUSP OF THIS. THERE'S STILL A LOT WE HAVE TO LEARN AND OTHER
23 JURISDICTIONS WILL LEARN. AND I'M HOPING MANY JURISDICTIONS,
24 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CALIFORNIA, WILL LEARN FROM LOS ANGELES



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1 AS WE BECOME BETTER AND UNDERSTAND MORE OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO
2 MAKE THIS WORK.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW THAT EVERY TEENAGER EVERY ONCE IN A
5 WHILE MAY NEED CONCERNS FOR A TIMEOUT. AND WE HAVE AN
6 OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING NOT OF JUST
7 ONE OR TWO, BUT THE ENTIRE CAMP. AND SO IT'S APPROPRIATE TO
8 USE EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUES THAT PREVENT THE NEED FOR A TIMEOUT
9 IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT IN INSTANCES WHERE IT IS WARRANTED, WE
10 NEED CLEAR POLICIES AND TRAINED STAFF TO EXERCISE THAT OPTION.
11 DOES TODAY'S MOTION PROVIDE YOU WITH THOSE NECESSARY STEPS TO
12 EXERCISE TIMEOUT WHEN NECESSARY TO PREVENT HARM AND TO THE
13 SAFETY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CAMP, INCLUDING THE STAFF?

14

15 **CAL REMINGTON:** THAT IS IMPORTANT, SUPERVISOR, FOR STAFF AND
16 FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR CUSTODY. AND IT IS, IN SOME WAYS,
17 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, I THINK, IS PRETTY EASY FOR US TO DO
18 BECAUSE OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE. USE OF LESS RESTRICTIVE-
19 - OF RESTRICTIVE HOUSING, THAT BECOMES MORE PROBLEMATIC. AND
20 IT'S NOT JUST THAT TOOL THAT YOU CAN'T USE. WE HAVE TO REALLY
21 CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE STAFF ARE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH A
22 NEW APPROACH, WHERE THEY FEEL THEY DO HAVE TOOLS. I THINK THE
23 MOTION DOES ALLOW IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK THERE IS
24 AN AWARENESS THAT ISOLATION OR CONTAINMENT IS IMPORTANT FOR
25 EVERYONE'S SAFETY. THE SAFETY OF THOSE IN OUR CUSTODY, SAFETY



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1 OF OUR STAFF WILL ALWAYS BE A HIGH PRIORITY. BUT I'M HOPING
2 WITH THE TRAINING AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WE'LL BE ABLE
3 TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE. AND I KNOW THIS BOARD IS GOING TO WANT
4 TO HAVE SOME FEEDBACK AND SOME RESULTS AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME
5 INDICATING HOW WELL WE'RE DOING WITH THAT. BUT, SUPERVISOR,
6 SAFETY OF MINORS IN OUR CUSTODY, SAFETY OF STAFF WILL ALWAYS
7 BE A HIGH PRIORITY. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST ASK THAT WE HAVE A 90-DAY, AFTER 90
10 DAYS OF REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD AS TO IMPLEMENTATION AND ANY
11 ISSUES THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS GOING TO ASK THE SAME THING AS IT RELATES TO
16 THE REPORT BACK IN ABOUT 90 DAYS. THE OTHER ISSUE INSIDE THERE
17 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT COST IS THE AN LABOR ISSUE AS IT RELATES
18 TO HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, WILL THEY BE ON SITE?
19 AS AN EXAMPLE YOU RECENTLY HAD AN INCIDENT WHERE YOU HAD TO
20 HAVE SOME COOLING DOWN? WAS THERE A MENTAL HEALTH PERSON ON
21 SITE?

22

23 **CAL REMINGTON:** AND THAT'S PART OF THE CHALLENGE, AND THAT WILL
24 BE SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WITH D.M.H. WE DON'T HAVE
25 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF ON SITE AT ALL TIMES. WE DO, IF A MINOR IS



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1 PLACED IN RESTRICTIVE HOUSING, WE DO MAKE A REFERRAL TO MENTAL
2 HEALTH. BUT THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TALK TO THAT MINOR UNTIL
3 THE NEXT DAY. SO TO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WITH US
4 WHEN THAT DECISION IS MADE IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL
5 WITH BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE IN EVERY
6 CAMP 7 DAYS A WEEK.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ISSUE THAT JUST AROSE RECENTLY REQUIRED
9 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. AND WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH, YOU ARE NOT
10 GOING TO WAIT AROUND FOR THINGS TO GET OUT OF CONTROL TO BRING
11 SOMEBODY IN. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE AN ISSUE YOU'RE GOING TO
12 HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

13

14 **CAL REMINGTON:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T MEAN IT AS A NEGATIVE, BUT IT'S GOING TO
17 HAVE TO BE--

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO, NO, ABSOLUTELY, IT'S AN IMPORTANT
20 ISSUE TO DEAL WITH.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE VISITS THAT I HAD
23 NOT TOO LONG AGO, I NOTICED THAT WE DID HAVE SEVERAL MENTAL
24 HEALTH COUNSELORS THERE. AND THEY MEET IN GROUP SETTINGS AND
25 ONE-ON-ONE. AND I WAS CURIOUS IF THEY WERE GOING TO BE



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1 AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEKEND OR DURING HOURS OR LATE HOURS. AND I
2 KNOW THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CONSTRAINTS RIGHT NOW, BUT WE
3 OUGHT TO BE LOOKING AT WHAT OTHER MODES OF FUNDING THAT WE CAN
4 GET THROUGH D.H.S. OR MENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE
5 SERVICES THAT THESE YOUNG CHILDREN WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR
6 ANYWAY, AND WE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO DO THAT. JUST AS WE'RE
7 DOING THAT WITH OUR JAILS, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME
8 THING, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE AN EXCUSE. AND I WOULD THINK PART
9 OF THIS WHOLE EFFORT FOR DE-ESCALATION IS BRINGING THOSE
10 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ENTRUSTED WITH DOING THIS KIND OF WORK,
11 THAT UNDERSTAND IT AND THAT WE ALSO DRAW UPON OTHER OUTSIDE
12 PROVIDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS THAT WANT TO COME IN AND
13 HELP AND WORK WITH THESE YOUNGSTERS. AND THOSE ARE
14 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE AS A GROUP HERE I THINK HAVE TALKED
15 ABOUT IN DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT NOW WE'RE ASKING YOU TO PUT
16 TOGETHER A REPORT AND A PLAN. AND WE'LL WORK WITH YOU AND WITH
17 THE OTHER BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND THERE IS AN
18 URGENCY. THERE IS AN URGENCY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU GO IN AND YOU
19 VISIT ONE OF THESE CELLS AND YOU SEE THAT A YOUNGSTER HAS BEEN
20 THERE MAYBE FOR 24 HOURS AND YOU ASK THE QUESTION: WHY ARE YOU
21 HERE? "I GOT IN A FIGHT. SO I'M BEING PUNISHED." BUT THEY'RE
22 IN A CELL THAT'S COLD. THERE'S NOT EVEN A CLEAR WINDOW. YOU
23 CAN'T SEE OUT. THERE'S NO BEDSHEET. IT'S A PLASTIC MATTRESS,
24 COLD. THE YOUNGSTER DIDN'T EVEN HAVE HIS SHOES ON, DIDN'T HAVE
25 APPROPRIATE CLOTHING ON, DIDN'T EVEN HAVE PANTS ON. HAD A



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1 SWEAT SHIRT. AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE POINTING THIS AT YOU, CAL,
2 BECAUSE THIS IS BEFORE YOU WERE HERE. BUT TO SEE THAT
3 HUMILIATION THAT THAT YOUNGSTER HAS TO GO THROUGH, KNOWING
4 THAT EVERYONE AT THAT CAMP KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW THAT
5 PERSON IS BEING DETAINED IN THAT MANNER, THAT TELLS YOU, THAT
6 RIGHT THERE SENDS A SIGNAL TO THE REST OF THE YOUTH THERE.
7 THIS IS HOW YOU WILL BE TREATED IF YOU DO SOMETHING, IF YOU
8 GET IN A FIGHT OR IF YOU DO SOMETHING DISRUPTIVE. IT DOESN'T
9 FALL IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES, OR MAYBE YOU
10 LOOKED AT SOMEBODY THE WRONG WAY. AND THAT HAS HAPPENED. SO TO
11 ME, THIS IS AN URGENT TIME. AND IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT
12 FOR US ON THE BOARD. AND I THINK THAT MEMBERS WOULD JOIN AND
13 UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT WE WANT SAFETY FOR OUR STAFF,
14 ABSOLUTELY. AND I'VE HEARD INSTANCES WHERE STAFF HAVE BEEN
15 INJURED. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THE WHOLE POINT HERE IS TO DE-
16 ESCALATE. AND PREVENT THAT FROM EVER GETTING TO THAT POINT. IF
17 YOU HAD AN INCIDENT WHERE THERE WERE 17 YOUNGSTERS CAUGHT UP
18 IN SOMETHING, WHERE THE HELL WAS THE STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN? WHY DID THAT NOT STOP? WHY DID SOMEONE NOT
20 KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON? THAT TELLS ME THAT THERE'S A GAP
21 THERE. AND WE OUGHT TO DO A BETTER JOB ABOUT THAT. BUT I'M NOT
22 POINTING FINGERS AT YOU BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE.
23 AND I KNOW SOME OF OUR REFORMS HAVE GONE IN A WAY THAT
24 PROBABLY NEED TO BE PUSHED MORE NOW WITH MORE ENERGY AND MORE
25 ENTHUSIASM. AND OBVIOUSLY MORE STAFF TRAINING AS A RESULT IS



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1 NEEDED. WE KNOW THAT. AND I THINK SOME OF US ARE PREPARED TO
2 MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. WE CAN'T AFFORD, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO
3 TREAT THESE YOUNGSTERS IN THIS MANNER AND EXPECT THAT WHEN
4 THEY GET OUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE OKAY.

5

6 **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE WILL-- [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **CAL REMINGTON:** WHAT YOU DESCRIBED IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
9 WORKING ON NOW. I THINK OUR GOAL IS BY MAY 30TH, AT LEAST IN
10 THOSE THREE INSTITUTIONS, WHEN YOU COME IN, YOU WON'T SEE WHAT
11 YOU JUST DESCRIBED, INCLUDING IF THERE'S ONE WINDOW IN THE
12 ROOM, AND IT IS FOGGED OVER, WE'LL TAKE THAT OFF. I THINK WE
13 HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOU AND THESE BOARD MEMBERS
14 WANT. AND I THINK, AGAIN, WHAT YOU DESCRIBED WILL-- YOU WON'T
15 FIND THAT, AT LEAST IN OUR THREE INITIAL CAMPS, COME MAY 30TH.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, THE ISSUE THAT IS SUPERVISOR
20 KNABE OPENED UP IN TERMS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE
21 RESPONSE FROM THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THAT THERE ISN'T
22 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH ON THE CAMPUSES AND PROBATION, CONCERNS ME
23 DEEPLY. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MOVE TOWARD A TRAUMA-INFORMED
24 MODEL ABSENT THE KEY FEATURE OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT UNDERSTAND
25 WHAT TRAUMA IS ABOUT. AND SO THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT GAP, A



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1 SIGNIFICANT BREAKDOWN THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED WITH SOME
2 IMMEDIACY. IN THE REPORT BACK, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD
3 ADDRESS THAT. THAT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE RESOURCES
4 BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES. AND IF WE'RE
5 GOING TO MAKE THE SHIFT, WE NEED TO MAKE IT PROPERLY.
6 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT CONCERNS FROM STAFF AND THE
7 LIKE. AND PERHAPS YOU COULD EDIFY THE BOARD AS TO THE CONCERNS
8 OR THE PUSHBACK, IF YOU WOULD DESCRIBE IT AS SUCH, ON
9 ELIMINATING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND HOW YOU ARE ADDRESSING
10 THAT. CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RAISED. WE SHOULD PUT THOSE CONCERNS
11 ON THE TABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD'S DELIBERATION
12 TODAY. HELP US WITH CLARIFICATION, IF YOU WOULD, MR.
13 REMINGTON.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL INCLUDE THAT IN THE REPORT
16 BACK.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M ASKING FOR IT NOW IN TERMS OF WHAT
19 ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED SO THAT THE BOARD IS COGNIZANT OF IT.

20

21 **CAL REMINGTON:** SUPERVISOR, THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED.
22 AGAIN, TRAINING WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT.

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT SEEMS TO ME TO BE PRETTY
2 COMPELLING, AND THE BOARD IS MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. SO WHAT
3 PUSHBACK HAS BEEN ARTICULATED, IF ANY, FROM...?

4
5 **CAL REMINGTON:** FROM THE UNION? FROM OUR STAFF?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS?

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9 **CAL REMINGTON:** FIRST OF ALL, UNION STAFF ARE SUPPORTIVE OF
10 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THIS NEW MOTION, THEY'RE CERTAINLY-- I
11 HAVEN'T RECEIVED PUSHBACK. I HAVE RECEIVED COMMENTS OF
12 CONCERN. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK
13 WITH TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STAFF FEELS SAFE.

14
15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SAY WHAT THEY ARE. THERE'S SAFETY
16 CONCERNS? WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS? I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEY ARE,
17 CAL.

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19 **CAL REMINGTON:** I THINK THE CONCERNS ARE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE
20 ABILITY TO QUICKLY ISOLATE-- SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS, THEY
21 HAPPEN IN THE WINK OF AN EYE. THE THING SUNDAY FOR SOME
22 REASON, AND WE'LL PROBABLY LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT INCIDENT, ONE
23 OF THE MINORS WALKED INTO A DORM, TOOK HIS SHIRT OFF AND
24 CHALLENGED OTHER MINORS. IT HAPPENED, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM. SO
25 WHEN STAFF THINK ABOUT, OH MY GOODNESS, IN THAT SITUATION, IF



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1 I CAN'T USE ANY SORT OF ISOLATION, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
2 WHAT IF IT SPREADS? WHAT IF I CAN'T--? SO THOSE ARE THE ISSUES
3 THAT I THINK STAFF ARE CONCERNED WITH. SO WE'VE-- IT'S OUR
4 OBLIGATION, IT'S MY OBLIGATION, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DEAL WITH
5 THOSE CONCERNS AND WE DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT STAFF FEEL
6 THEY'RE ALSO HAVING SOME INPUT IN THIS. WE'VE ASKED FOR KIDS
7 FOR INPUT. WE CERTAINLY WANT INPUT FROM OUR STAFF. SO AT THIS
8 POINT, SUPERVISOR, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A LOT OF PUSHBACK. BUT
9 CERTAINLY THERE'S CONCERNS. AND I HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT AND
10 RESPONSIVE TO THOSE CONCERNS. AND I WILL BE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I RESPECT THAT. BUT I THINK SOMETIMES IT
13 JUST HAS TO BE SAID THAT CHANGE IS HARD. AND IT'S NOT ALWAYS
14 READILY OR IMMEDIATELY WELCOME. BUT A POLICY SHIFT IS
15 PRECISELY THAT. AND THE EXPECTATIONS PURSUANT TO THAT IS THAT
16 EVERYONE GIVE THEIR INPUT SO THAT THE PROGRAM, THE CHANGE
17 THAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED IS SUCCESSFUL. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU
18 GOT GET WITH THE PROGRAM AND MAKE IT WORK. THAT'S JUST
19 ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE BOARD IS DIRECTING. THIS IS NOT A POINT
20 OF NEGOTIATION. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A POLICY DIRECTIVE THAT'S
21 BEING AIMED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. AND THE
22 EXPECTATION THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER WILL CARRY IT OUT
23 WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE STAFF PURSUANT TO STAFF'S
24 INPUT.

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1 **CAL REMINGTON:** AND, SUPERVISOR, WE WILL HAVE THOSE POLICIES.
2 I'M CONFIDENT THAT OUR STAFF WILL MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT AND IT
3 WILL BE AN ADJUSTMENT. BUT THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO
4 OUR STAFF. AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL MEET THIS
5 CHALLENGE ALSO, SUPERVISOR.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL WE REMEMBER IT, BACK IN THE DAY WHEN
10 WE WERE WORKING ON THE EARLY, EARLY THINKING ABOUT DOMESTIC
11 VIOLENCE, A LOT OF PEOPLE, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVINCED
12 PEOPLE BECAUSE THE EASIEST THING TO DO IS JUST TO HIT
13 SOMEBODY. AND IT IS MUCH EASIER TO IMPOSE VIOLENCE OR SORT OF
14 THE EASY VIOLENT SOLUTION. AND I PUT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, TO
15 SOME EXTENT, IN THAT CATEGORY BECAUSE IT'S EXTREME. AND IT
16 TOOK EDUCATION, BUT IT ALSO TOOK LEADERSHIP FROM THE TOP. WE
17 TALKED TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS, WE TALKED TO D.A.S, WE TALKED TO
18 JUDGES. WE MADE LAW. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT CHANGE IS
19 DIFFICULT. WE PUT A LOT ON YOU AND ON OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.
20 AND IN THAT MATTER, I WANT TO SAY AS A SECOND ISSUE, I THINK
21 THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY.
22 EVERY TIME WE IDENTIFY AN ISSUE THAT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE
23 COUNTY, WE SAY "MENTAL HEALTH." WE WANT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
24 FOR THEM. HOW WILL WE WORK WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE? THEY NEED
25 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. HOW WILL WE WORK WITH OUR JUVENILES IN



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1 OUR CAMPS AND HALLS? THEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WHAT
2 ABOUT MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR JAILS? MENTAL HEALTH. EVERYBODY IN
3 TRANSITION, VETERANS COMING BACK, MENTAL HEALTH. SO I THINK
4 IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US AND ON OUR C.E.O. AND OUR WHOLE BUDGET
5 UNIT AND, FRANKLY, JUST THE WAY WE TALK TO EACH OTHER TO
6 RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE PUTTING A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS ON MENTAL
7 HEALTH SERVICES, AND WE NEED TO SHOW UP FOR THEM, AS WELL. IF
8 WE WANT THERE TO BE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE HAVE TO MAKE
9 CERTAIN THERE'S THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THEM. AND ALSO WE'RE
10 TALKING NOW ABOUT TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, IT'S ALSO OUR
11 RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP ARTICULATING WHAT WE MEAN, BECAUSE
12 THERE ARE DIFFERENT THEORIES NOW WORKING WITH EACH OTHER. AND
13 I THINK WE WANT TO ALSO WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
14 HEALTH AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE WHOLE
15 AGENCY TO FLESH OUT WHAT WE MEAN BECAUSE ALL OF OUR CHILDREN
16 IN THESE CAMPS ARE TRAUMATIZED. THEY'VE BEEN TRAUMATIZED,
17 MAYBE FROM BEFORE THEY WERE BORN. AND TO WORK WITH THEM TO TRY
18 TO UNDERSTAND AND TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE WAY WE DO WITH
19 BRINGING THE ACTORS GANG INTO PRISONS AND HAVING PEOPLE THINK
20 ABOUT THEMSELVES AND HOW THEY DEVELOPED, ALL THE THINGS THAT
21 WE DO, THE THINGS WE WANT TO DO IN THE NEW CAMPUS KILPATRICK I
22 THINK ARE AN ELEMENT. BUT I THINK THE FIVE OF US ALSO HAVE
23 RESPONSIBILITY TO SAY "YOU MUST DEPLOY THOSE RESOURCES." WE
24 MUST HELP FIND THEM. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. REMINGTON.
2 WE HAVE A PLETHORA OF SPEAKERS THAT WILL SPEAK TO US NOW. AND
3 I WILL CALL THEM UP. DR. CHERYL GRILLS. SAL MARTINEZ. DAN
4 SEAVAR. KIRN KIM. STEPHANIE SERRANO. GUILLERMO TORRES. ALEX
5 SANCHEZ. TINA MARQUEZ PADILLA. FRANCISCO MARTINES. ISAAC
6 MARTINES AND TED SNYDER. AND IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY LINE
7 THEMSELVES UP AND THEN WE'LL GO ACCORDINGLY BECAUSE WE HAVE
8 MANY, MANY SPEAKERS. I'D SAY WELL OVER MAYBE 20. THANK YOU.
9 AND IF YOU COULD-- I KNOW THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT SUBJECT
10 MATTER, SO IF THE PANEL WOULD PLEASE TRY NOT TO DUPLICATE AND
11 GET TO EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO US, OKAY, I'D
12 APPRECIATE IT. WHATEVER WE MISS YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT IN WRITTEN
13 TESTIMONY, SOME FORMAT, OKAY? THANK YOU. SO LET'S GET STARTED.

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15 **DR. CHERYL GRILLS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DR. CHERYL GRILLS,
16 PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PULL THE MIC UP
19 CLOSER, MA'AM?

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21 **DR. CHERYL GRILLS:** AS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, I WOULD ARGUE
22 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FLIES IN THE FACE OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT
23 CHILD DEVELOPMENT, BRAIN FUNCTIONING AND NEUROSCIENCE,
24 BEHAVIOR CHANGE, TRAUMA INFLUENT PRACTICE, RESILIENCE,
25 POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RELATIONAL THEORY, RESTORATIVE



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1 JUSTICE AND CULTURAL PRINCIPLES ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNALISM.
2 AMONG THE MOST EGREGIOUS PROBLEMS WITH IT ARE THE FOLLOWING:
3 FIRST IT IGNORES THE FACT THAT MANY CHILDREN COME INTO THE
4 SYSTEM EMOTIONALLY BRUISED AND BROKEN. THIS CAN CREATE AN
5 OVERACTIVE FIGHT OR FLIGHT ALARM SYSTEM THAT IS
6 PHYSIOLOGICALLY WIRED INTO THE CHILDREN'S DEVELOPING BRAIN.
7 THEY CAN BE MORE EASILY TRIGGERED BY TRAUMA REMINDERS, EVEN
8 WHEN THERE'S NO ACTUAL THREAT. DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES NOT
9 ISOLATION IS THE ANTIDOTE. SECONDLY IT IGNORES EVERYTHING WE
10 KNOW IN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT. THE
11 PRUNING OF SYNAPSES THAT OCCURS IN ADOLESCENCE AND SUPPORTS
12 CEREBROCORTEX DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF
13 DECREASING IMPULSIVENESS, THAT DOES NOT OCCUR NORMALLY UNDER
14 CONDITIONS OF ISOLATION. INSTEAD, ISOLATION LEADS TO LESS PRO-
15 SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND MORE ACTING OUT. YOU IN EFFECT CREATE AN
16 ASOCIALLY NEURAL NETWORK AND UNDERDEVELOPED BRAIN STRUCTURES
17 LIKE THE AMYGDALA THAT ARE CENTRAL TO EMOTION REGULATION,
18 EMPATHY AND MORAL JUDGMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD TO
19 THE FACT THAT I APPLAUD PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 2016 EXECUTIVE ORDER
20 TO END THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR YOUTH AND
21 CONSEQUENT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IT BE MINIMALLY USED AND AS A
22 COOL DOWN BUT ONLY IN CONSULTATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH
23 PROFESSIONALS. AND I SEE THIS IN TODAY'S MOTION. I URGE
24 CAUTION, HOWEVER, INVESTING TOO MUCH JUDGMENT IN THE HANDS OF
25 MY COLLEAGUES IN MENTAL HEALTH WITHOUT HOLDING THEM



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1 ACCOUNTABLE TO STANDARDS THAT ENSURE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST
2 IMPLICIT BIAS AND THE UNCHECKED USE OF RACIALLY BIASED
3 MEASURES AND METRICS IN THEIR OWN PRACTICE. FINALLY-- OKAY,
4 I'LL STOP THERE.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR REMAINING
7 TESTIMONY TO US AND WE'LL MAKE COPIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD.
8 BUT I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS,
9 SAL MARTINEZ?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY ALL THREE OF US ARE FROM THE
12 PROBATION COMMISSION AND WE'RE GOING DIVIDE UP OUR COMMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SAL MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS MY PLEASURE
17 TO BE HERE BECAUSE I WAS ONCE A KID IN CUSTODY IN CENTRAL
18 JUVENILE HALL IN CAMP MENDENHALL. SO IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO
19 BE A PROBATION COMMISSIONER HERE TODAY. AS COMMISSIONER, I'VE
20 SHAKEN HANDS WITH THE 1,200 BOYS AND GIRLS IN CUSTODY. MY ROLE
21 AS A COMMISSIONER IS ADVISORY TO THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
22 AND REPORT MY FINDINGS TO MY SUPERVISOR AND TO TELL THE KIDS
23 THAT MY JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY NEVER COME BACK. THAT WE
24 PLUG THEM INTO PROGRAMS THAT ARE GOING TO LEAD THEM ON A
25 DIFFERENT PATH. I'M IN THE BUSINESS OF REBUILDING LIVES OF



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1 THOSE ONCE LIKE ME. AND I CONGRATULATE THIS BODY TODAY FOR
2 THIS MODEL THAT WILL END THIS HARMFUL CONFINEMENT. I'D LIKE TO
3 CONTINUE IF I MAY AND SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS IN SPANISH,
4 SUPERVISOR. (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **DAN SEAVAR:** MY NAME IS DAN SEAVAR. I'M A PROBATION
9 COMMISSIONER, HAPPILY AND GRATEFULLY APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR
10 KUEHL. AS THE WRITER OF THE PROBATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION
11 ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE THIS ACTION, WHICH WE PASSED TWO
12 WEEKS AGO, I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP YOU ARE
13 TAKING ON BEHALF OF THE KIDS IN YOUR CARE AND FOR YOUR CONCERN
14 ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IT'S CLEAR THAT SOLITARY'S THE WRONG WAY TO
15 TREAT HUMANS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG ONES. AND TAKING SOLITARY AND
16 ISOLATION OFF THE TABLE WILL FORCE US TO DEVELOP OTHER WAYS OF
17 ADDRESSING YOUNG PEOPLE WHEN THEY MISBEHAVE. IT WILL GIVE US A
18 CHANCE TO ENGAGE KIDS TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE THEIR OWN
19 MISBEHAVIOR. THESE ARE TOOLS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO USE AGAIN
20 AND AGAIN IN LIFE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE MANY KIDS IN OUR CARE
21 IMPACTED BY LIFELONG TRAUMA. IN LIGHT OF OUR NEW
22 REHABILITATION MODEL FACILITY AT KILPATRICK, WHICH INSTEAD OF
23 ISOLATION OR SOLITARY ROOMS IS BEING BUILT WITH ATHLETIC
24 FIELDS, PERFORMING ARTS SPACES AND VOCATIONAL CLASSROOMS,
25 ENDING SOLITARY IS PERFECTLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR GOAL OF



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1 GIVING KIDS DID PROPER RESOURCES TO REDIRECT THEIR LIVES WHILE
2 THEY STILL ARE KIDS. I DO WANT TO ADD THAT IT'S IMPORTANT WE
3 GIVE THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES THE TOOLS AND TRAINING
4 THEY NEED: EFFECTIVE, HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO CONFINEMENT
5 EXIST. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT OUR PROBATION STAFF BE WELL
6 PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **JO KAPLAN:** MY NAME IS JO KAPLAN. I'M ALSO A PROBATION
12 COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'D LIKE TO SAY,
13 AS I WAS SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE PREPARING SOME NOTES FOR
14 TODAY, I REALIZED THAT IT HAS BEEN OVER 40 YEARS THAT I HAVE
15 COME TO TUESDAY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BEEN
16 URGING THIS BODY, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT THE SAME BODIES, TO START
17 DOING MEANINGFUL REFORM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO HAVE OUR
18 PROBATION DEPARTMENT CHANGE HARMFUL POLICIES AND BE A LEADER
19 IN THIS JUVENILE JUSTICE WORLD, NOT BE BEHIND THE CURVE.
20 SADLY, AND TRAGICALLY, MOST OF THE TIMES THAT I HAVE
21 TESTIFIED, THOSE MOTIONS HAVE NOT PASSED. AND AS A RESULT,
22 WE'VE HAD CLOSE TO TWO DECADES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
23 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MONITORING US, TRYING TO MAKE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT DO THE RIGHT THING. I ALSO
25 REMEMBERED THAT IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO, TIME REALLY DOES FLY,



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1 WHEN I HEARD DAVID JANSSEN, WHO WAS THE FORMER C.E.O. OF THIS
2 L.A. COUNTY AND TWO OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE ON THIS
3 BOARD WHEN DAVID JANSSEN WAS HERE. HE GAVE A SPEECH IN FRONT
4 OF PROBABLY A THOUSAND PEOPLE, I WAS THERE, AND HE SAID "THIS
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS STUCK ON STUPID." THOSE WERE HIS
6 WORDS. HE WAS THE C.E.O. AND HE SAID, THE THINGS WE'RE DOING,
7 THEY DON'T WORK. THESE POLICIES HAVE TO CHANGE. AND I HAVE TO
8 SAY SITTING HERE TODAY, THIS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT MOTION IS
9 SYMBOLIC OF SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN STUPID. AND I AM JUST SO
10 HAPPY TO BE HERE AND HEAR THE COMMENTS OF THE DIFFERENT
11 SUPERVISORS. THEY'RE SO INTELLIGENT AND SO ENLIGHTENED. AND
12 I'M GLAD I'M STILL ON THIS PROBATION COMMISSION SO THAT I CAN
13 BE HERE TODAY IN A MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC STATE OF MIND. SO I
14 THINK IN CLOSING, I URGE THIS BOARD TO DO THE RIGHT THING
15 TODAY. I HOPE THIS MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. IT IS THE RIGHT
16 THING TO DO. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD BE A LEADER IN JUVENILE
17 JUSTICE. WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE BEHIND THE CURVE AND BE HAVING
18 TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MONITORING US. YOU HAVE AN
19 OPPORTUNITY. YOU HAVE CAL REMINGTON, WHO IS A NATIONALLY
20 RESPECTED JUVENILE EXPERT IN TERMS OF REFORM. DON'T LET THIS
21 OPPORTUNITY GO AWAY. START DOING THE RIGHT THING TODAY. THANK
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **KIRN KIM:** MY NAME IS KIRN KIM. I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA
2 ENDOWMENT. BUT TODAY I'M SPEAKING OF A FORMERLY INCARCERATED
3 JUVENILE. FROM THE AGE OF 16--

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC. CLOSER.

6
7 **KIRN KIM:** FROM THE AGE OF 16 TO 18 I SPENT A TOTAL OF 15
8 MONTHS INSIDE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST
9 TO THE FACT OF THE HORRORS THAT GO ON INSIDE THE SYSTEM. YES,
10 THERE IS A NEED FOR SECURITY INSIDE AN INSTITUTION. HOWEVER,
11 THE TYPE OF PUNITIVE. ESCALATION THAT TAKES PLACE INVOLVING
12 THESE CHILDREN, BECAUSE AS ANY PARENT CAN ATTEST, CHILDREN ACT
13 OUT. AND AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAVE
14 STATED, MANY OF THESE CHILDREN WHO ARE INSIDE THE SYSTEM HAVE
15 PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRAUMATIZED. HOW ELSE DO THEY KNOW HOW TO
16 RESPOND, OTHER THAN TO ACT OUT? SIMPLY AS CHILDREN, WE DO NOT
17 HAVE THE PROPER COPING MECHANISM. IT IS SOMETHING THAT THEY
18 HAVE NOT YET LEARNED, SO THEY ACT OUT. THEY GET PLACED INTO
19 SOLITARY. HOW ELSE ARE THEY TO RESPOND OTHER THAN TO ACT OUT
20 FURTHER? THEN STAFF, UNDER THE GUISE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY OF
21 THE INSTITUTION, THE MINOR AND STAFF, PLACE THEM INTO PHYSICAL
22 RESTRAINTS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED INSIDE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH
23 FACILITIES LIKE A BODY NET OR A FIVE-POINT RESTRAINT. HOW AS A
24 SOCIETY CAN WE FIND ACCEPTABLE THAT CHILDREN ARE FORCIBLY
25 REMOVED OF THEIR CLOTHING AND PLACED IN THESE TYPE OF BODY



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1 RESTRAINTS UNDER THE GUISE OF SAFETY? HOW IS A CHILD TO
2 RESPOND TO THIS TYPE OF TRAUMA WHEN THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN
3 TRAUMATIZED? I CAN RECALL A YOUNG GIRL-- STATISTICALLY CHANCES
4 ARE SHE EXPERIENCED ALL KINDS OF TRAUMA BEFORE SHE EVEN WENT
5 INTO THE SYSTEM-- BEING PLACED INTO THIS RESTRAINT IN THIS
6 ISOLATION SCREAMING AND CRYING, "WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO
7 ME?" REPEATEDLY FOR HOURS ON END. HOW IS THAT CONSIDERED
8 ACCEPTABLE IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY? THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **REV. WALTER CONTRERAS:** MY NAME IS REVEREND WALTER CONTRERAS. I
13 REPRESENT C.L.U.E., WHO IS PRESENT RIGHT HERE. ALSO I AM THE
14 VICE PRESIDENT OF N.E.L.C., WHICH STANDS FOR NATIONAL LATINO
15 EVANGELICAL COALITION. SO I SUPERVISE THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES
16 NOT ONLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES BUT ALSO ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND
17 I AM PROUD THAT WE ARE INITIATING THIS TYPE OF DECISION RIGHT
18 NOW. AS YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA IS TO BE KNOWN AS-- YOU GOT MORE
19 JAILS THAN ANY PLACE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY. SO OUR REPUTATION
20 HAS GONE THROUGH THE ROOF IN REGARDS TO MASS INCARCERATION.
21 BUT I'M PROUD THAT WE'RE DOING THIS RIGHT NOW. NOT FOR THE
22 SAKE OF JUST ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING ON CARING FOR
23 THESE KIDS BUT ALSO FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN. IT IS
24 IMMORAL, IT IS IMMORAL THAT WE KEEP ALLOWING THIS CONFINEMENT
25 FOR KIDS. IN BEHALF OF ALL OF THE THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES WHO



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1 STRUGGLE WITH THE ISSUE, WE RESPOND TO ONE OF THE SIX THINGS
2 THAT JESUS SAID, "WHEN I WAS IN PRISON, YOU VISITED ME." SO
3 THIS IS VERY CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD. AND I HOPE THAT YOU
4 ALL PASS THIS DECISION TODAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS VERY,
5 VERY IMPORTANT. I WORKED FOR MANY YEARS IN SKID ROW. AND I
6 REMEMBER TAKING ONE YEAR AND WORKING ON AN ORGANIZATION, ON A
7 PLACE WHERE WE TAKE JUVENILES. AND I REMEMBER FOR THAT YEAR
8 HAVING TO DEAL WITH A KID WHO CAME FROM SKID ROW. HIS NAME IS
9 ROBERT. I CHANGED THE NAME FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING HIS
10 IDENTITY. BUT WHEN HE CAME INTO THIS INSTITUTION, HE NOTICED
11 ME. HE REMEMBERED ME WHEN HE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD. AFRAID. HE
12 WAS 14 AT THE TIME. AND HE TOLD ME, "I'M VERY MUCH AFRAID."
13 AND AS I SAW THE WAY WE WERE DOING THIS CONFINEMENT TO THE
14 JUVENILES, I BECAME VERY, VERY CONCERNED. THAT'S WHY I TOOK
15 THIS FIGHT MANY YEARS AGO SO THAT WE CAN CREATE THE SUPPORT
16 AMONG MANY OF THE CLERGY. SO WE STAND WITH YOU REGARDING THIS
17 THE APPROVAL OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **ALEX SANCHEZ:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALEX SANCHEZ. I'M THE
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOMIES UNIDOS, HOMELESS PREVENTION
23 ORGANIZATION IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF PICO UNION
24 AND WESTLAKE. I MYSELF PERSONALLY WAS IMPACTED BY SOLITARY
25 CONFINEMENT BOTH IN JUVENILE HALLS AS WELL AS CAMPS AND IN THE



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1 ADULT FACILITIES. I REMEMBER IN CAMP GONZALEZ I TRIED TO BREAK
2 MY FINGER INSIDE A FACILITY JUST TO GET OUT OF ISOLATION. SO I
3 KNOW THE EFFECTS AND TRAUMATIC IMPACT THAT IT'S HAD IN MY LIFE
4 WHERE THERE WAS NO INTERVENTION TO SEE WHAT WAS MY PERSONAL
5 NEEDS? I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD APPROACH, THIS MOTION, TO
6 ELIMINATE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, BUT NOT JUST JUVENILE HALL BUT
7 OVERALL THE ADULT PRISONS AND JAIL. AND WE SEE THAT THE IMPACT
8 THAT THIS HAS HAD IN MASS INCARCERATION OF OUR YOUTH. WE HAVE
9 ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION
10 CORPS, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND HOMEBOY INDUSTRY IN THE
11 HOUSE HERE THAT DEAL DAILY WITH YOUTH THAT ARE COMING OUT OF
12 JUVENILE HALLS AND PRISON AFTER BEING INCARCERATED AND IN
13 ISOLATION. AND WE KNOW THE IMPACT THAT IT TAKES FOR THEM TO
14 RE-ESTABLISH THEIR LIFE AND SOMETIMES IT'S A LIFELONG PROCESS
15 AND TRAUMATIC IMPACT THAT IT LEAVES BEHIND. I THINK THAT THE
16 POLICYMAKERS NEED TO APPROACH THIS AS A CULTURE OF MASS
17 INCARCERATION AND ATTACK IT WITH HUMANE POLICIES THAT COULD
18 ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF GANG VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS WELL
19 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. I THINK THAT IF WE START LOOKING
20 AT THIS ISSUE IN A HUMANE WAY, WE WILL START REDUCING MASS
21 INCARCERATION IN THE ADULT FACILITIES, AS WELL, BECAUSE IN THE
22 LONG RUN, THIS MONEY'S INVESTED IN MENTAL HEALTH IN THE
23 FACILITY WILL REDUCE RECIDIVISM IN THE ADULT PRISON SYSTEM, AS
24 WELL. SO I SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. AND GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO
25 ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REPRESENTING.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, THANK YOU.

3

4 **STEPHANIE SERRANO:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
5 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR PUTTING THIS
6 TOGETHER. I AM JUST BLOWN AWAY THAT 2016 AND WE'RE BARELY
7 FIGURING THIS OUT. I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU ALL KNOW, I GREW UP
8 IN L.A. COUNTY FOSTER CARE HERE SINCE I WAS A YEAR OLD. I WENT
9 OVER TO 13 PLACEMENTS MY ENTIRE LIFE. FIVE HIGH SCHOOLS. MY
10 PARENTS WERE PART OF THE WAR ON DRUGS. BUT NO ONE THOUGHT
11 ABOUT THE KIDS, RIGHT? US. I WAS STUCK INTO THE SYSTEM. I'M
12 PART OF 3 PERCENT IN THE COUNTRY TO GET MY DEGREE. I WAS
13 RAISED BY PH.D.S AND M.S.W.S. AND I'M PART OF 3 PERCENT TO GET
14 MY DEGREE. OKAY. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. RIDICULOUS. COUNTLESS OF
15 MY PEERS WERE STUCK IN FOSTER CARE AND THROWN INTO PROBATION
16 AND CALLED CRIMINALS AFTER BEING VICTIMIZED, AND THEN THEY'RE
17 VICTIMIZED IN PROBATION BY STAFF, BEATEN, THROWN. AND GUESS
18 WHAT, THEN THEY WERE MOVED TO PRISON. AND GUESS WHAT. NOW THEY
19 ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE. OKAY? I'M TIRED OF THIS. AND WE'RE
20 TIRED OF THIS. AND THERE'S A LOT OF MILLENNIALS OUT HERE THAT
21 ARE EMPOWERED FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND I'M A BROWN BERET AND
22 WE'RE COMING BACK FOR OUR YOUTH. WE'RE DONE. THIS IS A DIRECT
23 ASSAULT ON OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING WHEN 95
24 PERCENT OF THESE COMMUNITIES ARE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, OKAY.
25 NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS NEW FORM. GUESS WHAT? WHERE'S



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1 COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT? WHERE'S THE COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT ON HOW
2 YOU'RE GOING BUILD NEW PRISONS AND CONTRACT YOUR HOME BOYS FOR
3 NEW PRISONS? WE NEED TO BE ON THAT TABLE, THE COMMUNITY. MY
4 NAME IS STEPHANIE SERRANO. I HAVE A PROGRAM. I USED TO WORK
5 FOR WRAPAROUND. I HAVE AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM TO MEET WHAT
6 YOU GUYS ARE ASKING FOR TODAY, AND I'M HERE TO DEMAND THE
7 MONEY THAT THE COUNTY HAS FOR IT. STOP INVESTING IN PRISONS.
8 YOU WANT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE? I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE
9 BARELY TEACHING THEM IN MAY OF 2016, TRAUMA ENFORCED
10 PRACTICES. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I'M DISGUSTED. I HAVE AN
11 ALTERNATIVE, THOUGH. WE'RE ALL HERE TO PRESENT ALTERNATIVES
12 AND WE AIN'T GOING NOWHERE. I'M THE YOUNGEST [EXPLETIVE] IN
13 THE ROOM. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE RESPECT THE DECORUM OF THE
16 OFFICE. WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. BUT WE DO WANT SOME
17 CONFORMITY AND PEOPLE TO AT LEAST UNDERSTAND IF YOU WANT TO
18 APPLAUD, RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE, OKAY? WE HAVE SO MANY
19 SPEAKERS AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR EVERYONE. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

21

22 **FRANCISCO MARTINES:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO MARTINES.
23 I AM A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M A YOUTH WHO
24 EXPERIENCED SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AS WELL AS OTHER YOUTH
25 EXPERIENCED IT. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE WORKED ON THIS MOTION



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1 AS WELL AS TO BE CO-SPONSORS OF SENATE BILL 1143. PLEASE VOTE
2 YES TODAY. I WAS ONLY 17 WHEN I EXPERIENCED SOLITARY
3 CONFINEMENT IN L.A. JUVENILE HALL. AT THE AGE OF EXPERIENCING
4 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, IT WAS HORRIBLE, LIKE AN ANIMAL IN A
5 CAGE. CONDITIONS WERE SMALL, CONCRETE, DIRTY ROOM. THE WALLS
6 COVERED IN DIRT. DRIED UP SPIT. TAGGINGS ON THE WALLS. ON THE
7 BARS AND THE BED COVERING THE WINDOWS. THE MATTRESS WAS SO
8 RIPPED UP SO AS I WAS LAYING DOWN ON THE CONCRETE OR STEEL
9 BARS. WE WERE KEPT IN OUR BOXERS WITH A T-SHIRT AND SOCKS AND
10 A THIN BLANKET. THE COLD FROM THE AIR CONDITIONING BLOWING
11 24/7 WAS THE WORST FOR ME BECAUSE I HAVE ASTHMA. AND I HAD
12 SHORTAGE OF BREATH WHEN I WOKE UP UNTIL I WENT TO SLEEP. I HAD
13 AN ASTHMA ATTACK AND I WAITED FOR MORNING UNTIL NIGHT TO GO TO
14 THE MEDICAL UNIT. I WAS SHAKING, NEVER ABLE TO GET A GOOD
15 NIGHT'S SLEEP. BEING IN YOUR ROOM FOR SO MANY HOURS WITHOUT
16 ANYTHING TO READ, NOTHING TO WRITE WITH, NOTHING TO ACCOMPANY
17 YOUR MIND. YOU CANNOT EVEN ESCAPE TO A FANTASY WORLD. EVEN
18 THAT WILL HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE BUT NOT HAVING THAT IS
19 TRAUMATIZING. I WOULD HAVE TO POUND ON THE DOOR WHEN I NEEDED
20 TO USE THE BATHROOM. SOMETIMES THE STAFF IGNORES YOU. AND IT'S
21 NOT UNCOMMON FOR PEOPLE TO PEE INTO A SHEET OR INTO THE CORNER
22 OF A ROOM. THE REASONS THEY HAD ME IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WAS
23 BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE OPTIONS FOR HOW TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE.
24 INSTEAD OF HAVING ME DO POSITIVE THINGS TO HELP ME IN MY ROOM
25 WITH MY OWN THOUGHTS, FEELING HOPELESS, HELPLESS, SCARED,



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1 FEELING THAT WAS TRAUMATIZING TO ME. I WAS GETTING HIGH BEFORE
2 I GOT LOCKED UP AND ALSO WHEN I WENT INTO JUVENILE HALL HIGH.
3 I WENT THROUGH WITHDRAWAL BY MYSELF AND THAT MADE SOLITARY
4 EVEN HARDER. THEY THINK BEING AWAY FROM DRUGS IS ENOUGH. BUT
5 IT DOESN'T AFFECT ITSELF. YOU NEED TO HELP GET THROUGH THE
6 FEELING OF WANTING TO GET HIGH. COLLEGE PREP NOT PRISON PREP.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] RAISE THE
9 ROOF, FOLKS. OKAY. WE HAVE TINA MARQUEZ PADILLA WHO I CALLED.
10 ISAAC MARTINES AND TED SNYDER. ARE THEY STILL HERE? IF NOT,
11 WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT GROUP OF FOLKS.

12

13 **THEODORE SNYDER:** I'M URGING THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON TODAY'S MOTION AND LIMIT THE USE OF
15 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR YOUTH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME, SIR? CAN YOU STATE YOUR
18 NAME?

19

20 **THEODORE SNYDER:** MY NAME IS TED SNYDER.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

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24 **THEODORE SNYDER:** MY NAME IS THEODORE SNYDER. MY SON'S NAME IS
25 TEDDY. TEDDY WAS 15 YEARS OLD WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED, AND



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1 TRANSFERRED FROM DIRECT FILE BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INTO
2 ADULT COURT. THIS IS MY SON WHEN HE WAS 15. TODAY HE'S 25.
3 HE'S BEEN LOCKED UP SINCE JULY 26, 2006. RIGHT NOW AT THIS
4 MOMENT HE'S IN KILPATRICK PENITENTIARY. I USED TO GO UP TO
5 SYLMAR SO MUCH THAT PEOPLE THOUGHT I WORKED THERE. EVEN SOME
6 OF THE STAFF THOUGHT I WORKED THERE. GOD GAVE ME THIS BOY WHEN
7 I WAS 46. AND I TAKE CARE OF HIM, YOU KNOW. I USED TO SMUGGLE,
8 WELL ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO READ THIS. BUT I USED TO SMUGGLE
9 FOOD IN TO HIM FROM CHICKEN I WOULD GET ON KING AND CRENSHAW
10 AND TACOS AND BURRITOS. I WOULD GET NEAR THE 10 FREEWAY AND I
11 WOULD TAKE THEM TO HIM, BECAUSE HE LOST 20 POUNDS WHEN HE WAS
12 IN THERE. FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS WHILE GOING BACK AND FORTH TO
13 COURT, TEDDY WAS DETAINED AT ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST SECURE
14 JUVENILE HALLS, THE COMPOUND AT BARRY J. NIDORF IN SYLMAR
15 WHERE AS MANY AS 250 YOUTH CAN BE LOCKED UP AT A TIME WHILE
16 BEING TRIED AS AN ADULT. THE COMPOUND WAS BUILT AT THE COST OF
17 \$35 MILLION ESPECIALLY TO HOUSE YOUTH WITH ADULT COURT
18 CHARGES. IT IS SURROUNDED BY A 20-FOOT HIGH FENCED IN SECURED
19 LIGHTENING AND RAZOR WIRE. YOUTH ARE KEPT IN INDIVIDUAL CELLS
20 WHILE SCHOOLED SEPARATE FROM OTHER YOUTH IN DETENTION. THERE'S
21 ALSO A 20-FOOT SIDE OF BLOCK WALL, SECURITY LIGHT AND WIRES,
22 GATE SURROUNDING THE JUVENILE HALL ITSELF. SO THE COMPOUND
23 EXISTS AS A MINI SUPER-MAX PRISON WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A
24 JUVENILE HALL. DESPITE THESE MAXIMUM SECURITY MEASUREMENTS,
25 NOT LONG AFTER TEDDY ENTERED THE COMPOUND, THE CHIEF OF LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AT THAT TIME MADE A
2 DECISION TO PUT ALL YOUTH IN COMPOUNDS IN SOLITARY
3 CONFINEMENT. THIS WAS DUE TO THEIR CHARGES, NOT TO THEIR
4 BEHAVIOR.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IF YOU
7 WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOUR STATEMENT AND WE'LL MAKE COPIES FOR
8 THE REST OF THE BOARD.

9

10 **THEODORE SNYDER:** WHO SHALL I LEAVE IT WITH?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU LEAVE IT RIGHT HERE. [OFF MIC.
13 COMMENTS] WELL, WE HAVEN'T SET THAT.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DID YOU SIGN UP? SO YOU HAVE AN
16 ADDITIONAL MINUTE AND A HALF.

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18 **THEODORE SNYDER:** A MINUTE AND A HALF?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE HER NAME, RIGHT?

21

22 **THEODORE SNYDER:** I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT MINUTE AND A HALF FOR
23 SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS AND YEARS. I'M JUST
24 GOING TO TALK LIKE THIS. I SEEN GUYS IN SYLMAR WHO WOULD KNOCK
25 ON THE DOOR, TRY TO USE THE RESTROOM. THEY WOULDN'T LET THEM



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1 OUT. SOME OF THE GUYS URINATED ON SHEETS AND THEN GOT IN
2 TROUBLE FOR DOING THAT. AND IT WAS A SHAME THAT MY SON GOT
3 TREATED WITH RESPECT BECAUSE I TAUGHT MY SON HOW TO MAKE
4 PEOPLE LIKE HIM. BUT SOME OF THE KIDS WHO WERE GRAVELY AND
5 EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND HAD BEEN PUNISHED ALL THEIR LIFE
6 WITH GETTING HIT IN THE HEAD WITH COOKIE TRAYS BECAUSE THEY
7 DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT. I WORK WITH KIDS TODAY. I'VE BEEN
8 WORKING WITH THEM SINCE 1999. AND MOST OF MY KIDS ARE GRAVELY
9 EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT. BUT THEY
10 DON'T NEED TO BE TREATED LIKE THEY DO, NOT IN JUVENILE HALL.
11 WITHIN A WEEK, WE MET KIM MIGUEL. WE MET KIM AT YOUTH JUSTICE
12 COALITION AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR HER AND THE COALITION, I
13 DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DID. BUT SHE HELPED ME CHANGE MY
14 THOUGHTS. SHE HELPED ME CHANGE MY SON. AS OF RIGHT NOW, SHE'S
15 STILL HELPING ME. YOU KNOW, I'M PROUD OF THE PROGRAM THAT SHE
16 RUNS. EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE JUDGED BY THE TOTALITY OF THEIR
17 LIVES, NOT ONLY BY THEIR ONE WORST ACT. I'M SURE THAT THE
18 PROBATION CHIEF ONLY SAW TEDDY THROUGH HIS CHARGES AND
19 IMAGINED A MONSTER. BUT I SEE TEDDY BY HIS ACTIONS IN JUVENILE
20 HALL, AND I HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF. AS OF RIGHT NOW, TEDDY'S
21 BEEN LOCKED UP 10 YEARS. I THINK I MISSED THREE MONTHS GOING
22 TO SEE HIM. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO GO TO SEE HIM UNTIL, WELL,
23 I'LL PUT IT LIKE THIS. I'M 72 YEARS OLD. I HOPE HE'LL GET OUT
24 BEFORE I'M 80. I DON'T WANT HIM COMING HOME HAVING TO TAKE



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1 CARE OF ME. AND I LOVE HIM. AND BEING AWAY FROM ME DON'T STOP
2 ME FROM LOVING HIM.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **THEODORE SNYDER:** WHAT WAS SAID REAL QUICK. I'M GOING TO SAY
7 THIS. SOMETIMES I GO UP TO CALIPAT, WHICH IS 200 MILES BOTH
8 WAYS. AND I GO THERE ABOUT TWO OR THREE TIMES A MONTH. AND I
9 BE THE ONLY FATHER, YOU KNOW. ALWAYS MOTHERS. BUT WHAT
10 HAPPENED TO THE FATHERS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THESE KIDS
11 ARE KIND OF THE WAY THEY ARE, YOU KNOW. AND IT'S SAD. BUT
12 HOPEFULLY YOU SUPERVISORS WILL HELP PASS THIS BECAUSE IT'S NOT
13 COOL AT ALL.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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17 **THEODORE SNYDER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. WE HAVE A LIST OF
20 SEVERAL SPEAKERS, MAYBE MORE THAN 30. WE'RE GOING TO PUT A
21 TIME IT. WE HAVE A MINUTE AND A HALF FOR EACH SPEAKER. SO WE
22 HAVE DAYVON WILLIAMS. ZACHARY HOOVER. JULIAN PENA VARGAS. ERIC
23 LOPEZ. ANDREA GORDON. AND IF YOU COULD START LINING UP, THAT
24 WOULD BE GREAT. ROHINI KHANNA. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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1 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS WITH THE
2 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO PASS THIS MOTION. I AM
3 AGAINST SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT A JUVENILE
4 WHEN I WAS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, I WAS AT MEN'S CENTRAL
5 DOWNTOWN. AND THE REASON I WAS PLACED THERE WAS NOT EVEN MY
6 FAULT. I HAVE EPILEPSY. I HAVE SEIZURES. SO MY CELL MATES WERE
7 SEEING SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH ME, I'M SPITTING UP AND
8 SHAKING AND STUFF. AND THEY GO TO THE GUARD AND TELL THEM
9 SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIM. AND THEY THOUGHT I WAS LYING. AND
10 THEY PLACED ME INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AS MANY WHO KNOW WHO
11 HAVE EXPERIENCED THE ROOMS ARE SMALL, DIRTY, NASTY EXTENSION.
12 NOW, OUR YOUTH, THEIR MINDS AREN'T FULLY DEVELOPED AT THAT
13 POINT, BEING THAT YOUNG. SO TO PLACE THEM IN THERE IS JUST, AS
14 YOU KNOW, TRAUMATIZING. I ONLY SPENT TWO WEEKS IN THERE, TWO
15 OR THREE DAYS WOULD FEEL LIKE, YEAH, A MONTH OR SO. IMAGINE
16 THE MEN, OR MEN, ADULTS WHO ARE IN PRISONS WHO SPEND YEARS AND
17 YEARS AND YEARS IN THERE. DO WE WANT TO SEE OUR YOUTH GO TO
18 THAT PATH? DO WE WANT TO SEE THEM GOING THERE? THEY'RE MISSING
19 OUT ON EDUCATIONAL CHANCES AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE
20 PROGRESSIVE. AND WE-- I PERSONALLY DO NOT WANT TO SEE THEM GO
21 THAT DIRECTION. AND WE NEED ALTERNATIVES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **ZACHARY HOOVER:** GOOD MORNING. I THINK IT'S STILL MORNING. GOOD
2 MORNING, MY NAME IS ZACHARY HOOVER. I'M HERE BOTH AS PROBATION
3 COMMISSIONER, AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A. VOICE,
4 WHICH IS A FEDERATION OF 55 CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES AND MOSQUES
5 ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND THE COMMENTS TODAY AND THINKING ABOUT
6 THIS MOTION JUST BROUGHT TO MIND IMMEDIATELY THE SCRIPTURE
7 WHERE THE DISCIPLES AND MANY OTHERS ARE GATHERED AROUND JESUS
8 AND MANY PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP THE CHILDREN FROM COMING TO HIM.
9 AND JESUS SAYS, HOLD ON A SECOND, LET THEM COME TO ME BECAUSE
10 THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS MADE OF THOSE SUCH AS THESE. AND WHAT
11 JESUS DOES IN THAT MOMENT IS HE FLIPS THE SCRIPT AND SAYS
12 THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT AN ANNOYANCE OR A PROBLEM TO BE DEALT
13 WITH, BUT THEY ARE THE VERY TREASURE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. I
14 THINK THAT THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US WITH THIS
15 MOTION IS TO FLIP THE SCRIPT ON HOW WE SEE OUR KIDS, THAT THEY
16 ARE THE VERY TREASURE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. AND IT JUST MAKES
17 SENSE THAT WE WOULD GET RID OF THIS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. I AM
18 VERY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
19 THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION. GRATEFUL TO HAVE AN
20 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE PROBATION COMMISSION AND TO BE
21 HERE IN SUPPORT OF IT. I URGE A UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND I'M ALSO
22 GRATEFUL TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO I KNOW ARE
23 STRETCHING ALREADY FOR OUR KIDS AND I TRUST WILL STRETCH EVEN
24 FARTHER. SO I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THEIR
25 LEADERSHIP WHAT WE CAN DO NEXT.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREAT. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **ANDREA GORDON:** MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF
5 THE UNION REPRESENTING THE MANAGERS IN THE PROBATION
6 DEPARTMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I THANK YOU FOR THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF SOLITARY
8 CONFINEMENT; HOWEVER, I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY AND
9 SECURITY. WE HAVE MANY KIDS WHO COME INTO OUR FACILITIES WHO
10 BRING WITH THEM THEIR VIOLENT GANG RIVALRIES FROM THE STREETS
11 AND THEY TRY AND CARRY THAT OUT IN OUR FACILITIES. AS CHIEF
12 CAL REMINGTON SPOKE EARLIER TODAY, SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS
13 LITERALLY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. WE HAVE TO HAVE THE MEANS TO
14 SEPARATE CHILDREN FROM ONE ANOTHER WHEN THE DANGER IS THERE
15 THAT CAN POSE A THREAT TO THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY, TO EACH
16 OTHER. IN THE CASE OF A CHILD WHO HAS MENTAL ILLNESS, TO
17 PROTECT THAT CHILD FROM HIS OWN BEHAVIOR, TO PROTECT OTHERS
18 FROM THAT CHILD'S BEHAVIOR, AND TO PROTECT STAFF. NOBODY
19 SHOULD HAVE TO DIE FOR A PAYCHECK. IN OUR COUNTY, AS FAR AS I
20 KNOW, THIS IS THE ONLY PROBATION STAFF THAT WAS EVER MURDERED
21 IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND IT OCCURRED AT OUR JOINTLY OPERATED
22 FACILITY, DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER, A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. WE
23 OPERATE THAT FACILITY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.
24 THOSE CHILDREN HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES LITERALLY AROUND
25 THE CLOCK AND WE STILL HAD AN EMPLOYEE WHO WAS BRUTALLY



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1 MURDERED. IN FEBRUARY, IN MY OWN FAMILY-- IF I COULD BE
2 ALLOWED TO CONTINUE JUST A MOMENT-- IN MY OWN FAMILY, MY
3 COUSIN AND HER HUSBAND WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED BY THEIR
4 GRANDSON. HE WENT INTO THEIR ROOM WHILE THEY WERE ASLEEP. THIS
5 WAS NOT AN ISSUE OF WHERE THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT THAT ESCALATED
6 OUT OF CONTROL. THEY WERE SOUND ASLEEP. AND HE WENT IN AND
7 BEAT THEM TO DEATH WITH AN ALUMINUM BASEBALL BAT. THAT CHILD
8 WILL NOW SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON, NEVER TO GET
9 OUT. WE HAVE TO HAVE THE MEANS FOR EFFECTIVE CONTAINMENT THAT
10 PROVIDES SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR ALL THE KIDS, FOR ALL OF OUR
11 STAFF, INCLUDING THE D.M.H. STAFF. SOMETIMES DE-ESCALATION IS
12 NOT WHAT'S NEEDED AT THAT MOMENT. THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR
13 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING TO THEM AND TO PROCESS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
14 TO THEM, AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED THAT CONTAINMENT AVAILABLE.
15 AND I'M NOT TALKING LONG PERIODS OF ISOLATION OR SOLITARY
16 CONFINEMENT. I TRULY AM TALKING ABOUT CONTAINMENT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **JULIAN PE A VARGAS:** MY NAME IS JULIAN KANEK PE A VARGAS AS AND
21 I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM NO. 8 TO RESTRICT THE USE OF
22 ISOLATION OF MINORS IN JUVENILE DETENTION. I WORK AT C.A.L.O.
23 YOUTH BUILD. I REPRESENT C.A.L.O. YOUTH BUILD ON THE EAST
24 SIDE. I CAN TESTIFY PERSONALLY WORKING WITH MANY YOUNG PEOPLE
25 THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS AND THE



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1 CAMPS. AND I'VE NOTICED FIRSHTHAND THAT FOLKS ESPECIALLY WHO'VE
2 SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE S.H.U. IN ISOLATION COME TO OUR
3 PROGRAMS AND VERY TEMPORARILY DISPLAY SOME AMOUNT OF OBEDIENCE
4 THROUGH FEAR. BUT THAT OBEDIENCE ONLY LASTS FOR ABOUT THREE
5 DAYS, MAXIMUM A WEEK, BEFORE THEY DISAPPEAR AND FALL BACK INTO
6 THEIR OLD HABITS. ISOLATION ESPECIALLY PROLONGED ISOLATION
7 DOES NOT LEAD TO HEALING WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR SECURING OUR
8 COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT REALLY THIS SPEAKS TO A LARGER
9 ISSUE THAT A LOT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR PROGRAM ARE
10 PASSIONATE ABOUT AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHICH IS IN ADDITION,
11 STOPPING THE \$2 BILLION JAIL EXPANSION PLAN. INSTEAD OF
12 BUILDING A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL THAT WOULD ISOLATE OUR PEOPLE
13 FROM THEIR LOVED ONES AND FROM THEIR FAMILIES THAT CAN PROVIDE
14 HEALING, WE NEED MORE OF THOSE RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
15 INSTEAD OF SHIPPING WOMEN OFF TO LANCASTER WHERE THEY CAN BE
16 EXPOSED TO TOXIC HEALTH HAZARDS, WE NEED TO CREATE SUPPORT
17 NETWORKS AND RESOURCES FOR THEM HERE AT HOME. SO I'M HERE WITH
18 MY STUDENTS, WITH OTHER STUDENTS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS AND WE'RE
19 IN SUPPORT OF LIMITING DETENTION AND ISOLATION AND WE'RE VERY
20 THANKFUL THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EAST SIDE HAS TAKEN A
21 LEADERSHIP POSITION ON THIS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

24



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1 **ROHINI KHANNA:** MY NAME IS ROHINI KHANNA. I'M HERE WITH THE
2 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I HAVE WORKED PREVIOUSLY
3 AS AN ATTORNEY BOTH IN DEPENDENCY AND DELINQUENCY SYSTEMS. I
4 WANTED TO PROVIDE THREE PRIMARY REASONS WHY I THINK THAT THIS
5 MOTION IS NEEDED. FIRST, AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, ROOM
6 CONFINEMENT THAT IS PUNITIVE AND/OR LENGTHY FAILS TO LEAD TO
7 IMPROVED BEHAVIOR OR PUBLIC SAFETY. ROOM CONFINEMENT IS NOT AN
8 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE THAT PROMOTES REHABILITATION AND HAS
9 BEEN CORRELATED WITH HIGHER RATES OF RECIDIVISM WHEN COMPARED
10 WITH THOSE IN DETENTION WHO DID NOT FACE TIME IN ROOM
11 CONFINEMENT. SECOND, THIS WOULD ALIGN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH
12 LOCAL AND NATIONAL TRENDS. AS WAS STATED PREVIOUSLY, AT LEAST
13 10 STATES HAVE TAKEN FAR- REACHING MEASURES TO CURB THE USE OF
14 ROOM CONFINEMENT. CALIFORNIA IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING SENATE
15 BILL 1143 THAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS CO-SPONSORING ALONG WITH
16 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. AND
17 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA WENT FURTHER BY BANNING THE ISOLATION
18 OF YOUTH AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT OR DISCIPLINE IN THE FEDERAL
19 SYSTEM WITH VERY LIMITED SAFETY EXCEPTIONS. IN MY EXPERIENCE,
20 THE LEVEL OF TRAUMA, FEAR, CONFUSION AND SHAME THAT COMES OVER
21 YOUNG PEOPLE PUT INTO ROOM CONFINEMENT IS OVERWHELMING. AND IT
22 ONLY INCREASES WITH THE LENGTH OF TIME IN ISOLATION. THUS,
23 THIS MOTION IS NOT ABOUT TAKING AWAY A TOOL FROM THE PROBATION
24 DEPARTMENT. IT IS ONLY AND IMPORTANTLY TO EXPAND THE OPTIONS



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1 FOR INTERVENING WITH YOUTH. OPTIONS LIKE SEPARATING AND USING
2 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **ERIC LOPEZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC LOPEZ.
7 I REPRESENT C.A.L.O. YOUTH BUILD.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERIC, COULD YOU PULL THE MIC. DOWN
10 CLOSER TO YOUR MOUTH SO I CAN HEAR YOU. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **ERIC LOPEZ:** C.A.L.O. YOUTH BUILD SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN
13 STRONGLY SUPPORTS ELIMINATING THE PRACTICE OF ISOLATING YOUTH
14 INSIDE JUVENILE HALLS. PROBATION CAMPS AND RANCHES ACROSS
15 CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS IN THE STATE'S YOUTH PRISONS DIVISION OF
16 JUVENILE JUSTICE. EXISTING LAW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
17 REGULATIONS UNDER TITLE 15 AND 24. ENTITLED MINIMUM STANDARDS
18 FOR JUVENILE FACILITIES FAILED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES
19 FOR THE USE OF ROOM CONFINEMENT OFTEN INTERCHANGEABLY USING
20 WORDS SUCH AS ISOLATION WITH SEGREGATION. MOST RECENTLY DURING
21 A HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
22 CONSTITUTION CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, SENATE MAJORITY
23 LEADER DICK DURBIN CALLED FOR ALL FEDERAL AND STATE FACILITIES
24 TO END THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR JUVENILES, PREGNANT
25 WOMEN AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL



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1 ILLNESS EXCEPT IN THOSE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PUBLIC
2 SAFETY REQUIRES IT. THERE IS NO NEED TO JUST TAKE YOUNG FOLKS
3 AND PUT THEM IN JUST SOLITARY.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **ERIC LOPEZ:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBMIT A LETTER THAT ME AND
8 MY SCHOOL DID.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SEVERAL MORE
11 WITNESSES, SO LET'S TRY TO RUN THROUGH AS QUICK AS WE CAN.
12 RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN. MELLO DESIRE. AMIRA RESNICK. BONNIE
13 HERRARTE. CLARISSA GONZALEZ. KENNETH CARSON. TANISHA DENARD.
14 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

15

16 **MELLO DESIRE:** THANK YOU, KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR THIS INITIATIVE
17 THAT'S WELL NEEDED. MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I'M A FILMMAKER
18 AND YOUTH ACTIVIST AND I'VE BEEN SAYING FOR THE LAST THREE
19 YEARS, PERFORMING ARTS INITIATIVES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH BEFORE
20 THEY EVEN GET IN THERE IS ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES. NOW, A LOT
21 OF THE YOUTH THAT ARE IN JUVENILE DETENTION HALLS, THEY LACK
22 OF CREATIVITY. A LOT OF THEM ARE MUSICIANS. A LOT OF THEM LOOK
23 TO MUSIC TO ESCAPE THE ABUSE THAT THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH. A LOT
24 OF THEM REMEMBER FILMS OR CHARACTERS OR SOME TYPE OF
25 ENTERTAINMENT TO ALLOW THEM TO ESCAPE THE REALITY OF NOT



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1 HAVING PROPER STAFF TO TALK TO THEM, NOT HAVING SOMEONE TO
2 COUNSEL THEM, EVEN TELLING THEM WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE? NO
3 ONE'S REALLY ASKING THE KIDS BEFORE THEY GET IN. THEY SAY THIS
4 IS WHAT IT IS. AND THEY HAVE TO ADJUST TO IT. SO IN INNER
5 CITIES WHERE THERE'S LACK OF EVEN SUPERMARKETS, YOU CUT OUT
6 ARTS YEARS AGO. AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO PUT
7 BACK. RATHER THAN SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON MEETINGS AND
8 SOLUTIONS, WE'RE TELLING YOU WHAT THE SOLUTIONS IS. SO I'M IN
9 FAVOR OF THIS MOTION, REMOVING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, BECAUSE
10 IT DOESN'T HELP ANYBODY. WE KNOW THAT. BUT AFTER TODAY, WILL
11 SOMETHING ACTUALLY BE IMPLEMENTED SO THESE KIDS CAN STOP
12 SUFFERING? AND I ASK THAT MR. REMINGTON, I WOULD LOVE TO WORK
13 WITH HIM PERSONALLY TO INITIATE PERFORMING ARTS AS A
14 CURRICULUM INSIDE THE HALLS SO AT LEAST WHEN THEY LEAVE, THEY
15 HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF CREATIVITY AND ABLE TO COMMUNICATE
16 BETTER THROUGH MUSIC AND FILM.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **BONNIE HERRARTE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BONNIE. I'M 19 YEARS OLD. I
21 LIVE IN THE CITY OF LAWNSDALE. I AM CURRENTLY ATTENDING YOUTH
22 JUSTICE COALITION.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC. CLEARER,
25 PLEASE? JUST PULL IT TOWARDS YOU, THE MIC.



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2 **BONNIE HERRARTE:** TODAY I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT WHAT I THINK
3 ABOUT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM NEGATIVELY
4 CHANGES YOUR LIFE AS A JUVENILE. BEING INCARCERATED MAKES YOU
5 COME OUT A DIFFERENT PERSON, SOME A GOOD WAY AND BUT MOSTLY
6 BAD WAYS. YOU START TO ADAPT TO OTHER JUVENILES THAT ARE
7 INCARCERATED. IF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT DID NOT EXIST I THINK MY
8 LOVED ONES MIGHT BE BETTER BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T BE SO
9 STRESSFUL AND FRUSTRATED, ALSO WOULDN'T BECOME CRAZY. I THINK
10 THEY'LL JUST BE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IS
11 TORTURE FOR YOUTH BECAUSE THERE IS NO SOCIAL CONTACT WITH
12 ANYONE. AND YOU'RE IN A SMALL ROOM. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT
13 NEGATIVELY IMPACTS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SO BAD THAT IT CAN
14 PROBABLY LEAD TO DEATH OR THE DISABILITIES CAN BECOME WORSE.
15 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

18

19 **AMIRA RESNICK:** HELLO MY NAME IS AMIRA RESNICK. I'M HERE AS A
20 VOLUNTEER LEADER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH
21 PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT ITEM 8,
22 TO END THE PRACTICE OF PLACING YOUTH IN THE RESTRICTIVE
23 HOUSING. BEND THE ARC WORKS ON AN ARRAY OF DOMESTIC ISSUES
24 INVOLVING RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND CIVIL RIGHTS. WE
25 ORGANIZE AMERICAN JEWS AS PART OF A LARGER PROGRESSIVE



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1 MOVEMENT AND HAVE A STRONG BASE HERE IN CALIFORNIA WITH STAFF
2 AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WE'RE ALSO CO-
3 SPONSOR OF S.B.1143, THE BILL THAT WOULD SET WORKABLE AND
4 HUMANE STANDARDS AND LIMITS, THE USE OF ROOM CONFINEMENT OF
5 YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA'S JUVENILE FACILITIES. THIS ISSUE IS
6 IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR WHOLE LIVES
7 AHEAD OF THEM SHOULD NOT BE TREATED IN A WAY THAT ONLY MAKES
8 IT HARDER FOR THEM TO REINTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY AND TO
9 CONTRIBUTE PRODUCTIVELY. WE SHOULD NOT BE CREATING DAMAGE THAT
10 MAKES THESE PRISON SENTENCES A LIFE SENTENCE FOR OUR YOUNG
11 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **CLARISSA GONZALEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CLARISSA GONZALEZ AND I
16 AM A MEMBER OF C.A.L.O. YOUTH BUILD. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM
17 NO. 8. IN 1990, THE UNITED NATIONS GUIDELINES FOR THE
18 PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROHIBITED THE USE OF
19 ISOLATION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF PUNISHMENT THAT MAY COMPROMISE
20 THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF JUVENILES. YET IN
21 CALIFORNIA, THE ROOM CONFINEMENT AGAINST YOUTH CONTINUES IN
22 BOTH STATE AND LOCAL FACILITIES. DURING THE 15-WEEK PERIOD,
23 THERE WERE 249 INCIDENTS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. IN ONE CASE,
24 THE YOUTH RECEIVED ONLY ONE HOUR OUT OF HIS CELL FOR OVER A
25 PERIOD OF 10 DAYS. IN 2011, C.V.C.R. MADE AN INTERNAL AUDIT



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1 THAT FOUND CONTINUING ABUSES WITHIN THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE
2 JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING YOUTH LOCKED UP IN THEIR CELLS FOR
3 MORE THAN 23 HOURS A DAY WHICH CAN LEAD TO MENTAL HEALTH
4 ISSUES IF NOT GIVEN THE PROPER ATTENTION AND USE OF BRAIN
5 NEEDS TO THRIVE. IF IT IS THE LAND OF FREE OR HOME OF THE
6 CAGE? THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10 **KENNETH CARSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEN
11 CARSON. I ACTUALLY DIDN'T COME HERE TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM, BUT
12 I AM HAPPY TO CONGRATULATE YOU GUYS ON YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS
13 ISSUE AND CERTAINLY TO STAND IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU. I JUST
14 WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT AS A COUNTY AND AS A STATE AND AS
15 A NATION, THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL THIS INHUMANE,
16 DEHUMANIZING PRACTICE IS ERADICATED ON ALL LEVELS OF
17 INCARCERATION. AND I JUST HOPE THAT YOU GUYS WILL SHOW
18 LEADERSHIP IN THAT REGARD ALSO. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA. I'M WITH
23 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANTED TO URGE YOU GUYS TO
24 SUPPORT THIS. I FIRST WANT TO DELIVER YESTERDAY, I MEAN,
25 Y.D.C.S. RECEIVED OVER 50 LETTERS OF SUPPORT THAT I WANT TO



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1 GIVE TO KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND THOMAS, YOU GUYS SHOULD HAVE
2 RECEIVED YOURS. I WAS ARRESTED IN SCHOOL FOR GETTING INTO A
3 FIGHT IN FRONT OF PROBATION. WHENEVER I WAS LATE TO SCHOOL,
4 THE POLICE WOULD BE SURROUNDING THE CAMPUS, GIVING OUT TRUANCY
5 TICKETS. AFTER A FEW TIMES GETTING TICKETS, MY PROBATION WAS
6 VIOLATED AND I WAS SENT TO LAS VIRGENES JUVENILE HALL. FOR THE
7 FIRST TWO DAYS I WAS VERY DISTANT. I WOULDN'T EAT OR GO TO THE
8 DAY ROOM WHERE YOU WOULD SIT WITH OTHER GIRLS. I FELT UNSURE
9 AND UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO COUNSEL ME, THE
10 PROBATION STAFF JUST STOPPED TALKING TO ME. THEY STOPPED
11 ASKING IF I WANTED FOOD OR TO GO TO THE DAY ROOM TIME. EVEN
12 THOUGH I WASN'T IN LOCKDOWN, IT FELT LIKE I WAS IN SOLITARY
13 CONFINEMENT ALREADY. EVEN FOR PEOPLE WHO WENT ON LOCKDOWN,
14 LIGHTS FOR EVERYONE WAS ALSO LOCKDOWN CONDITIONS. FROM 8 OR 9
15 P.M. UNTIL 6 A.M. YOU WERE LOCKED INTO A SMALL SINGLE PERSON
16 CELL THAT ARE ABOUT 5 BY 10 FEET WITH A METAL DOOR AND A SMALL
17 SHATTERPROOF WINDOW THAT YOU CAN SEE OUT INTO A SMALL PART OF
18 THE HALL IF YOU STAND ON YOUR TOES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE
19 DOOR, THE WALLS ARE CINDER BLOCK PAINTED WHITE AND SOME
20 SECTIONS OF THE WALL ARE COVERED IN GANG RELATED TAGGINGS,
21 BROWN STAINS THAT LOOKED LIKE SMEARED FECES OR BLOOD, AND THE
22 AIR CONDITIONING WILL BE ON FULL BLAST, SO IT WAS FREEZING. IF
23 YOU WERE FOUND WITH EXTRA BLANKET OR SWEATSHIRT YOU WERE
24 ACCUSED OF HAVING CONTRABAND AND PUNISHED. WE HAD NO BOOKS OR
25 WRITING MATERIALS SO NIGHTS WERE ENDLESS. JUST YOU, YOUR



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1 THOUGHTS AND THE SCREAMS OF THE CRYING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
2 CELLS NEXT TO YOU. THE SHEETS AND UNDERWEAR WERE ALSO OFTEN
3 STAINED WITH URINE AND BLOOD, FECES AND PEOPLE HAD TO BEG TO
4 USE THE RESTROOM AND WERE IGNORED AND TOLD TO SHUT UP AND
5 SOMETIMES WERE FORCED TO PEE ON THE FLOOR OR THE SHEETS. I
6 THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUVENILE HALL DESERVE SOMETHING
7 BETTER THAN THE 24-HOUR CELL. IF WE NEED SOMETHING TO CALM OR-
8 - TO HEAL OR CALM DOWN, THE BEST THING WOULD BE TO CREATE A
9 NATURE PARK OR HAVE US WORK OUTSIDE TO GROW FOOD OR TAKE
10 VOCATIONAL TRAINING SO THAT WE START OUR LIVES OVER AFTER
11 RELEASE. IF I COULD HAVE ALL THE Y.J.C. PEOPLE STAND UP.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF.

14

15 **TANISHA DENARD:** I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU GUYS TO PASS THE
16 MOTION. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEAR WITH ME. WE STILL
19 HAVE A FEW MORE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM BUT WE'RE TRYING TO GET
20 THROUGH IT FOR THE OTHER 11 A.M. ITEM THAT WAS HELD ON PARKS.
21 SO STAY WITH US, FOLKS. WE HAVE KAILE SHILLING. RUTH SARNOFF.
22 JOSEPH MAIZLISH. ERIC PREVEN. AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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24 **KAILE SHILLING:** HI, THANK YOU. I'M KAILE SHILLING. I'M THE
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH NETWORK,



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1 WHICH IS A NETWORK OF EIGHT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING ARTS TO
2 YOUTH IN DETENTION IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE ACTUALLY IN 10 SITES
3 RIGHT NOW ACROSS L.A. COUNTY PROVIDING ARTS PROGRAMMING. AT
4 FIVE OF THOSE SITES ARE S.H.U. UNITS, AND OUR ARTISTS ARE
5 WORKING WITH KIDS TO IMAGINE WHAT THOSE SPACES COULD BE
6 REPLACED WITH AND HOW THOSE SPACES COULD BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE
7 THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THEY SHOULD BE. AS HAS ALREADY BEEN
8 SO WELL EXPRESSED HERE TODAY, ELIMINATING THIS PRACTICE OF
9 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, OF ROOM CONFINEMENT FOR YOUNG BOYS AND
10 GIRLS WITH SUPPORT AND ALIGNED WITH THE BEST PRACTICE AND
11 REHABILITATIVE FOCUS TOWARD YOUTH ALREADY EMBRACED BY LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. WHAT THE MEMBERS AND TEACHING ARTISTS OF THE
13 ARTS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH NETWORK KNOW IS THAT ARTS, MUSIC,
14 VISUAL ARTS, WRITING, THEATER, ARE HEALING AND ENGAGING
15 PRACTICES AND ONES THAT CAN ALSO CREATE A CAMP TO CAREER
16 PATHWAY IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY, ONE OF THE LARGEST ECONOMIC
17 SECTORS IN THE REGION. IN SHORT, WE HAVE OPTIONS. WE ARE JUST
18 ONE OF NUMEROUS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN PROVIDE
19 SUPPORTIVE AND HEALING-INFORMED INTERVENTION AS AN ALTERNATIVE
20 TO ISOLATION. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AS IT SUPPORTS
21 THE HEALTH OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THUS THE HEALTH OF OUR
22 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **KAILE SHILLING:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. DITTO ON NO S.H.U.S IN ALL LEVELS
4 OF INCARCERATION. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AT A GATHERING
5 AT MACARTHUR PARK A FEW YEARS AGO AROUND SOME OF THE MISSING
6 WOMEN IN MEXICO AND SOME OTHER THINGS AND I SAW AN ACTUAL
7 S.H.U. AND WENT INSIDE. IT'S A MOST HORRIBLE THING. I THINK
8 THAT IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE COULD DO INSIDE OF THE NEW
9 FACILITIES, IT WOULD BE TO ENGAGE OUR MURALISTS AND ARTISTS
10 WHO ARE LOOKING FOR WALLS. I SAW A WHOLE MURAL DONE IN ABOUT
11 FOUR HOURS JUST THE OTHER NIGHT BY A WONDERFUL ARTIST. AND IT
12 WOULD COVER HALF OF ONE OF YOUR WALLS OVER THERE. AND THE
13 GARDENING AND GETTING SOME PLANTS AND SOME TREES. AND YOU CAN
14 CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE INSIDE EVEN A SOLITARY CONFINEMENT UNIT
15 WHICH COULD BE LARGER. IT COULD BE FULL OF THE KIND OF STUFF
16 THAT MAKES THE ENVIRONMENT LOOK BIGGER BECAUSE YOU CAN CREATE
17 A SENSE OF DISTANCE. YOU CAN EVEN PAINT WINDOWS ON THE INSIDE
18 EVEN IF THERE AREN'T ANY WINDOWS THERE. THERE ARE THINGS TO
19 DO. YOU PUT CARPETING ON YOUR FLOORS. AND YOU START USING SOME
20 COLOR AND PAINT AND SOME CREATIVITY AND MAKE LOVE SHINE OUT.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON. JOSEPH
24 MAIZLISH. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND CERTIFIED TRAUMA
25 TREATMENT SPECIALIST. DURING MY TRAINING YEARS AGO, I WAS



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1 WORKING WITH GROUPS OF ABUSED CHILDREN AND SOMETIME BEHAVIOR
2 DISTURBED CHILDREN. AND AT ONE GROUP MEETING, ONE OF THEM
3 STARTED TO RUN AROUND AND SHAKE HIS FIST IN THE FACE OF
4 ANOTHER CHILD THERE. SO I PUT HIM-- AFTER ATTEMPTS TO GET HIM
5 TO CHANGE HIS BEHAVIOR, I PUT HIM IN THIS HOLD WE HAD, HELD
6 HIM FOR A WHILE. HE WAS SCREAMING, "YOU'RE HURTING ME, YOU'RE
7 HURTING ME," AND I KEPT SURVEYING AND SAYING, HOW HARD AM I
8 HOLDING HIS WRISTS? AND EVENTUALLY HE CALMED DOWN AND THE REST
9 OF THE SESSION WAS A LITTLE BETTER. THIS TAUGHT ME THAT, YES,
10 WE NEED PHYSICAL RESTRAINT TO BE AVAILABLE AT TIMES, BUT WHAT
11 ELSE ARE WE DOING? WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THESE FOLKS?
12 WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THESE CHILDREN? WHAT ARE WE MODELING FOR
13 CHILDREN WHO HAVE HAD VERY BAD MODELING, IN MANY CASES, IN THE
14 PAST? THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO STUDY. IS THE SYSTEM GOING TO
15 MODEL SOMETHING BETTER FOR THEM THAN WHAT THEY HAVE
16 EXPERIENCED IN THE LET'S CALL IT CUSTODY OF FAMILIES WHEN THEY
17 WERE YOUNG OR OF OTHER SETTINGS WHERE THEY'VE HAD TO LIVE, HAD
18 TO SURVIVE. AND THEY'VE OFTEN IMITATED WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO
19 THEM. AND THAT'S THE ANSWER HERE. YOU FOLKS ARE TAKING A STEP
20 TOWARDS DOING SOMETHING BETTER WITH THEM, GIVING THEM
21 SOMETHING BETTER TO IMITATE. AND IT MAY NOT SINK IN RIGHT
22 AWAY, BUT IN THE LONGER TERM AND THROUGH ADULTHOOD, THE WAY WE
23 TREAT EACH OTHER IS THE WAY THEY TREAT OTHER PEOPLE LATER.
24 THANK YOU.
25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON.

4 ARNOLD SACHS. BOOK END HERE. THE ONE SPEAKER WHO TALKED AS A

5 COMMISSIONER, AND SHE TALKED ABOUT THE 20 YEARS THAT SHE'D

6 BEEN A COMMISSIONER AND HER BEING AT A MEETING OR DISCUSSION

7 WHERE DAVID JANSSEN SAID THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WAS STUCK ON

8 STUPID. AND THEN ONE YOUNG LADY WHO JUST CAME UP RECENTLY HAD

9 MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD BEEN INCARCERATED IN PROBATION MUST

10 HAVE BEEN A COUPLE YEARS AGO. SO YOU HAVE BOOK ENDS THERE. AND

11 THE CHANGES THAT YOU LOOK AT FROM PROBATION. IT'S JUST A

12 MOTION. YOU NEED OVERSIGHT. EVERYTHING. SOMEBODY MENTIONED

13 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE OVERSIGHT FOR 20 YEARS. SO

14 WHAT PROGRAMS WERE INITIATED THROUGH THE COUNTY'S PUSH FOR

15 MORE FUNDING TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS? IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS

16 TO UNDERSTAND THAT ISOLATION LIKE THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING,

17 JUST AS IT DOESN'T REALLY TAKE A GENIUS TO UNDERSTAND THE

18 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE SHOULD BE INCARCERATED IN JAIL. BUT WHAT

19 ARE THE ALTERNATIVES? WHAT ARE THE PROGRAMS? WE'VE HEARD

20 NUMEROUS TIMES THAT THE STATE ELIMINATED MENTAL HEALTH

21 FACILITIES. BUT THEY HAD NO PLAN FOR THE FALLOUT. SO WHAT

22 EXACTLY IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE FALLOUT? THE OTHER 20

23 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE BANNED SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, WHAT ARE

24 THEIR ALTERNATIVES THAT THEY USE?

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND THE COUNTY'S BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY \$6
4 BILLION IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. WHERE IS THE MONEY?

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
9 AND I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THE LATE BUT IMPORTANT MOVE TO PUT TO
10 REST WHAT IS AN INHUMANE AND INAPPROPRIATE PRACTICE THAT WE
11 HAVE KNOWN FOR A VERY LONG TIME. AND WHERE I'M APPRECIATIVE OF
12 THE EFFORT IN MAY TO ADD THREE DIFFERENT CENTERS, YOU KNOW,
13 START THAT PROCESS, I'M WORRIED THAT IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG, OF
14 COURSE. AND I'M THINKING ABOUT THE KILPATRICK CENTER WHICH I
15 THINK IN 2011 OR '12 WAS SHUT DOWN IN ORDER TO BE
16 REHABILITATED AS A BRAND NEW SPECIAL FACILITY. BUT THE PRICE
17 FOR THAT WAS SUCH AN ENORMOUS SUM THAT KEPT RISING AND RISING.
18 I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY BECAUSE THE IDEA OF A FACILITY TO
19 REHABILITATE OR EMPOWER PEOPLE WHO VEERED A LITTLE OFF THE
20 RAILS TO GET BACK ON THE RAILS SHOULDN'T BE THAT KIND OF A
21 FACILITY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. I WAS CONFUSED WHEN THE
22 SUPERVISOR FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT WAS SO FOCUSED ON WHAT'S
23 THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE REMOVAL OF THIS PRACTICE? AND IT
24 CAME BACK FROM MR. REMINGTON THAT IT'S A PAINT JOB AND SOME
25 UNSPECIFIED-- THIS IS A PIMPLE ON THE SMALL SIDE OF A BIG



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1 PROBLEM. I MEAN, THE MONEY, WHATEVER MONEY IS INVOLVED IN
2 REMOVING THAT PRACTICE SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. I WILL JUST
3 SIMPLY SAY THAT A QUIET ROOM OR A PLACE TO REMOVE SOMEONE
4 WHO'S OUT OF CONTROL IS IMPORTANT BUT IT SHOULD BE DONE ON A
5 VERY, VERY SHORT-TERM BASIS. AND THIS IS A LONG-STANDING
6 PRACTICE. AND IT SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH SOLITARY
7 CONFINEMENT.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, THE QUESTION WAS
12 AIMED AT CLARIFYING FOR THE BOARD IF THERE WOULD BE ANY COSTS
13 ASSOCIATED WITH IT. IT IS AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE
14 QUESTION IF IT IS CONSTRUED TO SUGGEST THAT I WAS ATTEMPTING
15 TO DISCOURAGE THIS MOVING FORWARD. CLOSER ATTENTION WOULD BE
16 PAID TO THE FACT THAT I DECLARED MY SUPPORT FROM THE
17 BEGINNING. BUT I WOULD NOT WANT ANY COSTS TO BE AFTER THE FACT
18 SURFACE AND BECOME AN ISSUE. THAT'S WHY IT'S BEST FOR US TO
19 KNOW AHEAD OF TIME AND APPROVE ACCORDINGLY. I TRUST THAT
20 CLARIFIES THE ISSUE.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A LAST SPEAKER, STACEY COOK?
23 IS SHE HERE? STACEY COOK. CAN SOMEONE TELL US IF SHE'S IN THE
24 BUILDING? OKAY BECAUSE WE'VE GOT TO MOVE ON. WE HAVE SOME
25 OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE UP AFTER WE HAVE,



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1 MAYBE MORE THAN 50 SPEAKERS ON THE NEXT ITEM. WE DON'T WANT TO
2 SET A BAD PRECEDENT. SHE CAN SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT IF
3 SHE'D LIKE AT THE END. WE TRY TO ACCOMMODATE BUT YOU HAVE TO
4 BE HERE WHEN YOUR NAME'S CALLED. SO I APPRECIATE EVERYONE
5 COMING. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN AMENDED. AND BEFORE
6 WE MOVE ON FOR THE VOTE, I JUST WANT TO SAY I REALLY
7 APPRECIATE THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT AND INTEREST IN THIS
8 ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN-- RAISE THE ROOF. [APPLAUSE] RAISE THE
9 ROOF, FOLKS. OKAY, YOU'RE ON.

10

11 **STACEY COOK:** IT STARTED ALREADY. THAT'S NOT FAIR. OKAY. MY
12 NAME IS STACEY COOK. I AM A MARRIAGE FAMILY CHILD THERAPIST,
13 INTERN AT YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, NORTH [INAUDIBLE] HIGH
14 SCHOOL. I WORK WITH A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COME OUT OF
15 PROBATION. SO MY FIRST QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF
16 JUVENILE HALL? IS IT TO PUNISH? TO RE-INJURE? TO CRIMINALIZE?
17 OR TO REHABILITATE, REBUILD AND REDIRECT? DEPENDING UPON YOUR
18 ANSWER, OBVIOUSLY WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. IF
19 HEALING IS THE DESIRED OUTCOME, THEN COMMON SENSE AND BALANCED
20 BRAIN FUNCTIONING FOR HUMANS AND ANIMALS ALIKE, IT IS PROVEN
21 THAT ISOLATION IS A HUGE DETRIMENT, NOT A BENEFIT. LEAVING THE
22 CHILD ALONE TO ITS OWN NEGATIVE, TOXIC THOUGHTS FOR LONG
23 PERIODS OF TIME ONLY REITERATES THAT PERSON'S NEGATIVE AND
24 TOXIC THOUGHTS. SCIENTIFICALLY, THE BRAIN ISN'T FULLY
25 DEVELOPED UNTIL AROUND 25 YEARS OLD, WHICH MEANS ANY HUMAN



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1 UNDER 25 IS STILL MATURING AND DEVELOPING. JUVENILES SHOULD BE
2 SUPPORTED, CARED FOR AND NURTURED. THERAPY, INDIVIDUAL AND
3 GROUP SHOULD BE DONE DAILY WHEN SEVERE BEHAVIORS ARISE,
4 TRANSFORMATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.
5 SO YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO LOOK DIRECTLY AT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE,
6 WHO THEY HAVE HURT, AND HOW THEY HURT THEMSELVES AND THEIR
7 FAMILIES, HOW TO REPAIR AND THEN HEAL FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.
8 WE HAVE TO TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO ACT, HOW TO GET ANGRY,
9 HOW TO DEAL WITH DEEP PAIN, DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT, GUILT, FEAR,
10 ANXIETY, P.T.S.D. THAT STEMS FROM HOME, COMMUNITY, SCHOOLS AND
11 INCARCERATION. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IS NOT A WAY TO TREAT
12 THESE THINGS. SMART INTERVENTION IS. HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE.
13 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT HURTS. THE SOUL AND DEVELOPMENT IS NOT
14 HELPED. IT LEADS TO MORE HURT, MORE ANGER AND A NEED TO GET
15 REVENGE ON SOMEBODY, ANYBODY BECAUSE HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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19 **STACEY COOK:** AND IT'S CHILD ABUSE.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, FOLKS. OKAY. ON THIS
22 ITEM, IT HAS BEEN AMENDED AS FOLLOWS AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE
23 CLERK READ OFF THOSE AMENDMENTS.

24



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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AGENDA
2 ITEM NO. 8 WAS AS AMENDED BY YOUR MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 ALSO HAD THREE VERBAL AMENDMENTS, ONE BY SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH, REPORT BACK TO BOARD AFTER 90 DAYS OF
5 IMPLEMENTATION TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ANY ISSUES THAT COME UP
6 AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE. A VERBAL AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS, IDENTIFY OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH
8 SERVICES, INCLUDING FROM PHILANTHROPIC FUNDERS. AND VERBAL
9 AMENDMENT FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ALSO INCLUDE IN THE
10 REPORT BACK HOW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY
13 SOLIS. SECONDED BY KUEHL. I'M NOT GOING TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE.
14 I THINK SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID. AGAIN, JUST TO SAY THANK YOU TO
15 THOSE THAT CAME TODAY BEFORE THIS PARTICULAR MEETING TO HELP
16 US MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
17 WITH YOU AS WELL AS OUR STAFF, OUR PROBATION CHIEF, OUR
18 INTERIM PROBATION CHIEF AND ALSO ALL THE FOLKS THAT CARE ABOUT
19 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE 1200 THAT WE OVERSEE AT OUR CAMPS. THANK
20 YOU. OKAY. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S AS AMENDED. THREE
21 AMENDMENTS? CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

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



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE. IT'S UNANIMOUS.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT.

21 NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING UP THE PARK ITEM, NO. 10. AND WE

22 HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS HERE. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION. I'D ASK

23 OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC AND OUR OTHER MEMBERS TO COME

24 FORWARD. AND AGAIN, FOLKS, PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR CONDUCT HERE



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1 IN OUR BOARD MEETING. I THANK YOU FOR COMING. GRACIAS. I'M
2 SORRY. P-1. I'M AHEAD OF MYSELF. WE WILL ASK OUR-- YOU'RE ON.

3

4 **JOHN WICKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I'M
5 JOHN WICKER, DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
6 PARKS AND RECREATION. WITH ME IS DAVID EARLY, OUR CONSULTANT
7 FOR THIS PROJECT. ALSO NORMA GARCIA, THE HEAD OF OUR PLANNING
8 AND DEVELOPMENT. AND ALSO PAUL SIMON, OR DR. PAUL SIMON FROM
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WHILE I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE BACK
10 HERE TODAY TO PRESENT TO YOU THE COUNTY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE
11 PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT THIS AFTERNOON. AS YOU
12 KNOW, THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IS
13 ONE OF THE MOST FACTORS IN CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND
14 PROVIDING A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 RESIDENTS. PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OFFER
16 OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE ACTIVE LIVING, EXERCISE, ACCESS TO
17 OPEN SPACE, AND CONNECTIVITIES WITH OTHERS IN THE NATURAL
18 ENVIRONMENT. IN MARCH 2015, SUPERVISORS MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND
19 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS INTRODUCED A MOTION THAT INITIATED THIS
20 HISTORIC AND SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING OF THE COUNTY-WIDE
21 COMPREHENSIVE PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS
22 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THIS BOARD. THAT MOTION KICKED OFF A
23 HISTORIC AND SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING TO ENGAGE ALL COMMUNITIES
24 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO GATHER
25 DATA AND INPUT FOR FUTURE DECISION MAKING CONCERNING PARKS AND



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1 RECREATION. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT WAS
2 TO QUANTIFY THE MAGNITUDE OF NEED FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL
3 FACILITIES AND DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL COST OF MEETING THAT
4 NEED. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR OFFICES, WE WERE ABLE TO
5 EXPEDITE THE PROCESS FROM 16 MONTHS TO 14 MONTHS. AND TODAY WE
6 PRESENT TO YOU THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY WHICH CONTAINS THE
7 FINDINGS AND RESULTS OF THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT. WHILE THE
8 DATA HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS ON THE
9 PROJECT WEBSITE, THE ENTIRETY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL
10 BE MADE AVAILABLE THERE ON MAY 9TH. THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT
11 USES A TRANSPARENT BEST PRACTICES APPROACH TO EVALUATE PARK
12 AND RECREATION NEEDS AND IS THE PRODUCT OF AN ENGAGEMENT
13 PROCESS THAT INVOLVED THE PUBLIC, CITIES, UNINCORPORATED
14 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER
15 STAKEHOLDERS. SPECIFICALLY THIS REPORT USES A SET OF METRICS
16 TO MEASURE AND DOCUMENT PARK NEEDS FOR EACH STUDY AREA. IT
17 ESTABLISHES A FRAMEWORK TO DETERMINE THE OVERALL LEVEL OF PARK
18 NEED FOR EACH STUDY AREA. IT OFFERS A LIST OF PRIORITY
19 PROJECTS FOR EACH STUDY AREA. IT DETAILS ESTIMATED COSTS FOR
20 THE PRIORITY PROJECTS BY STUDY AREA. IT BUILDS A CONSTITUENCY
21 OF SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS
22 AND OPPORTUNITIES. AND IT INFORMS FUTURE DECISION MAKING
23 REGARDING PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION.
24 COLLABORATION WAS CRITICAL TO THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE
25 PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE



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1 RESIDENTS, THE CITIES, THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, THE
2 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS AND PROVIDED VALUABLE
4 INPUT. MANY OF THEM ARE HERE WITH US TODAY. I'D LIKE TO THANK
5 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT COLLABORATED IN THIS PROCESS, THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, REGIONAL PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND
7 SENIOR SERVICES, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND I'D ALSO LIKE
8 TO THANK MY TEAM AND ALL THE STAFF WHO SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT.
9 FINALLY, THIS UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
10 POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR FULL SUPPORT AND YOUR DESIRE TO
11 EXPAND THE RICH LEGACY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES
12 THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES. I'D NOW
13 LIKE TO SHOW A BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE PARK
14 NEEDS ASSESSMENT. AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DAVID EARLY TO
15 TAKE IT FROM HERE AND SHOW YOU THE PRESENTATION.

16

17 **DAVID EARLY:** THANK YOU, JOHN. MY NAME IS DAVID EARLY AND I AM
18 A PRINCIPAL WITH PLACEWORKS. WE HAVE BEEN YOUR CONSULTANTS ON
19 THIS PROJECT AND I'M GOING TO BE PRESENTING TO YOU THE 12-PAGE
20 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY THAT WE'VE PUT TOGETHER FOR YOU. I WILL BE
21 JUST GOING THROUGH IT PAGE BY PAGE TO ORIENT YOU TO THE
22 MATERIAL. PAGE 2 OF THE DOCUMENT HAS OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ON
23 IT. AND JOHN'S JUST GIVEN OVERVIEW OF THE FOLKS WE WANT THE
24 THANK. BUT I WANT TO PARTICULARLY THANK YOU, THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, YOUR DEPUTIES, THE STEERING COMMITTEE WHO MET



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1 WITH US THIS MORNING AND HAD BRUNCH AT THE INVITATION OF
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND OUR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO WAS
3 MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY STAFF AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO
4 WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, AS WELL. AND
5 THEN ALSO AGAIN, MENTIONED OVER 175 STAFF MEMBERS IN 86 CITIES
6 IN THE COUNTY WHO WORKED WITH US ON THIS PROJECT, AS WELL.
7 PAGE 3 OF THE DOCUMENT DOES GIVE YOU A SUMMARY OVERALL. IT
8 POINTS OUT THAT THE EXISTING PROPOSITION A, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
9 PARK TAX, IS GOING TO EXPIRE IN 2019 AND OUR WORK HAS BEEN IN
10 SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO PUT A NEW, SIMILAR
11 MEASURE ONTO THE BALLOT. AND IT POINTS OUT THAT PARKS HAVE
12 FIVE VERY IMPORTANT PARTS TO THEM, TO MANY ASPECTS, CREATING
13 PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, A SENSE OF PLACE, ALLOWING FOR
14 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVING AND CREATING A CONNECTION TO
15 THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ALLOWING FOR COMMUNITY COHESION. WE ALSO
16 TALK ON THIS PAGE ABOUT A NEW PARADIGM IN PARK PLANNING,
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT PARKS ARE KEY INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS THAT
18 SUPPORT THE CITY AND ITS DEVELOPMENT OVERALL, UNDERSTANDING A
19 NEW SERIES OF METRICS TO ALLOW US TO GAUGE BOTH THE
20 AVAILABILITY OF PARKS AND THE NEED FOR PARKS. THIRDLY, A NEW
21 PARADIGM IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR PARKS, LOOKING AT A
22 NEED-BASED ALLOCATION. AND THEN, FINALLY, AN UNDERSTANDING OF
23 BOTH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND THE NEED FOR DEFERRED
24 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PAGE 4
25 GIVES YOU A SENSE OF THE INVENTORY THAT WE DID WITHIN THIS



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1 PROJECT. FOR THIS PROJECT, WE DIVIDED THE COUNTY INTO 188
2 SEPARATE STUDY AREAS, WHICH YOU SEE PICTURED HERE. AND THOSE
3 188 STUDY AREAS INCLUDE 43 WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, 9
4 IN THE COUNTY'S OTHER LARGE CITIES, INCLUDING FIVE IN LONG
5 BEACH AND FOUR IN SEVERAL OTHER CITIES, 79 INDIVIDUAL CITIES,
6 AND THEN 147 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY STUDY AREAS IN
7 UNINCORPORATED REGIONS OF THE COUNTY FOR A TOTAL OF 188 STUDY
8 AREAS. WE DID-- WE USED THIS 188 STUDY AREAS TO WORK WITH
9 STAFF, BOTH AT THE COUNTY AND IN THE 88 CITIES TO INVENTORY
10 ALL THE KNOWN PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY AND
11 WE CAME UP WITH 3,023 INDIVIDUAL PARKS WHICH INCLUDE 9,472
12 INDIVIDUAL AMENITIES. THIS BY ITSELF I WANT TO SAY WAS AN
13 IMMENSE ACHIEVEMENT. NO ONE HAS EVER INVENTORIED ALL THE PARKS
14 IN THE COUNTY BEFORE. AND IN FACT WE BEGAN WITH A DATABASE
15 THAT HAD BEEN SUPPLIED WITH US BY THE STATE THAT HAD ONLY
16 ABOUT 2,000 PARKS IN IT AND WE ADDED ALMOST A THOUSAND NEW
17 PARKS TO THE INVENTORY, CREATING REALLY A GOOD SENSE OF THE
18 INVENTORY THAT'S HERE IN THE COUNTY. FROM THERE, WE WERE ABLE
19 TO SUBDIVIDE THE PARKS AND FURTHER ANALYZE THE TYPES OF
20 FACILITIES WITHIN THEM. AND YOU'LL SEE ON PAGE 5 THE INVENTORY
21 ITSELF. IT SHOWS THAT THE COUNTY HAS A VERY HIGH AMOUNT OF
22 NATURAL AREAS, WITH OVER 760,000 ACRES OF NATURAL AREAS. BUT
23 IT ALSO HAS 15,000 LOCAL PARKS, 18,200 ACRES IN REGIONAL
24 RECREATIONAL PARKS AND ANOTHER 98,000 ACRES IN REGIONAL OPEN
25 SPACE. AND WE WERE ABLE TO INVENTORY 16 DIFFERENT TYPES OF



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1 AMENITIES WITHIN THOSE PARKS. AND YOU SEE THEM ALL LISTED HERE
2 RANGING FROM 1,200 PICNIC SHELTERS AND A THOUSAND BASEBALL
3 FIELDS DOWN TO 82 SPLASH PADS AND 96 SKATE PARKS AS WELL AS
4 367 UNIQUE AMENITIES SUCH AS EQUESTRIAN AREAS, VOLLEYBALL
5 COURTS, AMPHITHEATERS AND SO ON. USING THAT INFORMATION AND
6 VARIOUS DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE WERE THEN
7 ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE METRICS FOR ASSESSING PARK AVAILABILITY
8 WITHIN THE COUNTY OVERALL. AND THOSE ARE SHOWN ON THIS PAGE.
9 WE BEGIN WITH HOW MUCH PARKLAND IS IN THE COUNTY. ON AVERAGE
10 THERE ARE 3.3 ACRES OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS. THIS
11 COMPARES TO AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 4 ACRES THAT'S DESIRED UNDER
12 COUNTY POLICY. HOW MUCH LAND IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AROUND
13 EACH PARK? ONLY 20 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY LIVE IN
14 AN AREA WHERE THE AREA ITSELF HAS MORE THAN 3.3 ACRES OF
15 PARKLAND. 80 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S RESIDENTS ACTUALLY LIVE
16 IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THERE IS LESS THAN 3.3 ACRES. SO
17 ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE RELATIVELY GOOD COVERAGE COUNTYWIDE, A
18 LITTLE LESS THAN YOUR STANDARD, YOU HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN THE
19 COUNTY WHO ARE LIVING IN AREAS THAT HAVE LESS THAN THAT
20 COUNTY-WIDE AVERAGE. ALSO, THE CONDITION OF THE PARKS AND
21 FACILITIES IS ALSO OF SOME CONCERN. PARK AMENITIES, 42 PERCENT
22 OF THEM ARE GOOD, BUT 42 PERCENT OF THEM ARE ALSO FAIR AND A
23 FULL 15 PERCENT OF THEM ARE IN POOR CONDITION. PARK
24 INFRASTRUCTURE, OVER HALF IS IN ONLY FAIR CONDITION AND MORE
25 THAN A QUARTER IS IN POOR CONDITION. AND ONLY 49 PERCENT OF



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1 THE POPULATION COUNTY-WIDE LIVES WITHIN A HALF MILE OF A PARK
2 BY WALKING DISTANCE, A FULL 51 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY-WIDE
3 POPULATION LIVES MORE THAN A HALF A MILE FROM WALKING DISTANCE
4 OF A PARK. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO COMPARE THE AVAILABILITY OF
5 THE INDIVIDUAL AMENITIES TO NATIONAL AVERAGES. YOU CAN SEE
6 HERE THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE AMENITIES IN THE COUNTY ACTUALLY
7 ARE UNDER THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. FOR MOST OF THESE AMENITIES,
8 THERE'S NOT A STANDARD PER SE NATIONWIDE BUT WE ARE ABLE TO
9 DOCUMENT THE COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL AVERAGES. AND AGAIN THE
10 AVERAGE IS UNDER THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR MOST OF THESE
11 AMENITIES. SO, WITH THAT INFORMATION IN MIND, WE WERE THEN
12 ABLE TO FIGURE OUT PARK NEED FOR EVERY AREA IN THE COUNTY. WE
13 ACTUALLY LOOKED AT INDIVIDUAL STUDY AREAS AND DID A
14 DISAGGREGATED LOOK AT THE NEED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA. AND THEN
15 WE AGGREGATED THAT INFORMATION TO FIND A COMPOSITE METRIC OF
16 NEED WITHIN EVERY ONE OF OUR 188 STUDY AREAS. AND THAT'S
17 SHOWN-- THAT WAS CALCULATED USING ALL THE SAME METRICS THAT I
18 TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, LOOKING AT PARKLAND, PARK ACCESS, PARK
19 PRESSURE, THE PARK AMENITIES, THE PARK CONDITIONS. AND ONE
20 ADDITIONAL FEATURE OF POPULATION DENSITY IN THE AREA OVERALL.
21 AND BASED ON THAT, WE WERE ABLE TO COME UP WITH THIS MAP IN
22 WHICH YOU SEE THE AREAS WITH VERY HIGH NEED SHOWN IN RED, HIGH
23 NEED SHOWN IN ORANGE. MODERATE NEED SHOWN IN YELLOW. AND LOW
24 AND VERY LOW NEEDS IN TWO SHADES OF GREEN. WHEN YOU LOOK AT
25 THAT MAP AND THEN COMPARE IT TO THE POPULATION OVERALL, YOU



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1 SEE THAT ACTUALLY 32 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION LIVES
2 IN AREAS WITH VERY HIGH NEED. 20 PERCENT LIVE IN AREAS WITH
3 HIGH NEED. SO MORE THAN HALF OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION HAS
4 HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PARK FACILITIES. AND IF
5 YOU COMPARE THOSE DENSITIES, THEN, WITHIN THOSE CATEGORIES,
6 REMEMBER THE COUNTY AVERAGE IS 3.3 ACRES PER THOUSAND. THOSE
7 OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVING IN AREAS OF VERY HIGH
8 AND HIGH NEED HAVE AVERAGE PARK DENSITIES OF ONLY 0.7 AND 1.6
9 ACRES PER THOUSAND. SO THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKLAND IN THOSE
10 HIGH-NEED AREAS IS PARTICULARLY LOW. OUR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
11 ALSO GIVES YOU SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY
12 DEMOGRAPHICS. AS YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM OUR SPEAKERS TODAY, WE
13 KNOW THAT THERE'S QUIT A CORRELATION BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHIC
14 FEATURES AND THE NEED FOR PARKS. ON PAGE 8 OF THE DOCUMENT, WE
15 LOOK AT ISSUES SUCH AS RACE AND ETHNICITY, THE POPULATION
16 LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL, THOSE WITH POOR VEHICLE
17 ACCESS, , THOSE LIVING IN LINGUISTIC ISOLATION AND AGE RANGE.
18 WHEN WE GET TO PAGE 9, WE LOOK AT ISSUES LIKE AIR POLLUTION
19 AND OTHER TYPES OF POLLUTION AND OTHER HEALTH OUTCOMES SUCH AS
20 OBESITY, ASTHMA AND DIABETES. AND WE KNOW THAT ALL OF THESE
21 ARE CORRELATED STRONGLY, HIGH INCIDENCES OF THESE HEALTH AND
22 RISK FACTORS OCCUR IN AREAS WITH LOW PARK ACCESS. AND AS PARK
23 ACCESS GETS HIGHER, WE TEND TO SEE THAT THESE ISSUES ALL
24 BECOME LESS. PAGE 10 OF THE DOCUMENT LOOKS AT THE COMMUNITY
25 ENGAGEMENT THAT WE DID FOR THIS PROJECT. JOHN ALREADY WENT



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1 OVER SOME OF THIS. BUT I WANT TO JUST GO OVER IT AGAIN. VERY
2 ROBUST OUTREACH. WE LOOKED AT-- WE DID TRADITIONAL MEDIA,
3 WHICH WE BELIEVE ACHIEVED SATURATION OF OVER 2.5-MILLION
4 RESIDENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, A QUARTER OF THE POPULATION.
5 SOCIAL MEDIA WENT TO 1.1 MILLION INDIVIDUALS AND OVER 30,000
6 VIEWS ON OUR OWN PROJECT WEBSITE. WE ALSO CONDUCTED 178
7 INDIVIDUAL STUDY AREA WORKSHOPS IN 178 OF OUR STUDY AREAS
8 WHERE WE HAD THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING, TALKING TO US
9 ABOUT THEIR NEEDS FOR PARKS WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND WE
10 DID OUTREACH IN A VARIETY OF LANGUAGES. WE ACTUALLY DID A VERY
11 IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE NEED FOR TRANSLATION. WE LOOKED AT
12 AREAS WITH AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVING IN
13 WHAT THE CENSUS CALLED LINGUISTIC ISOLATION AND THEN REACHED
14 OUT IN THE LANGUAGES IN THOSE AREAS, THE STUDY AREAS THAT WERE
15 IDENTIFIED FOR THOSE LANGUAGES INCLUDED 78 IN SPANISH, 12 IN
16 CHINESE, 2 IN ARMENIAN-- AND I WAS INTERESTED TO SEE THE
17 PRESENTATION TODAY WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY-- AS WELL AS
18 ONE STUDY AREA REGARDING REQUIRING TRANSLATION INTO KOREAN.
19 ONCE WE HAD GONE THROUGH THE WORKSHOP PROCESS, THE WORKSHOPS
20 ALLOWED US TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF PRIORITIZED PROJECTS FOR
21 EVERY ONE OF THE 178 STUDY AREAS WHERE WORKSHOPS WERE HELD.
22 THAT PROCESS INCLUDED FIRST REVIEWING EXISTING PARKS AND
23 METRICS, THE SAME ONES THAT I'VE GONE OVER WITH YOU HERE
24 TODAY. THEN WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A
25 COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS THAT THEY WANTED TO



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1 SEE EVALUATED. AND THEN AT THAT MEETING, PEOPLE PRIORITIZED
2 PROJECTS WITHIN ON THEIR OWN TOP 10 LISTS. AND YOU CAN SEE
3 HERE PARTICULARLY IN THIS LOWER LEFT HAND PHOTO PEOPLE PUTTING
4 STICKERS ONTO ALL THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS TO TELL WHICH ONES
5 THEY FELT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT WITHIN THEIR OWN
6 COMMUNITIES. THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE YOU SEE THE RESULTING
7 COST ESTIMATE THAT CAME OUT. WE'VE PUT THAT INTO THREE
8 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. FIRST WE HAVE \$8.8 BILLION IN
9 PRIORITIZED PROJECTS. THIS CONSISTS OF ABOUT 1400 INDIVIDUAL
10 PROJECTS, 46 PERCENT OF THESE TO REPAIR OR REPLACE EXISTING
11 AMENITIES, 34 PERCENT TO ADD NEW AMENITIES TO EXISTING PARKS
12 AND A FULL 20 PERCENT TO CREATE OVER 200 DESIRED NEW PARK
13 PROJECTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT
14 OUT HERE THAT ALTHOUGH THAT IS THE UNIVERSE OF IDENTIFIED
15 PRIORITIZED PROJECTS, PARTNER AGENCIES MAY ALSO IMPLEMENT
16 PROJECTS THAT WERE NOT PRIORITIZED THROUGH THIS PROJECT AS
17 FUNDING MOVES FORWARD. IN ADDITION TO THE PRIORITIZED PROJECTS
18 AT \$8.8 BILLION, WE FURTHER QUANTIFIED THE NEED FOR OVER \$12
19 BILLION IN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, WHICH INCLUDES REPAIRING
20 AMENITIES THAT WERE RATED AS FAIR, REPLACING AMENITIES THAT
21 WERE RATED AS POOR, AND NOT INCLUDING ANY PROJECTS TO REPAIR
22 OR REPLACE THOSE THAT WERE PRIORITIZED. THOSE THAT WERE ON
23 BOTH LISTS ARE PART OF THIS \$8.8 BILLION, \$12 BILLION IN
24 ADDITIONAL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, WE
25 HAVE \$0.7 BILLION IN SPECIALIZED FACILITY PROJECTS. WE DID



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1 WORK WITH INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES AT BEACHES, NATURAL AREAS,
2 TRAILS, ARBORETUMS, EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES, SO FORTH TO GET
3 LISTS OF ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE IN
4 THOSE FACILITIES. THOSE WILL BE INCLUDED AS AN ADDENDA WITHIN
5 OUR PROJECT. AND THEY COME TO A TOTAL OF \$0.7 BILLION FOR A
6 TOTAL OF \$21.5 BILLION IN IDENTIFIED NEED FOR PARKS WITHIN THE
7 COUNTY. IN CONCLUSION, I JUST WANT TO LOOK AT PAGE 12 AND TALK
8 ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO GO FROM HERE. THIS PROJECT DOES HAVE, I
9 THINK, SIX VERY IMPORTANT OUTCOMES FOR THE COUNTY, WHICH WE'RE
10 VERY EXCITED TO SEE YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH. FIRST IS THAT THIS
11 IS INCREDIBLY VALUABLE DATA THAT'S NEVER BEEN ASSEMBLED
12 BEFORE. AS I MENTIONED, THERE'S NEVER BEEN AN INVENTORY, A
13 COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF ALL THE PARKS IN THE COUNTY, MUCH
14 LESS A QUANTIFICATION OF THE NEED. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S
15 AVAILABLE TO YOU NOW AND AVAILABLE FOR POLICYMAKING AS THINGS
16 MOVE FORWARD. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY NOW TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE, TO UPDATE
18 IT ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS CURRENT SO
19 THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE THIS INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.
20 TODAY, THIS INFORMATION CAN BECOME THE BASIS FOR YOUR FUNDING
21 DECISIONS AS YOU LOOK AT A FUTURE BOND MEASURE AND OTHER
22 FUNDING STREAMS. IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF
23 FUNDS WITHIN THE VARIOUS STUDY AREAS. AND WE BELIEVE IT CAN
24 ACTUALLY PROVIDE A NATIONAL MODEL. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS
25 TYPE OF ANALYSIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE ANYWHERE IN THE NATION,



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1 AND WE AND YOUR STAFF ARE VERY EXCITED TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO
2 OTHER METROPOLITAN REGIONS TO DO A SIMILAR ANALYSIS IN OTHER
3 PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND THEN LASTLY I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
4 WHAT WE THINK HERE ALSO AS WE'VE LOOKED FOR THIS NEED FOR
5 PARKS AND AS WE'VE SAID TO YOU, THE NEED FOR 200 INDIVIDUAL
6 PRIORITIZED PARKS IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IS THE
7 FACT THAT YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL
8 NEW PARKS TO MEET THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES. YOU ARE
9 GOING TO NEED TO LOOK AT OTHER SOLUTIONS, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF
10 JOINT USE WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, JOINT USE WITH OTHER PUBLIC
11 FACILITIES, PERHAPS USING RIGHTS OF WAY FROM CREEK CHANNELS
12 AND POWER LINES AND SO FORTH. ALL OF THESE ARE GOING TO BECOME
13 THE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT YOU NEED TO PROVIDE NEEDED PARK
14 AND RECREATION SPACE. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. AND I AM
15 GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO HERE. WE'RE OPEN TO ANY BOARD MEMBERS
16 FOR QUESTIONS BEFORE WE MOVE ON. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
17 YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR-- THIS IS A
20 GREAT PRESENTATION AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE
21 STAFF, EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE. IT'S BEEN A GOOD 14
22 MONTH PROJECT. FOR SOME OF US IT SEEMS LONGER THAN THAT. BUT
23 THAT'S OKAY. I THINK IT WAS WORTHWHILE. AND I THINK THE VALUE
24 JUST FOR THE COUNTY TO GO THROUGH THIS EXERCISE AND BE ABLE TO
25 KNOW WHAT OUR NEEDS LIST IS AROUND ALL OF OUR 88 CITIES IS



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1 VERY IMPORTANT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CAN ALSO BE VERY
2 USEFUL FOR OUR CITIES ALSO WERE A PART OF THIS BECAUSE MANY OF
3 THEM DON'T EVEN HAVE THE CAPACITY TO GATHER ALL THIS
4 INFORMATION THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PUT FORWARD. SO I WANT TO
5 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND ESPECIALLY THE
6 CORRELATION AND INFORMATION BROUGHT FORWARD AS A RESULT OF THE
7 LACK OF HAVING PARK SPACE AND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE FOR
8 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY, FOR OUR FAMILIES,
9 FOR YOUNGSTERS, FOR OUR SENIORS AND WHAT THAT POTENTIALLY
10 MIGHT MEAN IN TERMS OF REDUCING THOSE COSTS IF WE DO HAVE MORE
11 PARK SPACE AND MORE AVENUES FOR EXERCISING. I'D LOVE TO HEAR
12 FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

13

14 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** SURE, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO AGAIN I'M PAUL
15 SIMON WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND WE'RE
16 HERE TO-- I'M VERY HAPPY ACTUALLY TO BE HERE TO EXPRESS PUBLIC
17 HEALTH'S SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT. I ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED ON THE
19 STEERING COMMITTEE AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE
20 COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THIS PROCESS. WE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ARE
21 VERY INTERESTED IN THIS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT PARKS ARE GOOD
22 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. AND IT'S SORT OF INTUITIVE BUT THERE'S ALSO
23 QUITE A LARGE RESEARCH DATABASE THAT SUPPORTS THIS, THAT
24 HAVING PROXIMITY AND ACCESS TO PARKS, NUMBER ONE, MAKES IT
25 MUCH MORE EASY FOR PEOPLE TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE. WE HAVE



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1 QUITE SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF SEDENTARINESS IN THE POPULATION.
2 IT'S QUITE SURPRISING, ACTUALLY. CLOSE TO 50 PERCENT. AND
3 UNFORTUNATELY A MINORITY OF THE POPULATION THAT GETS
4 RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. SO THAT'S IMPORTANT.
5 WE KNOW THAT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HAS UNBELIEVABLE HEALTH
6 BENEFITS IN REDUCING, FOR EXAMPLE, HEART DISEASE, DIABETES,
7 EVEN CERTAIN TYPES OF CANCER. WE'RE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
8 ABOUT DIABETES WHERE WE'RE CONTINUING TOGETHER SEE, DESPITE
9 ALL OF OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS, WE'RE CONTINUING TO SEE RISING
10 LEVELS OF DIABETES IN THE POPULATION. WE KNOW THAT PHYSICAL
11 ACTIVITY IS ALSO GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH. AND VERY IMPORTANTLY
12 WE'VE LEARNED FROM OUR PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN
13 LED BY PARKS AND RECREATION THAT HAVING ACCESS TO PARK SPACE
14 AND PROGRAMMING COULD ACTUALLY REDUCE LEVELS OF VIOLENCE IN
15 COMMUNITIES AND MAKE COMMUNITIES FEEL MUCH SAFER. SO FOR ALL
16 THOSE REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT AN INVESTMENT IN PARKS IS ALSO
17 AN INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH. WE RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY,
18 AND DAVID ALLUDED TO THIS, WE LOOKED AT THE RELATIONSHIP
19 BETWEEN PARK SPACE PER CAPITA AND RATES OF PREMATURE MORTALITY
20 FROM HEART DISEASE AND DIABETES AND ALSO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH
21 CHILDHOOD OBESITY LEVELS. AND WE DID INDEED FIND THE
22 RELATIONSHIP THAT DAVID MENTIONED IN THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT
23 HAD LESS PARK SPACE PER CAPITA, FOR EXAMPLE. THE RATE OF
24 PREMATURE MORTALITY FROM DIABETES WAS TWICE AS HIGH AS IN
25 COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF ACCESS TO PARK SPACE.



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1 WE ALL SAW ALSO A 30 PERCENT HIGHER RATE OF PREMATURE
2 MORTALITY FROM HEART DISEASE AND ABOUT A 30 PERCENT HIGHER
3 RATE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVALENCE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, AS
4 WELL, WHICH IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE LACK OF PARK SPACE IS THE
5 SOLE CAUSE OF THAT EXCESS MORTALITY AND OBESITY, BUT IT'S
6 CERTAINLY A CONTRIBUTOR. AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THAT
7 PUBLIC HEALTH FEELS THAT AN INVESTMENT IN THIS NEEDS-BASED
8 APPROACH IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN
9 HELPING US REDUCE THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT WE SEE ACROSS
10 THE COUNTY. SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK ACTUALLY PARKS AND
11 RECREATION FOR THEIR GREAT LEADERSHIP ON THIS. AND PUBLIC
12 HEALTH STANDS READY TO WORK WITH YOU, COLLABORATE IN ANY WAY
13 WE CAN TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORTS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL, I DO WANT TO COMMEND OUR STAFF, NORMA, WHO CAME OUT AND
17 SPOKE TO SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS IN MY DISTRICT. AND IT WAS
18 VERY INFORMATIVE BECAUSE MANY OF THE CITIES HAD NEVER SEEN
19 THIS DATA AND THE MAPPING, AND THE RED AREAS THAT REALLY SHOW
20 YOU WHERE THE DENSITY IS AT. AND SO MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE
21 LAST 10 YEARS, THE LAST TIME THAT WE WERE OUT AND ABLE TO
22 ACQUIRE FUNDING FOR PARKS. AND THERE'S ACTUALLY A HIGHER NEED.
23 IT LOOKS TO ME THERE'S A GREATER NEED NOW AND IT'S MORE
24 PRONOUNCED. SO I JUST WANT YOU TO SHARE VERY QUICKLY WHAT YOU
25 HAVE SEEN WITH THE INTERACTION WITH THE CITIES. BECAUSE YOU



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1 WENT OUT TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CITIES. WHAT WAS SOME OF
2 THE FEEDBACK THAT YOU GOT, NORMA?

3

4 **NORMA GARCIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR THE
5 OPPORTUNITY. ONE, I WANT TO COMMEND THE STAFF AND THE
6 CONSULTANT TEAM. WHAT WE REALIZED IS ESPECIALLY WITH THE
7 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN
8 DECIMATED. AND YOU HAVE CITIES THAT ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO
9 KEEP THE PARKS OPEN AND PROVIDE THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. AND
10 SO WHAT WE'VE SEEN IS A DECREASE IN PROGRAMMING, RECREATIONAL
11 PROGRAMMING. SO WE HEARD A LOT FROM THE CITIES. WE ALSO HEARD
12 THAT 46 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTS THAT WERE PRIORITIZED WERE
13 SIMPLE STUFF THAT WERE VERY MEANINGFUL TO THE COMMUNITY. WE
14 NEED OUR RESTROOMS TO BE FIXED. WE HAVE OUR PLAYGROUND
15 EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN ROPED OFF FOR YEARS BECAUSE WE DON'T
16 HAVE THE RESOURCES TO REPAIR THAT, AND SO WE HEARD THAT FROM
17 OUR COMMUNITIES. WHAT WE ALSO HEARD FROM OUR CITIES IS THAT
18 THEY DIDN'T HAVE-- WE'RE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION FOR OUR
19 CITIES SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT
20 INFRASTRUCTURE THEY HAVE AND WHAT THEIR NEED IS, AND SO OUR
21 ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE ABLE TO MAKE MORE INFORMED DECISIONS
22 ABOUT PUTTING RESOURCES WHERE THEIR NEEDS ARE. THE CONSULTANT
23 TEAM, WHEN CITIES CAME TO US AND SAID WE DON'T HAVE THE
24 STAFFING CAPACITY TO DO SOME OF THE CONDITION REPORTS, WE SENT
25 OUT TEAMS TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE CITIES AND DO THEIR



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1 ASSESSMENTS. SO THIS REALLY IS GOOD INFORMATION FOR THE CITIES
2 BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THEIR
3 INFRASTRUCTURE, THEIR TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, THEIR NEED. IT
4 ALLOWED FOR CONVERSATIONS TO BE HELD WITH THE COMMUNITY
5 MEMBERS. AND I THINK WHAT WE'VE ALSO-- WHAT WE ALSO REALIZED
6 IS THAT OUR CITIES HAVE GONE THROUGH TREMENDOUS CHANGE IN THE
7 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE STRUGGLING TO
8 ADDRESS ISSUES OF TRAFFIC, ADDRESS ISSUES OF DENSITY. WE'VE
9 ALSO HEARD FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AND MANY EXPERTS THAT USED TO
10 HAVE VERY INFORMAL FORMS OF RECREATION THAT USED TO TRANSPIRE
11 AND EVEN POOR COMMUNITIES OR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, CHILDREN
12 WOULD RIDE THEIR BIKES. CHILDREN WOULD PLAY TAG ON THE
13 STREETS, CHILDREN WOULD PLAY BALL ON THE STREETS. BECAUSE OUR
14 COMMUNITIES ARE DEALING WITH SO MANY OTHER ISSUES OF TRAFFIC,
15 OF SAFETY, VIOLENCE, THIS INFORMAL RECREATION IS NO LONGER
16 HAPPENING. AND SO THAT IS HAVING A FURTHER PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE
17 IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE REALLY-- THIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT REALLY
18 ALLOWED US TO HAVE THESE DEEP CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITIES.
19 AND I WANT TO THANK THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT YOU
20 APPOINTED BECAUSE THROUGHOUT, THROUGH THE 14-MONTH PROCESS, WE
21 DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES VERY THOROUGHLY AND THIS REALLY GUIDED
22 THIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CERTAINLY WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT THE
25 NEED IS SO GREAT. THE \$20 BILLION MARK IS SCARY FOR, I THINK,



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1 MANY OF US. BUT IF WE CAN LOOK STRATEGICALLY AND VERY
2 POINTEDLY AT WHERE THE HIGHEST NEEDS ARE AND WHAT WE CAN
3 ACHIEVE FOR THE GREATER GOOD, I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH.
4 I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THIS, AND WE HAVE,
5 MANY WITNESSES THAT ARE GOING TO COME FORWARD AND SPEAK ON
6 BEHALF OF THEIR SUPPORT OR THEIR OPINION ON THIS MATTER. I
7 WILL TURN IT OVER TO SHEILA KUEHL RIGHT NOW BEFORE I READ IN A
8 MOTION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? AND I THANK HER BECAUSE SHE'S
9 ACTUALLY BEEN A PARTNER AND HAS BEEN A KNOWN STATEWIDE
10 ADVOCATE ON THE ISSUE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON PARKS IN
11 PARTICULAR. SHEILA KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I ASKED WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO THE
14 STATE SENATE, "CAN I CHAIR THE HEALTH COMMITTEE?" AND JOHN
15 BURTON SAID NO. I SAID, 'CAN I CHAIR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE?"
16 AND JOHN BURTON SAID, "NO. YOU ARE GOING TO CHAIR THE NATURAL
17 RESOURCES COMMITTEE. I SAID, "WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT NATURAL
18 RESOURCES?" AND HE SAID, "PROBABLY NOT MUCH BUT A LOT OF IT'S
19 IN YOUR DISTRICT." [LAUGHTER.] SO I LEARNED. AND THE
20 INTERESTING THING TO ME REALLY WAS THE LACK OF DATA ABOUT OUR
21 ACCESS AND OUR USE OF A LOT OF AREAS AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF
22 RECREATION AND THE NEEDS. SO FIRST OF ALL, I CAN'T PRAISE YOU
23 ENOUGH FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA
24 AND FOR THE WAY THAT YOU WENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAID TO
25 THEM: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ARE YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES. OR



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1 REALLY ALL OF WHAT YOU NEED AND THEN YOU PRIORITIZE. AND I
2 THINK IT WAS REALLY EXTRAORDINARY WORK. AND THE INFORMATION IS
3 GOING TO BE USEFUL TO US, I THINK, FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. I
4 MUST ALSO SAY, THOUGH, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LEARNED
5 CHAIRING NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER, IS THAT ALTHOUGH OUR
6 NEEDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND LOCAL ABILITY TO ACCESS
7 THEM ARE IMPORTANT, THERE ARE OTHER KINDS OF NEEDS THAT ARE
8 ALMOST KIND OF MORE SPIRITUAL, IN A WAY, BECAUSE WE HAVE A
9 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF PARKS IN THE COUNTY. AND THE
10 NEEDS ASSESSMENT DID NOT INITIALLY ASSESS OPEN SPACE, BEACHES,
11 CULTURAL FACILITIES LIKE MUSEUMS AND GARDENS WHICH ARE ALSO
12 PART OF OUR COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM. AND I UNDERSTAND THERE IS AN
13 ADDENDUM TO THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. I
14 THINK THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT. WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO OPEN-- I
15 SHOULD SAY REOPEN AFTER IT STOPPED RUNNING IN THE '50S-- A
16 TRAIN TO THE BEACH, MAY 20TH. WE EXPECT THERE ARE GOING TO BE
17 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING OUT ON THAT TRAIN. I
18 MEAN IT'S GOING TO BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW IT WILL
19 ACCOMMODATE THEM ALL. THAT'S-- MANY OF THOSE BEACHES ARE
20 COUNTY PARKS. BUT THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
21 RESIDENTS TO GO THERE. I GREW UP IN THE SECOND. MY DAD HAD A
22 SHOP IN THE FIRST. I'VE GOT EXTENDED FAMILY WITH KIDS IN THE
23 FOURTH AND THE FIFTH. THEY ALL GO TO THE BEACH. OR THEY SHOULD
24 BE ABLE TO AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER. IT'S THE
25 SAME REALLY WITH OPEN SPACE. A PLACE TO BREATHE. A PLACE TO



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1 LEARN ABOUT NATURE THAT'S NOT JUST ONE SQUARE BLOCK OF GRASS
2 WITH A SOCCER FIELD. WHICH IS ALSO A VERY USEFUL THING. SO I
3 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AS WE LOOK AT THE ASSESSMENT METRICS TO
4 THINK ABOUT HABITAT, TO THINK ABOUT BEACHES AND OPEN SPACE
5 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A WAY YET OF PRIORITIZING THOSE THINGS
6 IN OUR ASSESSMENT. I DON'T WANT TO DIMINISH IN ANY WAY HOW
7 WONDERFUL IT IS TO BE ABLE TO WALK 8 BLOCKS OR LESS TO A PARK.
8 THAT'S A HALF A MILE. IT'S IMPORTANT. IT'S NEEDED. IT'S VERY
9 IMPORTANT. I'VE BEEN FOR THE HIGH NEEDS ALLOCATION OF THIS
10 PARKS MONEY. BUT I ALSO ASK US NOT TO FORGET THE GENERAL
11 COUNTY USE OF THESE OPEN SPACES OF THE BEACHES AND HOW IT ALSO
12 AND THE MUSEUMS, HOW IT ALSO FEEDS THE SOUL. HOW MANY OF OUR
13 CHILDREN GO TO OUR MUSEUMS, OF VARIOUS KINDS, AND SAY, "GEE, I
14 NEVER KNEW THAT, OR I HAD NEVER SEEN THAT." AND I THANK YOU
15 AGAIN. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, FOR LETTING ME TALK ABOUT THIS
16 IN ADDITION TO THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE SO FAR.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAVE
19 QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO
22 COMMEND THE TEAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
23 A JOB WELL DONE. THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED. THIS IS COMMUNITY-
24 DRIVEN. AND THE EFFORT, AND INDEED THE RESULTS, NOTHING LESS
25 THAN EXCEPTIONAL. AND I THINK IT'S PROBABLY TRUE THAT EVERY



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1 SINGLE MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS ONE
2 WAY OR ANOTHER, SO WE GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
3 DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORT. AND FROM ONE END OF THE PARK TO
4 ONE END OF THE COUNTY TO THE NEXT, FACILITATING HUNDREDS OF
5 COMMUNITY MEETINGS A GOOD THING. JOHN WICKER, NORMA GARCIA,
6 RITA ROBINSON AND THE WHOLE TEAM DESERVE A BIG SHOUT OUT FROM
7 ALL OF US AND I'M HERE TO LEND MY VOICE IN THAT REGARD. MAY I
8 ALSO SUGGEST THAT THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE COME FORWARD FROM
9 THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE SECOND, SANDRA MCNEIL FROM
10 THE TRUST FOR SOUTH L.A., LENA JORGE FROM THE L.A.
11 NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. AND MICHAEL MCKAY FROM THE DREW
12 LEAGUE AND SCOTT CHEN FROM ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER OBESITY
13 PREVENTION ALLIANCE, WE CALL YOU BY NAME BECAUSE WE WANT TO
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION. IN 2014 THAT WE BEGAN, AND
15 HERE WE ARE WITH THE APPROPRIATE SET OF DATA TO TRY TO MOVE
16 FORWARD. WE KNEW AFTER THE FAILURE OF PROP P THAT WE NEEDED TO
17 DO MORE BOTTOMS-UP, TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE WORK TO IDENTIFY
18 THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I COULD HARDLY
19 RESTRAIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. HE BROKE INTO THE MEETING WITH
20 A MOTION AND GRABBED ME BY THE ARM AND SAID, "WOULD YOU SECOND
21 THIS SO THAT WE CAN GET THIS RIGHT?" AND YOU ALL HAVE DONE US
22 PROUD, AS IT WERE. WE DID NOT KNOW, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT
23 WOULD MEAN SOME 3,000 PARKS LATER. [LAUGHTER.] 178 MEETINGS
24 LATER THAT WE WOULD BE AT THIS POINT. BUT THIS IS AN AUDACIOUS
25 UNDERTAKING AND THE RESULTS ARE UNDENIABLY COMPELLING. I THINK



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1 AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS LOOK
2 FOR A SENSE OF WELL-BEING FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES.
3 I BELIEVE THAT A HOLISTIC POINT OF VIEW IS IMPORTANT.
4 RECREATION, PUBLIC HEALTH. ALL THE FACTORS THAT HELP US TO MAP
5 THE CHRONIC DISEASES, EVEN THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ISSUES THAT GO
6 TO THE QUESTIONS OF VIOLENCE AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT FACTORS THAT
7 ARE CONTRIBUTING TO IT ALL. I THINK YOU SET A HIGH STANDARD. A
8 NEW MARK FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE. I THINK THAT THE ASSESSMENT
9 MUST BE OUR COMPASS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD. AND IT
10 PROVIDES US WITH THE KIND OF INSIGHT THAT IS NECESSARY. MAY I
11 JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT WE NEED TO BE REGIONAL IN OUR
12 PERSPECTIVE, RATIONAL IN TERMS OF HOW WE GET OUR HEADS AROUND
13 THIS AND EQUITABLE IN TERMS OF ULTIMATELY THE DISTRIBUTION OF
14 RESOURCES THAT ULTIMATELY WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN. SO I KNOW
15 THAT THERE'S MORE TO BE DONE HERE. I AWAIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 HEAR THE MOTION THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED TODAY. I AM PREPARED
17 TO BE SUPPORTIVE ONCE THAT HAPPENS WITH A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
18 SO THAT WE CAN PIN THINGS DOWN. A LOT IS GOING ON IN OUR
19 COUNTY OPEN SPACE ISSUES, TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, A RANGE OF
20 ISSUES, ALL OF WHICH GO TO THE BOTTOM LINE OF IMPROVING THE
21 QUALITY OF LIFE. SO THIS TEAM HAS COME FORWARD AND PUT
22 PRESSURE ON THE PROPOSITION IN TERMS OF THE PRIORITIES THAT WE
23 NEED TO BE ATTENTIVE TO. I'D SIMPLY WISH TO COMPLIMENT YOU AND
24 AWAIT THE NEXT STEP IN THE JOURNEY.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER.
2 MRS. BEASLEY?

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4 **JOHN WICKER:** YES, WE DO HAVE-- I'M GOING BRING UP JANE BEASLEY
5 TO TALK ABOUT THE SECOND MOTION. SO ARE WE READY? WERE THERE
6 ANYMORE QUESTIONS?

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S GOOD. I THINK WE'RE
9 FINE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.

10

11 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL, GREAT. JOINING ME IS JANE BEASLEY. JANE IS
12 THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
13 DISTRICT. SO, JANE, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WITH THE
14 IMMINENT LOSS OF VOTER APPROVED FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION
15 AND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND THEIR MAINTENANCE, THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS PLACED A MEASURE, PROPOSITION P, ON THE NOVEMBER
17 2014 BALLOT FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING PROGRAMS. PROPOSITION
18 P GARNERED 62.89 PERCENT APPROVAL BUT THAT FELL SHORT OF THE
19 TWO-THIRDS SUPER MAJORITY THAT WAS NEED TODAY PASS IT.
20 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROPOSITION P, SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION THAT
22 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED WHICH DIRECTED THE COMPREHENSIVE
23 COUNTYWIDE PARK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT WHICH WE JUST PRESENTED
24 TO YOU. THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED \$21.5 BILLION IN
25 NEED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY. IN AUGUST OF 2015, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE REGIONAL
2 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO DO A VARIETY OF ACTIONS WHICH
3 I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT AND REPORT BACK TODAY ON MAY 3,
4 2016. AND THIS IS THE STATUS OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. WHEN WE
5 WERE INSTRUCTED TO RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY OF THE MOST
6 APPROPRIATE TAXING MECHANISM BETWEEN A FLAT PARCEL TAX AND A
7 PARCEL TAX THAT WAS BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT
8 THAT COULD FUND PARK AND RECREATION PROJECTS INTO THE FUTURE
9 LIKE PROPOSITION A HAS DONE. A FEASIBILITY REPORT HAS BEEN
10 COMPLETED. THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT IS FOR A PARCEL
11 TAX BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AS BEING THE MOST
12 FEASIBLE AND EQUITABLE AT THIS TIME IN THE COUNTY. WE WERE
13 ALSO INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT A FUNDING MEASURE TO IDENTIFY THE
14 NEEDS IN THE 2016 PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE PROPOSED DRAFT OF
15 THE MEASURE HAS THE FOLLOWING MECHANISMS AND ELEMENTS. THERE'S
16 A TAXING MECHANISM WHICH IS A SPECIAL TAX WHICH IS BASED ON
17 THE SENSE AND THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR EACH
18 PRIVATELY HELD PARCEL IN THE COUNTY. THE TERM OF THE TAX WOULD
19 BE 35 YEARS. AND THERE WOULD BE A LOW INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION.
20 THE REVENUE EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS SHOWN ON
21 THE CHART UP HERE. AND I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
22 THAT. BASICALLY AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS CHART, I WON'T GO
23 INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL, BUT 77 PERCENT OF ALL THE GRANT FUNDING
24 FOR THE PROJECTS WOULD BE HANDLED RIGHT HERE IN GRANT FUNDS OR
25 GRANT PROJECTS. AND SO IT WOULD BE SPLIT INTO ALL OF THESE



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1 CATEGORIES HERE BASED ON COMMUNITY-BASED PARK INVESTMENT
2 PROGRAMS. THIS IS THE MONEY THAT WOULD GO BACK TO ALL THE
3 PROJECTS THAT THE CITIES AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
4 IDENTIFIED. THEN THE SECOND CATEGORY IS THE SAFE PARKS, WHICH
5 THIS IS REALLY WHERE IT WOULD FULFILL THE HIGH NEED AREAS. THE
6 ONE WE TALKED ABOUT, BEACHES, AND SOME OF THOSE SPECIALTY TYPE
7 OF NEEDS, THIS WOULD BE PROTECTED IN THE OPEN SPACES. THAT'S
8 THE THIRD CATEGORY THERE. AND THE FOURTH CATEGORY IS A
9 REGIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND TRAIL CATEGORY WHERE GRANTS
10 WOULD BE AWARDED FOR THOSE TYPE OF PROJECTS. AND THE FINAL
11 CATEGORY THERE FOR THE FIRST 77 PERCENT OF THE GRANT FUNDS
12 WOULD BE A YOUTH AND VETERAN TRAINING AND PLACEMENT
13 OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM. THEN THE REST OF THE MONEY, THERE WOULD
14 BE 15 PERCENT THAT WOULD BE FOUND FOR MAINTENANCE AND
15 SERVICING, SIMILAR TO PROPOSITION A. AND THEN THERE WOULD BE 8
16 PERCENT OF THE REMAINING FUNDS WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR PROGRAM
17 IMPLEMENTATION, INNOVATION AND OVERSIGHT OF PROJECTS AS WELL
18 AS ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT. THE THIRD THING THAT WE
19 WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO IS TO DEVELOP AN INFORMATION AND
20 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
21 DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE
22 COUNTY UNDERSTAND WHERE THEIR TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED
23 TO DATE. SO WHAT WE DID WAS WE REACHED OUT TO ALL THE 88
24 CITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS 139 CHAMBERS
25 OF COMMERCE, 11 LABOR GROUPS, AND 10 GOVERNMENT



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1 ORGANIZATIONS. AND AS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, WE HAD HAD
2 BRIEFINGS WITH OR GIVEN PRESENTATIONS TO 43 CITIES, 17
3 CHAMBERS, 6 LABOR GROUPS, AND 7 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. THE
4 DISTRICT HAS DESIGNED A SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB PLATFORM,
5 INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE
6 NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. THE DISTRICT'S CURRENTLY USING ITS WEB
7 PAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE PARKS FUNDING
8 MEASURE. AND EVERYBODY CAN CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
9 WWW.RPOSD.LACOUNTY.GOV. WE'RE ALSO ON TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND
10 INSTAGRAM, AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
11 NEXT STEPS. THE NEXT STEP MEETINGS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE NEEDS
12 ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC OUTREACH WILL OCCUR IN MAY AND INFORM THE
13 COMMUNITIES ABOUT HOW TO ACCESS THE REPORT. AND THE STATUS OF
14 THE NEXT STEPS FOR A PARK FUNDING MEASURE. SO THESE MEETINGS
15 WILL BE HELD ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH TWO IN EACH OF THE
16 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. THREE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE
17 FIFTH DISTRICT. AND EACH MEETING WILL RUN FROM 7:00 TO 8:30
18 P.M. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE CHART, WE'VE LISTED THE DATES
19 OF THE MEETINGS AND THE LOCATIONS FOR EACH OF THOSE, AS WELL.
20 YEAH, THE FINAL ITEM WAS THE COUNTY WORKING GROUP, HAS BEEN
21 CONVENED. THE MEMBERS HAVE OFFERED TECHNICAL AND INFORMATIONAL
22 ASSISTANCE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PARKS FUNDING MEASURE. AND
23 THERE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THAT FROM A LOT
24 OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES, THE BOARD OFFICES, THE
25 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THE ASSESSOR, BEACHES AND HARBORS, THE



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1 C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, THIS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS,
2 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, THE TREASURER TAX
3 COLLECTOR AND THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. NOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO
4 IS BRING IT ALL TOGETHER IS WE HAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION THAT
5 WE'D LIKE TO RUN FOR YOU. IT WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES.

6 [MUSIC.] [MUSIC.]

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8 **JOHN WICKER:** AT THIS TIME, WE'RE OPEN FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU
9 MIGHT HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD AGAIN THANK THE STAFF AND
12 EVERYONE FOR PULLING THEIR FORCES TOGETHER AND MAKING THIS
13 HAPPEN TODAY. AND I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND READ IN A MOTION THAT
14 IS CO-AUTHORED BY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I UNDERSTAND
15 WE ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT WILL BE PRESENTED. SO IF I CAN,
16 PLEASE BEAR WITH ME. "THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE MULTIPLE BENEFITS THEY PROVIDE TO
18 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. ACCORDINGLY, IN FEBRUARY OF 2015,
19 THE BOARD FUNDED THE 2016 COUNTY-WIDE PARKS AND RECREATION
20 NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO GATHER DATA,
21 ANALYZE EXISTING CONDITIONS, PRODUCE LISTS OF PROJECTS AS
22 PRIORITIZED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE BOARD FURTHER
23 DIRECTED THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER TO EXAMINE EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES AND EXPLORE
25 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO FUND PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS IN THE



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1 FUTURE, ALL OF WHICH HAS CULMINATED IN THE DRAFT BALLOT
2 MEASURE BEING DISCUSSED TODAY. AS SHOWN BY THE 2016 COUNTYWIDE
3 PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT, THE
4 FUNDING SOURCES INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THE FUNDING
5 NEEDED TO PROVIDE AND PROTECT PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES
6 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WE KNOW EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF EXISTING
7 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SERVICE PROVIDERS. WITH THE EXPIRATION
8 OF THE VOTER- APPROVED LOCAL REVENUE FOR FUNDING COUNTYWIDE
9 PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS AND THEIR MAINTENANCE UNDER
10 PROPOSITION Z OF 1992 AND 1996 ON JUNE 30TH OF 2015 AND JUNE
11 30TH OF 2019 RESPECTIVELY, SUCCESS OF THE DRAFT PARKS AND
12 RECREATION FUNDING MEASURE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO OUR
13 COUNTY AND TO ITS CONSTITUENTS. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON JUNE
16 21ST OF 2016 WITH THE FINAL DRAFT PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING
17 MEASURES SO THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER ITS ADOPTION AND PLACEMENT
18 ON THE NOVEMBER 8TH, 2016 BALLOT, AND THE FINAL REPORT OF THE
19 COUNTYWIDE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD."
20 AT THIS TIME, IF ANY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT? OR WE HAVE
21 AN AMENDMENT ALSO?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE REQUIRE
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH
25 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE FIVE



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1 SUPERVISORIAL OFFICES, CONDUCT POLLING PRIOR TO RETURNING TO
2 THE BOARD ON JUNE THE 21ST. THAT IS THE AMENDING MOTION THAT I
3 WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT. I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO LAUNCH INTO A
4 BALLOT EFFORT WITHOUT KNOWING BEFOREHAND WHAT WE ARE GETTING
5 INTO AND NUANCE THE LANGUAGE ACCORDINGLY. THAT IS MY MOTION.
6 AND I TRUST THAT IT WILL BE SECONDED.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'LL SECOND THAT. MADAME CHAIR, THE REPORT
9 THAT WE GOT BACK, THE POLLING WAS VERY, VERY BULLISH
10 CONSIDERING THE ECONOMICS OF ALL THE VARIOUS TAX PROPOSALS
11 THAT WOULD BE ON THE BALLOT THAT WERE ALL BASICALLY GOING TO
12 BE APPROVED. AND IT JUST SEEMS TO ME, AND I PERSONALLY, LIKE
13 ARNIE STEINBERG, ANOTHER POLL TO VERIFY THAT WE COULD HAVE
14 THAT AS A BENCHMARK WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD ON HOW TO PROCEED
15 BECAUSE WE ALL RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE MY APPOINTEES TO THE
16 COMMITTEE THAT WORKED ON DEVELOPING THE PRIORITIES OF PARKING-
17 - OF THE PARKS IN OUR COUNTY, THAT WE DO NEED TO MOVE FORWARD
18 FOR OUR PARKS, OUR RECREATIONAL, OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S VITAL.
19 BUT I WANT TO BE SURE WE'RE GOING TO WIN AND HAVE THAT
20 BENCHMARK. BUT I WOULD SECOND SUPERVISOR--

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT AMENDMENT HAS BEEN MOVED
23 AND SECONDED. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I SUPPORT THAT MOTION, AS WELL, TOO. I THINK
2 IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. WHEN I ASKED FOR THE QUESTIONS, I
3 MEAN IT REALLY WASN'T PUSHED. THIS IS GOING TO BE UP AGAINST
4 R-2. I KNOW WE HAVE SOME LONG BEACH FOLKS IN THE CROWD. THEY
5 GOT 8-B OUT THERE. I JUST FOUND OUT THAT MY OWN CITY IS
6 THINKING ABOUT AN INFRASTRUCTURE TAX, SALES TAX. SO IT'S GOING
7 TO BE UP AGAINST A LOT OF OPPOSITION. AND I THINK WE REALLY
8 NEED TO KNOW WHERE WE'RE AT ON THIS. I REALLY FELT THE RESULTS
9 WERE A LITTLE OVER OPTIMISTIC AND NOT PUSHED HARD ENOUGH AND
10 SO THIS IS GOOD. THIS IS GREAT. THANKS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ACCEPTING
13 THIS AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I THINK THERE WAS ALREADY
14 INITIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT DOING SOME MORE POLLING ON THIS.

15

16 **JOHN WICKER:** ABSOLUTELY.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **JOHN WICKER:** ABSOLUTELY. WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, WE WOULD
21 LOVE TO DO ADDITIONAL POLLING, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS NOT A DISCUSSION. THIS IS A
24 DIRECTIVE. POLL FIRST. [LAUGHTER.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, WE WANT TO BE RIGHT. AND WE
2 DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THE FAILURE OF WHAT HAPPENED TWO
3 YEARS AGO. A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE. AND I AGAIN WANT TO
4 APPRECIATE THE STAFF, OUR STEERING COMMITTEE, OUR COMMUNITY
5 REPRESENTATIVES, OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND WE REALIZE THAT THIS IS
6 JUST THE BEGINNING. THERE'S STILL A LOT OF PEOPLE NOW THAT
7 HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS WORK HAS ILLUSTRATED TO US TODAY.
8 SO REALLY THE WORK IS JUST STARTING FOR ALL OF US. AND I'M
9 WILLING TO MOVE THIS AHEAD AND HOPE THAT THE BOARD HERE WILL
10 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT AND IT WILL HAVE PUBLIC INPUT
11 AS NEEDED AND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT, AS WELL. I THINK
14 ACTUALLY WE HAD DISCUSSED EARLY ON ABOUT A NUMBER OF POLLS
15 THAT WERE GOING TO BE SORT OF TIMED OUT, WHICH IS ALWAYS GOOD.
16 I THINK A POLL IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT
17 AN UPCOMING ISSUE, WHAT IT DOES AND WHAT IT DOESN'T DO. BUT I
18 ALSO THINK SHOULD WE VOTE TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT IN JUNE,
19 THAT IT'S INCUMBENT ON THE BOARD TO UNDERTAKE SOME EDUCATION
20 ITSELF ON BEHALF OF A MEASURE AS WE SHOULD ON ANY MEASURE THAT
21 WE VOTE TO PUT ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE WE'VE GOT A LOT OF
22 INFORMATION ABOUT IT. SO I ASSUME IN POLLING, ONE OF THE
23 THINGS THAT WE MIGHT BE TESTING MIGHT BE THE FUNDING
24 MECHANISM. AND I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT'S GOOD
25 FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD GET AND WHAT THEY MIGHT BE



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1 ASKED TO COVER. ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE EXEMPTIONS IN
2 THE POLL ABOUT FUNDING SO THAT PEOPLE AREN'T THINKING "OH, MY
3 POOR SICK MOTHER IS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY \$75" WHEN SHE
4 PROBABLY ISN'T, SMALL THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL
5 KEEP THAT IN MIND AND I THINK THE DIRECTIVE IS VERY WELL
6 PLACED. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION TO MOVE
7 FORWARD WITH THIS. WHEN I WAS A KID, THE PARKS THAT WE WENT TO
8 ACTUALLY SURROUNDED THE LIBRARY THAT WE WENT TO AND I HAD A
9 LONG TALK WITH MR. WICKER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
10 COLLOCATING, WHICH IS ANOTHER ASPECT OF WHAT WE'LL DO. SCHOOL
11 YARDS THAT MIGHT BE CONVERTED FOR USE BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY.
12 LIBRARIES, ET CETERA. I THINK THERE'S A LOT THAT'S EXCITING
13 AND PERHAPS THAT MIGHT BE PART OF THE POLLING QUESTIONS
14 BECAUSE IT CREATES THE NOTION OF WHAT IT BRINGS TO YOUR
15 COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I KNOW
18 THAT THERE'S A LOT OF THOUGHT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THOSE
19 PRIORITIES BY THE COMMUNITY. AND SOME THAT WE HAVEN'T EVEN
20 HEARD ABOUT YET. SO THERE'S STILL TIME TO REFINE THIS, WHICH I
21 THINK IS REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE THERE'S STILL A LOT OF FOLKS
22 OUT THERE. I KNOW IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT I REPRESENT, THAT
23 HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD YET. AND IT IS APPROPRIATE TO LOOK AT OTHER
24 ALTERNATIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, LA PUENTE PARK, NEVER HAD A POOL. I
25 LIVED THERE MOST OF MY LIFE, IT'S NEVER HAD A POOL. THEY USE



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1 THE HIGH SCHOOL THAT'S NEXT DOOR. THEY'RE THINKING OF
2 EXPANDING THAT POOL AND ACCESS AND OPENING IT UP TO PEOPLE IN
3 THE COMMUNITY. HOW CAN OUR L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND REC BE A PART
4 OF THAT THROUGH STAFFING OR WHATEVER ELSE MECHANISM ARE
5 AVAILABLE, SO EVERYONE REALLY FULLY GETS TO UTILIZE ONE CITY
6 POOL THAT WILL IMPACT TWO OR THREE OUTER LYING AREAS OUTSIDE
7 OF THE BOUNDARIES OF LA PUENTE? SO I JUST THROW THAT OUT AS AN
8 EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LOOK AT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS SORT OF PUSH BACK ON THEM,
11 BUT A LOT HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE. ON HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WE FELT
12 REDO THE POOLS THERE IN BOTH WILSON AND LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL
13 FOR A JOINT USE AND FOR SUMMER USE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO BUILT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, WITH HIGH
16 SCHOOL IN THE PARKS WHERE THEY SHARED THE FIELDS. SO THOSE
17 TYPE OF PARTNERSHIPS, LIKE SHE SAID, WITH THE LIBRARIES, IS
18 VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY GO HAND-IN-HAND.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IF THAT CONCLUDES
21 YOUR PRESENTATION, THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND CALL UP SEVERAL
22 WITNESSES THAT WANT TO MAKE SOME STATEMENTS REGARDING THIS
23 ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS.

24



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1 **JOHN WICKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, TOO, FOR ALLOWING US THIS
2 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON BOTH OF THOSE EXCITING PROJECTS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ED
5 REYES. BARBARA ROMERO. ANDRE QUINTERO. JOE EDMISTON. MARK
6 STANLEY. PHIL HESTER.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, IT MIGHT BE NICE TO REMIND THE
9 SPEAKERS, THERE APPEARS TO BE FIVE VOTES ON BEHALF OF THIS
10 MOTION.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN SAY THAT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, I'M SAYING IT. THERE APPEARS TO BE FIVE
15 VOTES ON BEHALF OF BOTH MOTIONS.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO IF WE CAN CONSOLIDATE THAT, MIGHT
18 BE HELPFUL. OKAY. WHY DON'T WE START WITH ED? GO AHEAD. LET'S
19 JUST RUN THROUGH THIS.

20

21 **ED REYES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
22 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION. THIS IS ONE OF
23 THOSE MOMENTS IN WHICH THE COUNTY CAN ADDRESS BOTH ISSUES THAT
24 HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CHANGE ENVIRONMENTS, THE BUILT-OUT
25 ENVIRONMENTS. WE HEARD EXTENSIVELY THE FIRST ITEM WHAT HAPPENS



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1 TO OUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS, THEY DON'T HAVE A
2 HEALTHY BUILT OUT ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS
3 THAT AS A COUNTY WE CAN LOOK AT ECOSYSTEMS, NATURAL HABITATS
4 AS AN ANCHOR TO PROMOTE CHANGE THROUGHOUT THOSE AREAS THAT
5 HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY NEGLECTED. BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT THAT
6 EVERY AREA IN THE COUNTY HAS AN AREA OF NEED. EVERY POINT IN
7 THE DISTRICT THAT HAS HIGH DENSITIES OR IMPOVERISHED CORNERS
8 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT FROM THIS GREAT WORK. AS A
9 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER, WE WORKED DILIGENTLY, THERE WAS 40
10 REPRESENTATIVES WHO REFLECTED MANY PERSPECTIVES, ALL THE
11 DIFFERENT ATTITUDES, STAKEHOLDER-TYPE INTERESTS, FROM OPEN
12 SPACE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THOSE
13 RURAL AREAS, INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS WHERE THEY HAVE BASICALLY
14 SMALL POCKETS OF GREEN SPACE THAT ARE HOLDING WHAT GAINS THEY
15 COULD AMONGST THESE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE SO POLLUTED AND
16 CONTAMINATED. SO TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO OFFSET THESE CORNERS
17 IN SUCH A WAY WHERE WE COULD PROMOTE OXYGEN, WE COULD LOOK AT
18 THE NOTION OF SOMEONE HARVESTING TECHNOLOGY TO START LOOKING
19 AT AREAS THAT WE CAN STORE WATER SO WE CAN START FILTERING
20 THOSE CONTAMINANTS, THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS, THESE ARE
21 CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE RUSHING INTO OUR OCEAN. NOW WE HAVE THE
22 POTENTIAL TO LEVERAGE PARK RESOURCES WITH PUBLIC WORKS, WITH
23 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SANITATION DISTRICT, WITH PUBLIC HEALTH,
24 THESE ARE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE COMING DOWN THE
25 PIPELINE THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE. SO IN CLOSING I WANT TO THANK



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1 YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'M HOPING THAT WE WILL BE IN THE
2 POSITION TO ESTABLISH THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS WHEREVER ONE CAN
3 BENEFIT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **MAYOR ANDRE QUINTERO:** MAYOR ANDRE QUINTERO FROM THE CITY OF EL
8 MONTE. IT'S ALWAYS AN HONOR TO BE HERE BEFORE THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. I THINK THIS IS MY SECOND TIME WITHIN THE LAST 12
10 MONTHS. EVERY TIME, IT'S BECAUSE THE COUNTY'S DOING SOMETHING
11 AMAZING. AND I KNOW THAT YOU PERCEIVE THIS TO BE THE CASE. I
12 CERTAINLY PERCEIVE IT TO BE THE CASE FOR MY CITY, 115,000
13 RESIDENTS. THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT WAS DONE ON THIS PROJECT
14 WAS EXTRAORDINARY. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IT FOR THE LAST
15 14 MONTHS, BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT FROM THOSE OF US
16 ON THE OUTSKIRTS, WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT THIS COUNTY'S
17 DONE. THE STAFF, THE CONSULTANTS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
18 EVERYONE HAS HAD SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING THIS.
19 YOU'RE SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD FOR THIS TYPE OF ASSESSMENT
20 AND FOR THESE TYPES OF EXPENDITURES AND IT'S VERY DIFFERENT
21 THAN WHAT HAPPENED WITH MEASURE B. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE VERY
22 CAUTIOUS IN GOING OUT FOR A POLL AND I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL
23 TO VALIDATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING, BUT I WANT YOU TO
24 KNOW FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE OUT THERE LOOKING FORWARD TO
25 SUPPORTING A MEASURE SHOULD IT COME FORWARD, I THINK THE



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1 FOUNDATION THAT YOU'VE LAID, THE ASSESSMENTS, THE
2 UNDERSTANDING FROM EACH COMMUNITY, BEFORE A MEASURE TAKES
3 PLACE, SO WE HAVE OUR PRIORITIES ALREADY SET, IT'S NOT A
4 MATTER OF AFTER THE FACT, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT
5 SOMETHING TOGETHER. THIS IS A VERY DELIBERATE AND VERY WELL
6 ORGANIZED PROCESS. I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE ENTIRE COUNTY
7 TEAM, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR JUST OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON
8 THIS AND I LOOK FORWARD. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A STRONG
9 UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR THESE MOTIONS AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
10 SUPPORT THEM AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **BARBARA ROMERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS,
15 BARBARA ROMERO, DEPUTY MAYOR OF CITY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. AS DEPUTY MAYOR, I REPRESENT-- I OVERSEE 15
17 DEPARTMENTS. AND ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS I OVERSEE IS THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF REC AND PARKS. BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO FIRST
19 SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE FOR
20 THE LAST 25 YEARS. BEFORE I CAME TO WORK IN GARCETTI'S
21 ADMINISTRATION, I WORKED AT THE M.R.C.A., WHICH IS A JOINT
22 POWERS AUTHORITY OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.
23 AND THERE I WAS IN CHARGE OF WORKING IN THE URBAN AREAS,
24 WORKING ON PARKS, WHICH MEANT I WORKED WITH YOUR OFFICES AND I
25 PRODUCED A LOT OF PARKS WITH PROP A. SO I HAVE SEEN ALONG THE



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1 COMPTON CREEK, THE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY PARK THAT WAS A
2 DIRECT BENEFIT OF PROPOSITION A. MR. HERMOSA IN SUPERVISOR
3 DISTRICT 1, I SAW THE DIRECT BENEFIT ALONG THE RIVERA LONG THE
4 PARK AND MARSH PARK, AND IN PACOIMA WASH, THE 8TH STREET PARK.
5 SO I WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE THE
6 DIRECT BENEFIT THAT IT IMPACTS THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT NEED
7 PARKS, BUT ALSO AS I LEARNED, THAT IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT TO
8 LOOK AT PRESERVING THE OPEN SPACE AREAS AND MAKING SURE THAT
9 WE TAKE THOSE KIDS OUT INTO THE NATURAL AREAS SO THAT THEY
10 BECOME STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, NOT ONLY IN THEIR
11 NEIGHBORHOODS BUT IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. I'M HERE JUST TO SAY
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP FROM THE MAYOR BECAUSE THIS
13 LAUNCH, YOU LAUNCH AN INVENTORY THAT A LOT OF YOU HAVE SAID IS
14 UNPRECEDENTED. IT WAS AN AMBITIOUS BUT NECESSARY TO REALLY
15 UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PARK NEEDS IN THE COUNTY. AS A
16 COMMITTEE MEMBER, THANK YOU FIRST FOR INCLUDING THE CITY OF
17 LOS ANGELES. BUT IT WAS A PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THE PROCESS.
18 THE DEPARTMENT STAFF WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL AND INSIGHTFUL AND
19 WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT IT INCLUDED THE METRICS AND THE FRAMEWORK
20 NECESSARY FOR YOU GUYS TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. I'D JUST
21 LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING I HOPE YOU CONSIDER USING THIS
22 COMPREHENSIVE TOOL TO INFORM YOUR DECISION AS YOU MOVE FORWARD
23 IN IDENTIFYING WHETHER YOU PROCEED WITH A PARK MEASURE. AND I
24 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH IS WHAT OUR
25 MAYOR IS REALLY PROUD OF AND WE HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK



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1 WITH YOU ON A BALANCED APPROACH FOR A MUCH NEEDED PARK
2 MEASURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS? MR.
5 EDMISTON. WELCOME.

6

7 **JOE EDMISTON:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS. I WANT TO SPEAK TO TWO
8 ISSUES, NUMBER ONE, THE HEALTH OF OUR HEADS. I WANT TO KEY OFF
9 OF WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID THAT EVERYTHING HAVING TO DO
10 WITH THAT INCARCERATION SYSTEM CAME BACK AT SOME POINT TO
11 MENTAL HEALTH. AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY OF CLEARING YOUR HEAD
12 THAN GETTING OUT IN THE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN CLEAR YOUR HEAD.
13 AND THAT IS AN ARGUMENT FOR NOT JUST CONFINED RECREATIONAL
14 SPACES WITHIN A 30-MINUTE WALK OR A HALF MILE WALK OR A MILE
15 WALK OR WHATEVER IT IS. IT'S TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT WHERE
16 NATURE CAN BE THE PREDOMINANT FACTOR. AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
17 HERE THAT OUR OPEN SPACES ARE THE PLACES WHERE WE CAN CREATE
18 NEW RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR NEW
19 GENERATION. AND I RECALL SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHEN WE WERE
20 OUT THERE SIGNING THAT DEED UPON THE BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC
21 OVERLOOK, MAYBE YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN BUT I NEVER
22 REALIZED THAT PEOPLE WOULD GO FROM ALL THE WAY TO JEFFERSON,
23 ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR THINGS IN L.A. COUNTY RECREATION IS TO
24 START AT JEFFERSON AND HIKE AND RUN UP THAT-- DID YOU THINK
25 THAT WOULD BE THE CASE?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I INVESTED IN DEFIBRILLATORS, AS
3 WELL. THANKS. [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **JOE EDMISTON:** SO WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF NEW RECREATION THAT IS
6 COMING AND ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE IS THAT OPEN SPACE AVAILABLE
7 FOR ALL OF OUR GENERATIONS, NOT JUST THE SIERRA CLUB MEMBERS
8 OF US AND NOT JUST THE FOLKS WHO HAVE CALVES THAT LOOK LIKE
9 SCOTSMAN'S CALVES. SO THAT'S THE IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL OPEN
10 SPACE. AND SO WHEN WE SEE ON THESE MAPS GREEN AREAS SAYING
11 "WELL, NOT SO MUCH NEED" I WOULD TURN THAT AROUND. THAT'S
12 WHERE WE HAVE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE IN THE RED AND THE ORANGE
13 AREAS ON THAT MAP, THEY NEED TO GET TO THOSE GREEN AREAS. AND
14 THAT'S AN OBLIGATION THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE TAKEN THAT VERY
15 SERIOUSLY. EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD KNOWS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN
16 THAT SERIOUSLY WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION. SECOND OF ALL, AND I
17 SEE MY TIME IS EXPIRED. AND YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY STRONG
18 SERGEANTS AT ARMS HERE TO MAKE SURE WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE
19 WHOSE TIME EXPIRED.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEY'VE GOT BADGES, TOO, JOE.

22

23 **JOE EDMISTON:** THAT'S RIGHT. BUT INCREASE FROM 15 PERCENT MAYBE
24 TO 20 PERCENT THE AMOUNT OF SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE.
25 BECAUSE, REMEMBER, WHAT WAS THE MOST OUTSTANDING STATISTIC YOU



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1 HAD? NUMBER 1 STATISTIC. 46 PERCENT OF YOUR NEED IS
2 DILAPIDATED FACILITIES. AND SO IF WE HAVE MORE INTO SERVICING
3 AND MAINTENANCE, MAYBE 10 YEARS HENCE OR 15 YEARS HENCE, WE
4 WON'T HAVE A SURVEY WILL COME BACK AND SAY OUR BIGGEST SOURCE
5 OF NEED IS, WE DIDN'T TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT TO BEGIN WITH. SO
6 THAT WOULD BE MY ARGUMENT TO THIS BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
7 WE HAVE A GREAT LEGACY OF PARKS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY NAMED
8 AFTER SUPERVISORS. WE HAVE SOME NAMED AFTER SUPERVISORS. AND
9 I'M VERY HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SOME NAMED AFTER
10 SUPERVISORS WHO CURRENTLY CAN VOTE FOR THIS MEASURE.
11 [LAUGHTER.] SO EVERYBODY ULTIMATELY WILL BE REPRESENTED IN OUR
12 WONDERFUL OPEN SPACES IN OUR MOUNTAINS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SPEAKING OF NAMES, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GIVE
15 YOURS. BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T AT THE BEGINNING.

16

17 **JOE EDMISTON:** I'M JOE EDMISTON. AND I GREW UP IN THE FIRST
18 DISTRICT L.A. 22 WHEN IT WAS CALLED L.A. 22, REMEMBER THAT?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **JOE EDMISTON:** SO THAT'S WHO I AM. AND I CURRENTLY MY NUMBER
23 ONE RECREATIONAL ENJOYMENT OF ALL THINGS IS THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. BUT
25 OF COURSE MY HEART IS WITH YOU, SHEILA. [LAUGHTER.]



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **MARIBETH AGARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIBETH AGARA AND
5 I'M WITH THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND
6 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MIGHT KNOW, THE
7 ISSUE OF EQUITY RUNS DEEP WITHIN THIS ISSUE OF PARKS AND THIS
8 NEEDS ASSESSMENT. WITHIN THE CONSERVANCY, WE ARE TRULY CREATED
9 TO REPRESENT THE URBAN NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, WHICH
10 INCLUDES 68 CITIES FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS ALL THE WAY
11 DOWN SOUTH TO THE PORT OF LONG BEACH AND PARTS OF ORANGE
12 COUNTY AS WELL AS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ACCORDING TO OUR
13 MAPPING EFFORTS, WE ESTIMATE THAT 4.8 MILLION PEOPLE OR 13
14 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S POPULATION LIVES WITHIN THIS R.N.C.
15 TERRITORY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE VAST PERCENTAGE OF OUR
16 PROJECTS ARE LOCATED IN LOW INCOME DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.
17 THESE COMMUNITIES ARE HOME TO APPROXIMATELY 2 MILLION PEOPLE.
18 THE R.N.C. IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING
19 APPLICATIONS THROUGH A COMPETITIVE GROUND PROCESS WHICH WAS
20 INITIATED LAST SEPTEMBER. THESE FUNDS COME FROM OUR ALLOCATION
21 OF THE NOVEMBER 2014 WATER BOND. THE REASON WHY THIS IS
22 IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING TO RANK PROJECTS, WE ALWAYS
23 LOOK TO SEE HOW CITIES AND NONPROFITS ARE MATCHING THEIR GRANT
24 REQUESTS. AND SO THESE ARE THE LOCAL, THIS IS THE SOURCE OF
25 LOCAL FUNDS THAT CITIES AND NONPROFITS USE TO LEVERAGE STATE



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1 FUNDING, FEDERAL AND PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING AND THEREBY STRETCH
2 THESE FUNDS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR PARK PROJECTS, INCLUDING
3 ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION PROJECTS. SO I JUST WANTED TO
4 ALSO INDICATE THAT WE'RE VERY HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE FUNDING
5 THAT'S BEEN ADDRESSED TO-- FOR THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND
6 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE
7 OF THIS MEASURE MOVING FORWARD. AND FINALLY ON A PERSONAL
8 NOTE. I'M THE MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN. I DEFINITELY
9 APPRECIATE MORE PARKS SO THAT KIDS CAN CONNECT, RECREATE AND
10 MORE IMPORTANTLY TO GET THEM TIRED SO THAT THEY CAN GO TO
11 SLEEP AT NIGHT. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT THE
14 RIVER MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY WENT THROUGH VARIOUS ITERATIONS OF
15 NAMES. AND THE AUTHOR OF THAT LEGISLATION HAPPENS TO BE
16 CHAIRING THIS MEETING ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. SO I JUST
17 WANT TO SAY THAT THINGS COME BACK. BUT WE'RE STILL HERE. THANK
18 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **PHIL HESTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PHIL HESTER. AND I'M
21 THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINES FOR THE
22 CITY OF LONG BEACH AND WAS FORTUNATE TO RETIRE FOUR YEARS AGO
23 AFTER 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THE CITY. I ALSO HAD THE
24 HONOR OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE
25 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS



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1 PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR, JOHN WICKER. I WAS
2 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR
3 ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT STEERING
4 COMMITTEE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
5 FOR YOUR FORESIGHT IN ASKING THAT THIS REPORT BE PREPARED. THE
6 STAFF OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE OPEN SPACE
7 DISTRICT, ALONG WITH STAFF FROM THE CONSULTING COMPANY PLACE
8 WORKS ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR COMPLETING THIS INCLUSIVE AND
9 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. THEIR EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY
10 GROUPS AND RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE TOTAL COUNTY WILL HELP
11 ASSURE THAT THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT AND VIABLE DOCUMENT. AS
12 A FORMER DIRECTOR OF A PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN A
13 LARGE URBAN CITY LIKE LONG BEACH, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE
14 EXISTENCE OF PREVIOUS PARKS BONDS LIKE PROPOSITION A WERE
15 VITAL TO US TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE DIRE NEEDS OF NEW PARKS
16 AND RECREATION AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN OUR UNDERSERVED AREAS OF
17 THE CITY. ALSO BEING ABLE TO REHABILITATE AND MAKE
18 IMPROVEMENTS TO OLDER EXISTING PARKS AND FACILITIES,
19 ESPECIALLY IN OUR DENSELY POPULATED INNER CITY, WOULD NEVER
20 TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT ACCESS TO THESE PREVIOUS PARK BONDS. BUT
21 WITH PROP A ABOUT TO SUNSET, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT A
22 NEW PARK BOND BE INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC NOW. I WOULD ALSO
23 LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE
24 ELEMENT AS A PART OF THIS NEW PARKS BOND. THESE MAINTENANCE
25 RESOURCES WERE INCLUDED AS A PART OF PROPOSITION A, AS HAS



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1 BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED
2 NEW PARKS BOND. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY CITIES IN THE COUNTY
3 CONTINUE TO BE CHALLENGED TO FIND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO
4 MAINTAIN THESE IMPORTANT PARKS AND RECREATION ASSETS. IN
5 CLOSING, I WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 FOR REQUESTING THIS REPORT. I URGE YOU TO TAKE THE NEXT MAJOR
7 STEP AND ALLOW THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY TO DECIDE HOW
8 IMPORTANT PARKS AND RECREATIONS AND OPEN SPACE ARE TO THEM BY
9 INCLUDING IT ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAK CERTAIN
12 MARIA CAMACHO, OMAR GOMEZ. JENNIFER PIPPARD, ADRIANA PINEDO.
13 KIM LAMORIE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, CAN I JUST THANK PHIL FOR COMING
16 DOWN AND THE PATIENCE TO SIT THROUGH THIS AND TESTIFY? HAD TO
17 BRING BACK SOME NIGHTMARES OF LONG CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO VOTE FOR IT.
20 [LAUGHTER.] GO AHEAD.

21

22 **JENNIFER PIPPARD:** HELLO, I'M JENNIFER PIPPARD FROM FIRST FIVE
23 LOS ANGELES. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. AND
24 FIRST FIVE L.A. WORKED IN PARTNERSHIPS, AS YOU KNOW, WITH
25 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND



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1 COMMUNITIES SO ALL CHILDREN IN L.A. CAN ENTER KINDERGARTEN
2 READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE. PART OF THAT SUCCESS CAN
3 BE BUILT BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN COMMUNITIES,
4 WHICH ULTIMATELY SUPPORTS A CHILD'S HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.
5 THAT'S WHY WE WERE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT ON THE STEERING
6 COMMITTEE OF THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT, REPRESENTING THE
7 NEEDS AND INTEREST OF FAMILIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN.
8 PLAYGROUNDS, FITNESS ZONES FOR PARENTS, PICNIC SHELTERS,
9 SWIMMING POOLS, SPLASH PADS ALONG WITH GREEN SPACE JUST TO RUN
10 AND PLAY AND HAVE FUN, ARE CRITICAL FOR THE SOCIAL AND
11 EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN. PARKS ALSO PROVIDE
12 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THEIR OWN
13 SOCIAL CONNECTIONS, REDUCING PARENTAL STRESS AND AGAIN
14 SUPPORTING A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT. WE APPLAUD THE INCLUSIVE,
15 DATA-DRIVEN AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED APPROACH THE L.A. COUNTY
16 PARKS AND RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED AND THE
17 COMMISSION OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT. FIRST FIVE L.A. IS PROUD
18 TO HAVE HELPED IN THIS INCLUSIVITY BY LEVERAGING ITS OWN
19 INVESTMENT IN OUR 14 BEST START COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE A
20 PLATFORM FOR PARENTS AND RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN THE PARKS
21 NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL INFORM FUTURE
22 COUNTY DECISION MAKING. FIRST FIVE L.A. IS HONORED TO BE A
23 PART OF THE UNIQUE AND POWERFUL EXPERIENCE AND EXPECT THAT IT
24 WILL INFORM EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF PARKS AND INCREASE PARKS
25 AND COMMUNITIES WHERE THE NEED IS HIGH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **ADRIANA PI EDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD. MY NAME IS ADRIANA PI EDO AND I'M A HEALTH POLICY
6 COORDINATOR WITH DAY ONE IN THE CITY OF POMONA. I HAD THE
7 PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1 UNDER APPOINTMENT OF
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT STEERING
9 COMMITTEE. AND EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS PART OF A TEAM WITH DAY
10 ONE AND BIKE S.U.V. WE CONDUCTED SEVERAL PARK NEEDS
11 ASSESSMENTS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN
12 GABRIEL VALLEY. WE'RE PROUD TO SAY WE AVERAGED ABOUT 100
13 RESIDENTS FOR EACH OF THOSE MEETINGS. AND AS SOMEONE THAT
14 SPENT QUITE SOMETIME IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTING OF THESE
15 MEETINGS, WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH COUNTY STAFF WHO WERE
16 WONDERFUL, I ASSURE YOU THAT OUR CONVERSATIONS WERE AS DIVERSE
17 AND AS INCLUSIVE AS OUR COMMUNITIES. SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES
18 HAVE NO PARKS, NO OPEN GREEN SPACE TO PLAY IN. OTHERS LIKE MY
19 HOMETOWN OF POMONA, WE HAVE PLENTY OF PARKS. UNFORTUNATELY
20 THEY'RE UNDERUTILIZED BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS AND POOR
21 INFRASTRUCTURE. ULTIMATELY A LOT OF COMMON THEMES AROSE AS WE
22 HEADED OUT. BUT WELLNESS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY SEEM TO BE
23 MARRIED. AND IN EVERY SINGLE COMMUNITY WE SEEM TO HAVE THAT
24 CONVERSATION HOW HEALTH AND SAFETY GO HAND-IN-HAND. A LOT OF
25 THE REQUESTS WERE NOT FOR POLICING 24/7. THERE WERE AS SIMPLE



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1 AS MORE LIGHTING, RESTORING THE RESTROOMS AND PARKING LOTS.
2 THINGS AS EASY AS FITNESS ZONES AND WALKING TRAILS, JUST TO
3 GET OUR RESIDENTS MORE ACTIVE. AGAIN, POMONA WE HAVE 27 PARKS.
4 UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE STILL THE EIGHTH MOST OBESE AND OVERWEIGHT
5 CITY IN THE COUNTY AND THAT'S THE 18TH IN THE CITY. WE
6 DEFINITELY NEED YOUR HELP IN ADDRESSING THIS. NOW THAT WE HAVE
7 A MUCH MORE CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS ARE,
8 I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GO AHEAD AND SECURE SOME FUNDING FOR
9 OUR PARKS, SECURE SOME FUNDING FOR OUR PUBLIC GREEN SPACES.
10 AND COMMUNITIES NOT JUST LIKE POMONA WHERE WE HAVE ONE OF THE
11 FIFTH LARGEST CITIES AND POPULATIONS, BUT ALL ACROSS OUR
12 COUNTY. IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT OUR COUNTY
13 LEADERSHIP IS LOOKING TO MAKE INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES'
14 WELLNESS AND QUALITY OF LIFE. AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT
15 WE ARE LOOKING AN THE THIS POTENTIAL MEASURE. I LEAVE YOU WITH
16 THIS. WHOEVER CONTROLS NEIGHBORHOOD'S PUBLIC SPACES CONTROLS
17 THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. THAT CONTROL MUST
18 REST WITH THE RESIDENTS. AND I URGE YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS
19 OF THE BOARD, TO HELP US MAKE SURE THAT THE OWNERSHIP IN OUR
20 NEIGHBORHOODS IS STILL WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THAT WE HELP
21 THEM BE HEALTHIER AND SAFER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE LOOK
22 FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE IN THE FALL.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER.

25



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1 **MARIA CAMACHO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, MARIA CAMACHO, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR RIVER
3 L.A. WE USED TO BE KNOWN AS L.A. RIVER VITALIZATION
4 CORPORATION, SO WE'RE NOW RIVER L.A. MY ORGANIZATION VERY MUCH
5 SUPPORTS THE COUNTYWIDE EFFORT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
6 SPECIFIC PARK NEEDS OF EACH OF L.A. COUNTY'S DIVERSE
7 COMMUNITIES. NEED TO HAVE LOCAL PARK AND GREEN SPACE FUNDING
8 SO WE CAN LEVERAGE STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS AND COMPLETE THE
9 LARGE PROJECTS LIKE THE REVITALIZATION OF THE LOS ANGELES
10 RIVER. WE ALSO FEEL IT'S VITAL THAT THE L.A. RIVER AND ITS
11 TRIBUTARIES ARE REPRESENTED AS PARK OPPORTUNITY AREAS. NOT
12 ONLY DO RIVER ADJACENT AMENITIES PROVIDE ALL OF THE BENEFITS
13 OF OTHER PARKS, BUT THEY ARE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT THE
14 COUNTY'S DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS ABOUT A QUARTER OF L.A.
15 RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE L.A. RIVER SO
16 INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PARKS ALONGSIDE THE RIVER AND ITS
17 TRIBUTARIES WOULD PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS
18 ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHICH SO DESPERATELY NEED IT. AGAIN THANK
19 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS VERY
20 IMPORTANT TOPIC. THE L.A. RIVERS ARE ABSOLUTELY IN THE HOUSE
21 AND WE WANT TO BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ALL THE WORK THAT YOUR
22 COUNTY AND EVERYBODY'S DOING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25



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1 **KIM LAMORIE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS KIM LAMORIE,
2 AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION
3 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. FOR 50 YEARS, WE HAVE
4 CHAMPIONED AND FOUGHT FOR OUR OPEN SPACES AND PARKS FOR ALL.
5 OF COURSE WE SUPPORT AN EQUITABLE PARKS MEASURE. AND WE
6 APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB IN ANALYZING OUR
7 URBAN PARK NEEDS. BUT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT IS INCOMPLETE IN
8 ADDRESSING OPEN SPACE, OUR RURAL AND SUBURBAN NEEDS, WHICH
9 SHOULD BE REMEDIED. ONE SIZE ONE URBAN CRITERIA DOES NOT FIT
10 ALL COUNTY-WIDE. NO CRITERIA WAS USED FOR DETERMINING AND
11 PRIORITIZING NEEDS FOR OPEN SPACE OR NATURAL LAND. IF
12 PRESERVING OUR THREATENED WILDLIFE CORRIDORS, OAK WOODLANDS,
13 OUR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, OUR BLUE LINE STREAMS ARE NOT HIGH
14 NEEDS, THEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS. THIS ANALYSIS MUST BE
15 INCLUDED IN THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT. SAME THING FOR RURAL AND
16 SUBURBAN AREAS. URBAN PARK CRITERIA CANNOT BE USED TO EQUALLY
17 DETERMINE OR PRIORITIZE NEEDS. IT SIMPLY DOESN'T WORK. IT'S
18 LIKE USING APPLES TO ASSESS ORANGES AND WE NEED EVERYONE TO
19 BUY IN TO WIN. IN THE INTEREST OF PASSING THE MEASURE, WE
20 WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER A TERM OF LESS THAN 35 YEARS AND A
21 FLAT PARCEL TAX AS OPPOSED TO THE SQUARE FOOTAGE TAX. FOR
22 EXAMPLE, A 3,500 SQUARE FOOT HOUSE ASSESSED AT 5 CENTS IS
23 \$175. THAT IS A WHOPPING INCREASE FROM WHAT WE'RE PAYING NOW,
24 NEVER MIND LARGER HOMES. AND PROP P FAILED AT \$23. SO
25 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF AN EXPENSIVE AND LONG-TERM MEASURE



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1 THAT IS PERCEIVED AS PRIORITIZING, SAVING OUR LAST OPEN SPACES
2 BUT DOESN'T WILL ALSO INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE LOCAL OPEN
3 SPACE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS TO COMPENSATE. OUR COUNTY-
4 WIDE OPEN SPACES ARE PRICELESS. CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS
5 SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF RECREATING IN THESE MAGNIFICENT
6 WILDLAND PARK RESOURCE PRIORITIES. YES, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT A
7 MEASURE FUNDING OUR URBAN PARKS, OUR SUBURBAN AND NATURAL LAND
8 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARKS NEEDS
9 ASSESSMENT, REPACKAGE, AND TWEAK THE MEASURE TO ENSURE WE HAVE
10 THE BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE OF PREVAILING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11 APPRECIATE IT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS
14 THAT I HAVE PROBABLY OMITTED. OMAR GOMEZ. JOHN GUEVARRA. SUSAN
15 NISSMAN AND ALINA BOKDE.

16

17 **SUSAN NISSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
18 IS SUSAN NISSMAN. I LIVE IN TOPANGA, CALIFORNIA, THE SANTA
19 MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS. THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF
20 LOS ANGELES RESTS INSIDE OF IS SURROUNDED BY ECOSYSTEMS AND
21 WILD LANDS, OPEN SPACES, NATURE'S RESOURCES, MOUNTAINS,
22 BEACHES, LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS. SUSTAINING A HEALTHY AND
23 THRIVING BIODIVERSITY WITHIN THIS VAST AND DIVERSE COUNTY
24 REQUIRES CONNECTIVITY TO SURVIVE. JUST AS HABITAT CONNECTIVITY
25 IS CRITICAL TO SPECIES SURVIVING, SO TOO IS OUR HUMAN



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1 CONNECTIVITY. WORKING TOGETHER AND CONTINUING TO INVEST IN THE
2 COUNTY'S LAST REMAINING OPEN SPACES, WE INTEGRATE TWO OF
3 CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST EDUCATIONAL DRIVERS SYSTEMS: OUR PUBLIC
4 SCHOOLS AND OUR NATIONAL STATE PARKS WITHIN THE BIOREGIONS WE
5 LIVE NEAR. SCHOOLCHILDREN BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR
6 NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY. THE WONDERS OF NATURE, AND THE
7 ECOLOGICAL REALITIES FOUND IN THE WORLD WE ALL IDENTIFY AS OUR
8 SENSE OF PLACE. THE LAND, THE WATER, THE AIR THAT WE ALL SHARE
9 IS OUR CONNECTION. AND WHY PROTECTING AND PRESERVING
10 WATERSHEDS, COUNTYWIDE, PRESERVING RIPARIAN HABITATS, OAK
11 WOODLANDS, WILDLIFE CORRIDORS, SPECTACULAR SCENERY AND
12 LANDSCAPES, PROTECTING ERODING ECOSYSTEMS LIKE THE SANTA
13 MONICA MOUNTAINS MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEM, THE ONLY ONE IN THE
14 UNITED STATES AND ONE OF ONLY FIVE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD,
15 PRESERVES A NATURAL SCIENCE EDUCATION SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER IN
16 THE WORLD WHILE MAINTAINING ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL THE WORLD'S
17 LARGEST URBAN WILD LANDS PARK. SUSTAINING THE INVESTMENT FOR
18 FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ANGELINOS MUST ALSO BE A TOP AND EQUAL
19 PRIORITY IN ANY PARK BOND. FRAGMENTING NATURAL HABITAT IS A
20 PROBLEM. LIKE OUR NATIVE MOUNTAIN LIONS' POPULATION, WHICH
21 NEEDS TO BE CONNECTED MAYBE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A FREEWAY BUT
22 ENDS UP IN GRIFFITH PARK LIKE P-12, NO LONGER ABLE TO CONNECT
23 WITH OUR OTHER MOUNTAIN LIONS. BIODIVERSITY DEFINES THE
24 CONNECTION BETWEEN US AND NATURE ON THE GROUND, ON THE TRAILS.



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1 SCHOOLCHILDREN BECOME NATURAL SCIENTISTS AS THEY WALK A DIRT
2 TRAIL UP AND DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUSAN NISSMAN:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ON MY HUSBAND'S BEHALF WHO
7 COULD NOT BE HERE I'LL DO 30 SECONDS FOR HIM. A WEEK AGO.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

10

11 **SUSAN NISSMAN:** I'M A DOCENT NOW. I TRAINED AND I'M DOCENTING
12 KIDS IN TOPANGA STATE PARK. A WEEK AGO 50 SCHOOL KIDS, FIFTH
13 AND SIXTH GRADERS FROM SOUTH CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARRIVED
14 AT TOPANGA STATE PARK. THEIR EXCITEMENT SEEN FIRSTHAND WAS
15 CONTAGIOUS WHAT THEY HAD BEEN STUDYING IN SCHOOL. WALKING IN A
16 NATURAL BIODOME. THAT DAY THEY HIKE THROUGH FIVE DISTINCT
17 ECOSYSTEMS. AT THE END OF THE HIKE, EACH STUDENT WAS ASKED ONE
18 THING THEY HAD LEARNED AND IF THEY WANTED TO COME BACK. TO A
19 CHILD, EACH MENTIONED A DIFFERENT LESSON.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME EXPIRED, MA'AM.

22

23 **SUSAN NISSMAN:** AND EACH WANTS TO COME BACK TO THEIR PARK.
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT
2 SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS HAD COME AND STAYED ALL DAY WITH US AND
3 HAD TO LEAVE. ONE GROUP WAS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
4 CONSERVATION CORPS. THERE WERE 15 STUDENT MEMBERS. THEY HAD TO
5 GET BACK TO POMONA. THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST ALSO,
6 ALINA BOKDE, WHO WAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK HAD TO LEAVE, AS WELL.
7 SO I DID WANT TO MENTION THAT. MOVING FORWARD, JUST AN
8 ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC, WE HAVE OVER 75 PEOPLE WHO
9 REQUESTED TO SPEAK. SO IF WE GO THROUGH THIS, WE WILL ALLOCATE
10 A MINUTE PER PERSON. AND IF YOU WANT TO CONSOLIDATE YOUR
11 OPINIONS, THAT WOULD BE GOOD. YOU CAN GROUP THEM TOGETHER,
12 THAT WOULD HELP TO EXPEDITE. AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS
13 ALREADY STATED THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MEASURE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** OR IF YOU WANT TO YIELD AND JUST STAND UP AND SAY
16 "I SUPPORT THE MEASURE" NO TESTIMONY, THAT WORKS, TOO.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S START MOVING FORWARD. LIDIA
19 AGUILAR. LIDIA AGUILAR. MARIE KNIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER KARINA
20 MACIAS. SHIRLEE JACKERT. PATRICIA HENKEL. JOAN YACOVONE. SORRY
21 IF I SAID THAT INCORRECTLY. CORRECT ME. LET'S GO THROUGH THIS
22 GROUP. GO AHEAD. JUST STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

23

24 **KARINA MACIAS:** MY NAME KARINA MACIAS COUNCILMEMBER, FORMER
25 MAYOR OF HUNTINGTON PARK. I WANTED TO BE HERE PERSONALLY AND



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1 HEAR THE PRESENTATION AND THANK YOU ALL FOR THE UNANIMOUS
2 SUPPORT FOR OUR PARKS. HUNTINGTON PARK IS IN THAT AREA, IN THE
3 RED AREA, WHERE WE NEED MORE PARK SPACE. OUR OBSTACLE IS
4 OBVIOUSLY SPACE. WE DON'T HAVE, WE'RE A SMALL CITY AMONG THE
5 OTHER SOUTHEAST CITIES. BUT WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUR HEADS
6 TOGETHER. AND WE WELCOME THE DATA OBVIOUSLY FOR THE PARKS
7 DIRECTOR AND FOR US TO MAKE MORE IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND
8 ESPECIALLY NOW WITH BUDGET TIME. BUT WE ARE LACKING FUNDS. AND
9 FOR MYSELF WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, THE OUTING ON THE
10 WEEKENDS WAS TO THE PARK. A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS USE EVERY
11 INCH OF OUR PARKS AND WE DEFINITELY NEED THE PARK MAINTENANCE.
12 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S VERY HUGE FOR US. SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN
13 LOOKING INTO. SO I APPRECIATE ALL THE FOCUS ON THE REST OF THE
14 PARKS AND I WELCOME THE SUPPORT TO WORK TOGETHER SO THAT WE
15 CAN IMPROVE OUR FACILITIES. AND I WANT TO INVITE YOU
16 PERSONALLY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO OUR PARKS WHENEVER POSSIBLE
17 WITH YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BE OUT THERE FOR
20 SEEK LA VIA THERE, TOO. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **MARIE KNIGHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M MARIE KNIGHT AND I AM THE
23 PHIL HESTER OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. I AM NOW THE NEW
24 DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION AND MARINE. JUST WANTED TO COME
25 OUT AND SAY THANK YOU IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND THAT THE



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1 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPRECIATES YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ALL OF THE
2 GOOD WORK OF THE STAFF THAT WENT INTO THIS. AND WE LOOK
3 FORWARD TO AN INVITATION TO WORK WITH YOU TO FINALIZE SOME OF
4 THE LANGUAGE BEFORE THE MEASURE IS PASSED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELCOME.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO LONG BEACH.

13

14 **LIDIA AGUILAR:** (SPEAKING SPANISH). GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
15 LIDIA AGUILAR. AND I'M A VOLUNTEER AND PROMOTER FOR AMBIENTE
16 CON EL CONSECO DE FEDERACIONES MEXICANOS. THANK YOU FOR
17 LISTENING TO US, SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
18 PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT BECAUSE WE NEED GREEN
19 RECREATIONAL AREAS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
20 BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF OBESITY AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES, LIKE
21 TYPE 2 DIABETES, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, BECAUSE OF LACK OF GREEN
22 SPACES TO DO EXERCISE. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS
23 MEASURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE
2 YOUR NAME.

3

4 **SHIRLEE JACKERT:** I'M SHIRLEE JACKERT, REPRESENTING CAMP FIRE
5 YOUTH AGENCY FROM THE LONG BEACH AREA FROM 1925. THE PARK
6 FUNDS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO NONPROFIT GROUPS. PARKS AND
7 OPEN SPACE ENABLE CAMP FIRE TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOUNG
8 PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AND EXPAND OUR REACH. IT IS IMPERATIVE
9 THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVITE AND SERVE OUR L.A. COUNTY
10 COMMUNITIES WITH POWERFUL EXPERIENCES THAT BEGIN IN NATURE. WE
11 BELIEVE THE FREEDOM TO BE OUR BEST SELVES DEVELOPS WHEN WE ARE
12 GOOD STEWARDS AND SHARE THE POSITIVE ENERGY TO DO OUR BEST.
13 CAMP FIRE IS A NONPROFIT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH
14 LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS VERY INTENTIONALLY TO SERVE
15 YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN THE L.A. AREA. CAMP FIRE'S NOT PRIMARILY
16 A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION. THIS PAST YEAR, WE'VE SERVED 4,736
17 YOUTH FROM THE L.A. COUNTY AREA WITH OUR CAMP SHIWAKA'S FIVE
18 ACRE DAY CAMP. MANY OF THEM WERE COMING FOR THE VERY FIRST
19 TIME TO AN URBAN FOREST AND FELT VERY, VERY SAFE TO BE THERE.
20 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND L.A. COUNTY HAVE ENABLED US TO MATCH
21 FUNDS AND DEVELOP SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS. ONE IS OUR
22 URBAN FOREST THAT ENABLED US TO BRING OUT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
23 PATIENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THEIR DAY OF COOKOUTS AND COMING IN
24 FOR OVERNIGHTS. DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING IS OPPORTUNITIES FOR
25 SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANTED TO ADD. THEY'VE OPENED UP THAT
5 FACILITY NOW THAT WE CAN GET OUR PATIENTS FROM RANCHO IN
6 THERE. VERY ACCESSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO.

7

8 **SHIRLEE JACKERT:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **JOAN YACOVONE:** JOAN YACOVONE. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO STRONGLY
11 SUPPORT THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY PARK INITIATIVE. YOU SHOULD
12 HAVE A LETTER FROM ALISE BUCKLEY WEBBER IN YOUR PACKET. SHE
13 WAS THE MAYOR AT THE TIME THAT THEY WERE DOING THE SURVEYS. I
14 JUST WANT TO REITERATE SOMETHING THAT SHE POINTED OUT. SHE AND
15 I ALONG WITH ABOUT 20 OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CITY TOOK PART IN
16 THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETING THAT WAS HELD SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
17 OUR LIST FOR AGOURA HILLS INCLUDED A DOZEN OR SO NEEDS FOR THE
18 YEARS. WE DID NOT KNOW THE COUNTY WAS STUDYING THE NEEDS FOR
19 THE 35 YEARS. THIS LACK OF INFORMATION LED TO AN INCOMPLETE
20 ANALYSIS ON OUR PART. WE DID NOT ADDRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
21 NATURAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IN AND AROUND OUR CITY BECAUSE IT
22 IS AN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, NOT THE CITY BOUNDARIES
23 ITSELF. THE COUNTY'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT DID NOT INCLUDE CRITERIA
24 FOR DETERMINING AND PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS FOR SUCH OPEN
25 SPACE, NATURAL LANDS. ANYWAY, I YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE.



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1 THEY'RE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. OTHER PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY
2 MENTIONED IT. PLEASE INCLUDE THESE IN THE STUDY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **PATRICIA HENKEL:** HELLO MY NAME IS PAT, LAST NAME IS HENKEL. I
7 LIVE NEAR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I. AS JOAN, DO WANT VERY
8 MUCH FOR THIS TO PASS. THE ONLY THING I AM ASKING TODAY IS
9 THAT ALL THE DISTRICTS AND ALL THE AREAS AND ESPECIALLY OPEN
10 SPACE IS NOT FORGOTTEN. WE LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT HAS OPEN
11 SPACE AND WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR IT TO BE THOUGHT OF. AND
12 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING IT BROUGHT UP. AGOURA HILLS
13 IS A VERY UNIQUE PLACE. IT IS ON THE EDGE OF SANTA MONICA
14 MOUNTAINS. OUR BASIC CONCERN IS OPEN SPACE. I AM VERY WILLING
15 TO SUPPORT THE PARK MEASURE AS LONG AS OPEN SPACE IS ALSO ON
16 YOUR PLANS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE DANNY OAXACA.
19 JORGE MORALES. DENNIS BERTONE. LINDA THOMPSON AND CLYDE
20 WILLIAMS. WE'LL CALL UP ALSO JEFF OLESH. MARIAN DODGE. AND
21 ROGER PUGLIESE. GO AHEAD, DENNIS. OR MA'AM, GO AHEAD. DOESN'T
22 MATTER.

23

24 **LINDA THOMPSON:** LINDA THOMPSON. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
25 CALABASAS HIGHLANDS H.O.A. WE SUPPORT OPEN SPACE AND PARKS



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1 MEASURE BUT WITH FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARKS
2 PRIORITIZED EQUALLY AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT OPEN SPACE IS
3 NOW BEING CONSIDERED. IT WAS ALLUDED TO IN SOME SORT OF
4 AMENDMENT THAT'S COMING UP. BUT THOSE TWO WORDS WERE
5 MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING FROM THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS GIVEN
6 TODAY. CONTRARY TO PARKS AND REC'S SUMMARY, THE ACTUAL INPUT
7 FROM THE PUBLIC WAS LIMITED TO JUST THREE MONTHS. HOW CAN THE
8 COUNTY BEGIN TO GET AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE PARK NEEDS
9 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY IN THAT SHORT PERIOD OF TIME? AND THOSE
10 DATA DICTATE WHERE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SHOULD BE SPENT FOR THE
11 NEXT 35 YEARS? WHY AREN'T THE HIGH NEEDS OPEN SPACE DATA EVEN
12 PARTS OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT. SOUNDS LIKE THERE IS GOING TO
13 BE SOMETHING COMING UP ON THAT. THE PROCESS AND METHOD OF
14 COLLECTING DATA WAS FLAWED AND INCONSISTENT TO-- VARIOUS
15 METHODS WERE USED TO COLLECT IT. FOR EXAMPLE, CITIES WERE
16 ALLOWED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH NO INDEPENDENT
17 VERIFICATION BY THE COUNTY. IN CALABASAS WHERE I AM, FOR
18 EXAMPLE, THERE ARE TWO PARKS, CREEKSIDE AND FREEDOM, THAT WERE
19 FACTORED IN BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN GET INTO THOSE. SO TRY I
20 CHALLENGE YOU TO TRY TO GET INTO THOSE PARKS. JUST ONE FINAL
21 THING, YOU'VE MENTIONED THAT A TAX BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE
22 PLACES A HIGHER COST TO LARGE PARCELS, MORE CLOSELY
23 APPROXIMATING THE ABILITY OF THE OWNER WITHIN THE LIMITS OF
24 THE LAW. THAT'S A QUOTE. THAT'S FALSE. HOW CAN ANYONE KNOW



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1 WHAT THE ABILITY OF A HOMEOWNER HAS TO PAY A TAX, WHATEVER THE
2 SIZE OF THEIR HOME? GOOD LUCK GETTING IT PASSED.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **DENNIS BERTONE:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS DENNIS BERTONE. I'M ON
7 THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SAN DIMAS. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE
8 THE BOARD TO PLACE THIS ON THE BALLOT. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE
9 THE COUNTY FOR DOING SUCH AN EXCELLENT JOB OF OUTREACH AND THE
10 NEEDS ASSESSMENT. IT WAS JUST OVERWHELMING. AND I THINK YOU
11 DID A FANTASTIC JOB. PROPOSITION A HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO THE
12 CITY OF SAN DIMAS. WE HAVE COLLECTED OVER \$3 MILLION AND OVER
13 A MILLION DOLLARS FOR MAINTENANCE. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO SUCH
14 THINGS AS SOCCER FIELDS, PICNIC AREAS, VOLLEYBALL, NATURE
15 FIELDS AND TRAILS. AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS
16 WITHOUT THE PROPOSITION A FUNDS. FINALLY TO SPEED THIS UP, I
17 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR MIKE
18 ANTONOVICH FOR HIS GENERAL GIFT TO OUR CITY OF THE
19 DISCRETIONARY PROPOSITION FUNDS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
21 COOPERATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE THANK YOU. AND YOU'VE BEEN ON THIS BOARD
24 WITH THE PARK SINCE I WAS FIRST ELECTED. SO IT'S BEEN GOOD
25 WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU.



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2 **DENNIS BERTONE:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **FLAVIA POTENZA:** MY NAME IS FLAVIA POTENZA. I WAS ASKED TO
7 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MARIAN DODGE WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE
8 FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE AND CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, WHICH
9 REPRESENTS 45 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS SPANNING THE SANTA
10 MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE SUPPORT AND ARE GRATEFUL TO THE LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY FOR INTRODUCING A POTENTIAL PARKS MEASURE ON
12 THE BALLOT. IN KEEPING WITH THE FEDERATION'S MISSION TO
13 PRESERVE THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY AND WILDLIFE OF THE MOUNTAINS
14 AND HILLSIDES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES, WE
15 WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDER
16 THE VALUE OF EXPANDING OPEN SPACE, HABITAT CONNECTIVITY,
17 PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED AND SPECIAL SPECIES, PARTICULARLY
18 MOUNTAIN LIONS, THEIR CORRIDORS AND HABITATS FROM GRIFFITH
19 PARK THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AS AN EQUAL
20 FUNDING PRIORITY IN THE PARKS MEASURE. WORLD FAMOUS MOUNTAIN
21 LION P22 SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CROSS THE 405 FREEWAY, THE 101, TO
22 REACH GRIFFITH PARK IN SEARCH OF A MATE. SADLY THERE IS NO
23 GIRLFRIEND FOR HIM IN GRIFFITH PARK AND HE'S STUCK THERE. THIS
24 IS ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE RIVER, THE VALLEY CORRIDOR THAT
25 REPRESENTATIVES ADAM SCHIFF, TED LIEU AND JANICE HAHN ARE



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1 GUIDING THROUGH CONGRESS. WE MUST PRESERVE AS MUCH OPEN SPACE
2 AS WE CAN NOW. ONCE IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE FOREVER.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

5

6 **FLAVIA POTENZA:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **ROGER PUGLIESE:** HI, FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
11 PEOPLE TO GO BEYOND THEIR TIME. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. THANK
12 YOU. MY NAME IS ROGER PUGLIESE. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE TOPANGA
13 ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY AND THE VICE CHAIR OF THE
14 LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION. WE SUPPORT A NEW OPEN
15 SPACE PARK MEASURE BUT WE HAVE MAJOR CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT
16 DRAFT THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TO YOU. I THINK THAT OUR
17 FANTASTIC SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL BROUGHT IT OUT AND MENTIONED
18 IT ONCE AND THAT WAS THE OPEN SPACE PROVISION. OTHER PEOPLE
19 HAVE COME UP AND HAVE ALSO TALKED ABOUT IT. A FEW POINTS. THE
20 NEW TAX SHOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE EXPIRING PROP A
21 INITIATIVE. THIS WAS DONE IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAY. THE
22 DOCUMENT THAT'S BEFORE YOU DOESN'T DO THAT. THE DOCUMENT
23 BEFORE YOU PENALIZES PEOPLE BASED ON PARCEL SIZE. ACCORDING TO
24 THE NEEDS AND ASSESSMENT, SUBURBAN AND RURAL HOMEOWNERS WILL
25 NOT GET AN EQUAL SHARE OF PARK FUNDS PER THE MAP THAT WAS



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1 SHOWN AND OUR AREA IS IN GREEN. JUST A FEW OTHER QUICK THINGS.
2 ONE IS IN THE NEXT STEPS THAT WAS MENTIONED ON THE SCREEN, THE
3 NEXT GROUP OF MEETINGS FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT THEY'RE IN SANTA
4 MONICA, WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY. I GO TO IT OFTEN. BUT
5 THERE'S NO PROVISION IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ITSELF AND
6 HAVING A MEETING THERE. I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT WE'RE OF LOW
7 PRIORITY IN THIS WHOLE MEASURE AND THAT IT'S GOING TO BE BASED
8 ON, IT SAYS, THE DISTRICT INTENDS TO USE THE 2016 COUNTY-WIDE
9 PARKS NEED ASSESSMENT AS A GUIDE TO DIRECT FUNDING TO ALL
10 COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, WHICH TELLS ME THAT THE SANTA
11 MONICA MOUNTAINS ARE A LOW PRIORITY, WHICH IT SHOULD NOT BE.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE CLYDE WILLIAMS. JACK OLESH.
15 MANAL ABOELATA, PREVENTION INSTITUTE. AND MARTHA ZAVALA. AND
16 ROSALIO MUNOZ. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

17

18 **MANAL ABOELATA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
19 IS MANAL ABOELATA, MANAGING DIRECTOR WITH PREVENTION
20 INSTITUTE, AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO PREVENTING ILLNESS AND
21 INJURY IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND ALSO BOARD CHAIR FOR THE LOS
22 ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT
23 WHERE I'M ABLE TO WALK TO A NUMBER OF WONDERFUL PARK AND
24 RECREATION RESOURCES. BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY
25 PARTS OF THIS COUNTY WHERE PEOPLE HAVE LITTLE OR NO ACCESS TO



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1 ANY SAFE, WELL MAINTAINED PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS OR WELL
2 MAINTAINED BALL FIELDS. AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, HIGH RATES OF
3 CHRONIC DISEASE, INJURY AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP ARE CORRELATED
4 WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO LACK ACCESS TO SAFE PLACES TO PLAY
5 AND OPEN SPACE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ENCOURAGE
6 YOU TO PUT REQUESTS THAT YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH A MOTION TO
7 PLACE A PARK FUNDING MEASURE ON THE BALLOT WITH STRONG
8 PROVISIONS FOR EQUITY AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK OF THAT AS
9 A PIPELINE FOR FUTURE BUILDING LONG TERM AND DIVERSE
10 CONSTITUENCY. WE ALSO THINK MULTISECTOR COLLABORATION IS
11 CRITICAL. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD,
14 MA'AM.

15

16 **MARTHA ZAVALA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTHA ZAVALA. I
17 PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT. FOR THE COUNCIL OF MEXICAN
18 FEDERATIONS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR TAKING YOUR TIME IN
19 LISTENING TO ME. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF FAMILIES
20 NOT HAVING ENOUGH PARKS TO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES. THERE ISN'T
21 ENOUGH PARKS FOR OLD PEOPLE TO GO AND EXERCISE. THERE IS MANY
22 INDIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES THAT NEED EXERCISE. THEY NEED
23 EXERCISE SO THEY CAN LOWER THE BLOOD SUGAR. WE NEED MORE FUNDS
24 TO UP KEEP THE PARKS BETTER AND THAT'S WHY WE SUPPORT THIS



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1 MOTION. THERE'S ALSO HANDICAPPED PEOPLE THAT NEED THESE PARKS.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **ROSALIO MU OZ:** MY NAME IS ROSALIO MU OZ. I'M HERE-- I'M A
7 VOLUNTEER DOCENT AT AUDUBON CENTER IN DEBS PARK AND PART OF
8 OUR PARKS COALITION. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY, I WAS VERY HAPPY AT
9 THE MENTION OF MAY DAY TODAY. THE MARTYRS OF THE HAYMARKET
10 INSPIRED PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY THIS COUNTRY,
11 TO FIGHT FOR AN 8 HOUR DAY. ONE OF THE MAJOR SLOGANS WAS 8
12 HOURS OF WORK, 8 HOURS OF REST AND 8 HOURS FOR EDUCATION AND
13 RECREATION. AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE UP TO THAT PART OF
14 THE AMERICAN DREAM OF WORKING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY POOR WORKING
15 PEOPLE, NEED OUR PARKS IN MORE WAYS THAN WE'VE EVEN MENTIONED
16 HERE. I WANT TO SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE
17 SPIRITUALITY, OF SENSE OF PLACE AND ALSO OF HABITAT. THAT'S AT
18 DEBS PARK AND IN THE AUDUBON CENTER, WE DEAL WITH THOSE IN
19 TERMS OF TRYING TO RESTORE, ACTUALLY, THE ORIGINAL HABITAT
20 THAT WE HAVE HERE. PART OF THE AIM IS TO GET THE BIRDS TO STAY
21 AND TO COME BACK HERE. BUT THAT INVOLVES GETTING ALL THE
22 WILDLIFE, THE PLANTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN THAT MANNER. AND
23 THE OTHER THING ABOUT DEBS PARK ITSELF IS THAT THE VISTAS THAT
24 YOU HAVE THERE, IT'S LIKE A WILDLIFE PLACE, REALLY, THAT'S
25 JUST FOUR MILES FROM HERE AND YOU CAN SEE THE REALM OF THE



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1 TUNGA PEOPLE WHO IS HABITAT WAS DESTROYED, PART OF WHAT YOU
2 COULD CALL GENOCIDE. AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE FACE TODAY IN
3 TERMS OF WRECKING THE HABITAT OF OUR WHOLE PLANET FOR
4 OURSELVES AS A SPECIES AND OTHERS. AND I THINK DEBS PARK IS A
5 GOOD PLACE TO SEE THAT, SEEING FROM CATALINA TO BALDY, TO SAN
6 FERNANDO VALLEY.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR TIME'S
9 EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

10

11 **ROSALIO MU OZ:** BUT WE ALSO WANTED TO PRESENT OUR SUPERVISOR
12 WITH A BADGE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FIRST DISTRICT, THANK YOU. GRACIAS.
15 WE HAVE ANTONIO ACOSTA. ELIZABETH HAWLEY. ANDREW YIP.
16 ELIZABETH LAMBE. GO AHEAD, SIR.

17

18 **ANTONIO ACOSTA MY NAME IS ANTONIO ACOSTA. I WAS BORN AND**
19 **RAISED IN LOS ANGELES SOUTH CENTRAL. I ACTUALLY WORK IN MOST**
20 **OF THESE PARKS. I DID A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. WHEN I CAME TO**
21 **THE COMPANY THAT I'M WORKING AT THE MOMENT. I REALLY DIDN'T**
22 **HAVE ANYTHING. I DIDN'T REALLY LEARN ANYTHING. I LEARNED FROM**
23 **IRRIGATION TO ACTUALLY BUILDING PARKS TO SIDEWALK REPAIR FOR**
24 **THE CITY, ET CETERA. I'M REALLY THANKFUL FOR THIS. I FEEL THAT**
25 **YOU GUYS SHOULD ACTUALLY APPROVE IT. IT'S HELPED ME OUT A LOT.**



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1 IT'S IMPROVED MY HEALTH, AS WELL. IT'S HELPED ME OUT A LOT IN
2 GENERAL. I'M REALLY THANKFUL TO ACTUALLY BE HERE TO TALK TO
3 YOU GUYS ON BEHALF OF OUR PARKS. I REALLY HOPE YOU GUYS DO
4 SUPPORT IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY. HONESTLY, I JUST
5 HOPE IT GETS PASSED WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE FACT
6 THAT IN THE LONG RUN, IT WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO
7 COMMUNITIES, TO YOUNG ADULTS AND TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE
8 FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

9

10 >>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAK.

11

12 **ELIZABETH HAWLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M ELIZABETH HAWLEY,
13 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS MANAGER AT THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND
14 COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, OR V.I.C.A., WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 400
15 LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS MAINLY IN THE SAN FERNANDO
16 VALLEY. UNDERTAKING A COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF L.A.
17 COUNTY PARKS IS A POSITIVE STEP FOR PARKS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
18 HOWEVER THE NEXT STEP, FUNDING, IS OF COURSE MORE DIFFICULT.
19 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FUNDING MECHANISM DOESN'T RESULT
20 IN HIGHER HOUSING COSTS, WHICH WOULD RUN AGAINST OUR GOALS OF
21 MAKING HOUSING IN L.A. MORE AFFORDABLE, OR THAT THE COST DOES
22 NOT DISPROPORTIONATELY FALL ON BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS WHO
23 MAY HAVE HIGHER SQUARE FOOTAGES THAN AS QUOTED IN THE
24 PRESENTATION. WE URGE YOU TO ENGAGE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



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1 BEFORE DEVELOPING THE FUNDING MECHANISM TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF
2 THESE NEEDS ARE BALANCED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAD ANDREW YIP.
5 ELIZABETH LAMBE. MARK PULLIDO. ANDREA GULLO. IRMA MUNOZ.
6 RONALD ANTWINE. JOHN JONES. HELLO.

7

8 **RONALD ANTWINE:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RONALD ANTWINE.
9 AND I DON'T HAVE ONE OF THESE TITLES LIKE A LOT OF THESE
10 PEOPLE I HEARD TODAY. I'M JUST A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF WATTS.
11 AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS, I FOUGHT SOME DEVELOPERS IN MY
12 COMMUNITY THAT WANTED TO COME IN AND BUILD A LOT OF SHOTGUN
13 HOUSES. I TOLD THEM THEY WASN'T GOING TO BUILD NO HOUSES. WE
14 NEEDED A PARK. AND THE PARKS LAND THAT WE NOW HAVE A PARK ON
15 WAS ONCE OWNED BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROADS. AND OVER 50
16 YEARS OF MY LIFE, IT WAS JUST A FIELD, LIKE THREE ACRES, TRASH
17 WHERE PEOPLE WAS COMING EMPTYING TRASH AT NIGHT. AND IT SITS
18 RIGHT ON THE BORDERLINE OF THREE OPPOSING AFRICAN-AMERICAN
19 GANGS. AND THROUGH THIS FIGHT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF TRUST OF
20 PUBLIC LANDS, I SEE MY TIME IS UP BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WRAP IT UP. YEAH, GO AHEAD, WRAP IT
23 UP.

24



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1 **RONALD ANTWINE:** THROUGH OUR FIGHT, THIS PARCEL OF LAND THAT'S
2 ON THE DIVIDING LINE OF THREE GANGS, WE NOW HAVE A 1.3-ACRE
3 PARK WITH 20 EXERCISE MACHINES AND WALKING TRAILS AND THINGS
4 FOR THE KIDS. AND YOU WOULD THINK GANG MEMBERS WOULD COME IN
5 THERE AND TAKE OVER THE PARK, BUT IN FACT IT HAS BROUGHT THREE
6 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY
7 LIFE IN MY COMMUNITY, THE BLACKS AND HISPANICS ARE INTERACTING
8 WITH BABY SHOWERS AND PARTIES AND EVERYTHING AT THIS PARK. SO
9 EVERY DAY WHEN I COME OUTSIDE, I KNOW THAT MY FIGHT WASN'T IN
10 VAIN TO SEE GRANDMOTHERS WHO WERE HOSTAGE IN THEIR HOMES
11 BECAUSE OF THE GANG VIOLENCE, NOW OUTSIDE TENDING TO THE TREES
12 AND THE PLANTS AND THE WALKING TRAILS AND STUFF. SO I SUPPORT
13 EVERYTHING THAT I'VE HEARD TODAY. THIS IS NOT ME. I DON'T DO
14 THIS. BUT I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 9:30 THIS MORNING.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE DOING IT WELL. [LAUGHTER.]

17

18 **RONALD ANTWINE:** AND I'M JUST SAYING TO MYSELF, I DON'T KNOW
19 HOW Y'ALL CAN DO IT EVERY DAY. [LAUGHTER.] I JUST TOLD THEM,
20 Y'ALL ABOUT 14 MORE MINUTES OF MY LIFE AND I'M OUT OF HERE. SO
21 I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 [APPLAUSE.] SOMEBODY BETTER WRITE ALL THAT DOWN. WE HAVE JOHN
25 JONES. SENTER MCGINEST. LISA SOGHOR. MICHAEL HART. MANAL



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1 ABOELATA. I THINK SHE ALREADY SPOKE. VERN BIEHL. DIANNE
2 ERSKINE-HELLRIGEL. JONATHAN PERISHO. GOOD AFTERNOON. STATE
3 YOUR NAME.

4

5 **MICHAEL HART:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL HART. I LIVE
6 IN DISTRICT 3, OUT IN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NEAR MALIBU LAKE.
7 AND I WANT TO SAY I SUPPORT THE MEASURE FOR PARKS AND OPEN
8 SPACE. I WILL BE REAL FAST. I ECHO WHAT MS. KUEHL SAID AND
9 WHAT JOE EDMISTON SAID REGARDING THE LACK OF OPEN SPACE
10 ATTENTION, AND A MORE EQUITABLE FUNDING MEASURE IN ORDER TO
11 GET THIS PROPOSITION PASSED, BECAUSE IT WON'T PASS THE WAY
12 IT'S BEEN PROPOSED. ALSO, IT HAS TO ADDRESS THE ACQUISITION,
13 PRESERVATION, ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OPEN SPACES.
14 AND YOU'VE CHOSEN THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS TO ADVISE YOU.
15 REALLY GOOD SOURCE FOR DOING THAT. BUT I WANT YOU TO TASK THEM
16 WITH MUCH MORE CREATIVE WAYS TO ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
17 BALLOT MEASURE PASSING. THEY KNOW HOW TO DO IT. THEY KNOW HOW
18 TO MAKE PUBLIC PARKS PAY FOR THEMSELVES AND ACTUALLY BE
19 PROFITABLE. YOU JUST HAVE THE TO ASK THEM. I KNOW THEY DO.
20 THEY'VE WRITTEN ARTICLES ABOUT IT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **DIANNE ERSKINE HELLRIGEL:** MY NAME IS DIANE ERSKINE HELLRIGEL.
25 I'M FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND I REPRESENT 8,000 HIKERS AND



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1 EQUESTRIANS FROM THAT DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO
2 THANK THE SUPERVISORS, ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR WORK ON THE PARKS
3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THAT'S A GREAT BEGINNING. HOWEVER, THE NEEDS
4 ASSESSMENT HAS NOT TRULY ADDRESSED OPEN SPACE. THE ASSESSMENT
5 NEEDS TO GO BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT OPEN SPACES AS A PRIORITY
6 AND THEN MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS EQUAL ACCESS TO PARKS AS
7 WELL AS OPEN SPACE. AND I FEAR THAT IN THE MORE RURAL AREAS,
8 THIS IS NOT THE CASE. I'M FROM SANTA CLARITA AND IN SANTA
9 CLARITA, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO EVERY CITIZEN IS QUALITY-
10 OF-LIFE ISSUES. WE VALUE OUR OPEN SPACE. THE SOLUTION IN THE
11 SOUTHERN REGION WHERE I LIVE, I'M 12 MILES FROM A COUNTY PARK.
12 AND THE NEXT CLOSEST COUNTY PARK IS 10 MORE MILES. AND YET IN
13 SANTA CLARITA, WE ARE RATED THE VERY LOWEST IN NEEDS. IT WOULD
14 TAKE ME ALL DAY TO WALK TO THE CLOSEST PARK AND BACK AGAIN.
15 HOWEVER, MY GREATEST CONCERN, AS I SAID, IS OPEN SPACE. THE
16 BIGGEST PROBLEM. THERE'S A LOT MORE. CAN I LEAVE THIS WITH
17 YOU?

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES YOU CAN, THANK YOU. WE'LL HAVE
20 COPIES DISTRIBUTED. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **JONATHAN PERISHO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JONATHAN PERISHO.
23 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.
24 I'M HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE
25 GREAT WORK DONE BY THE MANY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COUNTY PARK



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1 NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FOR THE DRAFT FUNDING MEASURE. THESE
2 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL FOR IDENTIFYING OUR CURRENT
3 CONDITIONS AND THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND OUR
4 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. THE WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
5 RECOGNIZES PARKS AND OPEN SPACES AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
6 NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ALSO
7 FOR THE IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS WATER SECURITY
8 THROUGH WATER CONSERVATION CAPTURE, AIR QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL
9 RESOURCES, AMONG THE MANIFOLD BENEFITS THAT ADDRESS OUR
10 REGIONAL CHALLENGES. WE UNDERSTAND WELL THE GREAT NEEDS WE
11 HAVE TO CONTINUE TO REALIZE AND INCREASINGLY PROVIDE THESE
12 BENEFITS EQUITABLY THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES. AS A JOINT
13 POWER AUTHORITY OF THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND
14 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND WITH A MISSION OF CONNECTING
15 COMMUNITIES THROUGH NATURE THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
16 AUTHORITY LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO PARTNER AND SUPPORT
17 EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MARK
21 STIRDIVENT. JENNY BINSTOCK. RITA KAMPALATH. MERCEDES ORTIZ.
22 AMY WONG. FLAVIA POTENZA. MARIE KNIGHT. CLAIRE ROBINSON. GO
23 AHEAD.

24



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1 **JENNY BINSTOCK:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JENNY BINSTOCK.
2 AND I WORK WITH TREE PEOPLE, A LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
3 THAT ACROSS THE REGION IS WORKING TO PROTECT URBAN CANOPY AND
4 TO CREATE A MORE WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENT LOS ANGELES. SO
5 WE WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE COUNTY OPEN
6 SPACE DISTRICT FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO ELEVATE THIS POTENTIAL
7 BALLOT MEASURE AND THE [INAUDIBLE] INCLUSIVE PUBLIC INPUT
8 PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PARKS FUNDING MEASURE PROVIDES A
9 VERY CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR REIMAGINING PUBLIC PLANNING AND
10 DESIGN OF OUR OPEN SPACES TO LEVERAGE CRITICAL HEALTH EQUITY
11 AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS. SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS VERY URGENT
12 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS THAT OUR REGION WILL BE FACING. SO WE
13 BELIEVE THAT INVESTING IN VISIONARY MULTIBENEFIT PROJECTS IN
14 OUR PARKS. BY DOING THIS WE CAN SUPPORT THRIVING URBAN
15 CANOPIES THAT PROTECTS COMMUNITIES FROM EXTREME HEAT EVENTS
16 THAT BY CAPTURING WATER, THE MULTIBENEFIT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
17 PROJECTS, WE CAN REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON IMPORTED WATER DURING
18 PROLONGED DROUGHT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

21

22 **RITA KAMPALATH:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU FOR
23 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS RITA KAMPALATH. I'M
24 THE SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. I WANT TO
25 START OFF BY THANKING YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS



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1 ISSUE AND THE INCLUSIVE PROCESS THAT WAS USED. I THINK WE ALL
2 UNDERSTOOD THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAY IN
3 OUR LIVES. AND WE WERE THRILLED TO SEE THE BREAKDOWN IN THE
4 FUNDING INCLUDING AND ARE THRILLED TO SEE THE WAY THAT THESE
5 FUNDS WILL BE USED IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS
6 PROP 1 FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE MANY NEEDS ACROSS THE REGION FOR
7 NOT JUST URBAN NEEDS BUT OPEN SPACE, AS WELL. WITH THIS NEEDS
8 ASSESSMENT, WE NOW HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHICH OF OUR
9 COMMUNITIES ARE THE MOST UNDERSERVED. AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE,
10 AS A MOTHER OF TWO SMALL KIDS LIVING IN LEIMERT PARK, I WAS
11 THRILLED TO SEE OUR AREA RIGHTFULLY HIGHLIGHTED. WITH
12 UNPRECEDENTED DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SALES OCCURRING IN OUR
13 NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL AS OTHERS, IT'S PAST TIME FOR RESIDENTS
14 TO SEE INVESTMENTS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT AND IMPROVE THEIR
15 QUALITY OF LIFE, AS WELL. SO WE ALL STAND READY TO SUPPORT THE
16 COUNTY IN ADDRESSING THESE IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND WE'RE EXCITED
17 TO SEE THIS INITIATIVE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DAVID SZYMANSKI. CHRIS
20 SOLEK. DAVID DIAZ. ROBERT GARCIA. ROBERTO MORALES. LAURA
21 TORRES. LYNN HYLEN. GO AHEAD, CHRIS.

22

23 **CHRIS SOLEK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF.
24 MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER SOLEK, PROGRAMS DIRECTOR FOR COUNCIL
25 FOR WATERSHED HEALTH. WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY PARKS



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1 NEEDS ASSESSMENT. I WAS ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE. AS WELL, WE
2 SUPPORT THE FUNDING MEASURE PROPOSED FOR THE BALLOT. SO YOU
3 HAVE OUR SUPPORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON
4 THIS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, NEXT WITNESS.

7

8 **ROBERTO MORALES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
9 MY NAME IS ROBERTO MORALES. I'M AN ASSOCIATE ORGANIZER FOR THE
10 SIERRA CLUB, WORKING WITH THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FOREVER
11 COALITION. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'RE DOING TO CREATE
12 MORE FUNDING FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE TO INCREASE THE ACCESS
13 TO THEM BY LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AS A YOUTH, I GREW
14 UP IN GUATEMALA AND MIGRATED TO THE U.S. AND LIVED HERE IN THE
15 MID CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST PARK POOR
16 PLACES IN LOS ANGELES. WITH NO EASY ACCESS TO PARKS AND
17 WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO GET TO A PARK, I GREW UP
18 DISCONNECTED FROM MY ROOTS AND WITHOUT THE DESIRE TO SUCCEED
19 IN THIS COUNTRY. ONCE I GREW UP, I FOUND TIME, THE MONEY AND
20 THE TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS WHICH
21 GAVE ME A SENSE OF FREEDOM AND BELONGING, AND ACCESS TO THE
22 MOUNTAINS LITERALLY SAVED MY LIFE. A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF
23 THE CURRENT WORK THAT WE ARE DOING IS TO RECONNECT ETHNICALLY
24 DIVERSE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS,
25 WHICH IS TWO-THIRDS OF L.A.'S GREEN SPACE. CURRENTLY WE'RE



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1 WORKING WITH YOUTH AND FAMILIES FROM COMMUNITIES SUCH AS EL
2 MONTE WHICH IS CONSIDERED PARK POOR, HAS SOME OF THE WORST AIR
3 QUALITY IN L.A. COUNTY AND SUFFERS FROM HIGH RATES OF
4 CHILDHOOD ASTHMA AND DIABETES. ACCESS TO PARKS AND GREEN
5 SPACES ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE CRUCIAL
6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY, EXERCISING AND RELIEVING
7 STRESS. ACCESS TO PARKS IS A CIVIL RIGHT, IT'S A HUMAN RIGHT.
8 SO THIS IS A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE A
9 LONG-STANDING INJUSTICE AGAINST LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF
10 COLOR WHICH HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND IN ALLOCATION OF THESE
11 RESOURCES. SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT A NEW LOCAL PARK FUNDING
12 MEASURE IN L.A. COUNTY SO THAT OUR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES
13 CAN ENJOY OUR PARKS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANKS FOR COMING. LAURA TORRES? LYNN
16 HYLEN. REYNA DIAZ. LUZ TAFOLLA. TOM GIBSON. PAT HEALY. BARBARA
17 ROMERO.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REYNA IS ONE OF OUR APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON
20 THE COMMITTEE AND SERVED HER COMMUNITY WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE
21 MAD TOWN COUNCIL AND AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
22 AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GREAT. GOOD TO SEE YOU.

25



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1 **REYNA DIAZ:** GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE
2 HERE. LIKE HE MENTIONED, I WAS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE. AND FOR ME TO
4 PARTICIPATE IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEANS ABOUT 68 HOURS OF
5 MY LIFE, INCLUDING TODAY BEING HERE FOR 7 HOURS. AND IT MEANS
6 THAT WE CAN BRING BETTER ENVIRONMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE
7 I WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VOICE IS HEARD IN MY COMMUNITY.
8 THROUGH MY PARTICIPATION, MY COMMUNITY WAS HEARD, TOO. AND
9 THIS PROCESS, THEIR VOICES WERE HEARD, THEY LISTENED TO THEIR
10 VOICE. AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND TO THIS BOARD THAT OUR PAMELA
11 PARK IS AN OASIS. IT IS A SMALL PARK BUT IT IS THE ONLY PLACE
12 THAT OUR KIDS CAN GO AFTER SCHOOL. AND MANY OF THE PARENTS
13 THAT ARE REALLY HARD WORKING PEOPLE, THEY USE THE PARK FOR THE
14 WEEKENDS. AND IT'S A BLESSING TO BE PART OF THAT COMMUNITY.
15 AND ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO, THE PARK WAS ABOUT TO BE CLOSED. TODAY
16 THAT PARK SERVED TO SAVE LIVES. SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND
17 I DO SUPPORT THAT MEASURE AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL OF YOU.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **LUZ TAFOLLA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUZ TAFOLLA AND I AM A
23 COMMUNITY PROMOTER FROM C.O.F.E.M. AND I AM HERE WITH A GROUP
24 OF VOLUNTEERS OF C.O.F.E.M., PROMOTERAS OF SALUD. AND I'M HERE
25 TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU ARE DOING AND IN



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1 SUPPORT THE MEASURE FOR FUNDING THESE PARKS. I'M VERY EXCITED
2 ABOUT THAT. I THINK IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US
3 AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE POPULATION
4 OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AND CONSIDER
5 THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THIS, THIS IS GREAT. IT'S A
6 GREAT HOPE AND IT'S A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS. AND HOPEFULLY
7 INCLUDE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THOSE AREAS LIKE THE LOCAL
8 AREAS AND SCHOOLS TO MAYBE DO MORE AND TO DO THINGS AND STUFF
9 LIKE POETRY AND CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND ALSO GIVE THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA TO WORK IN
11 THOSE PLACES TO FEEL INCLUDED AND FEEL PART OF THAT, AND HAVE
12 THE PRIDE AND TAKE CARE THE COMMUNITY. AND THANK YOU ALL, THE
13 SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU, YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND THANK YOU
14 FOR THIS, FOR THE GREAT JOB.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **LUZ TAFOLLA:** HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

21

22 **PAT HEALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAT HEALY.
23 AND I'M REPRESENTING THE MALIBU COALITION FOR SLOW GROWTH.
24 THANK YOU FOR THIS MEASURE. THE COALITION WOULD LIKE TO
25 RECOMMEND THAT THE PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE IN THE COUNTY'S WILD



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1 LANDS BE ADDED TO THIS BOND MEASURE AS AN EQUAL PARTNER WITH
2 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS. WITH MORE PRESSURE THAN EVER TO DEVELOP
3 THE LAST REMAINING OPEN SPACES, PROTECTING OUR EVER DWINDLING
4 OPEN SPACE IS IN NEED AND AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. THEY MUST BE
5 PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY AND FOR WILDLIFE
6 PRESERVATION. WE'D LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN THIS BOND MEASURE
7 THE ACQUISITION OF LARGE PARCELS OF OPEN SPACE AS COUNTY PARKS
8 WHICH WILL SERVE AS NEEDED WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY LINKAGES AND
9 GIVE URBAN RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY NATURE'S
10 WONDERS. THESE PASSIVE RECREATION OPEN SPACE PARKS WILL BE
11 ABLE TO PROVIDE ENJOYMENT OF NATURE AND NATURE APPRECIATION
12 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE. STUDIES SHOW THAT ONCE
13 CONNECTED TO NATURE, THAT INVIGORATES THE SPIRIT AS ESSENTIAL
14 FOR HUMAN WELL-BEING. IN ADDITION TO THE HUMAN NEED TO PROTECT
15 OPEN SPACE FROM FUTURE GENERATIONS, WE NEED LAND FOR THE OTHER
16 CREATURES THAT LIVE AMONG US, IN THE FORM OF WILDLIFE
17 CORRIDORS AND LINKAGES. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
18 SUCH AS WATERSHEDS AND ITS RIPARIAN HABITAT IS NEEDED FOR
19 CLEAN WATER. PRESERVATION OF SPECTACULAR SCENERY AND LANDSCAPE
20 IS NEEDED TO PLEASE THE HUMAN EYE AND SPIRIT. PROTECTION OF
21 OUR ERODING MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEM IS ALSO NEEDED.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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1 **PAT HEALY:** THE COUNTY'S WILD LANDS THAT GIVE US THE CLEAN AIR
2 NEEDED FOR HUMAN HEALTH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

5

6 **PAT HEALY:** IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO SAY IN PROTECTING THESE
7 COUNTY WILD LAND AREAS WE'RE PROTECTING OURSELVES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS.
10 HOPEFULLY THESE PEOPLE ARE STILL HERE. JACKSON LAM. REBECCA
11 SHIELDS MOOSE. JENNIFER BINSTOCK. KENNETH CARSON. TORI KJER.
12 SHAWN WARREN. RUTH SARNOFF. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS.

13

14 **JACKSON LAM:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M JACKSON LAM WITH THE
15 ASIAN-PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL AND ALSO THE SAN
16 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FOREVER COALITION. ONE PARTICULAR AREA WE'D
17 LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IS KOREATOWN AREA. IT'S THE MOST DENSE
18 NEIGHBORHOOD IN LOS ANGELES AND IT ALSO TRANSLATES TO ONE OF
19 THE MOST PARK-POOR NEIGHBORHOODS. AS YOU SAW IN AN EARLIER
20 PRESENTATION, IT HAS 0.7 ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IS
21 CONSIDERED HIGH NEED. WELL KOREATOWN HAS 0.07 ACRES PER
22 THOUSAND RESIDENTS. WE URGE THE BOARD AND COUNTY STAFF TO
23 BRING THEIR ATTENTION TO THAT AREA AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY
24 GROUPS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE. IT'S A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND
25 DESERVES A GREAT PARK. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE



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1 IMPORTANCE OF THE GREENWAYS TRAIL NETWORK WHICH USES THE
2 EXISTING RIVERS AS A BACKBONE FOR CONNECTING THEM TO PUBLIC
3 TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOLS AND SHOPPING CENTERS, AND ALSO TO THE
4 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT WHICH MAKES UP 70
5 PERCENT OF L.A.'S OPEN SPACE. FINALLY WE'D LIKE TO SEE MORE
6 MULTILINGUAL ELEMENTS SEEN AT ALL OF OUR PARKS NOT ONLY
7 SIGNAGE BUT ALSO MULTI LINGUAL STAFF AND PROGRAMS AND ALSO
8 INCLUDE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ELEMENTS THAT MAKE PARKS
9 RELEVANT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **SHAWN WARREN:** HELLO, I'M SHAWN WARREN WITH FRIENDS OF THE L.A.
14 RIVER. I'LL BE BRIEF IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME. WE JUST WANT TO
15 THANK THE L.A. COUNTY FOR DOING THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND
16 DOING THEIR DUE DILIGENCE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING
17 THE MEASURE IN NOVEMBER. I ALSO WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE POINT
18 THAT OUR COLLEAGUES AT RIVER L.A. MADE, MARIE CAMACHO, SAYING
19 BASICALLY THAT THE UNIQUENESS OF THE L.A. RIVER ADJACENT PARKS
20 AND AMENITIES. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF THOSE
21 POTENTIALLY COMING FORTH THROUGH THIS MEASURE. THEY PRESENT A
22 VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTING OUR DIFFERENT
23 COMMUNITIES ALONG ALL 51 MILES OF THE RIVER. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RUTH?



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2 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I THINK TO BE A PARK, IT SHOULD BE
3 7 ACRES OR MORE. AND THAT THE POCKET PARKS SHOULD NOT QUALIFY
4 AS PARK SPACE. THAT WE SHOULD CREATE TRUE URBAN FORESTS OF
5 SIZE, SO THAT THEY ARE COMMENSURATE, BEGIN TO BE COMMENSURATE
6 WITH SOME OF THE LARGER PARKS. FAST TRACK HIGH NEED
7 COMMUNITIES I THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR LOOKING AT THE QUALITY
8 OF THE LAND THAT'S BUILT ON. AND I THINK THAT THE C.E.Q.A.
9 PROCESS AND A.Q.M.D. ISSUES, EMISSIONS AND CLEANLINESS SHOULD
10 BE THERE. I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE FRUIT TREES
11 AND SOME VEGETABLES THERE AND ALLOW FOR BIRDS, WILDLIFE,
12 WORMS, BUGS, MOLES AND CHANGE OUR SOIL SO WE COULD GROW
13 SOMETHING AGAIN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN AND I'M A BIG FAN OF OPEN
18 SPACE AND PARKS AND I THINK THAT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT IS QUITE
19 VAST. IT'S IMPRESSIVE HOW MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE. I'M A
20 LITTLE UNCLEAR ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT
21 THAT'S ON THURSDAY, MAY 19TH IN THIRD DISTRICT IN PACOIMA AT
22 CITY HALL AT 7 P.M. TO 8:30 THERE WILL BE SOME KIND OF A
23 MEETING. AND ALSO ON MAY 9TH IN SANTA MONICA AT THE CIVIC
24 CENTER BETWEEN 7 AND 8:30. I WAS NOT INVITED TO ANY OF THE
25 OTHER MEETINGS. I CHECKED THE AGENDA REGULARLY. AND I WOULD



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1 ASK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE THIS IS SO
2 IMPORTANT, BRING MORE OF THIS ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF THE
3 SPECIFICS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS SO THAT IT'S ON
4 A PUBLICLY NOTICED AGENDA, AS OPPOSED TO A SMALL AGENDA ON
5 WHICH YOU'RE LINKED, IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THE FOLKS WHO
6 ARE ALREADY IN THIS SYSTEM FROM THE PREVIOUS PROPOSITIONS. AND
7 I WOULD JUST SAY IN CONCLUSION MR. HAFETZ, PROP K FOR THE CITY
8 WAS SOMETHING LIKE WHERE THEY EARMARKED VARIOUS PROJECTS. THEY
9 TOOK A LITTLE MONEY. AND DID THEM OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME,
10 AS WELL. BUT IT'S RESULTED IN THE END OF THAT PROCESS MONEY
11 BEING SHUNTED THIS WAY AND THAT. I WOULD ASK THAT HOWEVER THIS
12 IS DRAWN UP, THAT THAT REMAINING MONEY BECAUSE OF THINGS NOT
13 BEING DONE RIGHT, SHOULD BE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED AND ALSO
14 SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE PUBLIC NEEDS
15 BECAUSE THINGS CHANGE OVER 35 YEARS. AND IF WE EARMARK
16 SOMETHING IN YEAR 1 THROUGH 7 AND THEN IN THE NEXT 12 YEARS
17 THE NEED VANISHES OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I WOULD APPRECIATE
18 THAT THAT BE CLEAR. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, THANK YOU.

21

22 **TORI KJER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TORI KJER, LOS
23 ANGELES PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND. I WANT
24 TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN INITIATING THE
25 UNPRECEDENTED NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND NOW CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE



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1 FUNDING MEASURE. THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND WORKS IN PARK POOR
2 COMMUNITIES AND ALSO PROTECTS LARGE OPEN SPACES ACROSS THE
3 COUNTY. AND WE SEE A NEED FOR FUNDING FOR BOTH TYPES OF WORK.
4 WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE IS ESSENTIAL NEED FOR LOCAL PARK AND
5 OPEN SPACE FUNDING IF WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN BRING
6 IN AND CAPTURE STATE FUNDING AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT IS
7 AVAILABLE. AND THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN MEET THE
8 NEEDS OF ALL-- THROUGH FUNDING ALL THE NEEDS OF OUR
9 COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH GOOD I GET TO CLOSE AGAIN I GUESS. I FIND IT
14 FASCINATING. ARNOLD SACHS. I FIND IT FASCINATING YOUR PREVIOUS
15 PROPOSITION, SAVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, GANG PREVENTION, YOUTH,
16 SENIOR RECREATION, BEACHES AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURE.
17 THE BALLOT MEASURE THAT FAILED AND THIS NEW BALLOT MEASURE
18 WILL BE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS HEALTHY
19 COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL WATER RESOURCES MEASURE. THAT'S AN AWFUL
20 LOT TO COVER. I HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT OPEN SPACE. I SAW THIS
21 ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER FOR MAY 16TH. IT WAS ABOUT L.A. SOFT
22 BUILDING, ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE RETROFITTING. AND IT SHOWS THE
23 DENSITY OF ALL THESE BUILDINGS WITH APARTMENTS. SO I'M
24 WONDERING WHO YOU THE PARCEL TAX WOULD WORK WITH THAT AND THE
25 OPEN SPACE THAT YOU SEE. AND OPEN SPACE, LAST COUPLE WEEKS AGO



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1 YOU HAD ON YOUR AGENDA REDEVELOPMENT PARCELS BEING TURNED INTO
2 GARDENS. WHY DON'T YOU BUY THOSE REDEVELOPMENT PARCELS AND
3 TURN THEM INTO PARKS? THEN I'M CONCERNED ABOUT PLACES LIKE THE
4 GOLF COURSE, THE NORWALK GOLF COURSE THAT GETS PARKS AND
5 RECREATION FUNDING. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
6 THAT ALSO GETS FUNDING. SO WHERE DO THEY FIT INTO HERE AS FAR
7 AS PARKS FUNDING? AND ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND YOUTH AND
12 RECREATION. WHERE DO THEY FIT INTO FOR THIS?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU LET PEOPLE TALK.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL YOU'VE COME UP QUITE OFTEN. YOUR
19 TIME EXPIRED. IT'S AT MY DISCRETION. THANK YOU.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, IT'S AT YOUR
22 DISCRETION. YOU DON'T LIKE TO HEAR NEGATIVE COMMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HEAR THEM FROM YOU ALL THE TIME.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND YOU DON'T LIKE TO HEAR THEM.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN
4 PRESENTED BEFORE US. ITEM P-1 B. THIS IS A MOTION BY CHAIR
5 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL REGARDING THE DRAFT BALLOT MEASURE
6 FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE PARKS AND RECREATION. SO WE NEED TO-- THIS
7 WILL BE MOVED AND SECONDED. AND WE ALSO HAVE-- THAT'S A
8 SEPARATE ITEM MOTION. YES. THE ITEM P-1.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, YES. WITHOUT OBJECTION?
13 THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL RIGHT. IT'S
14 DONE. FOR THE TIME BEING. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE-- THERE IS
15 OBJECTION BY OTHER PEOPLE OUT THERE. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ARE
16 GOING TO ITEM NO. 3. THAT IS BEING HELD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS, KNABE AND SOLIS. YOU'RE GOING TO SAY? BY THE WAY, WE
18 WANT TO THANK ALL THE FOLKS THAT CAME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
19 THE PARKS MEASURE AND THE ASSESSMENT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HELD THE ITEM.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS, YOU MAY RECALL IT
2 WAS AT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR THAT THE
3 COUNTY'S SOLE-SOURCE POLICY WAS ASKED TO BE REVIEWED WITH A
4 REPORT BACK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO NARROW AND LIMIT ITS USAGE.
5 AND THEN AGAIN ON THE-- LATER THAT YEAR, THE BOARD APPROVED
6 AND ADOPTED A REVISED MOTION TO SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS 1999
7 POLICY ON SOLE SOURCE. THE NEW BOARD POLICY STIPULATES THE
8 FOLLOWING: "COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO QUANTIFY COST
9 SAVINGS OR COST AVOIDANCE, CITING THAT A SOLE- SOURCE CONTRACT
10 IS IN THE BEST ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY." SECONDLY,
11 THE REVISED POLICY INCLUDES A REQUIREMENT THAT THE BOARD BE
12 NOTIFIED OF A POTENTIAL SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT SITUATION WHILE
13 SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS TO PURSUE A STANDARD COMPETITIVE
14 SOLICITATION. AND, LASTLY, THE REVISED POLICY EMPHASIZED THAT
15 THERE ARE NO BLANKET EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY AND THAT IT IS
16 THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT
17 JUSTIFICATION FOR A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT, LEAVING THE BOARD TO
18 THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO AWARD A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT. SO BASED
19 ON THE REVISED SOLE- SOURCE POLICY, TO DATE THE PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT-- AND I'D LIKE FOR THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, IF
21 HE WOULD, TO COME FORWARD.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAL?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAS NOT PRESENTED DATA TO QUANTIFY COST
2 SAVINGS OR COST AVOIDANCE IN THE BEST ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF
3 THE COUNTY BY SOLE SOURCING WITH ANY ENTITY OR ANY RECOMMENDED
4 ENTITY. AND IN ORDER FOR US TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR
5 POLICY, IT SEEMS TO ME SUCH WOULD BE REQUIRED. ALSO IS AT
6 ISSUE IS S.B.678 FUNDING AS A SOURCE BEING EARMARKED TO
7 SUPPORT A SOLE- SOURCE PROPOSAL. THE LEGISLATION STATES THAT
8 S.B. 678 FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED ON RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED
9 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS. CURRENTLY, WE
10 KNOW THAT THERE IS A STUDY RESEARCH BEING DONE BY U.C.L.A. TO
11 DETERMINE AND CLARIFY THAT SET OF ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO
12 COUNTY-WIDE AND NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES FOR GANG INTERVENTION
13 AND RE-ENTRY. THE ANALYSIS IS LIMITED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO
14 CHANGE AFTER MORE IS LEARNED. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE
15 SHOULD DO THAT. LONG-STANDING SUPPORTER OF THE ENTITY THAT IS
16 BEING RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION TODAY, WILL BE PREPARED TO
17 LEAN IN AND BE HELPFUL IN WHATEVER WAY IS POSSIBLE. BUT I WANT
18 TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: THAT THE BOARD BE VERY MINDFUL OF
19 HOW WE MAKE OUR CHOICES WITH THESE RESOURCES. IN OTHER WORDS,
20 S.B. 678, A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD TO DETERMINE
21 THE USES OF THOSE RESOURCES FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
22 RE-ENTRY. TO DATE, A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE HAS NOT COME TO THE
23 BOARD'S ATTENTION. OVERALL IN TERMS OF THE USE OF THOSE
24 RESOURCES, AND THE BALANCE OF THOSE RESOURCES CURRENTLY. WE
25 KNOW THAT THEY WERE UNUSED OR UNDERUSED. AND IT IS AS IF



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1 PROBATION WAS THEN AND PERHAPS STILL IS WITH SQUIRRELING AWAY
2 RESOURCES THAT OUGHT TO BE PUT TO GOOD USE THAT SERVICES THE
3 BOARD'S STATED GOALS, OBJECTIVES, MANDATES, PRIORITIES. I
4 DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING. AND SO I HAVE SOME UNREADINESS AT
5 THE POINT OF TAPPING S.B. 678 DOLLARS, ABSENT THAT KIND OF
6 ANALYSIS. WHO'S IN PLAY THERE? THE C.E.O.? COUNTY COUNSEL.
7 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. WE DESERVE A
8 DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN POSED IN
9 THAT REGARD. A THOROUGH EXPLANATION IS TO BE AFFORDED THE
10 BOARD HASN'T BEEN FORTHCOMING AND I WANT TO RESTATE THAT SUCH
11 SHOULD BE THE CASE. SO, MADAME CHAIR, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE
12 ORGANIZATIONS FROM YOUTH BUILD TO ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION TO
13 CENTINELLA YOUTH SERVICES, NAY MORE WHO FOCUS ON EVIDENCE-
14 BASED AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE-RELATED ISSUES. AND WE NEED TO
15 MAKE SURE THE PROCESS IS FULL, OPEN, THAT IT IS COMPETITIVE,
16 AND THAT'S THE WAY I THINK WE CAN GET TO THE BEST RESULTS. I
17 HAPPEN TO FEEL THAT THE PROPOSED ENTITY IN ITEM NO. 3 COULD BE
18 COMPETITIVE, OUGHT TO BE COMPETITIVE, HAS A HISTORY. HOWEVER,
19 YOU DON'T KNOW WHO'S COMPETITIVE UNTIL YOU CAUSE THEM TO
20 COMPETE APPROPRIATELY. AND SO I WOULD ASK FOR AN EXPEDITED--
21 AN EXPEDITED R.F.P. PROCESS THAT SEEKS TO FULFILL THE
22 OBJECTIVES ARTICULATED IN ITEM NO. 3. AND IN THAT CONNECTION,
23 IF IT IS DETERMINED BY THE WILL OF THE BOARD BASED ON REPORT
24 COMING FROM THE C.E.O. TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR-
25 CONTROLLER AND PROBATION WITH RESPECT TO S.B. 678 DOLLARS THAT



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1 WE DO ALL OF THIS. NOW, THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT WHERE
2 THERE IS INSUFFICIENT OPTIONS IN TERMS OF TATTOO REMOVAL AND
3 THE LIKE. WELL, I HAVE BEFORE ME A LIST OF SOME 20 OR SO SUCH
4 ENTITIES THAT CLAIM TO DO TATTOO REMOVAL FROM ONE END OF THE
5 COUNTY TO THE NEXT. AND I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A LIST, AS
6 WELL. AND IF NOT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT'S THE REASON FOR AN
7 R.F.I., AN R.F.Q. AND R.F.P., WHATEVER YOU MAY WISH,
8 EXPEDITED. BUT IT'S BETTER FOR US TO BE IN A PRUDENT POSTURE,
9 A FAIR POSTURE, AN OPEN-MINDED POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO THE
10 OBJECTIVES THAT'S BEING SOUGHT IN ITEM NO. 3. THOSE ARE MY
11 CONCERNS. I WANTED TO PUT THEM ON THE RECORD AND BE GLAD TO
12 DIALOGUE ABOUT THE ISSUE IN MORE DETAIL.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, I'M SORRY.

15

16 **CAL REMINGTON:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I'M ALL FOR THE
17 ANALYSIS. I THINK THERE IS-- WE SHOULD BE WORKING WITH O.D.R.
18 WE HAVE MET WITH THEM, WE WILL BE MEETING WITH THEM AGAIN. I
19 THINK IT'S NEXT WEEK. SO I THINK HOMEBOY IS UNIQUE. DOES IT
20 MEET ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SOLE SOURCE? I HAVEN'T DONE
21 THAT ANALYSIS YET. SO I'M KIND OF WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE
22 BOARD WOULD LIKE ME TO DO ON THIS. SO I CAN'T ANSWER ALL THOSE
23 QUESTIONS TODAY ABOUT WHETHER THEY COMPLETELY MEET THOSE
24 REQUIREMENTS, BUT I CERTAINLY THINK WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY. AN
25 ANALYSIS WOULD BE GOOD. AND I THINK PROBATION AND O.D.R. NEED



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1 TO WORK CLOSELY ON THIS. AND OTHER SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE
2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US. 678 IS UNIQUE. IT HAS ITS OWN
3 REQUIREMENTS. I THINK FOR MOST PROGRAMS, INCLUDING HOMEBOY
4 INDUSTRIES, THEY HAVE A POPULATION THAT WOULD MEET THE
5 REQUIREMENTS OF 678. WE'D HAVE TO LOOK CLOSELY AT EVIDENCE-
6 BASED, THOSE ISSUES. BUT I'M WILLING TO DO WHATEVER THE BOARD
7 WOULD LIKE ME TO DO TODAY. BUT I CERTAINLY AM NOT OPPOSED TO
8 MORE ANALYSIS AND HOWEVER THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO APPROACH
9 THIS, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD
12 WITH POLICY COMPLIANCE, YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE A PROPOSAL IN MY
13 VIEW THAT'S FULLY COOKED. AND THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IS
14 SUGGESTING THAT HE'S UNSURE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT SQUARES, I
15 WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD
16 WITHOUT A MORE CONFIDENT STATEMENT ON THE PART OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT AS TO ITS COMPLIANCE WITH OUR STATED AND NEWLY
18 ADOPTED POLICY, NEWLY ADOPTED MEANING OVER A YEAR AGO. AND
19 THIS IS PRECEDENT-SETTING, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME, WITH RESPECT
20 TO HOW SERIOUSLY DEPARTMENT HEADS TAKE OUR POLICY DIRECTIVES.
21 SO, MR. REMINGTON, I APPRECIATE YOUR HONESTY IN SAYING THAT IT
22 IS NOT FULLY VETTED IN TERMS OF WHAT THE POLICIES MAY REQUIRE,
23 BUT IT IS NO POINT IN HAVING POLICIES, MADAME CHAIR AND
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, UNLESS WE ARE CAUSING EVERYONE TO MEET
25 THEM ACCORDINGLY. AND I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT CAN'T BE



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1 ACCOMPLISHED. IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S READY AT THIS POINT.
2 SO IT MAY BE USEFUL JUST TO CONTINUE THE ITEM-- IF I COULD
3 FINISH, MADAME CHAIR. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO CONTINUE THE ITEM,
4 HAVE BETTER ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE.
5 BRING IT BACK, AND THEN DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU,
6 MADAME CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.
9 LARRY HAFETZ, COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THE ANALYSIS THAT WAS
10 PROVIDED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER REGARDING THIS POLICY ITEM?

11

12 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. THERE'S BEEN A PRELIMINARY
13 ANALYSIS. THERE STILL NEEDS TO BE SOME FURTHER ANALYSIS. AND I
14 BELIEVE THIS IS A REPORT BACK. BUT THERE WAS A PRELIMINARY
15 ANALYSIS THAT THE TWO-PRONGED APPROACH HERE COULD BE
16 CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S POLICY, BUT THAT, AGAIN, THERE
17 NEEDS TO BE FURTHER REVIEW. AND THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE
18 REPORT BACK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THIS CLEARLY IS A PILOT PROGRAM. WE'VE DONE--
21 - THIS IS NOT PRECEDENT SETTING IN ITSELF. WE'VE DONE PILOT
22 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER PROGRAMS AND OTHER AGENCIES. THIS IS A
23 VERY UNIQUE SITUATION. IT'S TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET THINGS ON
24 THE GO WITH THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THEN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
25 R.F.P. PROCESS. SO I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S CLEARLY, CLEARLY A



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1 PILOT PROJECT. AND THEN WE CAN GET THE ANSWERS BACK BUT ALSO
2 MOVE FORWARD IN THE PREPARATION OF THE R.F.P.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I'M HEARING SEVERAL THINGS.
5 I'M HEARING THAT FROM THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, HE CAN'T
6 FULLY ASSERT THAT IT'S READY. I'M HEARING FROM THE COUNTY
7 COUNSEL THAT IT'S PRELIMINARY. I'M HEARING FROM SUPERVISOR
8 KNABE THAT IT'S A PILOT THEREFORE NOT PRECEDENT-SETTING. I
9 BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE IN THE BEST POSITION POSSIBLE TO PIN ALL
10 OF THESE THINGS DOWN BEFORE WE CAN ACT IN A FULLY DEFENSIBLE
11 MANNER. IT IS PRELIMINARY, COUNTY COUNSEL SAYS, IN TERMS OF
12 THIS REPORT THAT THEY AFFORD US. AND I'M HEARING THAT THIS IS
13 A REPORT BACK. A REPORT BACK IS FINE ON THE ONE HAND BUT I'M
14 ALSO SEEING THAT THERE'S A DIRECTIVE HERE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
15 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SOLE SOURCE WITH RESPECT TO A
16 PARTICULAR ENTITY. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S USEFUL TO KIND OF
17 PINPOINT IN A WAY THAT WOULD DISPARAGE ANY AGENCY. I'D LIKE TO
18 BE AS FAIRLY OBJECTIVE ABOUT THAT AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE A SOLE-
19 SOURCE POLICY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COMPETING ENTITIES FOR
20 RESOURCES. WE OUGHT TO HAVE AN EXPEDITED PROCESS TO THE EXTENT
21 THAT THAT'S THE CASE OR POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF AN R.F.Q.,
22 R.F.I., AN R.F.P., WHATEVER MAKES MOST SENSE. BUT TO HAVE
23 THINGS SO PRELIMINARY, TO HAVE THINGS NOT FULLY BUTTONED DOWN,
24 TO SAY IT'S ON THE ONE HAND A PILOT AND ON THE OTHER A REPORT



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1 BACK, SUGGESTS THAT THERE'S MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
2 FASTEN THIS FOR EMBRACE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I DIDN'T INDICATE THAT IT WAS A
5 REPORT BACK. I DON'T KNOW WHERE COUNTY COUNSEL GOT THAT. IT'S
6 CLEARLY A PILOT PROGRAM. BUT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
7 PREPARATION OF THE R.F.P.

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9 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, I'M LOOKING AT THE MOTION. I
10 GUESS I'M NOT SURE IF I INTERPRETED IT RIGHT. THE VERY BOTTOM
11 OF THE MOTION IT SAYS REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S AS IT RELATES TO THE R.F.P. THAT'S THE
14 R.F.P. TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM FOR UP TO ONE YEAR BUT
15 REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS ON THE R.F.P.

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17 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S SUBJECT TO
18 INTERPRETATION. IT'S AT THE BOTTOM STICKING OUT. IT LOOKS LIKE
19 IT COULD BE FOR THE WHOLE THING. I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE NOT ENTIRELY SURE NOW BUT YOU WERE A COUPLE
22 DAYS AGO.

23

24 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** WELL, I MEAN, MY READING OF THIS
25 SAYS REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU HAVE A
3 QUESTION?

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, WE DID HEAR FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT
6 THIS, RIGHT? AND THE CONCLUSION THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SENT TO
7 ME, THIS WAS FROM COUNSEL WICKHAM, SAYS WORDING A 12 MONTH
8 CONTRACT PILOT PROGRAM TO HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES TO PROVIDE
9 HOLISTIC ANTIRECIDIVISM PROGRAMS WHILE CONCURRENTLY DEVELOPING
10 AND ISSUING OF A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION TO IDENTIFY OTHER
11 SERVICE APPROACHES WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S
12 POLICY OF REQUIRING OPEN AND COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS WHILE
13 STILL ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF A SOLE- SOURCE AGREEMENT WHEN IT
14 IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY. SHE THEN LOOKS AT THE
15 VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH SERVICES ARE CONSIDERED HOLISTIC. AND
16 THAT WAS THE OPINION THAT I GOT. I THINK HER INTERPRETATION
17 ABOUT THE REPORT BACK WAS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THAT'S HOW I READ IT.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST QUOTING FROM THE MEMO THAT I GOT.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I RECEIVED TOO.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SEEMS TO ME SHE WAS DISTINGUISHING THE
2 REPORT BACK TO ME.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND YOU HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL SAYING IT'S
5 PRELIMINARY. THE REPORT IS PRELIMINARY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** DIFFERENT COUNTY COUNSEL. WE GOT THE REPORT IN
8 WRITING FROM MARY.

9

10 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THAT'S TRUE, SUPERVISOR. BUT I'M
11 LOOKING AT MARY'S EMAIL TO THIS BOARD LAST NIGHT. AND JUST AS
12 A FOLLOW UP, THERE IS AN ASTERISK BY HER ANALYSIS THAT SAYS
13 THAT THE ABOVE ANALYSIS IS BASED ON LIMITED INFORMATION AND
14 MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. I HAVE SPOKEN TO HER BEFORE TODAY'S
15 BOARD MEETING AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ITEM BECAUSE WE KNEW IT
16 RAISED SOME QUESTIONS. AND MARY, SHE WAS VOICING HER POINT
17 THAT SHE PUT IN THAT FOOTNOTE. NOW MAYBE WE BOTH, SHE AND I
18 MISINTERPRETED THE MOTION TO THINK THAT THE REPORT BACK WAS
19 ONLY-- WE THOUGHT THE REPORT BACK APPLIED TO BOTH PRONGS. AND
20 SHE AND I MAY HAVE BOTH MISINTERPRETED THAT IT WAS ONLY AS IT
21 RELATES TO THE R.F.P. PROCESS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT HOW I INTERPRETED IT. SO I
24 WOULD JUST SAY FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I READ IT THE WAY THAT YOU
25 JUST RELIED, SHEILA KUEHL. THAT'S WHAT I READ.



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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I GUESS THIS IS ACTUALLY SOMEWHAT IN MY
3 OPINION CAUGHT IN A BIT OF A NET ON A LARGER ISSUE, WHICH IS
4 ONE THAT I SHARE. AND I THINK WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE IN
5 TERMS OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE 678 MONEY. YOU KNOW, SOME OF
6 US HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HOW LONG IT'S TAKEN TO SPEND IT. AND
7 THEN SOME OF US ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH SORT OF HOW WE'RE
8 SPENDING IT AND TARGETING ONE THING TO USE IT WITHOUT KIND OF
9 A REAL PROGRAM TO LOOK AT HOW WE'RE DEALING WITH RECIDIVISM. I
10 CAN SUPPORT THIS MOTION RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE A LITTLE BIT
11 WORRIED ABOUT SOLE SOURCE. I MEAN I'M GOING TO ASK SOME
12 QUESTIONS ON ANOTHER MOTION ABOUT SOLE SOURCE. BUT I THINK IN
13 THIS CASE IT DOES LOOK LIKE A PILOT TO ME. I DO KNOW THAT
14 HOMEBOY IS UNIQUE IN THE WAY THAT THEY PROVIDE A CONSTELLATION
15 OF SERVICES AND NOT JUST ONE THING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
16 OFFENDED. SO I THINK FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT. I THINK WE ALL
17 LOVE HOMEBOY. IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF WHAT ARE WE ESTABLISHING
18 HERE AS A PRECEDENT? HOW ARE WE SPENDING 678 MONEY? WE'RE
19 ASKING FOR REPORTS IN THE LARGER SENSE, I THINK, ABOUT THAT
20 MONEY. SO I CAN SUPPORT THIS BUT I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN I'D MOVE THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE CONCERN'S ON THE LARGER ISSUE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME CALL FOR BIFURCATION OF
2 THE ITEM. THERE'S 1 AND 2 HERE.

3

4 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST ASK A
5 QUESTION. I DIDN'T WANT TO CUT ANYONE OFF. BUT IF THE ITEM IS
6 GOING TO MOVE, WE'RE JUST ASKING WHAT DATE ARE WE LOOKING TO
7 BRING BACK THE CONTRACT? IT JUST SAYS RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH
8 A PROPOSED CONTRACT. SO ARE WE LOOKING AT A PARTICULAR
9 TIMEFRAME FOR THAT?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES IT TAKE, CAL, TO GET A
12 CONTRACT OUT?

13

14 **CAL REMINGTON:** 45 DAYS WOULD BE REASONABLE.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE NORM. AND WE'RE WAITING
17 ON-- WE'RE SITTING ON ALL THIS MONEY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET
18 OUT.

19

20 **CAL REMINGTON:** IF THE BOARD VOTES THIS MOTION AND WE WILL GET
21 IT DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO MORE THAN 45 DAYS? IS THAT
24 ADEQUATE? DON? DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION ON THAT? YOU'RE FINE?
25 IT'S A PILOT. OKAY. IS THAT OKAY?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL THIS ISN'T A CONTRACT. THIS IS A PROPOSED
3 CONTRACT FOR A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL BE COMING BACK. THE
4 SECOND PART OF THAT IS WHERE WE CHANGED THE WORDING IS TO
5 DEVELOP A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION. AND THEN REPORT BACK IN 45
6 DAYS.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** RIGHT. BUT IS IT A PROPOSED CONTRACT THAT
9 WE THEN LOOK AT AGAIN? BECAUSE I DIDN'T SEE AN ACTUAL NUMBER
10 IN THERE, MONEY NUMBER. AND IT DOES SAY PROPOSED CONTRACT. SO
11 IF WE GET ANOTHER LOOK AT IT, THAT'S EVEN BETTER.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IS THAT YOUR INTENT, SUPERVISOR, SIR? OKAY.
16 I LIKE THAT EVEN BETTER.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SECOND. WE HAVE SOME WITNESSES,
21 I THINK, THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
22 ERIC PREVEN.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
25 DISTRICT AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONFUSION HERE. I ALSO



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1 INTERPRETED THE REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS AND ON THE WHOLE THING.
2 BUT I ALSO AGREE THAT THIS IS A PROPOSAL FOR A CONTRACT FOR UP
3 TO 12 MONTHS. BUT THE TERMS OF THAT CONTRACT COULD NOT BE
4 APPROVED WITHOUT FIRST COMING BACK TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. AND I THINK ALL THE SUPERVISORS HAVE AGREED THAT
6 THIS IS A GROUP THAT, THOUGH SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SOLE
7 SOURCE BECAUSE NOBODY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SOLE SOURCE, BUT IS
8 A SPECIAL GROUP. SO THAT IF THAT CONTRACT WERE PROVIDED AND
9 COULD BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW, I
10 CAN'T SEE WHY WE COULD NOT, SINCE WE HAVE DONE SO IN MANY
11 OTHER INSTANCES, COME UP WITH A JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE.
12 I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW MARY WICKHAM CAN LEAVE THIS KIND OF A
13 MESS ON OUR TABLE. BUT I DO SUPPORT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. AND I
14 ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THE R.F.P. PROCESS. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS CORRECT TO HOLD THE LINE ON DOING SPECIAL
16 BUSINESS FOR ONE GROUP OVER ANOTHER. SO WITH THAT, WHY NOT GET
17 A LOOK AT THAT CONTRACT? BRING IT BACK. AND THEN DECIDE IF
18 THERE'S A JUSTIFICATION FOR A SOLE SOURCE IF IT HAS TO BE SOLE
19 SOURCE. BY THE WAY THE WORD SOLE SOURCE DOES NOT REALLY APPEAR
20 IN THIS CONTRACT TO BE CLEAR. WE'RE CALLING IT THAT BUT IT
21 DOESN'T SAY IT'S A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT, BUT OF COURSE BY
22 DEFINITION, IT IS EARMARKING A SPECIAL FUNDING FOR THAT GROUP.
23 SO IT'S A MESS. THAT NEEDS TO BE AVOIDED IN THE FUTURE. THANK
24 YOU.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HE GOT THREE MINUTES AND I GET TWO MINUTES?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT?

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
6 SOMETIMES IT'S PRETTY AMAZING WHEN YOU SAVE SOME ARTICLES HOW
7 THEY COME BACK TO BE A FLEA BITE, BECAUSE THIS IS AN ARTICLE
8 FROM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015. IT MENTIONS DIVERSION PLAN
9 STUCK IN DOLLAR DISPUTE. IT MENTIONS FUNDING FOR THE 678
10 PROGRAM, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM. IT MENTIONS IN THIS
11 ARTICLE STATE OFFICIALS-- OH BY THE WAY, IT MENTIONS PROBATION
12 CHIEF JERRY POWERS HAS PROTESTED SAYING THE MONEY MUST GO TO
13 HIS DEPARTMENT AND BE SPENT ON FELONY PROBATIONERS. IN A
14 LETTER TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS, POWERS WARNED THE BOARD PLAN
15 WOULD LIKELY JEOPARDIZE FUTURE STATE FUNDING FOR A WIDE RANGE
16 OF PROGRAMS. STATE OFFICIALS ECHOED POWERS' CONCERN AND SAID
17 THEY HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH COUNTY LEADERS. WE HAVE ALWAYS
18 UNDERSTOOD MONEY AUTHORIZED BY SENATE BILL 678 TO BE A
19 PROBATION PROGRAM AND THE DOLLARS IN THE PROGRAM ARE
20 CALCULATED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT PROBATION IS
21 KEEPING OUT OF PRISON OR JAIL," SAID DIANE CUMMINGS, A SPECIAL
22 ASSISTANT TO GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. ALSO MENTIONS THERE'S BEEN
23 LIKE \$200 MILLION SENT TO THE COUNTY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS
24 AND THEN IT MENTIONS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU PROPOSED A
25 NEW DIVERSION PROGRAM SAID THE ISSUE IS BEING REVIEWED BY



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1 COUNTY ATTORNEYS. "WE RELY ON LEGAL OPINIONS RATHER THAN THAT
2 WHICH IS BEING ASSERTED BY A GIVEN DEPARTMENT HEAD," HE SAID.
3 BY THE WAY, WE CAN'T TALK TO HIM BECAUSE THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD
4 WAS TERMINATED. SO, SO MUCH FOR AGREEING WITH COUNTY POLICY.
5 AND IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT.
6 SO THE FUNDING, YOU TURN THIS INTO AN ARGUMENT ABOUT MONEY FOR
7 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT INTO A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT WITHOUT
8 ADDRESSING THE STATE'S ASSERTION THAT IT GOES TO THE PROBATION
9 DEPARTMENT. VERY WELL DONE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I CONTINUE TO MOVE THE ITEM AS PRESENTED AND THERE
14 WAS A SECOND.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AS IT'S BEEN AMENDED, RIGHT, YOU SAID?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT REALLY AMENDED, BECAUSE IT'S A PROPOSED
19 CONTRACT AND WILL BE COMING BACK TO US WITHIN 45 DAYS. SO WE
20 GET THE CONTRACT BACK AND THEN ALSO THE ACTION TO PROCEED ON
21 PREPARATION OF R.F.P. AS WELL TOO.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'LL SECOND THAT. WITH THAT
24 OBJECTION, IS EVERYONE ON BOARD? ABSTAIN I DIDN'T HEAR YOU,



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1 I'M SORRY. SO WHY DON'T WE DO A ROLL CALL, PLEASE. IT'S
2 GETTING CONFUSING HERE. COME ON.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSTAIN. I ABSTAIN, I'M SORRY.

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9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MOTION CARRIES.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOTION CARRIES, ONE ABSTENTION. MOVE
3 ON.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OKAY. MARK, ARE YOU GOING
8 TO TAKE OVER?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS VERY MUCH. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM NO.
11 2, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. ITEM NO. 2 IS
14 CONCERNING BUSINESS REGISTRATION IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
15 IN THE COUNTY. THE INTERESTING FACT I THINK IS THAT THE
16 COUNTY, UNLIKE 82 OUT OF OUR 88 CITIES, ONLY REGULATES A
17 PORTION, MAYBE ABOUT HALF OF ITS BUSINESSES. YOU KNOW WE'RE
18 LAUNCHING A SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE. AND SMALL BUSINESS
19 CONCIERGE ON JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR. BUT SO FAR WE DON'T HAVE
20 ANY FORMAL METHOD OF REGULAR CONTACT WITH ALL OF OUR
21 BUSINESSES SINCE WE ONLY EVEN KNOW ABOUT HALF OF THEM AND
22 DON'T KNOW WHO THE REST ARE. THE COUNTY ASSESSOR ESTIMATES
23 THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 15,000 BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED
24 AREA, BUT WE CURRENTLY LICENSE 7,100 OR 52 PERCENT. THIS MEANS
25 WE NEITHER REGULATE NOR LICENSE ABOUT 8,000 OF OUR BUSINESSES



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1 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THIS ALSO MEANS TREASURER AND TAX
2 COLLECTOR, ASSESSOR, D.C.B.A. AND THE C.P.O. DON'T REALLY KNOW
3 HOW MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES HAVE EMPLOYEES AND WOULD THUS BE
4 SUBJECT TO THE MINIMUM WAGE OR WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENT. AS I
5 SAID, 82 OF OUR 88 CITIES NOT ONLY REGULATE OR REGISTER BUT
6 LICENSE ALL BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR BORDERS, 82 OUT OF 88. AND
7 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, WE LICENSE BUT ONLY SOME. AND
8 THOSE ALL RELATED REALLY TO HEALTH AREAS. WE DO MAYBE
9 RESTAURANTS. ALTHOUGH WE DON'T REGISTER OR LICENSE NAIL
10 SALONS. SO IT'S KIND OF RANDOM. SO BOTH FOR THE ABILITY, I
11 THINK, TO REACH OUT TO ALL THE BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA IN TERMS
12 OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE AND IN TERMS OF ENFORCING OUR
13 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE, THIS MOTION PROPOSES THAT WE START A
14 BUSINESS REGISTRATION MODEL SO THAT ALL THE BUSINESSES IN THE
15 COUNTY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY TO GIVE
16 US A BETTER IDEA OF WHO THEY ARE AND HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY
17 EMPLOY, ET CETERA. SO I OFFER THIS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND
18 HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE IT FAVORABLY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE
21 HAVE TWO PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
22 THEY COME FORWARD. ELIZABETH HARLEY AND ARNOLD SACHS. IF YOU'D
23 COME FORTH IMMEDIATELY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, DID YOU HAVE--?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD A QUESTION AS IT RELATED TO-- THIS IS A
2 PRETTY IMPOSING MOTION AS IT RELATES TO SMALL BUSINESSES. WHAT
3 IS FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, LARRY, WHAT IS-- HOW FEASIBLE IS
4 TACKING ON WAGE ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY ON TO EVERY
5 BUSINESS?

6

7 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD'S POLICE POWER
8 IN THIS AREA IS PRETTY BOARD. AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND
9 FINE TO INCLUDE WAGE ENFORCEMENT INTO ANY LICENSING SCHEME
10 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE SPEAKERS NOW. ALL
15 SPEAKERS WISHING TO BE HEARD COME FORWARD. ALL RIGHT.
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO REPEAT AGAIN, WHAT ARE THE NUMBER, THE
19 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BUSINESSES THAT WOULD BE REGISTERED IN THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?

21

22 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, GOOD AFTERNOON, JOE KELLY, TREASURER
23 TAX COLLECTOR. WE ESTIMATE THERE ARE ABOUT 8,000 BUSINESSES
24 THAT WE WOULD REGISTER UNDER THE REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ENFORCEMENT ROLE DOES THE TREASURER
2 TAX COLLECTOR HAVE?

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4 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, PART OF THE REQUEST BACK IN THIS
5 MOTION IS TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. AND AS PART OF
6 THAT PLAN, WE WOULD LAY OUT WHAT THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM
7 WOULD LOOK LIKE. IF WE NEARED SOMETHING LIKE OUR BUSINESS
8 LICENSING PROGRAM, TYPICALLY THAT REQUIRES OR ENTAILS A NOTICE
9 OF VIOLATION TO THE BUSINESS WHERE WE TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE
10 NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. AND THAT WE
11 FOLLOW UP TO MAKE SURE THEY BECOME COMPLIANT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THERE ARE ALREADY
14 STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT WAGE THEFT?

15

16 **JOSEPH KELLY:** YES, I THINK THERE ARE. AND THAT WOULD FALL
17 UNDER MR. STIGER'S WAGE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, UNDER CONSUMER
18 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS WOULD BE ADDING ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY
21 ON TOP OF TWO BUREAUCRACIES THAT ALREADY DEAL WITH WAGE THEFT
22 ISSUES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

23

24 **JOSEPH KELLY:** FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF WAGE ENFORCEMENT, I'M
25 GOING TO LET MR. STIGER ANSWER THAT QUESTION. BUT FROM THE



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1 PERSPECTIVE OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION, NO, I DON'T THINK IT
2 WOULD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ADDING ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY WITH
5 AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL BURDEN ON LOCAL BUSINESSES THROUGH
6 FEES AND TAXES IS GOING TO SEND A MESSAGE TO DO BUSINESS IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND NOT VENTURA COUNTY OR ORANGE COUNTY.

8

9 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, AS PART OF OUR INITIAL REPORT,
10 PROBABLY ALMOST TWO MONTHS AGO NOW, WHERE WE LOOKED AT THE
11 EXPANSION OF THE LICENSING PROGRAM VERSUS REGISTRATION, IF
12 REGISTRATION-- THE COST OF REGISTRATION IS NOMINAL. I THINK IT
13 WILL TURN OUT TO BE SO. THE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS OF BEING
14 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS VERSUS INCORPORATED CITIES, IT
15 STILL EXISTS. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS MANY OF THE
16 INCORPORATED CITIES HAVE WHAT WE DETERMINED WERE GROSS
17 RECEIPTS TAXES. AND SO IF WE COME UP WITH A REGISTRATION FEE
18 THAT IS SIMILAR, LET'S SAY \$100, \$125, THAT'S STILL IN GENERAL
19 IS STILL MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE THAN GOING TO A NEIGHBORING
20 CITY THAT HAS A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX WHERE TYPICALLY THOSE TAXES
21 ARE TRIGGERED BASED ON THE SALES OF THE BUSINESS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX IN
24 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF EXODUS, EXODUS
25 OF JOBS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE



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1 THOSE BUSINESS TAXES. AND I KNOW A.B.C. MOVED TO GLENDALE IS
2 BECAUSE OF THE TAX ISSUE. I KNOW MANY OF THOSE THAT HAVE MOVED
3 TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY HAVE BEEN
4 THERE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THOSE TYPES OF TAXES. AND WHAT
5 WE'RE DOING IS ADDING AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE BUSINESSES
6 WHEN WE OUGHT TO BE ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET AND NOT THE RED
7 TAPE.

8

9 **JOSEPH KELLY:** WE LOOKED AT AN EXAMPLE JUST THIS THE PAST WEEK
10 IN TERMS OF A NURSERY. IF YOU WERE TO OPEN A NURSERY IN THE
11 UNINCORPORATED AREA, THE COSTS ARE STILL SIGNIFICANTLY LESS
12 THAN IF YOU WERE TO OPEN ONE IN SOME OF THESE NEIGHBORING
13 CITIES BECAUSE THE COUNTY, THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS DO NOT
14 HAVE A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND THAT'S AN INCENTIVE FOR THE PEOPLE
17 TO COME TO THE COUNTY PART OF LOS ANGELES TO CREATE JOBS.

18

19 **JOSEPH KELLY:** ABSOLUTELY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE OUGHT TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF
22 CREATING JOBS NOT HINDERING THOSE CREATIONS AND NOT SENDING
23 THEM TO OTHER COUNTIES OR LOCATIONS.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC
3 COMMENT?
4
5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I DO. I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE THIS
6 REGISTRATION MOTION WITH A LICENSING MOTION, BECAUSE THE
7 QUESTION TO THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR WAS ABOUT LICENSING.
8 AND ALSO ABOUT WAGE ENFORCEMENT. BUT WE PASSED OUR WAGE
9 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ALREADY. THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.
10 ESSENTIALLY WE'RE SAYING WE'D LIKE TO REACH OUT TO BUSINESSES
11 AND OFFER THEM HELP AND WE'RE ALSO SAYING WE WANT TO MAKE
12 CERTAIN THAT THEY PAY THE APPROPRIATE MINIMUM WAGE, IT SIMPLY
13 REQUIRES THAT WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
14 HAS 4 DIFFERENT KINDS OF BUSINESS TAXES. SO PERHAPS GLENDALE
15 DOESN'T, BUT THEY STILL LICENSE ALL THEIR BUSINESSES. GLENDALE
16 IS ONE OF THE 82 CITIES THAT REQUIRES A LICENSE OF ALL OF ITS
17 BUSINESSES. BUT AS T.T.C. HAS INDICATED, THERE'S A DIFFERENT
18 KIND OF WAY OF FIGURING WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO PAY AS A TAX ON
19 YOUR BUSINESS. NONE OF THAT IS RELATED TO THIS MOTION. ALL
20 WE'RE ASKING-- OR ALL I'M ASKING IN THE MOTION IS THAT WE
21 REQUIRE ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES TO REGISTER, WHICH IS A FAR LESS
22 EXPENSIVE ITEM NOT ONLY FOR THEM, BUT FOR US. BECAUSE
23 ESSENTIALLY, WE'RE NOT REGULATING THEM, INSPECTING THEM. WE
24 ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO SEE: DID YOU REGISTER? YES IT DOES ADD A
25 FEE FOR THEM TO REGISTER AND YES, IT CAN BE USED IN OUR WAGE



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1 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH IN MY OPINION, IS ONLY FAIR BECAUSE
2 WE ARE WANTING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THESE BUSINESSES THAT WE
3 DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT ARE PAYING THE MINIMUM WAGE THAT WE'VE
4 NOW IMPOSED IN THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE CITY OF L.A. AND A
5 FEW OTHER CITIES NOW. I THINK WE'RE UP TO 60 PERCENT OF THE
6 COUNTY. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY A SMART MOVE
7 FOR THE COUNTY TO KNOW HOW MANY BUSINESSES IT ACTUALLY HAS NOT
8 JUST ON THE SQUARE FOOTAGE THAT PEOPLE ARE PAYING THEIR
9 PROPERTY TAXES, BUT REALLY ON WHO'S DOING BUSINESS
10 ESTABLISHING THAT DATABASE FOR US.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S THE NOSE UNDER THE CAMEL'S TENT. THE
13 CAMEL'S NOSE UNDER THE TENT.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OH NO, YOU KNOW I NEVER ENGAGE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A VERY EXPENSIVE NOSE. I THINK THAT'S THE
18 DIFFERENCE. THE ULTIMATE GOAL WOULD BE IF YOU SHOULD REGISTER
19 THE BUSINESS IT SHOULD TO BETTER THE BUSINESS NOT DETER THEM.
20 THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE, IS HOW THIS IS LOOKED AT.
21 WHETHER IT'S LOOKED AT, WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU OR ARE WE HERE
22 TO TAX YOU? AND THAT'S WHERE IT'S NOT CLEAR.

23



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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL MAYBE WE'RE ASKING MR. STIGER BECAUSE
2 HE'S DOING THE SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH THAT WE ALL SUPPORTED,
3 AS WELL.

4
5 **SUP. KNABE:** THE NUMBERS BEING THROWN AROUND HERE IS A LOT
6 GREATER THAN YOUR \$125.

7
8 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT. WE HAVE
9 IN OUR REPORT AS WELL OUR RECORD THAT IN AS MUCH AS THIS IS,
10 AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, REALLY A CATALOGUING EXERCISE, IF
11 YOU WILL, OF THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE OUT THERE, ONLY MY
12 DEPARTMENT WOULD TOUCH THIS APPLICATION. AND AS WE LOOK TO
13 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS INTERNALLY
14 ABOUT MAKING IT VERY CONSTITUENT FRIENDLY IN TERMS OF HAVING
15 IT BE WEB-BASED, AND WHERE THEY CAN UPLOAD DOCUMENTS, ET
16 CETERA. SO I REALLY DON'T ENVISION IT RISING TO EVEN THE
17 CHEAPEST LEVEL-- I THINK THE CHEAPEST BUSINESS LICENSE FEE
18 APPROXIMATES SOMEWHERE AROUND \$200. I DON'T EVEN SEE IT RISING
19 TO THAT LEVEL. SO I THINK IT IS LESS THAN \$200. AND THAT WOULD
20 BE AN ANNUAL FEE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING FURTHER ON THE MATTER?
23 MR. STIGER DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT?

24



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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WAS SIMPLY SAYING BECAUSE WE WERE DOING A
2 BUSINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM, THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO KNOW
3 WHO THE BUSINESSES ARE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS ARE THEY HERE BOTH
6 ARNOLD SACHS AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF V.I.C.A., ARE THEY
7 HERE? MR. STIGER, THE MAKER OF THE MOTION WISHES TO HEAR FROM
8 YOU ON THE QUESTION. LET'S MOVE AN I THINK WHO, THOUGH, THOSE
9 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD.

10

11 **BRIAN STIGER:** BRIAN STIGER, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
12 BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE THINK THIS MOTION ACTUALLY IS A BENEFIT
13 TO BUSINESSES BECAUSE ONE OF THE FRUSTRATIONS THAT WE HAVE IS
14 BEING ABLE TO REACH OUT AND COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. WE WERE
15 GOING THROUGH OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE. WE HAD
16 TO RELY ON CHAMBERS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS TO GET PEOPLE TO
17 COME. AND WE HAD A VERY LOW TURNOUT. AND AS THE SUPERVISOR HAD
18 MENTIONED FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE, WE WANT TO BE
19 ABLE TO REACH OUT TO ALL THESE BUSINESSES, LET THEM KNOW WHAT
20 THE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, LET THEM KNOW ABOUT NEW LAWS THAT
21 WE'RE ANALYZING THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT THEM. SO WE THINK THIS
22 IS A COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR THEM.

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. THE SPEAKERS ARE ARNOLD SACHS.
2 ELIZABETH HARLEY AND MARY JACOBS. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.
3 PROCEED.

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5 **MARY JACOBS:** HI, I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. ANTONOVICH FOR SAYING
6 WHAT I FEEL IS TRUE. THE MORE RED TAPE WE'VE--

7
8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR NAME, MA'AM?

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10 **MARY JACOBS:** MARY JACOBS.

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

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14 **MARY JACOBS:** I'M FROM THE LOVE ONE ANOTHER ANTINUCLEAR CLUB.
15 IT'S A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LIKE TO START A
16 BUSINESS TO MAKE SOME MONEY. THE LAST THING I NEED TO DO IS
17 HAVE SOMEBODY POKING IN MY BUSINESS. I'M SO SORRY. I REALLY
18 LIKE YOU A LOT MISS, I THINK OF YOU AS A STATE SENATOR, BUT
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. BUT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IN CALIFORNIA,
20 THERE ARE TOO MANY IMPEDIMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES. AND IT'S
21 SORT OF LIKE, AS SOON AS WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER, WE CAN FIND OUT
22 MORE ABOUT YOU. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A DETRIMENT TO JOBS
23 AND A DETRIMENT TO-- THERE'S A MAN WHO USED TO SELL EGGS IN
24 OUR STREET. THERE'S A WOMAN THAT SELLS TAMALE. ARE YOU GOING
25 TO GIVE HER CHILD MINIMUM WAGE? WE ARE A MOM AND POP AREA. AND



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1 IT'S VERY SAD WHEN THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO BE YOU KNOW LIKE
2 REGISTERING THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR AUNTS AND UNCLES AND
3 DOING FULL-- IT'S JUST A BAD IDEA FOR PEOPLE IN THESE LOW
4 ECONOMIC AREAS BECAUSE SOME OF THEM SELL THINGS IN YARD SALES
5 TO PAY FOR TOILET PAPER. AND I HONESTLY THINK IT'S A GOOD
6 THING IN MY AREA, WHICH IS UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES,
7 THE LESS GOVERNMENT THE BETTER. AND I'M A REPUBLICAN NOW
8 BECAUSE YOU TOOK AWAY MY BUSINESS, THANK YOU SO MUCH C.N.R.
9 AUTO IS NOW FORCED TO BE IN ALHAMBRA AND I'M \$1,500 BROKE,
10 MORE BROKE EVERY YEAR. AND I'M A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN BECAUSE
11 I'VE HAD IT. I [EXPLETIVE]-- EXCUSE ME LANGUAGE. I'VE HAD IT,
12 OKAY? I'M NOT SAYING THAT I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR TRUMP BUT
13 GIVEN THE CHOICE, [EXPLETIVE], EXCUSE MY LANGUAGE I'M SORRY.
14 I'M SICK OF IT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE ARE PROCEEDING

17

18 **MARY JACOBS:** WE NEED TO BRING BUSINESS HERE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. ON
23 A COUPLE THINGS JUST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. JUST LOOKING FOR
24 CLARIFICATION. THE FIRST PART OF THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA
25 MENTIONS 120 DAY TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING A PROPOSAL, TO COME



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1 BACK WITHIN 120 DAYS TO THE BOARD FOR BUSINESS REGISTRATION
2 PROGRAM AND THEN ON PAGE 10 IT MENTIONS TO HAVE A PROPOSAL TO
3 COME BACK IN 45 DAYS. SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHY THE DIFFERENCE
4 IN THE AMOUNT OF DAYS IN AND OF ITSELF THERE. BUT THIS AGAIN
5 WILL COME BACK TO THE WAGE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. I DON'T KNOW
6 IF ANYBODY READ TODAY'S NEWSPAPER. UBER FACES TWO NEW CLASS
7 ACTION SUITS. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD HOW THEY SETTLED, MADE SOME
8 PAYMENTS, \$100 MILLION HERE AND \$100 MILLION THERE, VIS A VIS,
9 BUT THEY DIDN'T CLASSIFY THE EMPLOYEES. AND THAT'S A REAL
10 PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU DON'T ADDRESS THAT PART OF THE PROGRAM
11 HERE AS CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES. YOU JUST CLASSIFY
12 EMPLOYEE THEFT. YOU HEARD PEOPLE COME UP HERE ALL THE TIME
13 WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE WAGE INCREASE ABOUT HOW THEY
14 WERE BEING CHEATED OUT OF THEIR FUNDS AT THE PORTS BECAUSE THE
15 PORT COMPANIES, THE TRUCK COMPANIES CLASSIFIED THEM AS
16 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND THEY'RE NOT INDEPENDENT
17 CONTRACTORS. OR THEY ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS. AND YOU'RE
18 NOT ADDRESSING THAT. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY STAND ON THAT
19 SEE SAW. UNTIL YOU ADDRESS THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM, AGAIN,
20 I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, I CAN'T IMAGINE THE PORT OF L.A. WITH
21 ALL THE PORTS IN THE COUNTRY OF THE UNITED STATES, I CAN'T
22 IMAGINE THE PORT OF L.A. IS THE ONLY ONE THAT DOES NOT
23 CLASSIFY THE TRUCK DRIVERS AS OR NOT EMPLOYEES OR INDEPENDENT
24 CONTRACTORS, HOW THEY DO IT IN SAN FRANCISCO, HOW DO THEY DO
25 IT IN SAN DIEGO, HOW DO THEY DO IT IN SAVANNAH, HOW THEY DO IT



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1 IN NEW ORLEANS, HOW THEY DO IT IN NEW YORK, HOW THEY DO IT IN
2 DELAWARE, THAT'S A STATE, BY THE WAY, ALL THE PORTS THAT ARE
3 IN THE COUNTRY, HOW DO THEY DO IT AND WHY IS L.A. NOT ON BOARD
4 WITH THAT? SO THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MADAME
7 CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. THAT
8 THEN CAUSES ITEM NO. 2 TO BE BEFORE US. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE,
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? IS THERE A MOTION TO MOVE IT?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO MOVED.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY THE MAKER.
14 WITH THAT, CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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

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20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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

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24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1 SUP. KNABE: ABSTAIN.

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3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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5 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

10

11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: MOTION PASSES.

12

13 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MOTION PASSES. WE TURN THE MIC. BACK TO
14 THE CHAIR.

15

16 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: RIGHT. GOOD JOB.

17

18 SUP. KNABE: JUST ONE CLARIFYING THING. I DON'T KNOW IF THE
19 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, AT WHAT POINT DO WE KNOW WHAT THAT
20 FEE IS GOING TO BE FOR REGISTRATION? DOES THAT COME BACK TO
21 THE BOARD?

22

23 JOSEPH KELLY: SUPERVISOR, YES. THE MOTION REQUIRES A REPORT
24 BACK TO THE BOARD, IN WHICH WE WILL WORK WITH THE AUDITOR AND



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1 PRESENT AN ESTIMATED FEE. AND WE WILL GIVE THAT ESTIMATE AT
2 THAT TIME.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WHEN IT COMES BACK TO THE BOARD, IT WILL BE MORE
5 THAN THAT. IT CAN'T BE ESTIMATED IT'S GOING TO BE A FEE,
6 RIGHT?

7

8 **JOSEPH KELLY:** NO, SUPERVISOR, THE MOTION CALLS FOR AN
9 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT WILL COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD. AS
10 PART OF THAT, WE CONSIDER A NUMBER OF FACTORS, ONE OF WHICH IS
11 AN ESTIMATED FEE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WISHES TO BE
14 HEARD ON ITEM NO. 9. THAT DISPOSES OF ITEM NO. 2 WITH THE
15 APPROPRIATE CLARIFICATION. SUPERVISOR?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU MENTIONED NUMBER 9 AND NUMBER 2. ARE WE
18 ON NUMBER 9?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE ARE ON NUMBER 9. WE TOOK CARE OF NUMBER
21 2.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** LOVE POTION NO. 9. ALL RIGHT, SORRY. IT'S A
24 LONG DAY AND I THINK I'M HYPOGLYCEMIC BUT OH WELL. I JUST HAD
25 A QUESTION ON ITEM 9 THAT-- OH THANK YOU. THERE'S EXACTLY THE



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1 TWO PEOPLE THAT I WANTED TO ASK. IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO
2 TELL IN LOOKING AT THE DESCRIPTION WHETHER WE WERE DOING A
3 SOLE- SOURCE CONTRACT WITH BEACON ECONOMICS BECAUSE THEY WERE
4 MENTIONED. NO ONE ELSE WAS MENTIONED. SO AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
5 THIS IS SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE DATA FROM THE STATE
6 E.D.D. IN ORDER TO DO AN ANALYSIS WHICH WE I GUESS, WHICH WE
7 NEED DONE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME FIRST OF ALL WHAT'S THE NEED
8 FOR US TO GET BOARD PERMISSION TO SHARE THIS E.D.D. DATA? AND
9 THEN WHAT IS THE HOPE OF WHAT SOMEBODY WILL DO WITH IT? AND IS
10 IT BEACON ECONOMICS? OR I KNOW BIZFED ASKED US TO DO THIS. IT
11 WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY THE GENESIS.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. FESIA DAVENPORT FROM
14 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. WITH REGARD FOR THE NEED FOR THE
15 BOARD MOTION, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE STATE EMPLOYMENT
16 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A DATA SHARING AGREEMENT
17 WITH THEM. SO THE DATA SHARING AGREEMENT HAS TWO PARTS. THERE
18 IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE COUNTY. AND THEN IF
19 THE COUNTY CHOOSES TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT TO
20 HELP ANALYZE THE DATA, THERE'S A SECOND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
21 COUNTY AND THE CONSULTANT. AS PART OF THAT PROCESS, THE STATE
22 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REQUIRES SOME EXPRESS
23 AUTHORITY TO BE GIVEN TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE INDICATING
24 THEIR ABILITY AND AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO TYPE OF AGREEMENT IN
25 THE FIRST PLACE. SO THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION. WITH



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1 REGARD TO WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY RECEIVING THIS
2 DATA? THE IDEA HERE IS THAT AS THE COUNTY EMBARKS UPON ITS
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND IT SEEKS INFORMATION ABOUT
4 DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE LABOR FORCE, WHERE DO WE SEE
5 EMPLOYERS CONCENTRATED? WHAT SECTORS ARE THEY CONCENTRATED IN?
6 WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS AND THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES IN THESE
7 VARIOUS SECTORS? WHAT ARE THE AVERAGE WAGES? WE CAN RECEIVE
8 THAT DATA FROM THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUT WE
9 ALSO WANT IT TO BE ANALYZED. AND SO THE IDEA HERE IS THAT WE
10 WOULD RECEIVE THE DATA FROM THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT
11 DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE IT TO A THIRD PARTY. IN THIS PARTICULAR
12 CASE IT'S BEACON ECONOMICS, BUT IT'S NOT LIMITED TO BEACON.
13 BEACON IS PROPOSING TO DO THE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA FOR US. THE
14 BOARD WOULD REVIEW THE REPORT AND THE DATA ANALYSIS BEFORE
15 ANYTHING IS PUBLISHED. AND THEN THE IDEA IS THAT THE DATA
16 WOULD BE PUBLISHED ESSENTIALLY FOR THE WORLD TO CONSUME AND TO
17 SHARE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** IT HELPS ATTRACT BUSINESS, AS WELL, TOO. IT'S VERY
20 SIMILAR TO WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. DID, CORRECT?

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO THE IDEA HERE IS TO DO A
23 REPORT THAT IS BEING TERMED INITIALLY AS THE 88 CITIES REPORT.
24 THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH BEACON SO FAR IS THAT
25 BEACON WOULD PROVIDE A SERIES OF REPORTS AT THE REQUEST OF THE



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1 BOARD. THE LINCHPIN, HOWEVER, IS THE REPORTS HAVE TO BE
2 RELATED TO OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. AND SO WHAT THE
3 C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS DONE THUS FAR IS WE'VE REACHED OUT TO YOUR
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD DEPUTIES, AND WE HAVE ASKED THEM:
5 TELL US WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN EITHER
6 THIS INITIAL REPORT OR AN ADDITIONAL REPORT THAT MIGHT BE
7 FORTHCOMING

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT WHY BEACON?

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THAT BEACON APPROACHED
12 THE BOARD REQUESTING THIS DATA OR APPROACHED BOARD OFFICES
13 REQUESTING THIS DATA. WE ALSO HAVE A SECOND REQUEST PENDING
14 FROM L.A. E.D.C. AND SO WHAT WE HAVEN'T FULLY DEVELOPED BUT
15 THAT WE ARE WORKING ON IS A PROCESS WHEREBY WE PROVIDE NOTICE
16 TO OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THIS DATA. SO
17 OTHERS IN ACADEMIA, THINK TANKS, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO MIGHT
18 HAVE AN INTEREST IN ALSO ANALYZING THIS DATA.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THE E.D.D. DOES NOT SHARE THIS DATA
21 OPENLY AND PUBLICLY?

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THERE'S A VALUE, THEN, TO BEACON FOR
2 GETTING IT THROUGH US BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET IT ANY OTHER WAY.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OR L.A. E.D.C. WELL L.A. E.D.C. IS AN
7 ASPECT OF THE COUNTY. SO I HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH L.A. E.D.C.
8 GETTING INFORMATION AND ASSESSING IT FOR US AND GIVING US
9 REPORTS. THE ONLY REASON-- BEACON ECONOMICS IS NOT A PART OF
10 THE COUNTY. THEY'RE A PRIVATE ENTITY. I MUST SAY THE HEAD OF
11 BEACON WAS VERY PUBLIC DURING THE MINIMUM WAGE DEBATE AND
12 APPEARED KIND OF ALL OVER THE COUNTY ARGUING WE SHOULDN'T DO
13 IT. SO I'M A LITTLE BIT PREJUDICED ABOUT IT, I HAVE TO SAY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** L.A. E.D.C. DID THE SAME THING.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SOME OF US DON'T LIKE L.A. E.D.C., EITHER,
18 I KNOW THAT. I THINK BEACON IS GOOD AT WHAT THEY DO. I DON'T
19 HAVE ANY FAULT WITH THEIR WORK AT ALL. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S ONE
20 PRIVATE COMPANY THAT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THE E.D.D. DATA TO
21 AND L.A. E.D.C., WHICH IS PART OF THE COUNTY. SO WE WERE
22 HAVING THIS SOLE- SOURCE DISCUSSION EARLIER, AND ABOUT HOW
23 HOMEBOY WASN'T A SOLE SOURCE EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SAYING THEY
24 SHOULD DO IT. SO I JUST FEEL LIKE I'D LIKE TO--

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE WITH THAT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION, YOU
2 HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP, THE FIRST STEPS TO THIS MOTION
3 AND THEN THE SECOND STEP WOULD BE WHETHER IT'S BEACON ARE OR
4 L.A. E.D.C., IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WHAT NEEDS TO
7 HAPPEN IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHERS WHO MAY ALREADY BE AWARE OF
8 THIS ABILITY, THE COUNTY, THROUGH THE C.E.O., WE NEED TO
9 DEVELOP A PROCESS SO THAT WE CAN NOTIFY OTHERS FOR EXAMPLE, IN
10 ACADEMIA OR IN THINK TANKS THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THIS
11 DATA IS AVAILABLE.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DON'T WE HAVE ANY STANDARDS FOR SHARING
14 THIS DATA? BECAUSE I GUESS, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY IF WE'RE GOING
15 TO SHARE IT WITH OTHER PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, IT'S A BENEFIT TO
16 THEM. THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO USE THE DATA. THEY MIGHT BE
17 ABLE TO SELL THEIR ANALYSES. L.A. E.D.C. DOESN'T DO THAT. SO I
18 GUESS IF WE'RE GOING TO LET ONE PRIVATE ENTITY HAVE IT AND
19 REALLY FOR NOTHING, WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING BACK.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. WITHIN-- TAKE THE
22 FIRST STEP, TAKE IT UNDER ADVISEMENT WHO THE ENTITY WOULD BE
23 WITH A CLEAR INSIGHT HERE THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST FOR
24 L.A. E.D.C. TO DO SO AND HAVE THEM, THEN, ESTABLISH THE



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1 APPROPRIATE TRANSACTION WITH THOSE PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES.

2 DOES THAT WORK? CONSIDER THAT AS AN AMENDMENT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE NOT AWARDING TODAY.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE'RE NOT AWARDING TO BEACON. WE'RE SAYING
7 TO L.A. E.D.C., BECAUSE THEY CONTRACT--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** AND IT'S A SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. IT COULD BE JUST
10 ABOUT ANYONE. ANY ECONOMIC TOOL.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN WE TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND TAKE IT
13 UNDER CONSIDERATION AS TO WHY IT WOULDN'T BE A SUPERIOR IDEA
14 JUST TO HAVE L.A. E.D.C. BE THE ENTITY THAT DOES THE BROKERING
15 AND THE TRANSACTION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES THAT
16 MIGHT WISH TO GET THE DATA. AND THEY NEED TO BE FULLY
17 TRANSPARENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WHEN SUCH
18 TRANSACTIONS TAKE PLACE. IS THAT AN ACCEPTABLE AMENDMENT?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE THOUGHT HE SAID
21 THAT'S KIND OF WHAT WE WERE DOING, ANYWAYS. THAT SOUNDS GREAT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'LL CONSIDER IT A CLARIFYING AMENDMENT
24 AT BEST. ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE ITEM AS IT IS AMENDED OR
25 CLARIFIED, THAT WILL BE ITEM 9 MOVED BY THE CHAIR AND SECONDED



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1 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE
2 THE ORDER.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'RE WELCOME. ITEM NO. 23 IS BEFORE US.
7 WE NOTE THE NAME OF ARNOLD SACHS. THERE'S A READ-IN THAT I
8 WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU, SELF-HELP LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS. IT
9 IS BASICALLY TO DO THE FOLLOWING. MR. SACHS, YOU CAN COME
10 FORWARD. PROVIDE QUARTERLY WRITTEN WORKLOAD REPORTS FOR EACH
11 SELF-HELP CENTER THAT INCLUDES THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF CASES
12 RECEIVED AND CONSUMERS SERVED BY LOCATION. SECOND WOULD BE
13 CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO EVALUATE THE CURRENT AND FUTURE
14 NEEDS OF SELF-HELP REPRESENTED LITIGANTS AND FINALLY TO
15 PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD AFTER 60 DAYS OF THE
16 WORK DONE BY THE CONSULTANT FOR THE BOARD'S FURTHER ACTION.
17 THAT WOULD BE THE READ-IN MOTION. MR. SACHS?

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
20 VERY QUICKLY AND I KNOW I MENTIONED THIS. YOU HAVE HAD
21 NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES AND NUMEROUS ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA THAT
22 YOU HAVE REQUESTED AS FAR AS CONTRACTS AND SUCH THAT COUNTY
23 COUNSEL CLEAR AS TO FORMS. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS DEALS
24 WITH. SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS DEAL WITH FORMS. THEY
25 DON'T DEAL WITH CONTENT. THEY DEAL WITH FORMS. AND YET YOUR



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1 COUNTY COUNSEL-- AND IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE GOING TO HOLD
2 THIS, I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE OTHER DOCUMENT FROM THE CITY OF
3 L.A., WHERE THEY MENTIONED THEY WANT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S
4 OFFICE TO LOOK AT A PARTICULAR CONTRACT AS TO FORM AND
5 CONTENT. AND YET EVERY TIME YOU HAVE AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA,
6 THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANY CONTENT OF THE AGENDIZED ITEM, OR
7 WHAT THE CONTRACT WOULD INCLUDE AS FAR AS IN THE CONTENT. AND
8 THAT IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT COME
9 BEFORE THE COUNTY AND BOARDS THAT THE COUNTY SITS ON AS SUCH
10 LIKE M.T.A. THAT ARE APPROVED AS TO FORM BUT NOT TO CONTENT.
11 AND I CAN NAME NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF WHERE THE CONTENT IS
12 UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AND YET IS PASSED OR PUSHED ONTO THE
13 PUBLIC AS A GOOD IDEA BUT NOT KNOWING WHAT THE CONTENT IS AND
14 NOT MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IS UNFAIR. YOU NEED TO
15 ADDRESS THAT PART OF IT. YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT. YOU
16 NEED TO HAVE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY AS TO THE CONTENT OF WHAT
17 EXACTLY IS GOING ON WITH AGENDIZED ITEMS. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR
18 TO THE PUBLIC.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL, YOU HAD A CLOSING REMARK?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST, I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MOTION. I'VE
24 BEEN ASSURED THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THIS AMOUNT
25 GOING TO THE CHATSWORTH LEGAL SERVICES CENTER.



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

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY WE'VE HAD A LOT OF
5 FAMILY LAW LITIGANTS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND WHEN THE
6 COURT MOVED NORTH, WE NEEDED TO HAVE THEM ESTABLISH LEGAL
7 SERVICES FURTHER NORTH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM. WE HAVE ONE IN NORWALK.
10 SOUTHEAST AREA.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE OTHER THING IS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE
13 IT'S UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE'S NO INTENTION IN ANYTHING THAT WE
14 DO TODAY TO SLOW DOWN THE RESOLUTION OF THE R.F.P. OR TO
15 CREATE ANY VACUUMS IN SERVICE DELIVERY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSOLUTELY NOT. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
22 IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY THE BOARD ON
23 ITEM NO. 23, THEN LET'S AGREE TO MOVE THAT FORWARD AS AMENDED
24 WITH THE READ-IN BEING TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE
25 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, SPECIFICALLY BUSINESS AND CONSUMER



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1 AFFAIRS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD. ANY OBJECTION TO THAT?
2 SEEING NONE, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE PERSONS
3 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 64. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
4 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. LINDA LOPEZ. ELISA NICHOLAS. CYNTHIA
5 CARMONA. JESSICA HO. I'M CALLING THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO SHOULD
6 COME FORWARD. VILMA CHAMPION. MARIA PAZ. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
7 FINALLY RUTH SARNOFF. THOSE PERSONS SHOULD LINE UP AND BE
8 PREPARED TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME. READY, SET, GO.

9

10 **CYNTHIA CARMONA:** HI, CYNTHIA CARMONA WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
11 ASSOCIATION. I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR
12 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. WE UNDERSTAND S.B.75 WILL ALLOW
13 AT LEAST 40,000 L.A. CHILDREN TO ENROLL IN MEDI-CAL AS EARLY
14 AS THIS MONTH. 10,000 OF THESE CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED
15 IN MY HEALTH L.A. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT STEP. HISTORY TELLS
16 US THAT TRANSITIONS LIKE THIS ARE OFTEN RIDDLED WITH ERRORS
17 AND CONFUSION FOR THOSE FAMILIES INVOLVED. WE CERTAINLY HOPE
18 THAT WON'T BE THE CASE AND ARE WORKING TO MAKE IT SO.
19 ADDITIONALLY WITH THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PATIENT
20 POPULATION, PULLING CHILDREN OUT AND MAKING IT AN ENTIRELY
21 ADULT POPULATION, PRUDENCE DICTATES A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT
22 RATE METHODOLOGY TO ENSURE IT IS BASED ON SOUND ASSUMPTIONS.
23 WE THINK IT'S JUST THE SMART THING TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 THAT'S CORRECT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED WORK WITH
25 D.H.S. AND OTHER PARTNERS TO ALSO MAXIMIZE ENROLLMENT AND



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1 PROVIDE THE BEST CARE FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. I URGE
2 YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS MOTION.

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

6

7 **DR. ALIAS NICHOLAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON I'M DR. ALISA NICHOLAS,
8 PEDIATRICIAN AND C.E.O. OF THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC, SERVING
9 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN LONG BEACH AND BELLFLOWER, AND
10 CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY. I'VE
11 DEVOTED MY CAREER TO SERVING THE UNDERSERVED IN OUR COMMUNITY.
12 AND I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION 64-A. I
13 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THE
14 SIGNING OF S.B.75 WAS A MAJOR VICTORY FOR CALIFORNIA'S
15 CHILDREN. NOW ALL CHILDREN UNDER 266 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY
16 LEVEL WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL. WE ARE ALL
17 WORKING DILIGENTLY TO IDENTIFY AND ENSURE THAT ALL 40,000
18 ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WILL BE ENROLLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
19 HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT. THAT IS WHY THIS
20 MOTION IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE CONTINUED CARE FOR THESE
21 CHILDREN IN THEIR MEDICAL HOME. IN ADDITION, THE SHIFTING OF
22 DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE MY HEALTH L.A. PROGRAM TO EXCLUSIVELY
23 SERVE ADULTS WILL REQUIRE A REVIEW OF THE ASSUMPTIONS MADE IN
24 OUR RATE METHODOLOGY, NAMELY THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITS PER
25 PATIENT OF THE TARGET POPULATION. AGAIN, I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR



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1 YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE AYE. THANK
2 YOU.

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

6

7 **JESSICA HO:** HI MY NAME IS JESSICA HO, I AM REPRESENTING EISNER
8 PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
9 REPRESENT EISNER IN THAT WE HAVE OVER 5,000 ADULTS AND
10 CHILDREN IN MY HEALTH L.A. PROGRAM CURRENTLY AND WE HAVE
11 WORKED VERY HARD TO TRANSFER OVER HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE
12 CHILDREN FOR THIS PROGRAM TO ACTUALLY BE IN THE EMERGENCY
13 MEDI-CAL READY TO SWITCH OVER INTO THE FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL
14 WHEN S.B.75 DOES COME INTO PLAY. AND WE REALLY THANK YOU SO
15 MUCH FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO BRING THIS MOTION. WE BELIEVE
16 THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT NO CHILD GETS LEFT BEHIND IN
17 THIS TRANSITION. WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD. OUR OUTREACH AND
18 ENROLLMENT TEAM IS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THE STATUS OF
19 EVERYONE WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO ENSURE THAT WE ENROLL THESE
20 CHILDREN AT EISNER PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER AND WE
21 BELIEVE THAT THIS MEASURE WILL ENSURE NO CHILD GETS LEFT
22 BEHIND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT.

23

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



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2 **LINDA LOPEZ:** HI GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS LINDA LOPEZ. I'M
3 ACTUALLY FROM THE VENICE FAMILY CLINIC. WE'RE A COMMUNITY
4 HEALTH CENTER THAT CURRENTLY SERVES 25,000 UNIQUE PATIENTS
5 WITH LITTLE OVER 4,000 OF THEM IN THE MY HEALTH L.A. PROGRAM.
6 WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR MANY
7 YEARS TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE TO MOST OF OUR VULNERABLE
8 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE ARE HERE TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
9 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU FOR THE
10 MOTION. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK FIRST ON HER MOTION TO EXTEND THE
11 ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR THE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE TRANSITIONING
12 TO FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT TIME TO ENSURE
13 THAT THE TRANSITION INTO FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL GOES SMOOTHLY. WE
14 HAD EXPERIENCE LAST TIME WITH THE HEALTHY WAY L.A. TRANSITION.
15 AS MANY OF YOU ARE C.P.S ARE AWARE IN NOVEMBER OF 2014, OUR
16 CLINIC ALONE HAD ALMOST 2,000 ENCOUNTERS OF PATIENTS BEING
17 SEEN THAT DID NOT TRANSITION SMOOTHLY. PEOPLE WAITED UP TO A
18 YEAR TO HAVE THEIR COVERAGE RESOLVED, LEAVING THEM WITH
19 LIMITED CARE INCLUDING THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE SPECIALTY
20 REFERRALS AND LIMITED MEDICATIONS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 THESE CHILDREN DO NOT SUFFER THE SAME FATE. WE HAVE OVER 200
22 CHILDREN THAT WILL BE AFFECTED. THIS LENGTH IN TIMEFRAME WILL
23 ALLOW US A CUSHION TO WORK WITH D.P.S.S. TO GET ANY OF OUR
24 KIDS INTO THE PROPER PROGRAM AND NOT COMPROMISE THEIR CARE. WE
25 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR RE-EVALUATION OF



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1 PAYMENT. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY PRIMARY CARE TO
2 THOSE IN NEED. WE CAN ONLY DO THIS WHEN WE CAN KEEP OUR DOORS
3 OPEN. FAIR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES ENSURES THAT WE SUPPORT A RE-
4 EVALUATION OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, GUYS.
5 THANK YOU FOR HANGING OUT IN THERE. I WAS FALLING ASLEEP OVER
6 THERE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. GLAD YOU DECIDED TO WAKE UP AND
9 TESTIFY. WE APPRECIATE THAT. ALL RIGHT. TWO MORE SPEAKERS AND
10 THEN WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE ON THE ITEM.

11

12 **MARIA PAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M MARIA PAZ
13 WITH ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES. FIRST AND FOREMOST, ON BEHALF
14 OF OUR PATIENTS, PARTICIPANTS AND CLIENTS, I'D LIKE TO THANK
15 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. AS
16 YOU ARE AWARE, GOVERNOR BROWN'S SIGNING OF S.B.75 WAS A MAJOR
17 VICTORY FOR CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. ALL
18 CHILDREN UNDER 19 AND FAMILIES INCOME UP TO 266 PERCENT OF
19 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL
20 REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT
21 LEAST 40,000, IF NOT MORE CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY WILL BECOME
22 NEWLY ELIGIBLE AS A RESULT OF S.B.75. AS OF MARCH 31ST, ABOUT
23 10,000 OF THESE CHILDREN WERE ENROLLED IN MY HEALTH L.A. AT
24 ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES WE EXPECT ABOUT 500 OF THOSE CHILDREN
25 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS TRANSITION. DURING PREVIOUS MEDI-CAL



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1 EXPANSIONS, L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCED LONG DELAYS IN
2 THEIR ENROLLMENT INTO MEDI-CAL, DENIALS FOR MEDI-CAL
3 ENROLLMENT AND OTHER CHALLENGES. AT ULTIMATE, WE HAVE TO
4 ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE STATUS OF THESE, EDUCATE ALL THE
5 FAMILIES ABOUT THE CHANGES AND EXPLAIN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO
6 ENSURE THESE CHILDREN GET INTO THE COVERAGE PROGRAMS. BECAUSE
7 OF THIS CONFUSION, ULTIMATE'S BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVE
8 DISENROLLMENT OF ALL CHILDREN FROM MY HEALTH L.A. IN ADDITION,
9 BECAUSE MY HEALTH L.A.'S BECOMING ADULT-ONLY PROGRAM, WE
10 BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE REVIEW THE UNDERLYING
11 ASSUMPTIONS AT THE PATIENT POPULATION-- ABOUT THE PATIENT
12 POPULATION IN REGARD TO RATES. AT ULTIMATE WE WANT TO ENSURE
13 THAT ALL OF OUR PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, RECEIVE QUALITY
14 HEALTHCARE WITHOUT EXCEPTION. THEREFORE, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK
15 THAT THIS BOARD SUPPORTS THE MOTION TO REFRAIN FROM
16 DISENROLLING CHILDREN FROM MY HEALTH L.A. UNTIL WE CAN BE SURE
17 THAT SYSTEM WORKS FOR L.A. COUNTY'S CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. RUTH?

20

21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I SUPPORT THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION
22 OF S.B.75. AS A SUPPORTER OF SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE, I'M
23 HAPPY WHEN I SEE THE INCREMENTAL PIECES PUT TOGETHER TO TRY TO
24 BRING MORE HEALTHCARE TO MORE CHILDREN AND MORE FAMILIES. I
25 THINK HEALTHCARE SHOULD BE A HUMAN RIGHT. I BELIEVE MOST OF



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1 THE WORLD, THE DEVELOPED WORLD AT LEAST, HAS SOME FORM OF CARE
2 FOR ALL CHILDREN, AND I HOPE MORE WILL HAPPEN IN THIS WAY. I
3 ALSO HOPE THERE WILL BE PERHAPS ANOTHER SERIES OF BILLS TO THE
4 LEGISLATURE THAT WILL INCLUDE THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN BECAUSE
5 HEALTHY PARENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN. AND
6 IF YOU HAVE UNHEALTHY PARENTS WHO CANNOT GET HEALTHCARE, THEN
7 THE CHILDREN ULTIMATELY SUFFER. SO I'M HAPPY THAT THIS BILL
8 HAS PASSED AND IT WILL SERVE THOUSANDS MORE CHILDREN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WE THANK YOU.

11

12 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I'LL GIVE YOU 27 SECONDS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'RE GENEROUS. THANK YOU. SIR?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I WASN'T REALLY
17 GOING TO SPEAK, AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE YOUNG
18 LADIES CAME UP AND TALKED ABOUT AT THE CLINICS THEY DO. BUT I
19 DID WANT TO MENTION, TWO PEOPLE MENTIONED THAT THIS NEW BILL
20 WILL AFFECT CHILDREN. 266 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL
21 WHICH MEANS THAT 40,000 CHILDREN WILL NOW BE EMBRACED INTO
22 THIS NEW PROGRAM. THAT'S NOTHING TO BE GLOSSED OVER. 266
23 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. YOU CAN MAKE MORE MONEY
24 RECYCLING BOTTLES. THAT'S A SHAME. WHEN YOU ARE CHAMPIONING--
25 CHAMPIONS OF 266 PERCENT FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM AND YOU



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1 THINK THAT THAT'S A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP. THAT'S JUST-- THAT'S
2 NOT IN THE 21ST CENTURY, NOT HERE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT
5 CONCLUDES THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT.
6 ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WISH TO BE HEARD?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
9 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE THAT BELIEVE DEEPLY IN OUR
10 EFFORT TO TRY TO CONTINUE THIS SAFETY NET AND REALLY AVOID THE
11 GLITCHES THAT CAN OCCUR. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT POTENTIALLY
12 10,000 CHILDREN THAT MIGHT BE DROPPED IF WE DON'T PROVIDE THIS
13 TYPE OF COVERAGE. SO I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THERE'S INTEREST AND
14 GLAD TO SEE OUR CLINICS OUT HERE BECAUSE THEY'VE REALLY BEEN
15 DOING THE JOB FOR US. AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE THIS EFFORT TO
16 WORK WITH THEM AND ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T ALLOW FOR
17 THESE GLITCHES TO HAPPEN. WE HEAR IT OFTEN. I HEAR IT AT L.A.
18 CARE OFTENTIMES ABOUT PEOPLE NOT BEING ABLE TO ACCESS AND GET
19 COVERAGE. MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE OUR CONSTITUENTS AND
20 THEY FALL UNDER THIS CATEGORY. SO I WOULD JUST URGE AN AYE
21 VOTE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE ITEM, MADAME
24 CHAIR. MAY I SIMPLY CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF D.H.S., THERE ARE
25 A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT WE'D APPRECIATE COMING BACK TO OUR



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1 ATTENTION. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. I WISH YOU'D EXPLAIN HOW THE
2 S.B.75, HOW IT CAN HAVE A POTENTIAL IMPACT ON MY HEALTH L.A.
3 RATE METHODOLOGY. AND I'M NOT GOING TO ASK THAT YOU ANSWER
4 THESE QUESTIONS NOW, BUT I'M REGISTERING THEM FOR THE RECORD
5 SO THAT YOU CAN ISSUE A WRITTEN RESPONSE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF
6 THE BOARD. SO THE QUESTION OF RATE METHODOLOGY IN TERMS OF MY
7 HEALTH L.A. AND HOW S.B.75 IMPACTS IT. YOU'LL KNOW THAT AUGUST
8 OF LAST YEAR, THE BOARD DIRECTED D.H.S. TO CONSIDER
9 IMPROVEMENTS TO MY HEALTH L.A., INCLUDING INCREASING THE
10 INCOME THRESHOLD AND ADDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES SUCH AS DENTAL
11 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND EASING THE RE-DETERMINATION PROCESS SO
12 THAT IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, D.H.S. DID ITS INITIAL REPORT
13 BACK. SO THE QUESTION AGAIN IS HOW DOES THE RATE METHODOLOGY
14 AFFECT OUR PURSUIT OF THESE CHANGES? CAN YOU REPORT BACK ON
15 RATE METHODOLOGY AND INCLUDE AN UPDATE ON YOUR EFFORTS TO
16 RESPOND TO THE BOARD'S AUGUST 2015 MOTION? AND FINALLY MADAME
17 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD SEEM AT THE
18 APPROPRIATE TIME WE WOULD WANT D.H.S. TO REPORT BACK ON THE
19 RATES OF DEFAULT ASSIGNMENTS FOR CHILDREN AS THEY GET ON THE
20 NEW S.B.75 PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS, THE RATES AT WHICH
21 CHILDREN ARE GETTING AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED A MEDICAL HOME
22 BECAUSE THE FAMILY UNDERSTANDABLY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO CHOOSE
23 AND SELECT THE MEDICAL HOME ON THESE FORMS WHICH ARE ARGUABLY
24 COMPLEX. IF D.H.S. COULD FORMALIZE A RESPONSE TO ALL MEMBERS
25 OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF THERE ARE NO



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1 FURTHER POINTS TO BE MADE ON THE QUESTION AT HAND, ITEM NO. 64
2 IS BEFORE US. WE NOTE THE OBJECTION OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
3 HE'S A NO VOTE ON THE ITEM. 64-A IS BEFORE US. ALL MEMBERS
4 VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH. PLEASE RECORD THE VOTE ACCORDINGLY. THAT CONCLUDES
6 ALL THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US FOR TODAY WITH THE EXCEPTION
7 OF THE BALANCE OF THE ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIAL ITEMS, PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. AND, MADAME CHAIR, YOUR PLEASURE.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** START WITH THE THIRD. SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
14 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSE GOLDWATER. SHE WAS
15 CONSIDERED A SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LEGEND, PAST CHAIR AND
16 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS. ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
17 DIRECTORS FOR MANY YEARS, AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION'S
18 HISTORIAN. SHE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
19 COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF MANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
20 INCLUDING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WHERE SHE WAS CHAIR AND
21 RECOGNIZED FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE VALLEY WITH THE FERNANDO
22 AWARD IN 2001. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER MICHELLE. AND I
23 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MOLLIE
24 PIER, LIFELONG COMMUNITY ACTIVIST SHE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS
25 OF PROJECT CHICKEN SOUP, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT



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1 PREPARES AND DELIVERS FREE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO PEOPLE IN THE
2 GREATER L.A. AREA LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S., CANCER AND
3 OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES. SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERED WITH THE L.A.
4 GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER, THE U.S.C. ANDREWS GERONTOLOGY
5 PROJECT, ELDER WISDOM, AND A.I.D.S. WALK LOS ANGELES. SHE'S
6 SURVIVED BY HER SON GERALD. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
7 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY ANN MARGOLIS LUEVANO,
8 WHOSE CHILDHOOD WAS SPENT AT THE VISTA DEL MAR CHILDREN'S HOME
9 IN WEST LOS ANGELES. AS AN ADULT, SHE WORKED ON POLITICAL
10 CAMPAIGNS INCLUDING FRANK MANKIEWICZ'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE
11 ASSEMBLY IN 1950. SHE COVERED BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND
12 REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS IN CHICAGO IN 1952 AND REPRESENTED THE
13 UNITED STATES AT THE INAUGURATION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT GUSTAVO
14 DIAZ ORDAZ. SHE WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 20 YEARS, WORKED IN
15 OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FIELDING CALLS FROM
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO NEEDED ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS INJUSTICES.
17 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DANIEL, HER DAUGHTER MARY, AND
18 HER SON MARK. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN
19 IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD JOSEPH STONE. HE GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A.
20 AND LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, PRACTICED LAW FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.
21 HE HAD A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MENTAL HEALTH LAW AND WAS AN
22 ADVOCATE IN SOME OF CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK COURT DECISIONS. HE
23 WAS THE DIRECTOR OF DIDI HIRSH, C.M.H.C., PRESIDENT OF THE
24 MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT UNITED WAY, FOUNDER OF
25 PROTOTYPES, A CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH



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1 AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING ASSOCIATION. HE
3 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLORIA AND HIS THREE SONS, JOHN,
4 MATTHEW AND JAMES. AND FINALLY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
5 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PHILIP MAURICE TORF, WHO
6 GRADUATED IN 1944 FROM THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE
7 ACADEMY ON LONG ISLAND AND SERVED AS A MERCHANT MARINER IN THE
8 PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, HE RETURNED TO LOS
9 ANGELES, EVENTUALLY OWNING THE HOUSE OF PROPS, A CLASSIC
10 HOLLYWOOD PROP HOUSE ON GOWER STREET. HE ALSO SERVED AS
11 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. LONG BEACH CHAPTER OF THE U.S. MERCHANT
12 MARINE ACADEMY ALUMNI FOUNDATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
13 MILLICENT OWEN TORF, AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS BONNIE ROSE AND
14 VICTORIA TORF. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** QUIT PICKING ON ME, MARK. FIRST OF ALL I MOVE
17 TODAY THAT WE MOVE IN MEMORY OF STELLA MARIE CRUZ OF WHITTIER
18 WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE GREW UP IN
19 SAN GABRIEL, SERVED AS THE QUEEN OF THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION
20 FIESTA IN 1949. OVER THE LAST 62 YEARS SHE'S LIVED IN WHITTIER
21 WHERE SHE RAISED FIVE CHILDREN, FAITHFULLY ATTENDED ST.
22 GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH. SHE WAS AN AVID READER, ENJOYED
23 HOBBIES, GARDENING, SEWING, ATTENDING PLAYS WITH A FRIEND.
24 BEGINNING IN 1996, STELLA VOLUNTEERED HER TIME TO LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A GREAT VOLUNTEER. IN HER 20



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1 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, SHE LOGGED IN OVER 8,500 HOURS IN
2 DEDICATED HER TIME BETWEEN THE WHITTIER COUNTY SUBSTATION,
3 NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT, NORWALK STATION AND ALSO ASSISTED WITH
4 SPECIAL EVENTS. SHE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL WHITTIER COUNTY
5 SUBSTATION VOLUNTEERS AND OVER THE YEARS WAS AWARDED HER 1,000
6 HOURS AND 5,000 HOURS SERVICE PINS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FIVE
7 CHILDREN, KATHY, SANDY, VICKIE, LEONARD AND PHILLIP, AS WELL
8 AS FOUR CHILDREN, NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GREAT
9 GRANDSON. SHE WAS AN INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEER OUT THERE. SHE WILL
10 BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND ALL OF US IN
11 OUR OFFICE, SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL, FELLOW VOLUNTEERS. SHE WAS
12 VERY KIND AND VERY GENEROUS. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF GIUSEPPE PARISI, A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, A CASUAL
14 LONGSHOREMAN, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON
15 APRIL 14TH. PARISI, A NATIVE OF SICILY, ARRIVED IN THE UNITED
16 STATES AT THE AGE OF 21 IN SEARCH OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. HE
17 WENT TO WORK FOR SUPERIOR SEAFOOD IN SAN PEDRO AND WAS ABLE TO
18 ESTABLISH HIMSELF. HE RETURNED HOME TO SICILY WHERE HE MARRIED
19 HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, LEA, AND BROUGHT HER BACK WITH HIM
20 TO AMERICA. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LEA, THEIR THREE CHILDREN,
21 ROSIE, ANTHONY AND JERRY. AND HIS PARENTS, WHO LIVE IN SICILY.
22 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
25 ORDER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF ROSE GOLDWATER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE
4 WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND, OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL FOR ALL OF THOSE
5 WHO SERVED, NOT JUST IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BUT IN THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SINCE SHE WAS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN
7 MY ELECTION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
8 OF TRUSTEES, WITH THE GROUP CALLED SENSIBLE SEVEN, AND STAYED
9 VERY CLOSE WITH THE FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARIAN LA FOLLETTE,
10 WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
11 AND SHE LEAVES A VERY BIG LEGACY OF SERVICE TO THE VALLEY. AND
12 THE FERNANDO AWARD BACK IN 2001. ALSO VERY WONDERFUL FRIEND,
13 JOAN KEARNEY TURNER, PASSED AWAY, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
14 ALTADENA. SHE WAS DEDICATED TO HER COMMUNITY, HER FAMILY, HER
15 CHURCH AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, EDDIE AND LEE. SHE
16 ALSO SERVED ON OUR GRAND JURY AND QUITE ACTIVE IN THE AFRICAN-
17 AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS I SAID, IN HER CHURCH. AND REALLY
18 DEDICATED TO OUR YOUTH. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND A GOOD
19 ROLE MODEL. RAY BILLET PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. HE AND
20 HIS WIFE HAD OPERATED THE BLUM RANCH THAT HAS BEEN IN THEIR
21 FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR THE PAST 125 YEARS. BUT HE ALSO
22 SERVED HIS COMMUNITY BY BEING A MEMBER OF THE ACTON TOWN
23 COUNCIL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELIZABETH AND THEIR
24 DAUGHTER TERRY AND SONS RICHARD AND DONALD. ROBERT "BOB"
25 CHARLES HOUGH PASSED AWAY AT AGE OF 92. HE SERVED IN THE



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1 UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE. WAS A SALESMAN FOR THE WONDER
2 BREAD COMPANY AND SURVIVED BY HIS SON TOM. GRACE MARIE PANUCCI
3 FARRAR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. SHE WAS THE MANAGER OF
4 DON FARRAR REALTY. ACTIVE WITH THE CHARTER OAK WOMEN'S CLUB,
5 THE SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB AND THE ST. LUCY'S GUILD.
6 SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN. FREDERICK "FRED" STANZIONE,
7 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. SERVED IN THE UNITED
8 STATES AIR FORCE. HE WAS AWARDED IN THE AIR FORCE THE AIRMAN
9 OF THE YEAR AWARD. HE WORKED IN THE FLIGHT TEST CENTER AT
10 EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, ACTIVE IN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
11 507, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE SERVICE OFFICER AND HE IS SURVIVED
12 BY HIS WIFE, SON, MOTHER, AND TWO SIBLINGS. MARK MOORE,
13 RETIRED DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF. FLOYD JOHNSON,
14 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SERVED IN THE
15 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND HAD A 30-
16 YEAR CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
17 CATHERINE HOLMES, RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ARTHUR ROBINSON, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH
19 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SERVED IN THE
20 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BEFORE JOINING THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT. AND VERNON BENNETT, JR. RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT
23 WAS FROM THE SANTA CLARITA SERVICE STATION. JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ,
24 RETIRED SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND
25 ANNIE GUSTOVICH OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE



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1 AGE OF 84. SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN AND SISTER AND JULIE
2 SODERLUND, PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST FORMER AIDE TO GOVERNOR
3 SCHWARZENEGGER, TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 38 FROM
4 AN ILLNESS. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
5 BERKELEY AND WAS A RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL IN SACRAMENTO AND
6 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, PARENTS AND BROTHER. AND JUST A
7 COUPLE MORE LETTERS I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU FROM THE
8 VICTIMS OF THE ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK. THIS ONE IS FROM
9 CONSTITUENT TERRI TIPPERMAN. SHE WRITES THAT THIS IS AS OF MAY
10 2ND. "IT WAS THE FOURTH TIME I CONTACTED THE DISPUTE NUMBER TO
11 GET ASSISTANCE. SINCE APRIL 22ND I'VE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY
12 SOMEBODY WOULD BE GETTING BACK TO ME SOON AND MY CASE WOULD BE
13 ESCALATED. AFTER TWO WEEKS, THAT HASN'T BEEN THE CASE. I'VE
14 ALSO CONTACTED ALISO HOTLINE AND WAS TOLD MY CASE WOULD BE
15 MARKED BY HIGH PRIORITY AND SOMEONE WOULD GET CALLED BACK. NO
16 ONE HAS. MY LIAISON SAID HE'D ESCALATE THE CASE, THEN SAID TO
17 KEEP TRYING THE DISPUTE LINE TO GET HELP. I KEPT INFORMING HIM
18 NO ONE HAS CONTACTED ME. HE KEEPS TELLING ME TO KEEP TRYING.
19 HOW MUCH MORE CAN I KEEP TRYING IF NO ONE IS GOING TO RETURN
20 CALLS? I WAS GIVEN TWO OPTIONS. ONE IN L.A., TOO FAR FROM MY
21 HUSBAND'S WORK, AND THE OTHER IN PASADENA. THE APARTMENT IN
22 PASADENA, BASED ON THE MAP EMAILED TO ME, DID NOT HAVE A UNIT
23 CLOSE TO THE ELEVATOR. I ASKED TO SEE HOW FAR IN PERSON IT
24 WOULD BE FROM THE ELEVATOR TO THE UNIT BUT WAS TOLD I COULD
25 NOT. I EXPLAINED I'M DISABLED. I NEEDED TO SEE HOW FAR OF A



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1 WALK IT WOULD BE FROM THE PARKING GARAGE ELEVATOR TO THE UNIT
2 BUT WAS TOLD I COULD NOT." NOW THIS IS A DISABLED PERSON. "I
3 EMPHASIZED AGAIN I AM DISABLED AND ASKED FOR A REASONABLE
4 CONSIDERATION FOR MY DISABILITIES. I WAS GIVEN NONE. I
5 FOLLOWED THE PROTOCOLS TIMELY FOR REQUESTING TEMPORARY
6 HOUSING, BUT AM FORCED TO PAY OUT OF POCKET FOR MY HOTEL ROOM
7 SINCE APRIL 22ND WHILE WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO PROVIDE ME
8 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS IS A HARDSHIP FOR ME. I WOULD
9 APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE." THIS ONE IS FROM WAJA AHMADI
10 SAYING, " I'M REACHING OUT TO YOU--" THIS WAS TODAY I
11 RECEIVED-- "BECAUSE WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL AVENUE OF
12 COMMUNICATION WITH SOUTHERN CAL GAS. WE ARE ONE OF THE
13 THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE BLOWOUT.
14 WE RECEIVED OUR LAST REIMBURSEMENT CHECK COVERING FOOD
15 EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY WHICH COVERED THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY
16 28TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH. SINCE THEN WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A
17 CHECK COVERING FOOD EXPENSES. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ATTEMPTED TO
18 COMMUNICATE WITH SOUTHERN CAL GAS, CUSTOMER LIAISON ITEM ON
19 NUMEROUS OCCASIONS VIA EMAIL AND IN PERSON AT THE ALISO CANYON
20 RESOURCE FACILITY. EACH TIME THEY HAVE GIVEN ME THE RUN-AROUND
21 AND SHIFTED US FROM ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO ANOTHER. IN
22 ADDITION, THEY CONTINUE GIVING US INVALID EMAIL ADDRESSES.
23 WHEN I WENT IN PERSON TO THE RESOURCE CENTER, REPRESENTATIVES
24 THREATENED TO HAVE ME THROWN OUT OF THE FACILITY BECAUSE I
25 PROVIDED THEM WITH EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE GIVING ME INVALID



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1 EMAIL ADDRESSES SUCH AS A SCREEN SHOT OF AN EMAIL
2 CORRESPONDENCE. HERE IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION. I SENT A CLAIMS
3 FOR LAUNDRY. SINCE THEN WE DO NOT HAVE LAUNDRY FACILITY ON THE
4 HOTEL PREMISE. I RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THEY RECEIVED IT THE
5 SAME DAY. WE'VE ONLY BEEN PAID FOR 2 OUT OF 5. WE RECEIVED A
6 CHECK ON APRIL 30TH FOR \$73.75 THEN KEPT DENYING REQUESTS
7 CLAIMING THEY CAN'T REIMBURSE FOR THE OTHER TICKETS." AND IT
8 GOES ON AND ON. AND THEN WE HAVE OTHER ONES WITH CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY WHO HAVE STILL HEALTH EFFECTS THAT ARE BEING GIVEN THE
10 RUN AROUND AND NOT BEING ABLE TO GET INTO THEIR HOME. AND THE
11 QUESTION, I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS LEGAL ACTIONS IN THE
12 EXECUTIVE SESSION TODAY, BUT ISN'T THERE-- IS THERE A WAY WE
13 CAN HAVE THE COURT HAVE A MEDIATOR OR SOMEONE WHO CAN OVERSEE
14 AND JUMP START THE GAS COMPANY SO THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN GET
15 THEIR ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD AND LODGING? AND THEY'VE BEEN
16 GETTING NOTICES THAT THEY HAVE TO EVACUATE THEIR HOTEL YET
17 THERE'S NO PLACE FOR THEM TO GO TO. THEY'RE REALLY IN A CATCH-
18 22 AND NOBODY IS REACHING OUT TO HELP THEM. WHAT CAN WE DO?

19

20 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, YES, WE WILL, WE CAN
21 DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER C.S.-2 BUT WE CAN
22 AND WILL INDEED BRING THIS TO THE COURT'S ATTENTION AS EARLY
23 AS TOMORROW HOPEFULLY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TOMORROW, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITHOUT OBJECTION. I HAVE
3 ONE ADJOURNMENT. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 SHARON GOODMAN. IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN
5 THE MEMORY OF SHARON GOODMAN, THE MOTHER OF PHIL ANSELL,
6 DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE. MS. GOODMAN WAS
7 BORN ON FEBRUARY 7, 1934 IN VANCOUVER CANADA, PASSED AWAY ON
8 APRIL 20TH THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE GRADUATED WITH A
9 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN RECREATIONAL THERAPY FROM U.C.L.A.,
10 EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN REHABILITATION COUNSELING FROM
11 SAN DIEGO STATE. MISS GOODMAN HAD A POWERFUL LOVE OF LIFE AND
12 TOUCHED MANY WITH OTHER OPEN, NONJUDGMENTAL HEART AND LOVING
13 SPIRIT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND BUSS, SON PHIL AND TWO-
14 STEP CHILDREN, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, HER SISTER AND THREE
15 GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S ALL MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I'D ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS
18 JOIN IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE PASSING OF THE REVEREND ERNEST
19 WATERS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BORN ON MAY 13, 1950 AND PASSED AWAY ON
24 APRIL 26TH AT THE AGE OF 65. HE RECEIVED AN ASSOCIATE OF
25 SCIENCE DEGREE FROM L.A. TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND FURTHERED



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1 HIS STUDIES AT MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
2 AND AT THE NEWBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FOCUSING ON CHRISTIAN
3 EDUCATION. IN 1990 HE BECAME A METRO SUPERVISOR IN THE
4 FACILITY'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND RETIRED IN 2015. HE WAS
5 APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 3634 WHERE HE
6 REPRESENTED OVER 700 METRO FIRST LINE SUPERVISORS. AND HE WAS
7 APPOINTED AS VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF
8 A.F.S.C.M.E. COUNCIL 36 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. REVEREND WATERS
9 WAS THE PASTOR OF THE NEW WAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE
10 HE SERVED FAITHFULLY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. HE WILL BE
11 REMEMBERED AS A HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, GREAT
12 GRANDFATHER, PASTOR, UNION LEADER, METRO EMPLOYEE AND FRIEND.
13 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHIRLEY, FOUR CHILDREN, NINE
14 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS
15 OF A.F.S.C.M.E. AND MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH
16 COMMUNITY. THE REVEREND ERNEST WATERS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME, CHAIR, MENTION. HE WAS A WONDERFUL
19 GENTLEMAN. WONDERFUL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS CHURCH. AND
20 REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE TRANSIT DISTRICT BUT
21 A REAL GENTLEMAN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** REAL GENTLEMAN.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY. I TALKED TO HIS
2 WIFE AND GAVE HER OUR SYMPATHIES. BUT A REAL FINE EXAMPLE OF
3 WHAT WE WANT OUR LEADERS TO BE LIKE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
6 ORDER. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC COMMENT. PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. WE HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS. CLYDE WILLIAMS. ERIC
8 PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. FAITH MACDONALD.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN. COMEDICALLY NEAR 5 P.M. SO
11 I WOULD JUST SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT IF A
12 MEMBER OF YOUR CONSTITUENCY WANTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, THEY HAVE TO SHOW UP AT 9:30 IN THE MORNING AND
14 YET HERE AT THE END OF THE DAY IS WHEN THEIR OPPORTUNITY, AND
15 YOU'LL READ A BUNCH OF NAMES THAT WILL RESULT IN NOBODY COMING
16 FORWARD. I WOULD MAYBE SUGGEST THAT MISS GLASGOW WHO HAS TAKEN
17 OVER AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MUST HAVE PUT INTO PLACE
18 THAT OFFENSIVE AUDIO RECORDING ABOUT WARNING MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC TO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY WHEN MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS JUMPED
20 UP HIMSELF CURRENTLY IN CONFERENCE WITH MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND
21 TOLD THE STAFF TO SHUT UP DURING MR. KNABE'S MOVING
22 PRESENTATION TO THE STATE CHAMPS. THIS IS LIKE A CARTOON,
23 GUYS. I DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY YOU CAN'T SIMPLY COMPLY WITH
24 THE KIND OF FEELING TO BRING YOUR PEOPLE DOWN TO LET THEM-- IF
25 WE'RE GOING TO ADMONISH YOU, THAT'S WHAT WE DO. IF WE'RE GOING



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1 TO PRAISE YOU, TODAY WE HEARD A LOT OF PRAISE, VERY, VERY
2 MOVING TODAY TO BE FINALLY KICKING OFF SOME OF THE INITIATIVES
3 TO UNDO SOME OF THE EMBARRASSING STUFF THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING
4 IN REPETITION FOR TWO DECADES FOR THE MAYOR. I WOULD ASK THAT
5 THE COUNTY COUNSEL SIMPLY RESIGN. MARY WICKHAM IS A FOOL. AND
6 MR. HAFETZ. FOOL IS LEGAL, GUYS. DON'T EVEN ARGUE WITH ME AND
7 IF YOU INTERRUPT ME I'LL SUE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO YOU'RE THREATENING NOW.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** LAWSUITS ARE PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE, SIR. THAT'S
12 OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. BY THE WAY CALLING SOMEONE A FOOL IN THE
13 OPEN FORUM IS-- IF YOU WANT TO SAY THAT'S NOT PERMISSIBLE,
14 PLEASE PUT IT IN WRITING. AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DIDN'T SAY IT WASN'T PERMISSIBLE. I'M
17 SIMPLY SAYING, IT'S BENEATH YOU.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME. PLEASE PUT 15
20 SECONDS BACK. MS. ALBERTI FROM YOUR TEAM, WHO IS A NICE
21 PERSON, I CERTAINLY HAVE NO OBJECTION, BUT SHE HAS NOT
22 RESPONDED TO THE LAST BROWN ACT VIOLATION THAT WAS BROUGHT ON
23 YOUR DOORSTEP, SIR. IT WAS ACTUALLY ON, I FORGET EXACTLY MARCH
24 15TH-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT WAS YOU. SIMPLY REFUSED TO HEAR ON
25 THE ITEM THAT HAD TO DO WITH A T.M.D.L., WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS



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1 THE COPPER ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT ISSUE. AND NOW YOU'RE
2 SHUTTING DOWN THE MIC.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I DID
9 NOT TELL THE STAFF TO SHUT UP, CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU SUGGESTED.
10 WELL THAT'S THE LANGUAGE YOU USED. I SUGGESTED THAT THE
11 SERGEANTS CAUSE THEM TO-- NO, NO, BUT, WELL, BUT I DIDN'T SAY
12 SHUT UP. YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
19 AND MAYBE YOU MIGHT HAVE READ THIS EDITORIAL IN THE L.A. TIMES
20 FROM 4/29/16. IT MENTIONS, DON'T GIVE RACISM A PASS. IT WAS
21 ABOUT THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AND THESE REPORTED EMAILS. AND
22 THEY INVOKED AS AN EXAMPLE A SITUATION THAT OCCURRED WITH PAUL
23 TANAKA, THAT A JUDGE CALLED HIM A WHITE SUPREMACIST OR PART OF
24 A WHITE SUPREMACIST MOVEMENT. IN FACT IT WAS A NEO-NAZI GROUP.
25 AND SO DON'T GIVE RACISM A PASS, GIVE NAZISM A PASS. YOU JUST



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1 HAD A PERFECT EXAMPLE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BOO HOO HOO,
2 READING LETTERS INTO THE RECORD. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS
3 THAT ON A CLOSED SESSION ITEM THAT'S BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD
4 OF SUPERVISORS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE PUBLIC, OTHERWISE KEEP IT
5 IN THE BACK. IF YOU SEND ANY LETTERS, IF YOU GET ANY LETTERS
6 FROM ANY OF THESE COMMUNITIES, WITH THESE HOMEOWNERS'
7 ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE GEORGIANNA BERNO [PH?] COMMUNITY, FROM
8 THE MATEBRAU [PH?] COMMUNITY, FROM THE GALILEO, F FROM THE
9 MEDICI, FROM THE CELLINI, FROM THE PIERRE COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
10 FROM THE HOLLY BERENSON PARK, FROM PORTER RANCH ESTATES, FROM
11 HIGHLANDS, HIGHLANDS TOO. HAVE YOU TALKED TO THEM ABOUT
12 TALKING TO THEIR H.O.A.S, THEIR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND
13 FINDING OUT HOW THE HELL THEY ENDED UP SITTING ON A 83 MILLION
14 CUBIC FOOT GAS TANK? HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? AND OF COURSE
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL SAY, WELL THAT WAS THE CITY. AND SO
16 WHEN ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRED, THESE 10,000 HOMES THAT
17 WERE BUILT, YOU DIDN'T SEND ONE LETTER TO THE CITY SAYING
18 "HEY, BY THE WAY, YOU'RE PUTTING PEOPLE AT RISK BY PUTTING
19 THEM AT THIS GAS FACILITY." NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. NOW YOU'RE
20 GOING TO STAND UP AND BE A HERO BY GOING AFTER THE STATE AND
21 THE GAS COMPANY. HAVE YOU A PLAN TO STORE THE GAS? I HAVE AN
22 IDEA WHERE THEY COULD STORE IT. CHECK BETWEEN YOUR EARS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH THAT'S A GOOD ONE.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

2

3 **FAITH MACDONALD:** HELLO. FAITH HAHN MCDONALD, KNOWN AS FAITH
4 HAHN TERRAGNA. I HAD GIVEN CONGRESSMAN ADAM B. SCHIFF A FEW
5 COPIES OF THIS. I WROTE A LETTER TO SUGGESTION TO MAYOR ERIC
6 GARCETTI, SAYING IN ACCORDANCE TO THE BIG SOUTHWEST STATES'
7 TRADITIONS, THE WAY IT MUST BE, ALL SHERIFFS' MARKED BLACK AND
8 WHITE PATROL CARS MUST BE FORD EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR,
9 WHICH IS AN ON AND OFF ROAD VEHICLE. THEN THAT VEHICLE MUST BE
10 USED BY ALL OTHER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS. SHERIFFS MUST HAVE
11 MORE JURISDICTION THAN POLICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND ALSO I
12 SAID THE MACK ALLEN SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKEY OF SCOTLAND
13 MUST MAKE FRIENDS WITH TOYOTA OF AMERICA TO HAVE ITS TOYOTA
14 PRIUS 2016 ELECTRIC AND GAS WITH SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF
15 SHIFT TO THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR
16 EVERYBODY, COMMUTER FROM HOME TO WORK AND SCHOOL AND BACK USE,
17 AND ALSO ALL OTHER PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. AND THEIR STATE OF THE
18 WORLD. AND I ALSO SAID THAT, WHAT IS THAT? SOMEWHERE I SAID
19 THAT, OKAY, HERE, THAT 2016 TOYOTA PRIUS WITH ELECTRIC AND GAS
20 WITH SOLAR PANELS MUST BE USED BY THE NEW SCOTLAND YARD'S
21 TRAFFIC SERVICES UNIT FOR MARKED BLUE AND WHITE OR BLACK AND
22 WHITE PATROL AND THAT A CAR MUST ALSO BE USED BY ALL OTHER
23 POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE WORLD. AND THEN I GAVE AN EXAMPLE
24 SAYING THAT TESLA IS ALSO A MODEL TO BE USED THAT IS EXAMPLE,



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1 ET CETERA, ET CETERA, YOU CAN READ THE REST AND I SAID IN
2 RETURN. OKAY, THANK YOU. HELLO, MA'AM. HERE'S A COPY. HELLO.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE WERE OTHER WITNESSES THAT
5 WANTED TO SPEAK. SUZANNE O'KEEFFE. MIKAELA EURO. MELLO DESIRE.
6 CARLOS MARROQUIN. RUTH SARNOFF. DORIANNA LYDE. OSCAR MOHAMMAD.
7 ROBYN SUMNERS. RICHARD ROBINSON. MARY JACOBS. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

8

9 **DORIANNA LYDE:** OKAY. MY NAME IS DORIANNA LYDE, AND I AM
10 SUBMITTING A PETITION OF ANALYSIS OF ILLEGAL DETAINMENT FROM
11 CENTINELLA HOSPITAL ON 11/24/2015 FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
12 AND FAMILY SERVICES, PER WORKER ERICA JONES. I WAS ADMITTED
13 INTO THE HOSPITAL ON OR ABOUT I BELIEVE IT WAS 11/19, I'M NOT
14 SURE, I DO HAVE TO VERIFY THE DATE. AND ON 11/20/2015 MY
15 DAUGHTER AND I WERE DISCHARGED. I WAS THE PATIENT. I WAS THE
16 ONE BEING SEEN. HOWEVER, TRINITY, MY DAUGHTER AND I WERE
17 UNABLE TO LEAVE THE UNIT DUE TO SOCIAL WORKER MISS CUNNINGHAM
18 STATED TO OUR MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION NOT TO RELEASE P.T. SHE
19 HAS AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR HER ARREST AND ERICA JONES IS
20 ONLINE COMPLETING A MANDATED REPORT OF GENERAL NEGLECT. THESE
21 WORKERS COME FROM VERMONT CORRIDOR'S OFFICE. RECORDS IN THE
22 DETENTION REPORT STATE ALLEGED WORKER ERICA JONES MADE FACE-
23 TO-FACE CONTACT WITH MYSELF AND TRINITY TAYLOR. ALLEGEDLY
24 SOCIAL WORKER ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED AT 4052 WEST 102ND STREET IN
25 INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA ON 11/11 IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN OF 2015



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1 ACCORDING TO THE DETENTION REPORT. AND THE WORKER MISS
2 CUNNINGHAM STATING THAT I HAVE AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR MY
3 ARREST AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE THERE SHORTLY TO INTERVIEW ME
4 AND DETAIN MY CHILD. THEY'RE NOT TELLING ME THIS. I FOUND THIS
5 OUT LATER ON. ACCORDING TO MISS CUNNINGHAM, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING
6 FOR HER FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. THAT'S NOT TRUE. I FOUND SOME
7 INCONSISTENCIES IN BOTH OF THEIR STORIES. SHE'S BEEN LOOKING
8 FOR ME FOR A LONG, LONG TIME AND THE DETENTION REPORT MISS
9 CUNNINGHAM STATE SAID SHE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR ME FOR A LONG,
10 LONG TIME.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

13

14 **DORIANNA LYDE:** OKAY, YOU GUYS. MY BAD. SO DETENTION REPORT
15 FAILED TO MENTION ANY PAIN OR DISCOMFORT, ALTHOUGH ALL OF A
16 SUDDEN OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE WHICH RESULTED IN EMERGENCY
17 TRIAGE AND EXTRACTION OF MY TOOTH THE NEXT DAY.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU
20 CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER? RUTH?

21

22 **MARY JACOBS:** IT'S ME?

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **MARY JACOBS:** OKAY, LISTEN. I WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU,
2 INCLUDING OF COURSE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO THE CINCO DE MAYO
3 CELEBRATION KICKOFF FOR MY NONPROFIT AT 506 NORTH BRANNOCK AND
4 I'M HOPING THAT SOME OF THE CANDIDATES WILL ADDRESS SOME OF
5 THE ISSUES ABOUT MEXICAN-AMERICANS AND SO I INVITED DONALD
6 TRUMP AND HILLARY AND BERNIE AND HIS WIFE AND PROBABLY I'LL BE
7 THERE ALONE WITH MY NEIGHBORS BUT ALL OF YOU ARE WELCOME AND I
8 REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER EVERYTHING AT
9 STAKE WITH THIS ELECTION. I'M ALSO HERE BECAUSE IT'S MOTHER'S
10 DAY. AND I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR THIS WOMAN. BUT SHE'S NOT
11 ALONE. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU, AS SUPERVISORS, TO GIVE THE RIGHT
12 THAT MY KITTEN HAS. I HAVE A CAT THAT JUST HAD KITTENS. I
13 WOULDN'T THINK OF TAKING THOSE KITTENS AWAY FROM MY CAT. AND
14 YET EVERY DAY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES UNDER LIES
15 AND VINDICTIVE VENDETTAS OF CRAZY NEIGHBORS, THEY ARE STEALING
16 CHILDREN AWAY. NOW SOME OF THEM DESERVE TO BE STOLEN. I HAD A
17 CAT THAT TOOK THE KITTENS AND DROPPED THEM OFF THE TOP OF THE
18 ROOF AND THEY DIED. SO APPARENTLY THERE ARE REASONS TO HAVE
19 LIKE THE POLICE PEOPLE OUT THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR KIDS
20 AREN'T KILLED. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, SOME KIDS AREN'T EVEN
21 ALLOWED TO BE WITH THEIR NATURAL FATHERS. THIS IS MY MOTHER'S
22 DAY, THIS IS MY FATHER, MY GRANDMOTHER, MY AUNTS. NONE OF
23 THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE KNOWN TO THESE CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING
24 FORCED TO BE ADOPTED. THEY PUT THEM-- AFTER 18 MONTHS THEY PUT
25 THEM ON THE ROAD TO ADOPTION AND THE NATURAL MOTHER, THE



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1 NATURAL FATHER, THEY ARE TRADED FOR STRANGERS. I BEG OF YOU,
2 CHANGE THIS. INVESTIGATE THESE JUDGES THAT DON'T KNOW WHAT
3 THEY'RE DOING. REUNIFY. BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE--
4 SOMEBODY'S JOB IT'S NOT WORTH IT. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RUTH?

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8 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YES. RUTH SARNOFF. ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN HERE
9 SINCE 8:00 THIS MORNING BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A SHORT-- WE HAD A
10 PRESS CONFERENCE OUTSIDE THIS MORNING AROUND THE
11 IRREGULARITIES AND THE PROBLEMS WITH THE VOTING SITUATION IN
12 CALIFORNIA. [SILENCE.]

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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16 **RUTH SARNOFF:** THERE'S NOBODY LISTENING, SO I JUST THOUGHT I
17 WOULD STOP.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD.

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21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ISSUE OF THE
22 ELECTION AND THE WAY THE ELECTION IS HAPPENING, THE L.A. TIMES
23 RAN A THREE PAGER ON SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE REGISTRATION AND
24 MISREPRESENTATION OF-- I CAN'T TALK ANYMORE. THIS IS A VERY
25 EMOTIONAL PLACE TO COME ANYMORE. BASICALLY I JUST GOT BACK



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1 FROM SPENDING TIME IN LAS VEGAS AND PHOENIX AROUND THE
2 ELECTION. AND I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES, I WAS STANDING IN LINE
3 WITH PEOPLE MOVING DOWN THE LINE. THERE WERE 160 PEOPLE
4 STANDING IN LINE AT 11:30 AT NIGHT IN MARICOPA COUNTY, WHICH
5 IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH PHOENIX IS. AND IT'S WHERE THE BIGGEST
6 TURNOUT OF PEOPLE IN THE STATE, NEW VOTERS. AND IT WAS JUST
7 HORRIBLE. AND IT'S ONLINE. THERE'S BEEN-- THERE'S A FEDERAL
8 INVESTIGATION. THERE'S A STATE INVESTIGATION. THERE WAS A
9 THREE-HOUR HEARING IN ARIZONA. AND IT'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA. AND
10 IT NEEDS TO BE OUT SO THAT WE CAN CORRECT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE
11 IN CALIFORNIA BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME SIMILAR SITUATIONS HERE.
12 AND I KNOW PERSONALLY ABOUT IT. I EVEN HAD AN EXPERIENCE WITH
13 ONE ON SUNDAY. SO I KNOW WE HAVE SOME ISSUES HERE. AND YOU
14 NEED TO BE PAYING ATTENTION.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE.

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18 **RUTH SARNOFF:** AND MY TIME HAS EXPIRED. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF
19 SOMEONE WOULD TAKE AND AT LEAST REPRODUCE, XEROX THESE AND
20 GIVE THEM BACK TO ME IN A FEW MINUTES, A COUPLE MINUTES, ONE
21 OF YOUR STAFF PEOPLE.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET SOMEONE.

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO PART WITH SOME ARTICLES
2 HERE, THESE THREE ARTICLES. AND I ALSO HOPE YOU WILL AGENDIZE
3 IT FOR YOUR MEETING NEXT-- (CONTINUING OFF MIC.).

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED NOW. THANK YOU.
6 YES, SIR.

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8 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAME CHAIRWOMAN?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR, YOUR NAME?

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12 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MEMBERS? MA'AM, VIS A VIS HILLARY'S EMAILS,
13 COLIN POWELL, WHEN HE WAS SECRETARY OF STATE UTILIZED HIS
14 EMAIL IN ORDER TO PROTECT VITAL INTELLIGENCE OF STATE. HILLARY
15 KEPT TERRORISTS FROM MURDERING DOZENS OF INNOCENTS IN
16 BENGHAZI, THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE RICHARD-- THAT WAS RICHARD.
19 BYE, RICHARD, THANK YOU. MIKAELA EURO. SUSAN AN O'KEEFFE.
20 MELLO DESIRE. CARLOS MARROQUIN. OSCAR MOHAMMAD. AND ROBYN
21 SUMMERS-- SUMNERS. OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR
22 BUSINESS FOR TODAY ON THESE MATTERS.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR. :** MADAME CHAIR BEFORE CONVENING INTO
2 CLOSED SESSION, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT ITEM
3 C.S.-3 AND C.S.-5 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 10TH, 2016.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR. :** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
8 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
10 C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
11 LITIGATION AND ITEM C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
12 EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 3, 2016**

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5 In open session Item CS-1 was continued to May 24, 2016.

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7 In open session Items CS-3 and CS-5 were continued one week to
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10 No reportable action was taken on Items CS-2 or CS-4.

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