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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010, BEGINS ON PAGE 113.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING, IF I COULD ASK EVERYBODY TO PLEASE TAKE A SEAT, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY FATHER THOMAS FRANK OF ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY CHARLES F. BAZULTO, MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. FATHER? WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

FR. THOMAS FRANK: PRAISE TO YOU, OH ETERNAL GOD, FOR THE GIFTS OF LIFE, OF LOVE AND PUBLIC SERVICE. WE GATHER HERE IN THIS PLACE WELL BEYOND THE BREAK OF DAY, WHICH HAS BEEN GRANTED US. WE GATHER TO DO THE BUSINESS OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OH ETERNAL GOD, THE PEOPLE, YES, BLESS THE PEOPLE, THE BIRTHDAY PEOPLE, THE GIVING BIRTH PEOPLE, THE BEING BORN PEOPLE, WORKING PEOPLE, THE UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, EDUCATED PEOPLE, DYING PEOPLE, DEAD PEOPLE, HOSTAGED PEOPLE, BANGED-UP PEOPLE, HELD DOWN PEOPLE, LEADER PEOPLE, LONELY PEOPLE, LIMPING PEOPLE, HUNGRY PEOPLE, UNEDUCATED PEOPLE, RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF NO RELIGION, CARING PEOPLE AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE, FIRST WORLD PEOPLE, SECOND WORLD PEOPLE, THIRD WORLD

PEOPLE, ONE WORLD PEOPLE, YOUR PEOPLE, OH ETERNAL GOD, ALL PEOPLE, BLESS THEM. AND MOST ESPECIALLY BLESS THE PEOPLE SERVING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS THEY SEEK TO DO GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THIS DAY. THUS WE PRAY AND TOGETHER SAY AMEN.

CHARLES F. BAZULTO: CAN YOU ALL PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE? WILL YOU ALL FACE THE FLAG, PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US FATHER THOMAS FRANK, WHO SERVES AT THE SAINT BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING, INNOVATIVE PARISHES IN OUR COUNTY. FATHER FRANK HAS BEEN THE PASTOR OF SAINT BRIGID SINCE 2007. HE HAS BEEN A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST IN THE SOCIETY OF JOSEPH FOR SOME 32 YEARS. THE JOSEPHITES ARE A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF PRIESTS AND BROTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN MINISTERING IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SINCE 1871. PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL AT SAINT BRIGID'S, HE SERVED IN PASTORAL MINISTRY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS FOR NINE YEARS AND IN BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINE YEARS. HE HAS SERVED AS A SEMINARY FORMATION

DIRECTOR FOR 11 YEARS IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FATHER FRANK HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORED BY THE INDUSTRIAL AREA FOUNDATION FOR SOME 19 YEARS. SO HE IS A MAN OF RELIGIOUS CONVICTION, OF COMMUNITY CONCERN, AND ACTIVISM. AND IT IS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FATHER FRANK, THAT WE PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO YOU WITH MUCH THANKS AND REGARD FOR YOUR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, FATHER. IT'S MY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CHARLES BAZULTO. CHARLES RESIDES IN MONTEBELLO AND IS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FIFTH MECHANIZED UNIT OF THE FIFTH DIVISION FROM 1967 TO 1968. HIS COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL AND THE MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. WE APPRECIATE IT. HE IS JOINED HERE THIS MORNING WITH HIS WIFE CATHERINE. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 3, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ALSO ON THE ITEM NO. 12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 59. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT RECOMMENDATION 2 IN THE BOARD LETTER, WHICH REFERS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SOUTH SPECIAL

DISTRICT SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME ADVOCACY PILOT, BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO JUNE 9TH, 2010. THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THE BOARD LETTER WILL BE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT INCLUDES THE OTHER PILOT PROGRAM WOULD GO FORWARD?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THAT PORTION TO BE CONTINUED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 27, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 36, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: 36. ON ITEM NO. 41, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEMS NO. 53, 54 AND 55 WHICH ARE THE RELATED ITEMS TO NO. 41, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD -- THOSE ITEMS. 53 THROUGH 55. ON ITEM NO. 56, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION

PLAN BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 25TH, 2010. AND THE REMAINING-- OH, I APOLOGIZE. THERE WAS ALSO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON ITEM NO. 39 WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HIS RECOMMENDATION. ON THIS, HE WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDATION TO STATE "TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY PURCHASE AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION AND THE ACQUISITION OF 11 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT ITEMS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF $3,869,000 FINANCED BY THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/'10 INTERNAL SERVICES FUND FIXED ASSET EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATION." AND THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. NOTING THOSE EXCEPTIONS AND THOSE AMENDMENTS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 26, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 60 THROUGH 63 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 60, THIS IS THE ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM NO. 61, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE NEW MANAGEMENT POSITION PAY PLAN.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 62, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND ON ITEM NO. 63, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PROPRIETARY PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO POWER RENN OIL L.L.C, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TO COLLECT, TRANSPORT DISTRIBUTE PETROLEUM AND OTHER PRODUCTS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, MOVED ON THAT ITEM BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM NO. 64, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2010/2011 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000,000 TO MEET THE FISCAL YEAR CASHFLOW NEEDS OF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 65, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 1ST, 2010. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM AND THEN CONTINUE IT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON

THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 66-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 66-B?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: 66-C.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND 66-D.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON PAGE 30, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C.S.-2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 25TH, 2010.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHICH ITEM?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: C.S.-2?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHEN?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ONE WEEK TO MAY 25TH. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. THIS IS INDEED A SPECIAL OCCASION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE WHO IS DESERVING OF OUR HIGHEST PRAISE. HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT DR. STEVEN B. SAMPLE IS WITH US TODAY. HE IS THE TENTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. HE BEGAN THAT WORK IN MARCH OF 1991. IT WAS SHORTLY THEREAFTER THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIM, HAVING BEEN ELECTED TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL IN JULY OF 1991 AND FOR THE FULL LENGTH OF TIME THAT I'VE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE, I'VE REPRESENTED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND DR. SAMPLE AND I HAVE ENJOYED A CONSTRUCTIVE, FORTHRIGHT RELATIONSHIP FOR NOW NEARLY 20 YEARS. HE HAS DISTINGUISHED NOT ONLY HIMSELF, BUT HE HAS DISTINGUISHED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SO MANY WAYS. SUFFICE IT

TO SAY THAT IT IS WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION, THAT WE ASSERT THAT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS BECOME BOTH AN ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC POWERHOUSE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT'S MADE THE REGION THAT WE KNOW AS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BETTER, STRONGER. THEY, AT THE UNIVERSITY, HAVE BEEN PREMIER IN THE AREA OF RESEARCH, PREMIER IN THE AREA OF REGIONAL ECONOMICS AND A STELLAR COMMUNITY PARTNER BY THE ACCOUNTS OF MANY. I WISH TO SAY THAT DR. SAMPLE KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CONTRIBUTOR. WHY? BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME 22,000 EMPLOYEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OVER THE YEARS, AND THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY ARE CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR WELL-BEING AS EMPLOYEES MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. NATIONAL ACCLAIM IS NO STRANGER TO U.S.C. FOR INNOVATION IN A VARIETY OF VENUES. AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. SAMPLE AND HIS TEAM THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. HE HAS HAD A PARTNER IN THIS PURSUIT OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME; NAMELY, HIS WIFE KATHRYN, WHO IN HER OWN RIGHT HAS MADE THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY MORE PLEASANT, MORE FORCEFUL, MORE STRATEGIC BY VIRTUE OF HER SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT SHE HAS FACILITATED AND HOSTED SOME 2,000 GUESTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AT THE UNIVERSITY, AND SHE HAS DONE THAT WELL. SHE IS THE UNIVERSITY'S PREMIER AMBASSADOR. AND SO WE TAKE THIS OCCASION TO RECOGNIZE BOTH DR. SAMPLE AND MRS. SAMPLE FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE, THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS THAT

THEY HAVE MADE OVER THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT AT U.S.C. THIS IS A HIGH MOMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE UNIVERSITY AS HE RETIRES. THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN MADE BETTER BECAUSE OF HIS STYLE OF LEADERSHIP. HE IS A RENAISSANCE MAN WITHOUT QUESTION. ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT ENGINEERING KNOWS THAT HE'S A RENAISSANCE MAN. ANYBODY THAT KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT A DRUM SET KNOWS THAT HE'S A RENAISSANCE MAN. ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT FIRST-RATE TEACHING KNOWS THAT HE IS A RENAISSANCE MAN. AND SO IT IS WITH THAT, THAT WE TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND ALL OF US, BY EXTENSION. AND IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ACKNOWLEDGE DR. STEVEN AND KATHRYN SAMPLE AND DECLARE THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES THE WEEK OF MAY 16TH THROUGH THE 22ND, 2010 STEVEN SAMPLE AND KATHRYN SAMPLE WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DR. SAMPLE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MADAME CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST TAKE A SECOND. THIS IS AS THE ONLY BRUIN ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I THINK I CAN SPEAK WITH SOME OBJECTIVITY. [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN BLESSED IN THIS CITY AND COUNTY TO HAVE SOME GREAT LEADERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT GRACE THIS

COUNTY. I CAN THINK OF TWO AT U.C.L.A. THAT I WORK WITH, FRANKLIN MURPHY AND CHUCK YOUNG, WHO WERE BOTH CHANCELLORS WHEN I WAS A STUDENT THERE, AND DAVID BALTIMORE AT CAL. TECH. AND I PUT STEVE SAMPLE IN THAT RAREFIED BAND OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE LED THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THIS COMMUNITY AND REALLY ONE OF THE GREAT EDUCATION LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES. ALL OF US BRUINS HAVE WATCHED WITH AWE, ENVY AND A LITTLE BIT OF IRRITATION. [LAUGHTER.] AT THE GREAT SUCCESS THAT YOU BROUGHT, WHERE ARE YOU, THAT YOU BROUGHT TO U.S.C. AND U.S.C. HAS MADE ALL OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN LOS ANGELES BETTER INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AT U.S.C. AND I KNOW THAT I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE I KNOW WHO FOLLOWS HIGHER EDUCATION THAT YOUR RETIREMENT IS A GREAT LOSS TO U.S.C. AND TO LOS ANGELES. HOWEVER, THE YEARS YOU SPENT AS THE PRESIDENT OF U.S.C. WILL OUTLAST US ALL. YOU HAVE MADE-- YOU HAVE TRANSFORMED THAT UNIVERSITY INTO ONE OF THE LEADING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THAT YOU ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED AND WE ALL THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA: LET ME JOIN IN EXPRESSING MY CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE TO DR. SAMPLE. LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER LIKE DR. SAMPLE BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY A LEADER OVERALL IN ALL CIVIC AFFAIRS. WE SEE HIM INVOLVED IN SO MANY THINGS. WE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY VERY MUCH

APPRECIATE THE KIND OF PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH U.S.C. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WHEN YOU WORK WITH DR. SAMPLE, YOU REALIZE HOW EFFECTIVE HE IS IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP TO THIS UNIVERSITY. WE WATCHED IT GROW AND EXPAND. YOU SEE SO MANY STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT APPRECIATE THE KIND OF EDUCATION THAT THEY'RE RECEIVING, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, I THINK EVERYONE IS ALWAYS IN AWE AT LOOKING AT A U.S.C. GRADUATE. AND SO A LOT OF THAT LEADERSHIP, A LOT OF THAT INTEGRITY AND CERTAINLY THE KIND OF ISSUES THAT HAVE MADE THIS ORGANIZATION, THIS UNIVERSITY, GREAT HAVE BEEN BY THE GENTLE GUIDANCE AND STRONG LEADERSHIP OF DR. SAMPLE. AND SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. IT IS VERY DESERVING THAT YOU RECEIVE ALL THESE COMMENDATIONS. YOU'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KNABE: DR. SAMPLE, UNLIKE ZEV, I'VE ENJOYED ABSOLUTELY EVERY MINUTE OF YOUR SUCCESS. [LAUGHTER.] NO, IT'S BEEN SAID EARLY ON, BUT SOMETIMES WHEN YOU BECOME A PRESIDENT OF A MAJOR UNIVERSITY LIKE U.S.C., OBVIOUSLY IT'S THE CAMPUS, IT'S THE STUDENTS AND EVERYONE ELSE, BUT DR. SAMPLE'S IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, THE REGION, ON THIS WHOLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENTIRE REGION, WILL BE AN INDELIBLE IMPACT. BUT I KNEW WE HAD A WINNER THAT WHEN WE GOT A GENTLEMAN TO BE PRESIDENT AT U.S.C. THAT GOT AN EARTHQUAKE CENTER IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, THEN I KNEW IT'S RIGHT THERE TO FOLLOW. BUT THAT'S A LONG STORY, BUT,

ANYWAY, DR. SAMPLE, I JUST WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST AND JUST CONGRATULATE YOU NOT ONLY ON YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION, YOU AND YOUR WIFE HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, THIS STATE AND THIS NATION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: LET ME ALSO CONGRATULATE DR. SAMPLE. HIS VISION, YOU LOOK AT THE CAMPUS HOW IT GROWS. HE KEEPS THAT VISION IN PLACE SO THAT THE CAMPUS CONTINUES TO GROW WITH THAT SAME ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY WHICH MANY UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGE CAMPUSES FAIL TO DO BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE SOME TYPE OF UNIQUE NEW BUILDING HERE, A NEW BUILDING THERE. BUT AS YOU WATCH THE UNIVERSITY EXPAND, YOU SEE THAT INTEGRITY AND THAT CLASS. BUT HE'S ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. I'VE BEEN VERY PLEASED TO BE HIS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WHEN IT COMES TO ISSUES, EVEN THE HEALTH ISSUE, DEALING WITH THE HOSPITALS, STEVE WAS THERE TO NEGOTIATE, TO REPRESENT. IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO REPRESENT YOU AT THE COUNTY. WE HOPE YOU WILL STAY IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WILL YOU? GOOD. OKAY, OKAY. [LAUGHTER.] BUT JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL-DONE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A ROSE BOWL IN 2011. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE ROSE BOWL IN 2011, TOO, RIGHT, MICHAEL?

DR. STEVEN SAMPLE: I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THOSE VERY KIND WORDS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR THE RESERVED PARKING SPOT OUT FRONT. [LAUGHTER.] IT'S BEEN SAID THAT FINDING A GREAT PARKING SPOT CAN MOVE AN ANGELINO TO TEARS. AND WOW, A WHOLE WEEK DESIGNATED IN KATHRYN'S AND MY HONOR. SO ONE OF THE THINGS I ASKED THE SUPERVISOR, I SAID, "WHAT DOES THAT ENTAIL?" HE SAID, "WELL," HE SAID, "IF YOU'RE SHORT ON GROCERY MONEY, WE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE YOU FOR DINNER EVERY NIGHT THAT WEEK." I SAID, "WHAT ABOUT PARKING TICKETS OR TRAFFIC TICKETS?" "NO," HE SAID, "DOESN'T HELP THERE AT ALL." SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR THIS WEEK OF RECOGNITION. FOR REMEMBERING AND HONORING US, YOU'RE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK AND THE DEDICATION OF COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF OUR TROJAN FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SO MANY MEMBERS OF OUR LARGER COMMUNITY. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE ADVANCED BOTH U.S.C. AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY BECAUSE WHAT'S GOOD FOR L.A. COUNTY IS ALSO GOOD FOR U.S.C. NOW, I'M NOT JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE U.S.C., AS I'M PROUD TO POINT OUT, IS THE FIFTH LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYER IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, NOR DO I BELIEVE THAT U.S.C.'S POSITIVE IMPACTS IN OUR REGION IS MEASURED SOLELY BY THE DOLLARS WE SPEND OR BY THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS THAT WE DEVELOP, OR BY THE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS THAT WE EDUCATE AS TOMORROW'S LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS. THE REAL

IMPACT OF U.S.C. IS, QUITE FRANKLY, IMMEASURABLE. IT'S ABOUT TRANSFORMING OUR OWN LIVES AND TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF OTHERS. IT'S ABOUT WORKING AS PARTNERS TO BUILD A STRONGER AND HEALTHIER COMMUNITY. A PRIME EXAMPLE IS U.S.C.'S HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THROUGH THIS ALLIANCE, U.S.C. DOCTORS TRAIN 900 MEDICAL RESIDENTS AND TREAT MORE THAN 1 MILLION PEOPLE EACH YEAR, INCLUDING THE POOREST OF THE POOR AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. THAT'S 1 MILLION LIVES CHANGED, AFFECTED IN A POSITIVE WAY EVERY YEAR. AND U.S.C., ALL OF YOU HERE, HAVE A STAKE IN THE LIFE OF THE FUTURE OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. IT'S UP TO EACH OF US TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE, TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE OUR SCHOOLS BETTER, MAKE OUR STREETS SAFER, OUR BUSINESSES HEALTHIER AND OUR ENVIRONMENT GREENER. WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. AND BY CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT MORE. THANKS TO PARTNERS SUCH AS YOU, SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF U.S.C. HAS BEEN FAR MORE THAN JUST A JOB, IT'S BEEN A CALLING IN THE LABOR OF LOVE. KATHRYN AND I WILL TREASURE THIS COMMENDATION. AND LET ME SAY HOW MUCH THE ENTIRE U.S.C. COMMUNITY APPRECIATES ALL THAT YOU, THE SUPERVISORS, DO TO ADVANCE THE GREATNESS OF THIS COUNTY OF WHICH U.S.C. IS PROUD TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART. THANK YOU AGAIN VERY, VERY MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. [APPLAUSE.] [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.] [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.] [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA: THAT WAS A GREAT PRESENTATION. WE NOW HAVE ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION. I'M GOING ASK CARRIE DOUGLAS TO JOIN US. HOW WONDERFUL, SHE BROUGHT HER FAMILY ALONG. I THINK THAT'S GREAT. WHY? BECAUSE SHE'S VERY PROUD TO BE THE MAY 2010 L.A. COUNTY STAR. LET ME SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CARRIE DOUGLAS. CONGRATULATIONS. OH, OKAY, ALL RIGHT. CONNIE IS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS. SHE HAS WON IN THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT CONNIE HAS DONE. CONNIE IS A SEVEN-YEAR D.P.R. EMPLOYEE AND SHE CURRENTLY CERTAIN SERVES AS REGIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT AT PETER F. SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. SHE WORKS EFFECTIVELY WITH PARK STAKEHOLDERS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE THAT EXCELLENT RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. SHE IS A CONSUMMATE TEAM PLAYER WHO FACILITATES, COLLABORATES ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO MATTER MOST, THE COUNTLESS FAMILIES AS WELL AS THE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO UTILIZE THIS VERY, VERY CRITICAL PARK IN THAT COMMUNITY. CONNIE HAS SPEARHEADED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH FUN NEW PARK TRADITIONS SUCH AS THE ANNUAL SPRING BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AND THE YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM WHICH GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND ENJOY A GREAT SPORT OF TENNIS. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, SEVERAL EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES HAVE BUILT NEW KIOSK MESSAGE CENTER THERE AND HAVE REFURBISHED THE

PARK'S OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE. CONNIE, IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE AND TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF A PRESENTATION TO YOU. WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT AND CONGRATULATE THE OUTSTANDING EXCELLENCE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOUR LEADERSHIP. SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR BEING OUR MAY STAR OF THE MONTH FOR SERVICE THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] I'M ALSO GOING TO GIVE HER A BEAUTIFUL COUNTY PIN THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT SHE'S ONE OF OUR STAR WINNERS, AS WELL. SO CONGRATULATIONS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? I'M GOING TO ASK RUSS GUINEY TO SHARE A FEW WORDS, DEPARTMENT HEAD WHO'S VERY PROUD OF THE LEADERSHIP SHE'S PROVIDED.

RUSS GUINEY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. CONNIE IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT TAKES TIME TO LISTEN. SHE LISTENS TO THE COMMUNITY. SHE LISTENS TO HER EMPLOYEES. SHE LISTENS TO ANYBODY THAT HAS A CONCERN ABOUT THE PARK. THEN SHE THOUGHTFULLY WEIGHS HER DECISION AND SHE TAKES ACTION AND SHE GETS THINGS DONE. SHE'S SOME ONE THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. SHE WEIGHS ALL THE FACTORS AND SHE MAKES A DECISION BASED UPON WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE PATRON AND WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEST FOR THE EMPLOYEES. SO WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF CONNIE. WE'RE GLAD SHE'S HERE. SHE'S REALLY EARNED THIS RECOGNITION AND AWARD. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE CONNIE SAYS A COUPLE OF WORDS, I OBVIOUSLY HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH CONNIE AND THE STAFF OUT THERE. SHE'S A REMARKABLE LEADER, REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL. AND GOES WAY BEYOND THE NORMAL REALM OF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL LADY AND I JUST WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HOW WONDERFUL. CONNIE, COME ON UP AND SHARE A FEW WORDS.

CONNIE DOUGLAS: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO SAY FOR ANYONE EVER CONSIDERING A SECOND CAREER OR A CAREER CHANGE, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START OVER. I SOLD REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE FOR 30 MISERRABLE YEARS AND HATED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. I WENT BACK TO COLLEGE AT AGE 48 AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY GRADUATED WITH DEGREES IN FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, BECAME-- WAS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING STUDENT WORKER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AT 50. I CAME TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY IN 1998. I WORKED HARD AND TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO ME AND WAS ABLE TO RISE THROUGH THE RANKS TO MY CURRENT POSITION OF REGIONAL PARKS SUPERINTENDENT, A JOB THAT I TRULY LOVE. AND I LOVE ALL THE PEOPLE I WORK FOR, TOO. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY, MY

SUPERVISOR DALE HALL, MY DIRECTOR HAYDEN SOHM, DEPUTY DIRECTED NAMED HAYDEN SOHM, DIRECTOR RUSS GUINEY-- EXCUSE ME, RUS, I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS-- FOR THE SUPPORT AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD. AS RUTH GORDON SAID AT 72 WHEN SHE RECEIVED HER FIRST AND ONLY OSCAR, "I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW ENCOURAGING A THING LIKE THIS IS." THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY HUSBAND, TAD DOUGLAS, TEACHER AT ROSEMEADE HIGH SCHOOL, [APPLAUSE.] MY DAUGHTER, AMANDA VAN HOEK, A TEACHER IN ONE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND MY DEPUTY DIRECTOR HAYDEN SOHN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE VERY HONORED TO HAVE IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY A TEAM THAT DID SOMETHING THAT NEITHER U.S.C. NOR U.C.L.A. DID LAST YEAR. [LAUGHTER.] IN BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL OR VIRTUALLY ALMOST ANY OTHER SPORT. AND THAT IS THE 2009/2010 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS FROM HARVARD-WESTLAKE. [APPLAUSE.] THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE WOLVERINES GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM HAS DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AS HARD WORKING AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED YOUNG WOMEN. THEY ENTERED THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AS DISTINCT UNDERDOGS HAVING ONLY ONCE BEFORE EVER MADE IT TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AND THAT WAS IN 1999. INITIALLY THEY WERE ONE OF DOZENS OF DYNAMIC AND COMPETITIVE TEAMS VYING FOR

THE TITLE IN THIS YEAR'S STATE COMPETITION, BUT THEY QUICKLY SET A BRISK PACE AND POWERFUL DRIVE TO THE FINISH LINE THAT ULTIMATELY LEFT ITS RIVALS IN THE DUST. FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE EARNED THE TITLE OF 2009, 2010 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS, DEFEATING ST. MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL OF BERKELEY AND AMASSING AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON RECORD OF 34-1 WITH 30 CONSECUTIVE WINS [APPLAUSE.] TO BECOME THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CHAMPIONS, C.I.F. CHAMPIONS DIVISION 4 OF GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO INVITE THIS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM DOWN HERE THIS MORNING AND HIGHLY COMMEND THE MEMBERS AND COACHES OF THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE WOLVERINES GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 2009/'10 SEASON FOR BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME. WE DIDN'T NAME A WEEK AFTER YOU OR A DAY AFTER YOU, BUT THIS CHAMPIONSHIP WILL LAST YOU A LIFETIME, I KNOW THAT. AND I KNOW HOW HARD YOU ALL WORKED FOR THAT. SO HARVARD-WESTLAKE IS A GREAT SCHOOL. IT'S KNOWN FOR A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS. AND IN ALL OF THEM THEY STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, AND WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM HERE TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, AND I WANT TO PRESENT THIS TO THE COACH. WHERE'S THE COACH? COACH MELISSA HEARLIHY. COACH OF THE YEAR IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. COACH HEARLIHY. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU. AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU IN A MINUTE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BUT I WANT TO PRESENT THESE CERTIFICATES TO THE YOUNG WOMEN AND THE

COACHES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. SO I'LL DO IT IN THE ORDER I HAVE THEM. CAPTAIN NICOLE NESBIT. [APPLAUSE.] BY THE WAY, ALL THAT STUFF I SAID ABOUT U.S.C., DISREGARD IT. NOW THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO GO TO COLLEGE, I WANT YOU TO BE OPEN-MINDED. SYDNEY HAYDEL. OKAY. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING THIS ONE. IRENE MANOUSIOUTHAKIS. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE GOING TO OPEN A LAW FIRM, YAROSLAVSKY AND MANOUSIOUTHAKIS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET A LOT OF BUSINESS BUT WE WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST SIGN. NATALIE FLORESCU. SHANTELE WICKS. SHE IS THE NIECE OF THE GREAT SIDNEY WICKS WHO I WENT TO COLLEGE WITH AT U.C.L.A., AND HE WENT TO HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL. AND I WAS AT FAIRFAX AT THE TIME. HE WAS GREAT GUY. HILARY KING. HILARY? SKYLAR TSUTSUI. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. NICOLE HUNG. GINA BENEDICTO. LESLIE SCHUMAN. ESTHER LEE. FANINE ZEIDEN. JANINE, I'M SORRY. IT'S THE CALLIGRAPHER; IT'S NOT MY EYES. JANINE. CONGRATULATIONS. TIANA WOOLRIDGE? AMANDA HOROWITZ. HANNA KAUFMAN. OKAY. COACH MELISSA HEARLIHY. [APPLAUSE.] ASSISTANT COACH DIMITRI HODGKINSON. CONGRATULATIONS. AND ASSISTANT COACH SAMANTHA GOSSARD. [APPLAUSE.] I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THREE ASSISTANT COACHES WHO COULD NOT BE HERE, LATANYA ROBINET, STEPHANIE CLARK AND RONALD SAMPSON. AND WE WILL GIVE THEM THEIR PROCLAMATIONS. WE'LL GIVE THEM TO THE COACH AND YOU CAN TAKE IT ON TO THEM. LET ME INVITE COACH HEARLIHY TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

MELISSA HEARLIHY: THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING. WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING US DOWN. IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING YEAR, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WINNING 34 GAMES AND ONLY LOSING ONE. WINNING OUR VERY LAST GAME. WE'RE STILL ON A LARGE HIGH, AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO END OUR YEAR, IS TO BE HONORED BY YOU TODAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: DOES CAPTAIN NESBIT WANT TO SAY A WORD?

NICOLE NESBIT: SURE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: NICOLE NESBIT, THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.

NICOLE NESBIT: ON BEHALF OF HARVARD-WESTLAKE AND THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THIS HONOR, AND THIS JUST MEANS SO MUCH TO US. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU SO MUCH. THIS IS GREAT. [LAUGHTER.] THEY'RE 18 YEARS ON THIS TEAM. THE REST OF THESE YOUNG LADIES ARE COMING BACK FOR A REPEAT NEXT YEAR, RIGHT? CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME INTRODUCE THE HEADMASTER AT HARVARD-WESTLAKE. HE'S AN OLD FRIEND FROM MY CITY COUNCIL DAYS, TOM HUDNUT.

TOM HUDNUT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE, AS OUR COACHES AND TEAM HAVE INDICATED. AND ALTHOUGH OUR SCHOOL'S LOCATED IN THIS SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT, THE TEAM COMES FROM ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT IS, I THINK, TRULY REFLECTIVE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT ITS BEST. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT TO STUDENTS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY AND WANT TO THANK ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC, ATHLETICS, THE ARTS AND TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ZEV. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH AND CONGRATULATIONS.

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TODAY, AS WELL. JOINING ME HERE ON THE PODIUM IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FREDDY BROWN. JOINING HIM FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CHIEF TOM LANGE, COMMANDER BILL RYAN, CAPTAIN CHRISTY GUYOVICH, LIEUTENANT RON ARMELIN, SERGEANT TOM BURT. ALSO WITH US FROM THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS IS MAYOR VICTOR FARFAN AND COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE GOMEZ. ON THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45 A.M. DEPUTY BROWN WAS ON PATROL IN THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS WHERE HE HEARD MULTIPLE GUNSHOTS BEING

FIRED WITH A HIGH POWERED ASSAULT RIFLE. HE DROVE QUICKLY TO THE DIRECTION OF THE SHOTS. DEPUTY BROWN STRATEGICALLY COORDINATED RESPONDING UNITS-- EXCUSE ME. COULD WE HAVE QUIET OVER HERE PLEASE? THANK YOU. DEPUTY BROWN STRATEGICALLY COORDINATED RESPONDING UNITS TO HIS LOCATION WHILE CONTINUING TO ADVANCE ON THE TARGET RESIDENCE. DESPITE THE DANGEROUS, CHAOTIC SITUATION, HE DISPLAYED GREAT LEADERSHIP IN FORMULATING A TACTICAL PLAN WITH UNITS ARRIVING ON SCENE. MOMENTS LATER, WITH THE UNITS NOT QUITE THERE YET, HE ENGAGED THE SUSPECT WHO WAS ARMED WITH AN A.K.-47 ASSAULT RIFLE. AS THE SUSPECT RAISED THE ASSAULT RIFLE, DEPUTY BROWN FIRED HIS WEAPON STRIKING THE SUSPECT. IF NOT FOR THE BRAVE AND HEROIC ACTIONS OF DEPUTY BROWN, THE LIVES OF OTHER POTENTIAL VICTIMS MAY HAVE BEEN LOST. AND KEEP IN MIND, THE PERPETRATOR HAD ALREADY SHOT FOUR PEOPLE, UNFORTUNATELY THREE WHO PASSED AWAY, BUT THERE WERE SIX PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE, TWO HIDING IN THE BATHROOM AND FOUR ON THE ROOF. AND BECAUSE OF DEPUTY BROWN'S HEROIC LEADERSHIP, THE OTHER POTENTIAL VICTIMS SURVIVED. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO THANK AND COMMEND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FREDDY BROWN FOR HIS INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF COURAGE IN THE FACE OF IMMEDIATE LIFE THREATENING PERIL FOR HIMSELF AND PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITHOUT HESITATION. FREDDY, CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. YOU ARE A HERO.

[APPLAUSE.]

CHRISTY GUYOVICH: WELL, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING FREDDY. YOU KNOW, MOST CITIZENS RUN WHEN THEY HEAR GUNFIRE. AND WE'RE TRAINED BY ONE OF THE BEST AGENCIES IN THE WORLD. AND AS ANY OTHER DEPUTY SHERIFF, WE GO AND OUR JOB IS TO SAVE LIVES. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT FREDDY DID DURING THAT INCIDENT. HE WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE. THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER DEPUTIES THAT WERE INVOLVED, AS WELL. BUT WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU RECOGNIZING HIM FOR HIS ROLE, BECAUSE IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO PRAISE AND THANK HIM FOR GOING AND PUTTING HIS LIFE IN DANGER. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

FREDDY BROWN: I'D LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRESENTING ME WITH THIS AWARD. I'M HONORED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY ALL OF YOU. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE TARIN FAMILY, TO THE SURVIVORS WHO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES. I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE AWARD. I'M HONORED. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, DON. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS, WE WANT TO COMMEND DEPUTY BROWN FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS. HIS ABILITY TO QUICKLY ASSESS THE SITUATION, REACT AND DO WHAT HE HAD TO DO AS AN OFFICER OBVIOUSLY SAVED THE

LIVES OF MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS. SO WE WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S MY PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WELL WITH US IS CELIA DE FATO, DIRECTOR OF KULTURA AND LAURA ZUCKER WHO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, IN RECOGNITION OF KULTURA PHILIPPINE FOLK ARTS' HARD EFFORTS TOWARD FOSTERING MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, TO HEIGHTEN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF PHILIPPINE HERITAGE. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CECELIA, KULTURA PHILIPPING FOLK ARTS PROMOTES THE DIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINE CULTURE THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE, FOLKLORIC DANCE, AND THE MUSIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. SINCE 1992, THEY HAVE THE CULTURAL AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINE CULTURE IN OUR COUNTY PERFORMING IN OVER 550 PERFORMANCES TO OVER 450,000 AUDIENCE MEMBERS. THEY WILL PERFORM AS PART OF THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE'S 2010 SUMMER SEASON AND WILL ILLUMINATE THROUGH MUSIC AND DANCE, THE DIVERSE CULTURAL MOSAIC THAT HAS SHAPED PHILIPPINE HISTORY. TO ENHANCE THE ARTISTIC GOALS, THE KULTURA PROVIDES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE DANCE AS A VEHICLE TO CREATE A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE, PROPER ETHICS, DISCIPLINE,

APPRECIATION OF HARD WORK AND STIMULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CREATIVITY, WHICH ALL TRANSLATES INTO PERSONAL LIFE SUCCESS. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN VISIT THEIR WEBSITE, WWW.KULTURA.ORG. AT THIS TIME, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL 2010 YEAR. [APPLAUSE.]

CELIA DE FATO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I AM HONORED TO BE HERE TO REPRESENT KULTURA PHILIPPINE FOLK ARTS. KULTURA HAS JOINED AND ALIGNED WITH THE ARTS COMMISSION AND THE FOUR TIERS IN PRESENTING THE WORK OF LOCAL ARTISTS TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF ANGELINOS THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS. AND BECAUSE MUSIC AND DANCE ARE THE SOUL TO THE PEOPLE'S-- WINDOW TO THE PEOPLE'S SOUL, NOT JUST THE FILIPINOS, ON JULY 2 AND 3, AT THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE, IN THE FIRST OF ITS KIND COLLABORATION, KULTURA DANCE COMPANY AND THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, ALONG WITH THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER SINGERS WILL TELL THE STORY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN DANCE, RHYTHM, HARMONY, MABUHAY. MABUHAY IT IS A PHILIPPINE WORD WHICH MEANS WELCOME, GREETINGS, LOVE AND LONG LIVE. FOR ALL INFORMATION, PLEASE LOG INTO WWW.FORDTHEATERS.ORG. THE FOURTH SEASON THIS YEAR OPENS ON MAY 24TH, 2010. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NOW WE HAVE LITTLE SPANIEL MIX WHO'S 28 WEEKS OLD. HER NAME IS FRANKIE. THIS IS 28 WEEKS? THIS IS 28 WEEKS. WHAT'S GOING TO BE 56 WEEKS? HOW ARE YOU, FRANK? FRANKIE? ANYWAY, YOU CAN ADOPT LITTLE FRANKIE AT 562-728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE FRANKIE. SHE'S 28 WEEKS OLD. ARE YOU SURE? CHECK THOSE TEETH. OKAY, FRANKIE. THANK YOU. YOU'RE A BIG ONE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M GOING TO ASK MICHAEL JUDGE TO JOIN US. AND MARK DELGADO IS WITH US, AS WELL. HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US HERE. I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG AGO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS 15 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF C.C.J.C.C., WHEN THERE WAS TALK OF THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE CREATING, THE DRUG COURT. AND THERE WAS AN AWFUL LOT OF ACTIVITY. AND WHAT I THINK WAS SO PROMISING ABOUT IT IS EMBRACEMENT OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERS IN THE C.C.J.C.C., AND PARTICULARLY THE JUDGES, AS WELL, TO INCORPORATE IT INTO THE WORK THAT THEY DO. WELL, TODAY IS WE WANT TO DECLARE MAY AS LOS ANGELES DRUG COURT MONTH. AND IT'S TO RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORKING PRACTITIONERS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF OUR DRUG COURTS. WE STARTED WITHOUT WITH ONE AND IT'S BEEN SPROUTING EVERYWHERE. IT'S BEEN GROWING. AND WE'RE PLEASED THAT IT'S HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE. THIS YEAR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRUG PROGRAM IS CELEBRATING ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY AND OUR 17TH SUCCESSFUL ADULT AND JUVENILE

PROGRAMS ARE GOING STRONG. JOINING US OF COURSE TODAY IS FOR THIS RECOGNITION IS THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, MICHAEL JUDGE, AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK DELGADO. OUR DRUG COURTS ARE COMPRISED OF COMMITTED PROFESSIONALS WHO FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND WORK DILIGENTLY TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF DRUG ADDICTION AND RELATED CRIME ACTIVITY. DRUG COURT PROGRAM INCLUDES JUDICIAL SUPERVISION, MANDATORY DRUG TESTING, SUITABLE TREATMENT AND CONSTANT ACCOUNTABILITY, WHICH HELPS COUNTLESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BEGIN THE MOST INTENSE AND CERTAINLY CHALLENGING HEALING PROCESS IN THEIR LIFE. AND SO EACH MAY WE HONOR OUR JUDGES, OUR PROSECUTORS, OUR DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, OUR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS AS WELL AS OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTION PERSONNEL, OUR EDUCATORS AND OUR COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, ALL WHO PLAY A CRITICAL PART IN THE WELL-BEING OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN DRUG COURT. MICHAEL HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL LEADER IN THAT AND HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. AND I'M JUST VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING. EVERY SO OFTEN I GET STOPPED WHEN I'M SHOPPING AND PEOPLE ARE CONGRATULATING ME FOR THEIR HUSBAND WENT THROUGH THEIR PROGRAM OR THEIR DAUGHTER WENT THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND THEY'RE SO VERY GRATEFUL. AND SO WE APPRECIATE THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE HAD. SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE'RE HONORED TO MAKE MAY DRUG COURT MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS.

MICHAEL JUDGE: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MICHAEL, DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A FEW WORDS? YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR MANY YEARS.

MICHAEL JUDGE: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE RECOGNITION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PROFESSIONALS THAT YOU MENTIONED AND ALSO THE SPONSORS, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN RECOVERY WHO ASSIST THE ONES WHO ARE COMING BEHIND THEM. ADDICTION HAS BEEN A DEVASTATING SCOURGE IN SO MANY COMMUNITIES AND WITH SO MANY FAMILIES. AND OVER THE YEARS, WE STRUGGLED MIGHTILY TO TRY TO EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE THE SITUATION. AND FINALLY WE CAME UPON A MODEL THAT REALLY WORKS. WE FOLLOW THE PEOPLE IN TREATMENT OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME. AND THE FIVE-YEAR RECORD FOR THOSE WHO GRADUATE IS THIS: 70 PERCENT ARE TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL. ONLY 30 PERCENT ACTUALLY END UP RECIDIVATING, WHICH IS A RECORD THAT IS PHENOMENAL FOR TREATING PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO SOME OF THESE DRUGS THAT ARE SO DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. WHAT WE NEED, I THINK, IS MORE BALANCE. WE NEED MORE OF THIS AND NOT LESS. AND IF WE GET IT, THEN WE WILL BE INVESTING THE TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS VERY WISELY. IT'S MORE HUMANE. AND THE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR ENTIRE COUNTY WILL SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE RECOGNITION. WE'RE ALSO GRATEFUL THAT WE GET AN ENTIRE MONTH THAT HAS BEEN

DEDICATED TO THIS, WHEREAS U.S.C. ONLY GOT A WEEK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] [LAUGHTER.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS OUR LAST PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I THINK YOU'RE UP FIRST.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I HAVE NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR. I DON'T THINK WE'RE HOLDING ANYTHING, BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP THE ITEMS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MR. SACHS, WHO HAS HELD A NUMBER OF ITEMS. AND LET'S BEGIN WITH ITEM, IF HE COULD COME UP AND JOIN US. AND IF HE WOULD ADDRESS ITEM 3, 11, 36, 41, 65 AND 66-A. MR. SACHS, COULD YOU FIND YOUR WAY HERE, PLEASE? I KNOW, NEXT TIME I WILL START HIS TIME --

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

ARNOLD SACHS: ARNOLD SACHS. ITEM NO. 3 REFERS TO UNDERGROUND AND TRANSMISSION LINES AND I WAS JUST HOPING YOU WOULD PASS A MOTION OR SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT BECAUSE I KNOW EVENTUALLY THE PUBLIC WILL GET HAMMERED, BASED ON THE DEAL THAT THE EX-GOVERNOR, I BELIEVE IT WAS GRAY DAVIS, MADE WHEN WE HAD THE

ENERGY CRISIS, SO-CALLED. AND ONE OF HIS METHODS TO HANDLING THIS WAS FOR THE STATE TO BUY HIGH POWER TRANSMISSION LINES, BECAUSE EVENTUALLY-- AND I KNOW, WELL, I DON'T KNOW-- I'M ALMOST POSITIVE THAT A PLANT, TAKE FOR INSTANCE A PLANT IN REDONDO BEACH WILL CLOSE DOWN AND WHEN THAT PLANT CLOSES DOWN AND THEY DO THE RENOVATION, WHATEVER THEY'RE GOING TO DO, ALL THAT WILL BE LEFT WILL BE THE TRANSMISSION LINES FROM THE PLANT. AND SOMEBODY WILL SAY WE NEED TO TAKE THOSE DOWN AND THEY WILL END UP BEING ON THE PUBLIC'S DIME BECAUSE, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, OUR EX-GOVERNOR, TO ASSIST THE UTILITY COMPANIES, DECIDED TO VENTURE INTO THE TRANSMISSION LINE BUSINESS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE STUCK PUTTING DOWN. ITEM NO. 11 REFERS TO YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION. AND I'LL BE DAMNED, I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN GET THE SAME KIND OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT YOU SHOW FOR THE SUPPORT FOR THE STATE LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THE EXPO-- EXCUSE ME, THE PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. I KNOW. WE MENTION THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. BUT OUTSTANDING WORK DONE BY THE METRO BOARD WHEN THEY PASSED THE BUDGET FOR OVER $800 MILLION FOR THE PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO BUILD THE GOLD LINE AND YET THREE WEEKS LATER THEY'RE PUTTING ADS IN THE NEWSPAPER TRUMPETING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. SO I'M WONDERING, DOES THE COUNTY OFFER THAT KIND OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION? 31, PRETTY MUCH ECHOES STATE TRANSIT FUNDING. AGAIN, SAME KIND OF

METHODOLOGY. 36 REFERS TO A FUEL AND WASTE COST ADJUSTMENT TO BE INTO THE CONTRACT THAT YOU'RE SIGNING WITH THIS COMPANY. AND I'M WONDERING: WELL WHEN THEY BID FOR THEE CONTRACTS, DON'T THEY BID WITH THAT INCLUSIVE, THAT THEY WOULD ABSORB THOSE FUEL COSTS AND WASTE COSTS DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT? WHY YOU WOULD HAVE AN ADJUSTMENT FOR THE COMPANY TO ENHANCE ITS REVENUE DURING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR THE COUNTY. 65? YOU'RE LOOKING FOR REVENUE CONCEPTS FOR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. AND THE ONLY REASON I HELD THIS IS BECAUSE THE NEWS IN THE-- THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED, ESPECIALLY WITH THE NAIL SALON AT OLIVE VIEW? WHY NOT CONSIDER A NAIL SALON/BEAUTICIAN AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. YOU COULD TRAIN THE PEOPLE IN REHABILITATION. AND BASED UPON THE POPULARITY AT OLIVE VIEW, YOU'D HAVE PEOPLE LINED UP, EMPLOYEES LINED UP, FOR THE WORK DONE.

SUP. KNABE: MR. SACHS, I TAKE PERSONAL OFFENSE TO THAT. YOU KNOW, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, THEY DO MIRACLES EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND FOR YOU TO TAKE A SHOT AT THE DISABLED COMMUNITY IS ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS. SO I JUST TAKE OFFENSE TO IT.

ARNOLD SACHS: I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT, SIR. BUT TAKING A SHOT AT THE DISABLED COMMUNITIES? LET'S TALK ABOUT ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP, SIR. ON THOSE ITEMS, 3, 11, 36, 41, 65 AND 66-A--

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: MADAME CHAIR, ON 65, 65 IS THE ITEM THAT WILL BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 1ST, 2010.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOTING THAT EXCEPTION, WE'LL CONTINUE ITEM 65. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND ALSO ITEM 53, 54 AND 55 NEED APPROVAL. THEY WERE RELATED TO ITEM 41.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SO WE CAN CALL UP THOSE ITEMS, AS WELL. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MADAME CHAIR? ARE WE DONE WITH THOSE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES. WE ONLY HAVE TWO MORE BUT WE CAN DO THEM SEPARATELY BUT GO AHEAD.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: GO AHEAD. I DIDN'T REALIZE. I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT. YESTERDAY, AT THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEETING HEARING ON THE BUDGET, A

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, WHO IS GENERALLY AN INTELLIGENT, WELL-REASONED INDIVIDUAL, I WON'T MENTION HIS OR HER NAME, TOOK A SHOT AT OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY BECAUSE OF A LETTER THAT THE E.M.S. AGENCY HAD SENT TO THE CITY CAUTIONING AND EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED CUTS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, WHICH WAS DONE BY THE E.M.S. AGENCY AT THEIR OWN BEHEST BASED ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE WAS THEIR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVISE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THAT THE CUTS THAT THEY WERE ENTERTAINING WOULD HAVE. I'LL JUST QUOTE FROM THE LETTER. "THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN THE E.M.S. SUPERVISION WITHIN THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT STRONG AND EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THE SUCCESS OF ALL PROVIDER AGENCIES. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN E.M.S. SERVICE DELIVERING QUALITY HAVE BEEN REALIZED OVER THE LAST DECADE. WE HAVE OBSERVED WITH CONCERN A REDUCTION IN THE E.M.S. FIELD SUPERVISION WITHIN THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED CLOSURE PLAN A FEW MONTHS AGO. WE HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING FURTHER PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN E.M.S. SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL. ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS IN THIS IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE E.M.S. SYSTEM WOULD, IN OUR OPINION, SERIOUSLY DILUTE THE ABILITY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT-- L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY E.M.S. IN THE RECENT TRADITIONS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT." AND IT GOES ON. I WON'T READ ANY MORE OF IT. THE

RESPONSE FROM ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WAS TO TELL THE COUNTY AND I QUOTE, "GO TO HELL." AND IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER INTEMPERATE STATEMENTS WHICH WERE THEN, I THINK OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THAT COMMENT BECAUSE THE ONE THING WE CAN SAY ABOUT THE COUNTY, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YOU CAN CRITICIZE THE COUNTY FOR. THE ONE THING I WOULDN'T CRITICIZE THE COUNTY ON IS THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THAT AGENCY HAS COORDINATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AMONG ALL 88 CITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, HIGHLY RESPECTED NATIONWIDE. AND I THINK THE REACTION OF ANY CITY IN THE COUNTY, THIS IS NOT JUST A SHOT AT THE L.A. CITY, WHEN THEY GET A LETTER LIKE THIS FROM THE E.M.S. SYSTEM, IS NOT TO REACT IMTEMPERATELY AND IMPETUOUSLY BY MAKING STATEMENTS LIKE THAT, BUT TO TAKE THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO HEART. IF THEY CAN'T DEAL WITH THEM, THEY CAN'T DEAL WITH THEM. BUT IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COUNTY AND THIS E.M.S. AGENCY TO WARN ANY CITY OR ANYBODY DELIVERING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WHEN THEY'RE GETTING CLOSE TO OR ABOUT TO CROSS THE LINE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THAT FROM OUR E.M.S. AGENCY. SO I JUST WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK KATHY CHITISTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY OF THE COUNTY AND DR. KANIG, WILLIAM KANIG, WHO IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, FOR BEING ON TOP OF THIS ISSUE, SHARING THAT

INFORMATION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR. AND TO KNOW THEY HAVE MY CONFIDENCE. I'M SURE THEY HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE REST OF US ON THIS. I CAN UNDERSTAND THEY'RE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE OVER THERE. WE'RE ALL UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE. AND SOMETIMES YOU MAKE STATEMENTS THAT ARE JUST PLAIN STUPID. AND I PUT THAT IN THAT CATEGORY OF BEING UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE AND IT WAS LATE IN THE DAY AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING. BUT YOU CAN'T LET A STATEMENT LIKE THAT GO UNANSWERED AND UNCHALLENGED. AND THIS DIDN'T COME FROM US. IT DIDN'T COME FROM ANY POLITICAL FIGURE. IT DIDN'T EVEN COME FROM THE C.E.O. IT CAME FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WE CHARGE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING US. IF BY SOME MISFORTUNE WE HAVE A HEART ATTACK, A STROKE OR AN AUTO ACCIDENT, AND WE WANT TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF RESPONSE, OR THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESPONSE TIME AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION WHEN THAT EVENTUALITY OCCURS. AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO HOLD.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR SPECIALS?

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VERONICA MCDERMOTT, BELOVED OF A MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF ALL OF US, JIM MCDERMOTT, I

THINK ALL MEMBERS. PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN GLENDALE. SHE WAS 94 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS BORN IN BLAIR, NEBRASKA, AND SHE MET AND MARRIED JIM MCDERMOTT IN 1951. HER FAITH IN GOD WAS ENDURING, AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER LOVE OF FAMILY AND SELFLESSNESS, HONESTY AND HUMILITY. NO SACRIFICE FOR SOMEONE ELSE WAS TOO GREAT. SHE SHUNNED THE SPOTLIGHT AND BECAME A BEACON FOR OTHERS. SHE WAS TRULY LOVED AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, JAMES, JR., MARY, PATRICIA, JOAN, MAUREEN AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. ALL MEMBERS. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW STEWART, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEED ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION IN RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, A MEMBER OUT OF VIRGINIA COUNTRY CLUB SINCE 1981, VERY ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER IN ST. PETER BY THE SEA CHURCH IN R.P.V. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 48 YEARS RUTH, DAUGHTER ALISON AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN BORGER WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 14TH AT THE AGE OF 87. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN CONNIE, DEBRA AND KENNETH, BROTHER VIRGIL AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN. HE IS FATHER-IN-LAW OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN CERRITOS, MR. JIM EDWARDS AND CONNIE'S FATHER. GOOD FRIEND. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KURTIS CLAYTON WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 2ND AT THE AGE OF 55, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, BOB AND RUTH. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. KNABE: WAS ANYBODY ELSE FOR THE PUBLIC BEING HELD?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOT FOR THE MOST PART. WE DO HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM FOR 11 O'CLOCK. S-1. YOU CAN CALL THAT.

SUP. KNABE: I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE CAN CALL S-1. AND WE HAVE MR. SCHUNHOFF AND CAROL MEYER, I GUESS, WILL JOIN US ON THAT ITEM.

CAROL MEYER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. CAROL MEYER CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THIS REPORT IS THE INTERIM REPORT THAT WE PROVIDE YOU AT THE FIRST OF THE MONTH REGARDING THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THERE ARE REALLY NO SIGNIFICANT REMARKABLE CHANGES IN REGARDS TO AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS, ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL ITSELF OR ADMISSIONS TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE CONTINUE TO BE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE SPECIALTY CARE AREAS. AND WE PROVIDE YOU THE DETAIL ON THAT INFORMATION. AS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE'VE ALSO PROVIDED YOU WITH INFORMATION ON THE COST OF TRANSFERS. AND IT IS YOUR PLEASURE AS TO HOW MUCH, IF YOU WANT ME TO GO OVER THAT COST.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER IT?

CAROL MEYER: OKAY. THERE ARE THREE COMPONENTS OF THE TRANSFERS. THE FIRST ONE IS THE TRANSFERS TO SILVER LAKE MEDICAL CENTER, A CONTRACT THAT WE PUT INTO PLACE WITH BOARD APPROVAL IN NOVEMBER OF 2009. FOR THE FIVE-MONTH PERIOD TO DATE, WE HAVE SPENT $300,000, WHICH INCLUDES THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER FOR THAT FIVE MONTHS OF TRANSFERS, 47 TRANSFERS AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS PER PATIENT. THEN THERE'S THE COMPONENT OF THE TRANSFERS TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS REHAB CENTER. THE GROSS COST FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF OF THOSE TRANSFERS IS $18 MILLION. THIS IS BUDGETED IN THE RANCHO BUDGET. FINALLY, THERE IS THE TRANSFER OF THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS. THESE ARE PATIENTS, MEDI-CAL PATIENTS, THAT WE DID NOT HAVE BEDS FOR AND WE TRANSFERRED THEM TO ACCEPTING MEDI-CAL HOSPITALS. IF WE HAD HAD BEDS FOR THESE PATIENTS, THE COST TO HAVE THOSE PATIENTS IN OUR FACILITY WOULD HAVE BEEN $1.8 MILLION. THE REVENUE WOULD BE $1.1 MILLION. AND THE NET COST WOULD BE $700,000. SO THAT'S SORT OF AN OVERVIEW OF THE THREE COMPONENTS OF THE TRANSFERS OUT. WE'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND HAVE FINANCE PEOPLE HERE IF WE NEED MORE DETAIL.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WOULD YOU SHARE WITH US, ALSO, ON THE ACCUSATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE OVERLOADED EMERGENCY ROOM

SITUATION THAT WE RECEIVED A WEEK AND A HALF AGO AND BRING US UP-TO-DATE?

CAROL MEYER: YES, I WILL. WE RECEIVED A COMPLAINT. THE COMPLAINANT HAD SEVERAL AREAS THAT THEY WERE RECOGNIZING. ONE WAS E.M.T.A.L.A., THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSFER AND LABOR ACT. AND WITH REGARDS TO E.M.T.A.L.A., THE INDIVIDUAL INDICATED THAT THEY WERE ASKED FINANCIAL QUESTIONS BEFORE THEY WERE STABILIZED. IN OUR INVESTIGATION, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THAT IS NOT TRUE; THAT IN FACT E.M.T.A.L.A. ALLOWS YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH PLAN AND BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL'S FINANCES, BUT IT DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO DELAY CARE NOR DOES IT ALLOW YOU TO DENY CARE. WE SPECIFICALLY AT OUR HOSPITALS DO NOT ASK FOR CO-PAYMENTS, WHICH WOULD IMPLY TO A PATIENT THAT PAYMENT WOULD-- THAT BEING ABLE TO PAY WOULD BE A PREREQUISITE FOR CARE. WE DO NOT DO THAT. WE CARE FOR ALL THAT COME TO OUR EMERGENCY ROOM. THE SECOND ISSUE WAS RELATED TO H.I.P.A.A. VIOLATIONS. THE INDIVIDUAL INDICATED THAT THERE WAS READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO PATIENTS TO VIEW ABOUT OTHER PATIENTS. IN FACT, THERE ARE LARGE SCREENS IN THE WAITING ROOMS THAT INDICATE PATIENT'S NAMES. THESE SCREENS ARE SIMPLY TO INDICATE TO PATIENTS WHO IS THE NEXT IN QUEUE TO BE TREATED, NOT ONLY IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO TO RECEIVE PHARMACEUTICALS. THOSE-- IT IS PERFECTLY ALLOWABLE TO DO THAT. KAISER HOSPITAL DOES THAT. OTHER PHARMACIES DO THAT.

THEY PUT PEOPLE'S NAMES UP. THEY CALL OUT NAMES. SO THAT WAS NOT IN ANY WAY A VIOLATION. I BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME VULNERABILITY IN THE FACT THAT WE HAD SOME SCREENS THAT WERE TURNED OUT. THEY WERE VERY SMALL SCREENS THAT HAD PATIENT NAMES, SOME CHIEF COMPLAINT INFORMATION. AND THIS HAD MINIMAL VITAL SIGN INFORMATION. THOSE SCREENS HAVE NOW HAD PRIVACY COVERS PLACED ON THEM. THEY ARE TURNED DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE NURSE'S STATION. THAT HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND RECTIFIED. THE NEXT ISSUE WAS RELATED TO VITAL SIGNS. THE COMPLAINANT INDICATED THEY HAD NOT HAD VITAL SIGNS WITHIN EIGHT HOURS OF THEIR BEING AT THE HOSPITAL. WE KNOW THROUGH HOSPITAL RECORDS THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL HAD THEIR VITAL SIGNS TAKEN WITHIN FOUR MINUTES AND BEGAN THE MEDICAL SCREENING EVALUATION WITHIN NINE MINUTES. WHEN THE PATIENT WAS CALLED AT FOUR HOURS FOR RE-VITAL SIGNS, THE PATIENT WAS UNAVAILABLE. AGAIN, THE PATIENT'S NAME WAS PLACED ON A SCREEN. THEY DID NOT RESPOND THREE TIMES. FINALLY, THE LAST ISSUE WAS RELATED TO NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS. THE CONCERN WAS THAT THERE WERE 300 PEOPLE WAITING IN THE WAITING ROOM AND THERE WERE ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF NURSES. THE WAITING ROOM DOES NOT APPLY TO THE NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS. THE NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS ONLY APPLY TO THE ACTUAL TREATMENT BAYS AND TREATMENT AREAS. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF NURSES IN WAITING ROOMS IN ORDER TO TAKE VITAL SIGNS. WE DID MEET THE NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS. THE COMPLAINANT CITED 1-6 PATIENT RATIO. THAT IS NOT A NURSE-PATIENT RATIO EVEN IN

REGULATION WITH REGARDS TO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS. THE RATIOS ARE 1:4, 1:2 AND 1:1 ON TRAUMA VICTIMS. YES, THANK YOU. THE LAST PIECE WAS THE ALLEGATION SUPPOSEDLY STATED BY A NURSE IN THE AREA THAT PATIENTS WERE WAITING ON AVERAGE 35 HOURS. AND IN FACT, YOU CAN SEE BY THE REPORT THAT WE PROVIDED YOU ON A MONTHLY BASIS THAT THE AVERAGE WAITING TIME IS APPROXIMATELY NINE HOURS. AND THAT WAITING TIME, YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "WAITING TIME" YOU MIGHT THINK THAT YOU'RE WAITING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR NINE HOURS. IN FACT, THAT IS NOT TRUE. THE WAITING TIME IS FROM THE TIME THAT YOU ARE LOGGED INTO THE SYSTEM, THAT YOU MAKE YOURSELF APPARENT AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM, TO THE TIME THAT YOU ARE DISCHARGED OR DISPOSITIONED, ADMITTED. AND THAT, ON AVERAGE, IS NINE HOURS. NOW, WE KNOW THAT OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS ARE EXTREMELY BUSY. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. AND PARTICULARLY RIGHT NOW DURING THIS ECONOMIC TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS, LOSING THEIR INSURANCE. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT THOSE PATIENTS THAT ARE THE MOST EMERGENT ARE GOING DIRECTLY BACK. THOSE PATIENTS THAT COME TO THE NURSING TRIAGE STATION THAT SAY THAT THEY HAVE CHEST PAIN ARE GOING DIRECTLY BACK. WE ARE VERY INVOLVED IN THINGS LIKE S.T.E.M.I. CENTERS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS APPROVED FOR PEDIATRICS. THAT'S WHAT TRIAGE IS ALL ABOUT, TO DETERMINE THOSE PATIENTS WHO NEED THE MOST IMMEDIATE CARE. THE PATIENTS WHO ARE REALLY VERY MINOR, OFTENTIMES THOSE PEOPLE THAT MOST OF US IN THE HEALTH CARE WORLD DESCRIBE AS THE INDIVIDUALS WHO

SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN THE AN EMERGENCY ROOM, ARE THOSE INDIVIDUAL THAT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF FAIRLY RAPIDLY. THEY WOULD NORMALLY GO TO AN URGENT CARE CENTER. THEY HAVE A CUT. THEY HAVE SOME INDIVIDUAL, SIMPLE THING TO DEAL WITH. THOSE PEOPLE GET IN AND OUT VERY FAST BECAUSE THEY'RE STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE GROUP OF PATIENTS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT ARE THOSE THAT HAVE BACK PAIN, ABDOMINAL PAIN, SIDE PAIN, LONG, CHRONIC PAIN THAT TAKE A LONG TIME TO EVALUATE. THEY TAKE TESTS, STUDIES, X-RAYS, M.R.I.S, C.A.T. SCANS. AND THIS IS WHAT, YOU KNOW, LENGTHENS THE TIME PERIOD IT TAKES FOR US TO RAPIDLY DEAL WITH OUR PATIENTS. BUT OUR VOLUMES ARE HUGE. WE SEE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. AND WE ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND NO PATIENT IS IN DANGER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. FIRST OF ALL, I REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. WE GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND, YES, ANYONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM OR MAYBE GO TO A PRIVATE HOSPITAL THAT HAS AN EMERGENCY ROOM, IT IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. IT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY ROOMS. BUT AS FAR AS EFFICIENCY AND HANDLING, I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH HOW EFFICIENT THE NURSES AND THE DOCS ARE. AND HAVING HAD AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE SEE A FULL EMERGENCY ROOM, TALKING TO DOCTORS AND NURSES, AGAIN, IT MAY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE OVERWHELMED, BUT WHEN I TALK TO THEM, THEY

ALWAYS SEEM TO BE IN CONTROL AND KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND YOU SEE A LOT OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THAT EMERGENCY ROOM. SO I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I GOT THE LETTER AND WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT WE HAD STATISTICS THAT TELL US OTHERWISE. AND SO I THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE-- NEVER BEEN THERE WOULD FIND IT VERY SHOCKING. THE OTHER PART OF OUR EMERGENCY ROOM UNFORTUNATELY IS WHEN YOU GO THERE, IT SEEMS LIKE FAMILIES TAKE THE ENTIRE FAMILY WITH THEM. SO THERE MAY BE ONE PATIENT AND YOU WILL HAVE SIX PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE ALONG, FOR WHATEVER THE REASON IS, IN JOINING THE FAMILY AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SO THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE PEOPLE THAN ARE BEING SERVED AT THAT MOMENT. BUT I CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE IN A VERY OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY ROOM, AS MOST OF OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS ARE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. BUT I DO HOPE THAT WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE KIND OF SITUATIONS THAT WE HAVE THERE. AND OUR REPORTS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT. I'VE BEEN WATCHING THEM AND MONITORING THEM. AND WE LOOK AT THE FIGURES ALL THE TIME. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES AND UNDERSTANDS WE ARE AN OVERCROWDED SYSTEM. AND PROBABLY THE LIKELIHOOD IS WE ARE GOING TO GET MORE OVERCROWDED AS THE YEARS COME. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO POINT OUT, AND IT SORT OF COINCIDES WITH ONE OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE ON OUR AGENDA, IS WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE ARE SO OVERCROWDED THAT WE ARE TRANSFERRING HUNDREDS, ON AVERAGE ABOUT 150 TO 180 PATIENTS PER MONTH TO OTHER

FACILITIES. THAT'S WHAT OUR STATISTICS SHOW. THAT'S WHY I ASKED MISS MEYER TO START CALCULATING WHAT THE COST WAS. AND OF COURSE WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE INDIGENT PATIENTS. AND THESE ARE THE PATIENTS THAT COME WITH NO CAPABILITY OF PAYING FOR THEIR CARE FOR THE MOST PART. AND THEY ARE BEING TRANSFERRED UNDER OUR CONTRACTS, AND WE HOPEFULLY HAVE VARIOUS OTHER CONTRACTS. BUT AS STATED, WE'RE TRANSFERRING RIGHT NOW TO SILVER LAKE MEDICAL. BUT I GUESS THE ONE THAT IS GIVING US THE BEST RELIEF, AND IF IT WASN'T IN PLACE, WE REALLY WOULD BE SUNK AND THE COST WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY ENORMOUS, IS OUR TRANSFERRING 1,506 PATIENTS TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS IN THE LAST 16 TO 17 MONTHS. AND THAT COST, WE LOOK AT IT IS. IT IS WELL OVER 17, ALMOST $18 MILLION. AND WHEN YOU SAID IT COMES OUT OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS BUDGET, WITH ALL DUE RESPECTS, IT COMES OUT OF L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.'S BUDGET, WHICH IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE RANCHO BUDGET. AND AGAIN, EVEN THE COST OF TRANSFERRING OUR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS WHICH YOU SAY SAVES US MONEY IN THE LONG RUN, I'M LOOKING AT THOSE FIGURES AND I'M THINKING THESE ARE LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVENUE. ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT I HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE IN ANY OF OUR HOSPITALS IS THAT WE SURVIVE BY THE KIND OF MIX THAT WE HAVE OF PAYEES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, IF WE ARE HAVING TO UTILIZE ALL OF OUR BEDS FOR INDIGENTS AND DO OUR TRANSFERS AS WE ARE DOING NOW AND NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PATIENTS THAT COME WITH REVENUE, THEN WE ARE IN TROUBLE. SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHAT IT'S COSTING US

ON, AS WELL, FOR OUR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS. NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS STATED TO ME IS THAT WE GET PAID LESS THAN REGULAR HOSPITALS FOR OUR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS? CAN YOU SHARE THAT WITH ME WHY?

CAROL MEYER: WELL, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, PRIVATE HOSPITALS HAVE C.M.A.T. CONTRACTS WITH THE MEDICAL AID ASSISTANT COMMISSION. AND SO THEY HAVE A DIRECT PAYMENT PER PATIENT, A MEDI-CAL PER DAY PAYMENT. WE HAVE A DIFFERENT PAYMENT METHODOLOGY. ALLEN?

ALLAN WECKER: BASICALLY IN 2005, THE STATE PULLED OUT ALL THE STATE GENERAL FUNDS PAYMENTS TO US. SO IT REALLY IS COUNTY COST AND FEDERAL COST. THAT'S WHY WE ONLY GET 62 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. SO A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH THE STATE BASICALLY TAKING SOME OF THE STATE GENERAL FUND OUT OF OUR SYSTEM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD FOR REFORM, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COMPETE FOR PATIENTS WITH DOLLARS, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR, THAT WE GET THE SAME REIMBURSEMENT AS EVERY OTHER HOSPITAL DOES. WE CARRY OUT THE SAME WORK, ARE SET UP TO HAVE THE SAME STANDARDS AND YET AT THE SAME TIME THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS MORE THAN 30 PERCENT LESS.

ALLAN WECKER: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS PART OF THE 1115 WAIVER WE ARE NEGOTIATING, WE ARE TRYING TO PUT IN DIFFERENT PAYMENT SYSTEMS TO HELP US RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOT GETTING THE FULL REIMBURSEMENT UNDER MEDI-CAL?

ALLAN WECKER: CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHY CAN'T WE GET THAT?

ALLAN WECKER: WE'RE TRYING TO GO IN AND PUT IN WHAT WE CALL LIKE INVESTMENT POOLS. SO THERE WILL BE POOLS OF FUNDS THAT BASICALLY WILL USE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS TO DRAW DOWN THAT WILL HELP US TRY TO PAY FOR SOME OF THE UNREIMBURSED COSTS AND THE INVESTMENTS WE NEED IN OUR SYSTEM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: BECAUSE IF WE GO ON THIS TRACK, THE WAY WE ARE GOING NOW, WE ARE GOING TO END UP WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS TAKING CARE OF ONLY THE INDIGENT. IS IT FULL, NET COUNTY COSTS. AND NOT BEING ABLE-- AND TRANSFERRING THEM, SOME OF THEM, BECAUSE WE'RE THE EMERGENCY ROOM, WHERE THEY PROBABLY WILL COME TO US. AND SO IF THIS PROCEEDS IN THIS KIND OF FASHION, WE'RE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE FINANCIALLY WITHIN THE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THAT EVEN THE WAIVER'S NOT GOING TO HELP US WITH, CORRECT?

ALLAN WECKER: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOTTEN ENOUGH INFORMATION ON THAT THAT WE NEED TO START PROJECTING THESE KINDS OF COSTS FORWARD. NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT RANCHO'S IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING ITSELF UP TO BE A BACK END TO BUSINESS AS A HOSPITAL. AND IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT, I MEAN WE WOULD REALLY BE IN TROUBLE WITH THESE TRANSFERS BECAUSE ALL OF THESE FOLKS, THE 1,500 PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT TO CONTRACT, RIGHT?

CAROL MEYER: WELL, IN HEALTHCARE REFORM, MORE OF OUR PATIENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNINSURED WILL BE COVERED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WILL BE COVERED, YES.

SUP. KNABE: BUT ISN'T THAT THE PIECE WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, WHETHER THEY GO TO SOME OTHER FACILITY VERSUS OURS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: COMPARED TO OURS. AND AGAIN, IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE COVERED BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET LESS.

CAROL MEYER: BE COVERED ADEQUATELY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE BECAUSE OTHERWISE, WE KEEP LOSING ON THIS REFORM ASPECT OF IT. BUT I AM, I WANT TO NOTE THESE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THIS IS SO FAR JUST IN THE LAST 16, 17 MONTHS THAT WE NEED TO REALLY-- I APPRECIATE THE EFFICIENCIES AND THE EFFECTIVENESS THAT IS GOING ON. WE DIDN'T PUT IN THE COST OF TRANSFERRING THESE PATIENTS; WHILE IT MIGHT BE MINUSCULE, IT IS MONEY. SO WE NEED TO START CREATING A MECHANISM THAT IS GOING TO BE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE HANDLING IT, AND NOT JUST CONTINUING TO LOOK AT TRANSFERS AS THE SOLUTION. THIS KIND OF COST WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, A HEAVY DUTY COST ON AN ONGOING BASIS. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BUT WE ARE GOING TO-- WE STILL CONSIDER, AS WE LOOK AT THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS WHEN YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE FULL REIMBURSEMENT, WE ARE LOOKING STILL AT IT AS A LOST REVENUE SOURCE. AND I THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT THAT WAY. WE HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INTERPRETATION. YOU SAY IT SAVES US MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. WELL, I WOULD RATHER GET THE 62 PERCENT THAN NADA, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE GETTING NOW. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THESE FIGURES. I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION, BUT IT IS REALLY SOMETHING OF AN ANALYSIS THAT NEEDS TO START BEING DONE AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FORWARD AT REFORM, BECAUSE THIS IS

UNACCEPTABLE. WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO SHOULDER ALL OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, COULD I JUST COMMENT? THAT 62 PERCENT NUMBER THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT I THINK THAT'S THE OVERALL CONCERN. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE IN COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATES. THEY'RE WILLING TO TAKE SOME PERCENTAGE VERSUS NOTHING, AND WE'RE LEFT WITH THE NON PAYING CUSTOMER. I MEAN THAT'S THEIR THINKING RIGHT NOW ON THEIR PAYER MIX. THEY GOT THE INSURED BUT THEN THE UNINSURED, AT LEAST THEY'RE GETTING 62 PERCENT ON THE DOLLAR VERSUS-- AND THAT'S THE ISSUE WITH HEALTHCARE REFORM. THAT'S WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN WASHINGTON. THAT'S ONE OF THE IMPACTS, WE DON'T KNOW. DOES THAT WHOLE REIMBURSEMENT THING PUTTING PEOPLE ON INSURANCE PUSH THEM OUT OF OUR FACILITIES INTO ANOTHER PAYER MIX WITH THE PRIVATES AND THEN LEAVE US BASICALLY WITH THE NON PAYING CUSTOMER?

CAROL MEYER: AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO HAVE A QUALITY SYSTEM THAT KEEPS PEOPLE.

SUP. KNABE: RIGHT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THERE'S ONE LAST ISSUE. AND IT'S THE FINANCIAL ISSUE OF COURSE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR OUR OWN FINANCIAL VIABILITY. THE PATIENT CARE ISSUE I THINK IS EVEN MORE

IMPORTANT BECAUSE A PATIENT PRESENTING AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER WHO WE COULD POSSIBLY TRANSFER I THINK WOULD BE BETTER SERVED AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY CARE IN OUR TEACHING INSTITUTION. AND SO THE PATIENT CARE ELEMENT IS-- THE FINANCIAL ELEMENT IS IMPORTANT I THINK FOR US AS A SYSTEM. THE QUALITY OF OUR PATIENT CARE THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES FORGET IS BETTER THAN A LOT OF THE OTHER HOSPITALS, ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER COMMUNITY HOSPITALS WHO DON'T HAVE A TEACHING PROGRAM LIKE WE HAVE. AND SO PROVIDING THAT CARE I THINK IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT SOMETIMES GETS LOST AND PEOPLE FORGET, KNOW HOW GOOD OF A JOB WE ACTUALLY DO AT OUR FACILITIES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO, ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S WHY I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I GOT THAT LETTER. ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE PATIENTS WHO LEAVE AND DON'T GET THE SERVICE. BUT VERY FRANKLY, I DO KNOW WE'RE ATTENTIVE TO ANYBODY WHO WALKS IN ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND WE'RE SORRY SHE HAD THAT EXPERIENCE. BUT IT WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME SHE VISITED THE COUNTY EMERGENCY ROOM. AND THEY'RE PRETTY BUSY ALL OF THE TIME. THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. ALL RIGHT. WE ALSO HAVE S-2. IS IT TIME? I'M SORRY? OH, WE HAVE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. GENEVIEVE, I KNOW THAT YOU SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM? DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND JOIN US? AND MR. SACHS.

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, WHILE GENEVIEVE IS WALKING UP, I THINK WE SHOULD WISH HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. TODAY'S HER BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OH, IT'S HER BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, GENEVIEVE.

SUP. KNABE: DEPENDING UPON YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS, WE MAY SING TO YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YOU KNOW I NEVER SPEAK AT PUBLIC COMMENT. WELL, YOU KNOW I'M THE OLDEST PERSON IN MY FAMILY. USUALLY WE DIE BY THE AGE OF 53. SO TO BE 70 IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT, YOU KNOW. SO I'M CHECKING FOR 30 MORE YEARS. GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ABOUT U.S.C., IT IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES, BECAUSE IT'S WHERE I'M ABLE TO WALK, BECAUSE I WENT TO U.S.C. BUT I THINK IT ALSO IS A QUESTION OF MARKETING. A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK ONLY THE UNDERSERVED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED GO TO U.S.C., WHEN PEOPLE WITH INSURANCE COULD GET THE PRIVILEGE TO BE TREATED AT U.S.C., ALSO. AND THE FIRST TIME I EXPERIENCED U.S.C. AND I HAD _____ PUT ON MY LEG, DOCTOR JACKSON LEE WAS THE ONLY SURGEON IN CALIFORNIA WHO COULD PERFORM THAT SERVICE. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET A GOOD MARKETING CAMPAIGN THAT EVEN PEOPLE WITH INSURANCE CAN HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIGH QUALITY CARE. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT

COMES TO SURGERY. ALSO ABOUT THE H.I.P.A.A. VIOLATION, INSTEAD OF USING THE NAME ON THE BOARD, YOU COULD USE A NUMBER. A LOT OF PLACES DO THAT WHERE YOU HAVE HIGH TURNOVER. WHEN YOU ENTER, YOU GET A NUMBER. AND THAT'S THE NUMBER YOU KEEP FOR THAT DAY. THAT WILL AVOID NAMES AND VIOLATION OF H.I.P.A.A. SO THAT WOULD BE MY TEN CENTS FOR TODAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE, YOU ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM NO. 12? I THINK YOU HELD THAT ITEM, AS WELL?

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, ITEM 12 WAS ABOUT KING-DREW. LODGING FOR KING-DREW, WAS IT? AND I AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE. A LOT OF PLACES HAVE DONE THAT IN THE U.S. AND THEY HAVE WORKED VERY WELL. I THINK ONE GOOD EXAMPLE IS BOYS TOWN IN NEBRASKA, THE PEOPLE LIVE ON THE SIDE. MANY HOSPITALS IN FRANCE ALSO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I THINK I WILL SUPPORT IT. AND I THINK THERE WAS ONE MORE ITEM ON 27. IT'S SO MANY SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS. I HAD TO READ THREE, FOUR TIMES. I MEAN 87 SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS BLEW MY MIND. I JUST COULD NOT BELIEVE IT. I SAID, "OH, IT MUST BE A PRINTING ERROR." SO I WENT BACK AND LOOKED, AND IT WAS NOT. AND YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS. WHAT CONCERNS ME THE MOST IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. AND A LOT OF

THINGS HAVING TO DO WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE. TOO SEE THE SAME PEOPLE USED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT IS WHY WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CHANGE. WE HAVE THE SAME PEOPLE AT THE TABLE, THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. AND THAT'S A GREAT CONCERN OF ME. AND I WOULD LIKE MORE PEOPLE, MORE KNOWLEDGE IN MENTAL HEALTH SO WE HAVE A BETTER DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE PROVIDING THE SERVICE. THANK YOU. AND NOW I WILL CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. MR. SACHS, ON S-1, PLEASE?

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE REPORT BUT IN A SENSE I'M SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ONLY BECAUSE STUFF THAT'S COMING OUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS. AND I HATE TO USE THAT REFERENCE EVEN, THOUGH, SOMETIMES IT IS THE ONLY PLACE YOU GET SOME KIND OF INFORMATION. ESPECIALLY, YOU HAD BEFORE YOU NUMEROUS TIMES JUST, FOR EXAMPLE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES BECAUSE OF YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CHILDREN PASSING AWAY IN FOSTER CARE SERVICE, AND YET JUST RECENTLY IT COMES TO LIGHT THAT THERE'S 18,000 COMPLAINTS WAITING TO BE SERVICED IN D.C.F.S. AND SO IT'S NOT NECESSARILY ORANGES TO ORANGES. BUT IT'S THE SAME LEADERSHIP, COUNTY LEADERSHIP OVERSEEING DEPARTMENTS. AND YOU WONDER, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, BECAUSE I GO TO METRO A LOT, I SEE THE SAME LEADERSHIP THERE. AND AGAIN YOU GO TO D.C.F.S.,

YOU SEE THE SAME LEADERSHIP THERE. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT'S BEING HELD BACK FROM SOME OF THESE REPORTS AND WHAT'S NOT BEING TOLD TO THE PUBLIC. AND JUST QUICKLY TO ADDRESS MR. FUJIOKA AND HIS REMARKS REGARDING THE TEACHING SKILLS AT COUNTY U.S.C., I'M PRETTY SURE, I MAY BE WRONG HERE, BUT M.L.K. WAS A TEACHING SCHOOL, ALSO. AND I WAS WONDERING IF IT GOT ITS NICKNAME "KILLER DREW" BECAUSE OF ITS ACADEMIC PROWESS OR IT WAS JUST THE STAFF THERE? THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES OUR ITEM S-1.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND ITEM 12 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. THEN ITEM 12. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY MYSELF. THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE OTHER ITEMS? ALL RIGHT. YES, WE DID GET THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR SPECIALS?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GILBERT ROY MAXSON.. HE WAS THE FIRST MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, THE YOUNGEST MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, THEIR FIRST MAYOR. HE SERVED FROM 1923 TO 1928 UPON ITS INCORPORATION. HE HAD BEEN AN EDUCATOR AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT IN THE WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS, GRACE, AND THEIR DAUGHTERS NOREEN, RHONDA AND ROYANN. JAMES DAVID BISHOP, ALSO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE WORKED FOR THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. AND WAS INVOLVED WITH COACHING, PLAYING AND SOCCER A.Y.S.O. DARYLL RAY HODGES, ALSO WHO WAS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. AND ELIZABETH ELLEN DAMON RESIDENT OF LA VERNE, WHO LEAVES BEHIND HER HUSBAND OF 62 YEARS AND FIVE CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. IF I COULD CALL UP S-2. S-2?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES, S-2, I THINK WE CAN DO IT. WE HAVE ONE MINUTE TO 11:30, BUT I THINK WE CAN DO SO.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FISCAL OUTLOOK BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT. THIS IS AN UPDATE ON OUR FISCAL CONDITION. SINCE THE LAST REPORT, WHICH WAS IN APRIL, BUT HAD DATA AS OF MARCH 22ND. THIS BRINGS US TO THROUGH MAY 11TH. IN TERMS OF THE TWO

FISCAL YEAR, THIS FISCAL YEAR AND NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHEN WE WERE LAST HERE, WE WERE LOOKING AT A SHORTFALL OF THIS FISCAL YEAR OF 200 MILLION. THAT HAS INCREASED VERY SLIGHTLY TO 204 MILLION. WE WERE LOOKING AT A CUMULATIVE TWO-YEAR OF 625 MILLION. THAT HAS DECREASED TO JUST UNDER 600 MILLION. THE PRIMARY POSITIVE THINGS IN OUR OUTLOOK ARE THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A YEAR OR MORE, THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE REVENUE HAS GONE UP AND IS PROJECTED TO BE UP A LITTLE BIT FROM WHAT WE HAD PROJECTED BEFORE. WE'VE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE FORECAST THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION, WHICH IS FROM THE-- THROUGH JUNE 30TH OF 2011. THAT'S IN THE BUDGET, PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE C.E.O. AS BEFORE, WE HAVE GIVEN YOU A CHART THAT SHOWS YOU THE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS AND HOW WE HANDLE THE DEFICIT FOR BOTH THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR. CLEARLY THIS YEAR ALMOST EVERYTHING IS FOCUSED ON THE HOSPITAL FEE. AND IN OUR LATEST DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE, IT APPEARS THAT C.M.S. MAY BE SENDING THIS BACK TO THE STATE FOR CHANGES, WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE FIXES. SO WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. WE ARE FOLLOWING THAT. WE'RE WORKING WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN TERMS OF THEIR EFFORTS.

SUP. KNABE: HEY, JOHN, COULD I JUST INTERJECT AT THAT POINT?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: SURE.

SUP. KNABE: YESTERDAY YOU SAID IT DEFINITELY WILL GO BACK. WHEN YOU SAY IT MAY GO BACK, HAS SOMETHING CHANGED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: SINCE WE DON'T HAVE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH C.M.S., WE GET THIS THROUGH THE STATE, THEY INDICATED TO US THAT IT WAS COMING BACK. I JUST NEVER WANT TO SAY ANYTHING DEFINITE ON THAT INFORMATION THAT'S FILTERED UNTIL WE'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE. THOUGH THE COMMENT THAT WAS MADE BY THE STATE OFFICIAL ON THURSDAY WAS THAT WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE-- HOW SOON WE GET THIS RESOLVED? THE ANSWER WAS: WE CAN SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, BUT IT'S THE TRAIN COMING RIGHT TOWARDS US. SO I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT THEY BELIEVE IT'S COMING BACK.

SUP. KNABE: OKAY.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THEN RELATIVE TO NEXT YEAR, WE CONTINUE WORKING, IN ADDITION TO THE HOSPITAL FEE, WHICH WILL-- WHICH IF EXTENDED AND WITH THE F.M.A.C.C. EXTENSION, WILL HELP US CONSIDERABLY FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE CONTINUE TO WORK DAILY WITH THE STATE ON THE NEXT WAIVER TRYING TO ASSIST WITH THEIR SUBMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE WAIVER PACKAGE, WHICH HAS NOT YET GONE TO C.M.S., BUT WHICH THEY INTEND TO GET TO C.M.S. BY

THE END OF MAY, THE END OF THIS MONTH. AL AND I HAVE BEEN TO SACRAMENTO TWICE IN THE LAST THREE WORK DAYS ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SUBMISSION THAT THEY PUT IN IS SUFFICIENT FOR WHAT WE NEED AND ALSO LIKELY TO BE APPROVED. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: LET ME MAKE A MOTION. IN YOUR RECENT FORECAST, YOU INDICATE A DEFICIT OF $599.5 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/'11. YOU ALSO LAY OUT SEVERAL SCENARIOS FOR FISCAL RELIEF BASED ON THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES SURROUNDING C.M.S. APPROVAL OF THE PROVIDER FEE AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE CURRENT WAIVER WOULD BE EXTENDED AS IT IS AND THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE STATE BUDGET. EVEN WITH THE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION EFFORTS, YOUR REPORT INDICATES A SCENARIO, ONE, THAT THE DEFICIT WOULD BE $101.9 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR '09/'10 AND $378.1 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '10/'11 FOR A TOTAL CUMULATIVE DEFICIT OF $480 MILLION. GIVEN THAT WE ARE ALMOST AT THE START OF FISCAL YEAR '10/'11, THE C.E.O. AND D.H.S. MUST PUT INTO PLACE A REALISTIC PLAN TO DEAL WITH THIS SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION. THE DEFICIT PROBLEMS FACING D.H.S. ARE COMPOUNDED BY MAJOR CHANGES IN THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AND THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND COSTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT FACES IN TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A MANAGED CARE MODEL. YOU INDICATED IN YOUR REPORT THAT YOU WILL BE PROVIDING INFORMATION AT A

LATER DATE ON THESE PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED COSTS. IN ADDITION, WE ARE DEPENDENT ON THE STATE TO NEGOTIATE AND PROCESS ALL ACTIONS RELATED TO KEY INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE WAIVER AND PROVIDER FEE. WE ARE NOT AT THE TABLE AND NOT PRIVY TO CRITICAL INFORMATION OR INITIATIVES THAT WOULD MAKE OR BREAK THE COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON THE SPECIFIC STEPS THAT WOULD BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S GROWING DEFICIT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE KEY REVENUE SOLUTIONS IDENTIFIED MAY NOT BE REALIZED. AND WE SENT A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE STATE, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTING HER TO MEET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE STATE STRATEGY AND INTENTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 1115 WAIVER AND THE PROVIDER FEE AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF EACH OF THESE INITIATIVES. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS? I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? VERY GOOD. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR ITEMS? NO, I DO NOT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE

FOUR, BEGINNING WITH MRS. BETTYE BENTON, BORN SEPTEMBER 3, 1919 IN EVERETT, WASHINGTON AND PASSED ON MAY 6TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE TOOK CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AT THE AENON BIBLE COLLEGE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1977 WITH HER HUSBAND, THE LATE BISHOP GEORGE WILLIE BENTON. SHE WAS THE FIRST LADY OF HOME ASSEMBLY CHURCH FOR 30 YEARS, AND LED FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LIFE ACADEMY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS AN AVID READER WHO ENJOYED TEACHING, BASIC CHRISTIAN LIVING, WORKING WITH HER HANDS, NEEDLEWORK, COOKING, CANNING, SEWING, CLEANING AND PLAYING SCRABBLE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE AND HER LOVING DISPOSITION THAT SHE SHARED WITH ALL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY SEVEN CHILDREN, WALLACE, BRENDA, PENELOPE, STEPHAN, MARK, CANDACE AND SAMUEL, SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND MANY FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES. PAUL HOWARD DEVAN, BORN ON AUGUST 25, 1927, DES MOINES, IOWA AND PASSED ON MAY 5TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 82. GRADUATED FROM EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN DES MOINES AND 1943 WAS A DATE AND THEN RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM IOWA STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE. HIS EDUCATION WAS BRIEFLY INTERRUPTED WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY POST WORLD WAR II. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1953 WHEN HE SIGNED WITH THE LOS ANGELES RAMS. HE BRIEFLY WENT TO THE CALGARY STAMPEDERS FOUR IN CANADA AND THEN RE-SIGNED WITH THE RAMS IN 1954. HE WAS WAIVED TO THE GREEN BAY PACKERS WHEN HE

INCURRED A CAREER-ENDING KNEE INJURY. HE WORKED AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER IN THE EARLY 1960S AND FOUNDED THE TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, OFTEN KNOWN AS T.R.F. IN THE LATE '60S. T.R.F. HAS OPERATED A HEAD START PROGRAM SERVING INGLEWOOD RESIDENTS SINCE 1975. HE RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF LOS ANGELES, ENGAGED IN DOCTORAL STUDIES AT LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY IN APPLETON, WISCONSIN. HE WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR SOME 40 YEARS AND HELD ROLES SUCH AS ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY AGENCIES TRAINING CENTER AND SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR ALWAYS HAVING A PLAN, LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST, NEVER BOASTING AND ALWAYS HANDLING HIS BUSINESS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS DAUGHTERS, TAMARA AND KIMBERLY, HIS LONG-TIME COMPANION ELAINE, HIS SISTERS, ELEANOR AND MARTHA, AND HIS BROTHER, JAMES, TEN GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THE REVEREND EARL GREEN, BORN DECEMBER 11, 1933 IN SMITHVILLE, TEXAS AND PASSED ON MAY 10, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 76. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1943 AND WAS A PRODUCT OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AS A MUSIC MAJOR BEFORE ENLISTING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1953 TO 1955. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE RED DIAMOND CHORUS AND

TRAVELED THROUGH GERMANY AS A GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT. UPON HIS RETURN, HE STUDIED VOICE WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED VOCAL COACHES, DR. JUSTER HAIRSTON AND MRS. FLORINE BRANTLEY. HE SANG AS A WEST COAST WINGS OVER JORDAN CHOIR AND THE CALIFORNIANS. HE BEGAN WORKING FOR NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL IN 1958 WHERE HE REMAINED FOR A PERIOD OF 26 YEARS. WHILE AT ROCKWELL, HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE AND EARNED A THEOLOGY DEGREE. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ORDINATION, HE WAS INSTALLED AS AN ASSISTANT PASTOR FOR THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS PASSING. REVEREND GREEN WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS INSPIRATIONAL SINGING OF HYMNS AND HIS SOUL STIRRING INTERPRETATIONS OF NEGRO SPIRITUALS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS MOTHER, LELA, HIS SISTERS, VERA, ERNESTINE, MARY, AND HIS TWIN SISTER EVA. FOUR NEPHEWS, SIX NIECES, SEVERAL GRAND NIECES AND GRAND NEPHEWS AND A HOST OF OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, MRS. ESPERANZA KOFORD, BORN ON DECEMBER 19, 1923 IN EL SALVADOR AND PASSED ON MAY 2ND, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE WAS ONE OF SIX CHILDREN AND IMMIGRATED ALONE TO CHICAGO AT THE AGE OF 20, AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE IN EL SALVADOR. SHE RETIRED FROM THE TOWN OF MURPHY'S, CALIFORNIA. AND MISS KOFORD WORKED AS A HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AT AN ENGINEERING COMPANY WHERE SHE MET HER SECOND HUSBAND, KEN KOFORD. BRIDGE WAS HER FAVORITE PASTIME, AND SHE

WAS A MASTER BRIDGE PLAYER. SHE FREQUENTLY PLAYED WITH HER FRIENDS AND OFTEN TRAVELED FOR COMPETITIVE BRIDGE TOURNAMENTS. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE AT THE ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH WHERE SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY. SHE ALSO TAUGHT SPANISH, SERVED AS A MENTOR TO RECENT IMMIGRANTS IN HER RURAL TOWN AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE HIGH STEPPERS AEROBICS GROUP. MRS. KOFORD WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A WONDERFUL MOTHER, WIFE, SISTER AND FRIEND. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN HER COMMUNITY AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, KEN, HER DAUGHTERS ANN, SECOND DISTRICT HEALTH DEPUTY YOLANDA VERA, GLORIA AND LINDA, FOUR SISTERS, ONE BROTHER, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ESPERANZA KOFORD, MOTHER OF YOLANDA VERA.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: COULD WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT MOTION?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, AND AT THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MAY I THEN--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU MUCH. TWO MOTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN FOR OUR CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 27, AND IT RELATES TO THE EXTENSION OF PROP 36 SOLE- SOURCE

ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT AGREEMENTS. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS, YOU'LL NOTE THAT THIS IS ON THE AGENDA TODAY. AND WHILE I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S REQUESTS, I THINK AN AMENDMENT IS IN ORDER BECAUSE THE ISSUE OF SOLE SOURCING IS BEFORE US. AND WE ALL KNOW THE PROS AND CONS OF DOING SO. THE BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER IS QUITE CLEAR. LET ME JUST SIMPLY GO TO THE POINT AT HAND, NAMELY THAT D.P.H. HAS A REQUEST OF SOLE SOURCE FOR ONE MORE YEAR, OR TWO YEARS IS THE REQUEST. I'M SUGGESTING ONE. WE CAN SEE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ONE, NOT TWO. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT D.H.S. IS JUSTIFIED IN SEEKING BROAD AUTHORITY TO EXTEND SOLE SOURCE AN ADDITIONAL YEAR TO MARCH 31 OF 2012 OR TO INCREASE OR DECREASE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 25 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT FUNDING WITHOUT EXPLANATION AS TO THE CRITERIA IT WOULD USE TO DO THAT. AND IF IN FACT THAT IS THE CASE, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR IT TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD ITSELF FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. I THINK THAT'S THE SUM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE MOTION THAT I BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 27, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, AND WOULD APPRECIATE A SECOND OF THAT MOTION AND THEN WE CAN PROCEED AS THE CHAIR DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

SUP. KNABE: COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND? THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SURE. ALL RIGHT. I GUESS IT WOULD BE PUBLIC HEALTH?

SUP. KNABE: DO WE HAVE TIME ON IT?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: PLEASE GO AHEAD. PLEASE RESPOND.

JOHN VIERNES: I'M JOHN VIERNES, THE DIRECTOR FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL. THE REASON WE ASKED THAT IS BECAUSE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DOLLARS ARE BEING ALLOCATED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT IS ONLY THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2011. THERE IS NO CARRYOVER ABILITY FOR THIS GRANT FUNDS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IS NOT THE REQUEST FOR TWO YEARS?

JOHN VIERNES: IF YOU WANT TO STRIKE THAT, THAT WOULD BE OKAY TOO.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE THRUST OF THE MOTION: RATHER THAN TWO YEARS, IT WOULD BE ONE. AND WITH RESPECT TO THE REDUCTION, 25 PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE, THAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE ABSENT BOARD APPROVAL SPECIFICALLY.

JOHN VIERNES: THE ONLY WAY THAT WE COULD DO AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE IF OTHER PROVIDERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY AMENDED TO RECEIVE

THESE FUND WOULD OPT OUT OF THE PROGRAM AS SOME OF THE PROVIDERS HAVE ALREADY DONE. BUT MOST OF THE INCREASES ARE UP TO 25 PERCENT BUT MAY NOT EXCEED 25 PERCENT. IT COULD ALSO BE LESS THAN 25 PERCENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YES. BUT THE REQUEST OF AND THE ITEM IS TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR. AND THE THRUST OF THE MOTION, WHICH IS TO AMEND THE ITEM BEFORE US, IS TO HAVE THE BOARD RETAIN THAT DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY AND NOT DELEGATE IT TO ANY SUCH DIRECTOR. AND THAT'S THE THRUST OF THE MOTION.

SUP. KNABE: IS IT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR A WEEK SO WE CAN LOOK AT IT A LITTLE BIT CLOSER HERE WHAT THE IMPACT IS ON THE PROVIDERS? I MEAN I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT--

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: HE SAID THERE IS NO IMPACT ON THE PROVIDER, BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUE.

SUP. KNABE: HE SAID THERE IS NO IMPACT ON PROVIDERS?

JOHN VIERNES: WE HAVE ALREADY ON HERE ONE OF THE IMPACTS FOR PROVIDER WHO HAD OPTED OUT. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS ASK FOR A PASS THROUGH ON ITEM 2 OF THE ITEM TO GET THE SUBCONTRACTOR TO ASSUME THAT PROVIDER'S CONTRACT. BUT SINCE THE DOLLARS ARE NOT GOOD AFTER MARCH 2011 AND THERE IS NO FURTHER IDEA WHETHER OR

NOT THERE WILL BE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROP 36, THAT MAY BE AN APPROPRIATE MOTION TO FOLLOW.

SUP. KNABE: HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MOTION?

JOHN VIERNES: YES.

SUP. KNABE: AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT?

JOHN VIERNES: I'M OKAY WITH IT.

SUP. KNABE: THEN I DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SURE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT-- IF THE MONEY EXPIRES AFTER MARCH 2011, WHY WERE YOU ASKING FOR A TWO-YEAR-- THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND IT TO A SECOND YEAR?

JOHN VIERNES: THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT THERE IS ANOTHER J.A.G. ARROW FUNDING COMING THROUGH. BUT THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THAT'S BEING IN DISCUSSION IS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THE STATEWIDE PROJECTION FOR ADDITIONAL ARROW MONEY, J.A.G. MONEY, IS AROUND

21 MILLION. THAT WOULD LEAVE L.A. WITH ABOUT 7 MILLION OR 5 TO 7 MILLION OF THESE DOLLARS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT WAS IT THIS YEAR?

JOHN VIERNES: AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR MOVING THE DOLLARS OUT IS THAT IT HAS TO BE MOVED VERY QUICKLY. SO IF WE GO TO AN R.F.P. PROCESS, IT WOULD BE TIME CONSUMING IN ORDER TO GET THE DOLLARS OUT. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WE PUT THAT IN THERE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HOW MUCH MONEY WAS THERE FOR THIS YEAR?

JOHN VIERNES: THIS ONE HERE IS 8 MILLION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: FOR L.A. COUNTY.

JOHN VIERNES: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AS OPPOSED TO 5 TO 7 MILLION. THAT'S NOT WAY OFF. IT'S THE LION'S SHARE THAT COMES THROUGH WOULD BE THE LION'S SHARE OF WHAT WE HAVE GOTTEN THIS YEAR. 5 TO 7 MILLION IS NOT PEANUTS WHEN YOU'RE OPERATING OFF AN $8 MILLION BASE.

JOHN VIERNES: AGREED BUT IT'S STILL TENUOUS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND THAT. I JUST GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU WERE NOT-- ANYWAY, IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL MONEY, J.A.G. MONEY OR ANY OTHER KIND OF STATE MONEY, I'M ASSUMING THAT THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS MOTION OR IN YOUR REPORT THAT SUGGESTS THAT THE COUNTY'S EXPECTED TO BACKFILL ANY OF THAT WITH ITS OWN MONEY. AM I CORRECT?

JOHN VIERNES: PRETTY MUCH, YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: PRETTY MUCH?

JOHN VIERNES: YOU'RE CORRECT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH CORRECT.

SHEILA SHIMA: SUPERVISOR, SHEILA SHIMA, DEPUTY C.E.O. IF I COULD JUST CLARIFY ON THE PURPOSE FOR INCLUDING ORIGINALLY THE RECOMMENDATION, THE REQUEST FOR THE EXTENSIONS WAS AT THE TIME THAT THE DEPARTMENT-- AS I UNDERSTAND, AT THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED THIS, THERE WAS SOME UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE MAY BE THE ABILITY TO ROLL OVER FUNDS FROM THE CURRENT YEAR'S AMOUNT. AND SO THEY WANTED THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY IF THERE WAS A ROLLOVER, TO GO AHEAD AND EXTEND THE AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE MOST RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ROLLOVER ALLOWED.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: USE IT OR LOSE IT BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 2011?

SHEILA SHIMA: CORRECT. WELL I'M NOT SURE IF IT-- WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO WITH THE FUNDS, BUT WE UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AN AUTOMATIC ROLLOVER. AND SO TO THE EXTENT THAT WE GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE STATE INTENDS TO DO WITH THE FUNDS, THEN WE CAN COME BACK TO THE BOARD. THE DEPARTMENT WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD AT THAT POINT WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST. AND THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHY THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT IS COMFORTABLE--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND. YOU ALSO AGREE THAT THE STATEMENT I MADE THAT--

SHEILA SHIMA: THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE IF IN FACT--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE BACKFILLING ANY OF THIS.

SHEILA SHIMA: CORRECT. ANY ATTEMPT TO BACKFILL WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD AT ANY RATE. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE DOING ON ITS OWN.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD. BUT IN TERMS OF YOUR OWN STRATEGIES, RECOMMENDATIONS, IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT?

SHEILA SHIMA: THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THAT OR ANY OF THE OTHER MASSIVE CUTS THAT ARE COMING OUR WAY.

SHEILA SHIMA: RIGHT. BECAUSE OF THE BOARD'S POLICY OF NOT USING COUNTY FUNDS TO BACKFILL ANY STATE OR FEDERAL REVENUE LOSSES, THAT WOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD INCLUDE AS PART OF OUR THINKING ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. ANY OBJECTIONS TO THOSE AMENDMENTS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, COLLEAGUES. THE ADDITIONAL ITEM I WANT TO READ IN HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR EARLIER COMMENTS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE SECOND OF WHICH WAS JUST MADE BY SUPERVISOR

YAROSLAVSKY WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER OF BACKFILLING. THIS ITEM THAT COMES BEFORE YOU NOW IS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE AND THE IMPACT THAT IT POTENTIALLY HAS ON US AS IT RELATES TO OUR CONTRACTED SERVICES. WE SPELL OUT THAT THE MAY REVISE DOES NOT PROPOSE ANY SIGNIFICANT REVENUE SOLUTIONS AT ALL. THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED BUDGET PACKAGE CONTAINS PROGRAM ELIMINATIONS AND MAJOR REDUCTIONS, PRIMARILY TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. AND THE 12.4 BILLION IN CUTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT VARIOUS CRITICAL PROGRAMS SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, SOCIAL SERVICES, THE ELIMINATION OF CALWORKS. IT HAS HORRIFIC, HORRIFIC IMPLICATIONS, DEEP CUTS IN IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES, THE ELIMINATION OF CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE MENTAL HEALTH REALIGNMENT FUNDS, ESTIMATED TO RESULT IN THE LOSS OF $195 MILLION AND THEN THE REDUCTION IN A.B.3632 PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES, AS WE KNOW, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN. IF YOU LOOK AT HEALTH, MORE THAN A HALF BILLION DOLLARS PROPOSED IN MEDI-CAL CUTS. SO THE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TO LOW INCOME SENIORS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PREGNANT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TAKES A SIGNIFICANT HIT. AND SO I SIMPLY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE DO THE FOLLOWING AND WE CAN TAKE THIS UP FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR. THIS ELIMINATED ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BACKFILLING. AND SO WE WISH TO ASK THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL COUNTY HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED THROUGH CONTRACTORS WHICH MAY BE IMPACTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S MAY BUDGET REVISION. AND, FINALLY, AN ANALYSIS OF BRINGING THE CONTRACTED SERVICES IN-HOUSE SHOULD THE GOVERNOR'S MAY BUDGET REVISION BE IMPLEMENTED THAT WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO COST BENEFIT AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS IN FORCE. IT HAS BEEN A VALUE OF WHICH WE ARE PROUD; NAMELY, TO AVOID REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE, ANY R.I.F., ANY LAYOFFS AND I THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS IN FACT DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BECAUSE TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN NO LAYOFFS. NO LAYOFFS. WE KNOW THAT WE CANNOT SUSTAIN IN PERPETUITY THE KIND OF CUTS THAT TAKE PLACE, BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE SMART ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THIS COULD PORTEND FOR OUR CONTRACTS. AND HOW THAT THEN AFFECTS THE WORKFORCE THAT WE WISH TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN. AND SO I BRING THAT FORTH FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, MADAME CHAIR.

SUP. KNABE: IS THAT FOR NEXT WEEK?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AS THE CHAIR WISHES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN IT'S A REPORT BACK. IT ASKS IN 30 DAYS WE GET A LIST OF THOSE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED THROUGH

CONTRACTORS THAT WILL BE IMPACTED. AGAIN, IT IS ONLY A LIST. THEN THE SECOND PART IS THE ANALYSIS OF BRINGING IT IN. NOW, I KNOW THAT THEY'RE-- AGAIN I THINK YOU'RE LOOKING, YOU'RE NOT ASKING FOR IT TO BE DONE AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: RIGHT.

SUP. KNABE: RIGHT. AS LONG AS THAT'S CLEAR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH AN ANALYSIS, NORMALLY. TYPICALLY WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND HERE LATELY IS WHEN WE PASS SOMETHING THAT'S AN ANALYSIS, IT'S READ BY THE BUREAUCRACY AS BEING WE WANT IT. IF THERE'S REQUEST FOR ANALYSIS, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY ANALYSIS THAT WOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S CUTS THAT WOULD IMPACT ON CONTRACT AGENCIES THAT IF WE BROUGHT THOSE CUTS, IF WE BROUGHT THOSE SERVICES BACK IN-HOUSE THAT IT WOULD NOT COST US MONEY. IT IS ABSOLUTELY A GIVEN, IT'S EVIDENT THAT THERE IS NO WAY THIS CANNOT COST US MONEY. IT'S GOING TO COST US MONEY. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE US MONEY. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S AN IMPACT ON THE SERVICES. AND WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. BUT ONCE YOU GO DOWN THAT ROAD, THERE'S NO END TO THAT ROAD. AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY ANYWHERE IN THIS COUNTY TO BACKFILL ALL OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S TALKING ABOUT CUTTING IF THAT SURVIVES. AND A LOT OF IT IS GOING TO SURVIVE.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE MY VIEWS ON THIS KNOWN. AN ANALYSIS OF BRINGING THE CONTRACTED SERVICES IN-HOUSE SHOULD THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE BE LIMITED, WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO COST-BENEFIT LITIGATION AND POTENTIAL REDUCTION. I MEAN, TO ME, WE HAVE A POLICY ABOUT NOT BACKFILLING. THIS IS AN ANALYSIS OF HOW WE CAN BACKFILL, OR WHETHER WE SHOULD BACKFILL. NOT HOW-- BUT HOW AND WHETHER WE SHOULD BACKFILL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: TO THE CONTRARY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OKAY, WELL THEN EXPLAIN IT TO ME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: I SAID IT EARLIER.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I MISSED IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YOU MAY HAVE. AND I'M GLAD TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION. THIS IS NOT TO BACKFILL ANYTHING. I STIPULATED THAT, SO IT SHOULD NOT BE READ IN THAT REGARD. BOTH THE CHAIR AND I DISCUSSED THAT. SHE FLAGGED THAT ISSUE. IT'S BEEN EDITED ACCORDINGLY. SO THIS IS NOT ABOUT BACKFILLING. I WOULDN'T PRESUME TO DETERMINE WHAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ANALYSIS WOULD BE, OR WHAT THE ANALYSIS WOULD BE AT THIS TIME. I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE IT AS INFORMATION UPDATE, LEARNING AND BE INFORMED BY IT BECAUSE IN FACT IF IF OVERALL VALUE AS I HEARD

IT ARTICULATED BY NOT JUST ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD BUT COLLECTIVELY, TO AVOID THE REDUCTION IN FORCE, IN THE WORKFORCE, IT IS CONCEIVABLE AND IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE BUDGET CUTS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR COULD PUT THE KIND OF PRESSURE ON OUR DECISION MAKING PROCESSES THAT EFFECTIVELY WOULD RETAIN CONTRACTS AND ESSENTIALLY FORCE THE ISSUE OF A RIFT. THAT'S WHAT I THINK WE NEED TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON. AND I DON'T THINK WE WANT THAT TO HAPPEN AND NOT KNOW IT. AND THAT'S WHAT OUR ANALYSTS OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TELL US.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN, I LOOK AT IT AS A LIST OF WHAT COULD BE. I THINK AGAIN WE NEED TO KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THIS MAY NOT BE THE BEST EXAMPLE: WHEN WE CONTRACT OUT CERTAIN SERVICES, LET'S LOOK AT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE CUT, BUT I WOULD PREFER WE WOULD KNOW A LIST OF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS THAT POTENTIALLY WE COULD BRING IN, IF IN FACT WE ARE GOING TO BE CUTTING BACK ON OUR WORKFORCE. AND IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IT BACK IN IN SOME WAY, LOOK AT THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF IT ALL, IT'S JUST AN ANALYSIS AT THIS POINT IN TIME SO THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE LOSING OUR EMPLOYEES. I SPOKE WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABOUT IT, AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT-- THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW. WE DON'T KNOW THE IMPACT OF IT. BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT THIS BOARD HOPEFULLY

COULD BE COMMITTED TO, AND AGAIN, WE HAVE TO HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET. WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IF THERE IS A WAY BY BRINGING SOME OF THESE SERVICE BACK IN-HOUSE IN SOME FASHION, THAT WE CAN BENEFIT SO WE'RE KEEPING OUR EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED, I THINK IT'S WORTH LOOKING AT. SO THAT'S WHAT I SEE THIS LIST BEING. IT DOESN'T SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO IT. IT'S JUST SAYING IT'S BRINGING AN ANALYSIS OF BEGINNING THAT PROCESS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH, BUT BRINGING SOMEBODY, SOME CONTRACT IN-HOUSE SO THAT WE CAN KEEP EMPLOYEES WORKING MEANS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES. AND IF THE EMPLOYEES WERE IN JEOPARDY OF BEING JETTISONED, PRESUMABLY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A RECOMMENDATION THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE PURSUANT TO TRY TO KEEP THE BUDGET BALANCED. SO BRINGING SOMETHING IN-HOUSE, KEEP PEOPLE ON THAT OTHERWISE FOR BUDGETARY REASONS WOULD HAVE TO BE FURLOUGHED OR LAID OFF, WHATEVER, WE'RE NOT THERE AT THIS POINT BUT WE MAY BE, THAT WOULD RUN CONTRARY TO-- THESE ARE TWO CONCEPTS THAT ARE RUNNING HEADLONG AT EACH OTHER.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I BELIEVE PART OF THE ANALYSIS IS FOR US TO ADDRESS BOTH CONCEPTS AND TO LOOK AT-- AND I HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR YOU RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF THE STATE BUDGET.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH, BUT DON'T GO THERE. JUST STICK TO THIS, THEN DO IT. DON'T LOSE YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I'M JUST SAYING THAT IN LOOKING AT SAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH, WE'RE LOSING-- THERE'S A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH REALIGNMENT FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REDIRECTED. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCE OF THAT BECAUSE MOST OF THE FUNDS, AT LEAST, ASIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS, GO TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS FOR VERY SPECIFIC SERVICES. SO GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING THOSE SERVICES AND WITH THAT, THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL TO SOME OF OUR OTHER PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, I THINK THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THE INTENT OF THE MOTION. BUT THEN WE HAVE THAT OVERARCHING POLICY THAT WE WOULD NOT BACKFILL ANY OF THE STATE CUTS, BECAUSE ONCE WE GO DOWN THE ROAD, IT CREATES A MUCH LARGER DEFICIT IN ALL OUR N.C.C. PROGRAMS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE'RE SAYING TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. WE DON'T WANT TO BACKFILL BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE IN-HOUSE OR DO AN ANALYSIS AND BRING PEOPLE IN-HOUSE TO PROVIDE A SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN CUT BY THE STATE. THAT MAY NOT BE A BACKFILL TO OTHER PEOPLE, ABOUT THE IT SOUNDS LIKE A BACKFILL TO ME. BUT LET'S CALL IT AN ANALYSIS. I'LL USE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S ANALYSIS. CAN YOU ENVISION? I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO PREJUDGE YOUR ANALYSIS,

BUT YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A FEW YEARS, CAN YOU ENVISION ANY CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH BRINGING SOMETHING IN-HOUSE-- LET ME PUT IT MORE POSITIVELY. CAN YOU DESCRIBE TO ME A SITUATION WHERE WE COULD BRING SOMETHING IN-HOUSE THAT WOULD NOT COST US MONEY?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: MOST OF OUR PROGRAMS, IF IT'S UNDER PROP A, THERE'S A COST ELEMENT WHERE IT IS CHEAPER TO GO OUT AND CONTRACT OUT. OTHERS ARE A PROGRAM THAT WE DON'T HAPPEN TO PROVIDE. WE HAVE THE SITUATION WITH THE COURTS CUTTING THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND AS A CONSEQUENCE WE HAD TO REDUCE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF I.S.D. EMPLOYEES. RATHER THAN LAYING OFF THOSE EMPLOYEES, WE'RE LOOKING AT ASKING THEM TO DO SOME OF THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS WE WOULD OTHERWISE CONTRACT OUT, NOT MAINTENANCE, BUT THE MINOR ALTERATION PROGRAMS OR SOME OF THE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS WE WOULD OTHERWISE CONTRACT OUT WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS. IN THAT INSTANCE, THE MONEY MIGHT BE THE SAME, BUT WE'RE ABLE TO RETAIN STAFF. FOR THE MAJORITY--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN THIS. THAT'S A CASE WHERE IT WAS A COUNTY THING, THE COUNTY EXPENDITURE. IT WAS ALL INTRA-COUNTY. THIS IS A CASE WHERE THE STATE IS NOT PAYING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE CUTS IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET. THOSE ARE STATE DOLLARS THAT FLOW TO OUR COUNTY THROUGH CONTRACTORS. NOT TO US. SO IT'S

STATE MONEY, NOT COUNTY MONEY. STATE MONEY GOES TO PAY FOR A CONTRACTOR. THAT MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE CUT, BUT, SAY, MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTOR. AND THAT MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTOR IS NOW GOING TO BE FORCED TO CLOSE OR RADICALLY CUT BACK HIS SERVICES, RIGHT? THIS IS AN ANALYSIS TO HOW TO BRING THOSE KIND OF CONTRACTED SERVICES IN-HOUSE, TO THE COUNTY. SO SOME AGENCY IN VAN NUYS THAT IS GETTING STATE MONEY IS GOING TO LOSE ITS STATE MONEY. THEY'RE GOING TO COME TO US AND ASK US TO-- OR THIS ANALYSIS IS BEING DONE TO SEE WHETHER WE CAN NOW PAY FOR IT OURSELVES. WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY STATE MONEY ANY MORE THAN THE CONTRACTOR DID. SO IN THAT CONTEXT CAN YOU SEE A CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE COULD DO THIS WITHOUT COSTING US MONEY? THAT'S MY QUESTION.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WELL FOR THAT SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, YOU'RE RIGHT. BECAUSE THAT'S MONEY THAT'S LOST. AND WE WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH N.C.C. FOR THE ONE I MENTIONED, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE LAUNDRY LIST OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY STATE CUTS. AND THE ONE I GAVE WITH THE COURT SYSTEM, IT WASN'T US WHO LOST THE MONEY. OF COURSE IT WAS THE COURTS WHO LOST THE MONEY. BUT THEY WERE CONTRACTING FOR OUR SERVICES. NOW, IN TURN, RATHER THAN LOSING THE STAFF, WE'RE GOING TO TURN AROUND AND PROBABLY NOT CONTRACT OUT FOR SOME MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN OUR OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES OR WHAT WE CALL MINOR ALTERATION PROGRAMS, MINOR BUILDING PROGRAMS AND INSTEAD USE

OUR OWN STAFF TO DO THAT. NOW, THAT WE'RE HOPING WILL RESULT IN MONEY, COST SAVINGS FOR US. BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT, TO AVOID LAYOFF OF THOSE I.S.D. EMPLOYEES. SO WE WOULD STOP CONTRACTING OUT OF A MAINTENANCE OR A MINOR ALTERATION PROGRAM AND USE THOSE STAFF IMPACTED BY THE STATE DECISION TO CUT OUR I.S.D. CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN THE COURTS. SO THERE MAY BE EXAMPLES LIKE THAT. THERE'S A WHOLE-- THERE'S AN ARRAY OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT WE CONTRACT OUT FOR THAT WE CAN LOOK AT. THE EXAMPLE YOU GAVE, YOU'RE RIGHT. BECAUSE WE LOST THE FUNDING. AND TO CONTINUE THAT SPECIFIC SERVICE, WE'D HAVE TO COME OUT OF POCKET FOR IT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I THINK THAT THIS IS-- I MEAN JUST READING THE MOTION, IT'S DEALING WITH THE CUTS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS MADE. AND IN THE SECOND BULLET POINT OF THE RESOLVED POINT, IT ADDRESSES CONTRACT SERVICES THAT ARE PAID FOR BY THESE STATE FUNDS THAT THE GOVERNOR'S NOW CUT AND WHETHER WE COULD BRING THEM IN-HOUSE. I'M NOT GOING TO OPPOSE THIS. ANALYSIS IS ANALYSIS. WE'LL GET THE ANALYSIS. BUT I JUST WANTED-- YOUR BUDGET THAT YOU PROPOSED AND THAT WE TENTATIVELY ADOPTED IN APRIL IS OUT OF WHACK ALREADY. IT'S NOT ANYBODY'S FAULT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: L.A.U.S.D. DECISION HURT US.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND THE C.M.S. DECISION IS HURTING US. THAT'S $137 TO 170 MILLION. I KNOW THAT WE'VE BEEN ANTICIPATING SOME CONCESSIONS FROM LABOR FOR $115 MILLION. I HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT THAT'S COMING AT THIS POINT. MAYBE IT IS, MAYBE IT ISN'T. BUT I DON'T HEAR ANY. SO I'VE ADDED IT UP IN THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE CLOSE TO $400 MILLION WORTH OF ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE MADE IN THE BUDGET, AND THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE LIST OF ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE IN QUESTION, BUT AT LEAST $400 MILLION WORTH OF ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE IN EVIDENCE BACK IN APRIL THAT ARE NO LONGER IN EVIDENCE NOW. SO BRINGING PEOPLE IN-HOUSE TO DO WORK THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR WHEN WE'RE OUT OF WHACK SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ALREADY, IS VERY DANGEROUS. I MEAN I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE SITUATION THAT THE STATE IS IN OR THAT THE CITY IS IN OR THAT OTHERS ARE IN. IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND. THE I.S.D. THING THAT YOU DID WAS A GOOD, ELEGANT SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM THAT WAS A SOLUTION THAT PRESENTED ITSELF AND YOU SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY. MOST OF THESE ARE NOT GOING TO FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY. IT JUST DEFIES LOGIC THAT THE STATE PAYS FOR SOMETHING. NOW IT'S NOT GOING TO PAY FOR SOMETHING. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT OVER AND WE HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I UNDERSTAND.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I JUST WANTED TO GET THAT OUT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAME CHAIR?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: IF I COULD MAKE A REAL QUICK COMMENT, THOUGH? BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION, NOT US, BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE WILL DO AND HOW WE'LL ADDRESS IT, BUT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS THAT, YES, THERE ARE A FEW ASSUMPTIONS IN THIS BUDGET. WE HAVE SOME POSITIVE EVENTS HAPPENING. SO I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE A COMMENT OUT THERE THAT TODAY WE HAVE A $400 MILLION HOLE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING. I'VE JUST GIVEN YOU TWO ITEMS THAT ADD UP TO CLOSE TO $300 MILLION? DO YOU HAVE $300 MILLION IN BETTER NEWS OR GOOD NEWS THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE APRIL?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: BUT WE WILL ADDRESS IT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ADDRESS IT. DON'T BE SO SENSITIVE. BUT THIS IS NOT A CRITICISM OF YOU. THIS IS BEYOND YOUR-- ANY OF OUR CONTROL. ALL I WAS SAYING IS THAT WE HAVE A SITUATION THAT IS DIFFERENT ON MAY 18TH THAN IT WAS ON APRIL 18TH.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: YES. IN THAT REGARD YOU'RE RIGHT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE IN DENIAL ABOUT IT BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY WE GOT IN TROUBLE BEFORE I GOT HERE. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WANT TO DO THAT AGAIN.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: RIGHT. THE DISCUSSION ITSELF GIVES FURTHER CREDENCE TO THE WISDOM OF THE MOTION IN THE SENSE THAT THE MORE INFORMATION WE HAVE, THE BETTER WE CAN BE INFORMED AND MAKE FULLER, CLEARER DECISIONS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE AND THE BOARD APPRECIATES INFORMATION FOR ITS DELIBERATIVE PROCESSES, I WOULD THINK THIS COULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AND WE MIGHT EVEN SURPRISE OURSELVES WITH HOW MUCH WE CAN LEARN RATHER THAN HOW MUCH WE THINK WE CURRENTLY KNOW. I SO MOVE, MADAME CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE IS-- AND WHAT THE STATE HASN'T DONE IN THE BUDGET THAT CAME OUT, THE GOVERNOR'S REVISE LAST WEEK, THEY JUST STARTED LOPPING PROGRAMS. THERE'S NOT BEEN A SENSE OF PRIORITIZING WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AND LOOKING AT THE REVENUES AT HAND AND TAKING THE MONIES THAT THEY HAVE AND BEGIN PUTTING THOSE IN THOSE TOP PRIORITY ITEMS.

AND THOSE THAT ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST WILL NOT BE FUNDED, PERIOD. WHAT WE WILL HAVE TO DO HERE IS URGE THE STATE THAT MANDATES THAT ARE NOT FUNDED WILL ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THE ABILITY TO RE-PRIORITIZE AND FUND THOSE THAT WE FEEL NEED TO BE MET AND HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EVERY COUNTY, EVERY CITY IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING THE SCHOOLS, WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO FUND THOSE PROGRAMS THEY HAVE REVENUES FOR. AND WE WOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF PRIORITIZING WHAT HAS TO BE DONE IN OUR ESTIMATION AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. BUT THERE'S REALLY BEEN NO LEADERSHIP AT THE STATE LEVEL. I SENT THE EMAIL YESTERDAY OF GOVERNOR CHRISTIE, HIS COMMENT RELATIVE TO WHAT THEY'RE HAVING TO DO IN NEW JERSEY. AND HE'S BASICALLY TAKING THE MONIES THAT THEY HAVE AND TRYING TO MEET THE PRIORITIES AND GOING DOWN THE LIST. AND THEY HAVE A MECHANISM THERE WHERE THE PUBLIC HAS A VOTE ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. AND I THINK MOST OF THOSE OVERWHELMINGLY WE'RE SUPPORTING THOSE REDUCTIONS. BUT THE POINT-- THERE'S A LIMITED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES. WE JUST SAW THE REPORT LAST WEEK. AND E.B.D.C. WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT HELPED PUT IT OUT, WHERE 100 BUSINESSES HAVE LEFT THIS STATE. CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IS NOW A DUST BOWL. CENTRAL CALIFORNIA USED TO BE THE AGRICULTURAL BREAD BASKET FOR THE WORLD, PROVIDING NOT JUST HIGH EMPLOYMENT, TODAY THEY HAVE EXTRA HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT. HIGHER THAN DETROIT. THEY'RE NOT BRINGING IN THE RESOURCES, THE TAXES AND THE JOBS THAT THEY USED TO BECAUSE THERE IS NO WATER COMING TO THE AGRICULTURAL

COMMUNITY. SO THE STATE IS LOSING MONEY AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE STATE BUDGET BECAUSE THE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM IS NOW IN A DEPLORABLE STATE. BUT INCREASING TAXES IS NOT THE ANSWER BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. AND THERE HAS TO BE A REAL PRIORITIZING THOSE ISSUES AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT NEED TO BE FUNDED AND HAVE THEM GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LET US HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF OPERATING THOSE PROGRAMS AND GIVE US THAT FLEXIBILITY. BUT HAVING AN ANALYSIS IS FINE, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO CREATE MONEY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE CUTS THERE, TOO. BUT IT HAS TO BE ON THE PRIORITIZING OF THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE IMPORTANT. BUT THE STATE AGAIN HAS TO RELIEVE US OF THOSE MANDATES SO THEY CAN'T TAKE US INTO COURT AND SUE US FOR NOT DOING SOMETHING THEY'RE NOT PAYING US TO DO. IT'S SCREWY. AS I TOLD THE GOVERNOR WHEN WE WERE WITH HIM A FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN WE HONORED THE FIREMEN WHO WENT TO HAITI, THIS FIVE-BODY OF SUPERVISORS HERE COULD DO A BETTER JOB WITH COMING UP WITH A TENTATIVE BUDGET THAN WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY IN SACRAMENTO BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DO THAT. WE'RE FORCED TO DO THAT. AND WE HAVE A DIVERSITY HERE THAT COULD PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP AS TO HOW WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT IN THE PAST SO WE HAD THAT RAINY DAY FUND. WE DIDN'T HAVE A TSUNAMI FUND; BUT WE HAD A RAINY DAY FUND. BUT AS I SAID THE WHEEL'S SPINNING BUT THE HAMSTER'S DEAD. THEY NEED US TO PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP TO GET THE DAMN

BUDGET OFF THE DIME SO WE COULD START BRINGING JOBS BACK TO CALIFORNIA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN DO WHAT WE DO BEST.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: LET ME JUST SAY THAT, FIRST OF ALL, THIS MOTION DOESN'T PRESUME TO TAKE ON ANY MORE RESPONSIBILITIES THAN IT HAS TO. IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT BUDGET. THE ISSUE IS WE DON'T HAVE A BUDGET AS YET. WE HAVE A PROPOSED BUDGET. AND MORE THAN LIKELY WE'RE GOING TO PASS A PROPOSED BUDGET IN JUNE. THERE ARE A LOT OF UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS GOING ON. WE DON'T KNOW THE MAY REVISE WAS THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL. AND I'M NOT SO SURE IT'S ANYTHING. I MEAN HE, BY LAW HAD TO PRODUCE A BUDGET. I THINK HE HIT THE MOST VULNERABLE OF INDIVIDUALS AND HAS INTIMIDATED A LOT OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE. NOW IT WILL BE THE LEGISLATURE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE WHAT THEY DO WITH IT, IS FAIRLY INTIMIDATING IN ITSELF, BECAUSE MORE THAN LIKELY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THEIR MANDATES AND PASS THEM ON TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND THAT'S A VERY INTIMIDATING FACTOR FOR ALL OF US. BUT PROBABLY THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD THAT ONE CAN HAVE, AND IF WE EACH LOOK AT OURSELVES, AND I KNOW I HAVE TWO OF MY BROTHERS, ONE BROTHER AND A SISTER, WHO ARE RIGHT NOW POTENTIALLY LOOKING AT BEING UNEMPLOYED AS THEY LOOK AT THE SITUATION AT L.A. U.S.C. AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE TERRIFYING THAN WHAT THEY ARE FACING RIGHT NOW, THAT POTENTIAL. THEY DON'T KNOW. AND WE TALKED ABOUT IT IN THE FAMILY, AND WE JUST

WAIT. BECAUSE WE KNOW THE KIND OF DEVASTATION THAT WILL TAKE ON THAT FAMILY. AND SO WE'RE JUST KEEPING OUR FINGERS CROSSED THAT, YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T HIT THEM. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO CREATE A LOT OF PAIN AND SUFFERING FOR MANY OF THE FAMILIES THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THOSE LAYOFFS AT L.A. UNIFIED. I THINK THAT WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS, AGAIN, LOOK AT-- I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS BOARD AT LOOKING AT VERY RESPONSIBLE BUDGETS IN THE PAST. IN GOOD TIMES, WE STILL SAVE. WE HAD EFFECTIVE RULES OF USING ONE-TIME MONEY FOR ONE-TIME EVENTS. I, AS I LOOK AT CITY HALL OR EVEN THE STATE AND THEIR TOTAL BUDGET DISARRAY, WE MADE VERY, VERY CONSCIENTIOUS DECISIONS. AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS DECISIONS. BUT I THINK THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY, I DON'T KNOW, BUT ASKING FOR A LIST OF THAT POTENTIAL OF HOW WE COULD SAVE A COUNTY FAMILY FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BY MAYBE POTENTIALLY BRINGING IN THOSE CONTRACTS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. THERE MAY BE THREE. BUT THERE MAY BE 3,000. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE OPTIONS ARE. AND I THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE TO ASK THE QUESTION. YES, IT MAY COST US SOMETHING, BUT LET'S FIND OUT WHAT IT COSTS US AS WE LOOK AT CARRYING OUT THIS WORK. BUT I HOPE THAT AS WE LOOK AT THIS BUDGET AND THE TOUGH ISSUES THAT WE'RE GOING TO FACE AND TRYING TO KEEP A BALANCE IN THERE, WE'RE GOING TO ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED HERE AT THE COUNTY, TO FIND THOSE WAYS AND THOSE

OPPORTUNITIES. AND IF THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY, WE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS AND SEE WHAT THEY MEAN TO US, IF WE CAN SAVE JUST ONE, JUST ONE FAMILY MEMBER WOULD BE WORTHWHILE BECAUSE I KNOW THE KIND OF DEVASTATION IT CAN HAVE, PARTICULARLY IN THE MARKET LIKE TODAY WHERE THERE AREN'T JUST ENOUGH JOBS THAT SOMEBODY CAN JUST DECIDE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. IT'S A TOUGH TIME AND WE'VE GOT TO BRACE OURSELVES TO BE TOUGH FOR US AND FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. SO I SECOND THIS MOTION. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ITEMS, CORRECT? OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY CALLING UP MR. ROBERT ESTRADA, IF YOU WOULD JOIN US, BOB SCHOONOVER, PAE YANGSEO, WHO IS KOREAN AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE TRANSLATION OVER THE SPEAKER ON THAT, AND ESTHER LOFTON, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE JOIN US?

ESTHER LAWSON: ROBERT ESTRADA JUST STEPPED OUT MOMENTARILY. CAN BOB COME FIRST?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES. MR. SCHOONOVER WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN.

BOB SCHOONOVER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BOB SCHOONOVER, I'M PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I'M HERE TODAY ACTUALLY STEPPING IN FOR LINDA DENT, WHO HAD A MINOR FAMILY EMERGENCY, NOTHING SERIOUS BUT SHE WANTED ME TO SAY HI AND ASSURE YOU SHE

WILLBE HERE IN THE FUTURE. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT A SECURE L.A. COUNTY AND URGE YOU TO SUPPORT QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SECURITY OFFICERS AT COUNTY FACILITIES. S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS ARE DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE L.A. A MODEL OF EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY SERVICES TO HELP ENHANCE THE LIFE FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. FIXING THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PRACTICES MUST BE PART OF THIS EFFORT. CONTRACTED SECURITY OFFICERS SERVE THE COUNTY EACH DAY, SIDE BY SIDE WITH 721 MEMBERS IN OUR HOSPITALS, MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES AND COURTHOUSES. TO HELP ENSURE SMOOTH OPERATIONS AT THESE FACILITIES, WHICH IN TURN HELP COUNTY EMPLOYEES DO THEIR JOBS, AS WELL, AT MANY FACILITIES, WE DEPEND ON THEM AS THE FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR DISTURBANCE. THEIR SERVICE IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S OVERALL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SECURITY. AND, YET, THE OFFICERS' WORKING CONDITIONS UNDERMINE THE QUALITY SERVICE WE ARE ALL SEEKING. THE CURRENT STANDARD SECURITY OFFICERS FACE DRIVE UP TURNOVER RATES, WHICH IN TURN CAN CREATE AN INEXPERIENCED AND UNTRAINED WORKFORCE UNFAMILIAR WITH COUNTY PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY, OFFICERS HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE AND DEPEND ON COUNTY E.R. AND CLINICS AS THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF HEALTHCARE, INTENSIFYING THE COUNTY'S HEALTH CRISIS. WE ALL WANT TO PROVIDE BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE AND SECURITY TO THE PUBLIC. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH THE

BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY SUPPORTS HIGHER STANDARDS FOR A SECURE COUNTY THAT ARE COST-EFFECTIVE. OUR SUCCESS WILL BENEFIT ALL OF US WORKING TOWARD A BETTER L.A. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. I THINK MR. ESTRADA ARRIVED? WHY DON'T YOU COME UP, SIR?

ROBERT ESTRADA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT ESTRADA. I AM SECURITY OFFICER WORKING IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE. I'VE BEEN IN SECURITY FOR 26 YEARS. IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY FACILITIES. AS YOU KNOW, MY CO-WORKERS AND I RECENTLY BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR WORKING CONDITIONS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SECURITY IN COUNTY. WE ORGANIZED WITH S.E.I.U. U.S.W.W. I AM HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME OF OUR CHALLENGES AND TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT. I GOT CERTIFIED JUNE FROM HAVING A JOB KEEP PEOPLE SAFETY AND MAINTAINING ORDER, HOWEVER, LOW WAGES AND LACK OF ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR OFFICERS TO PROVIDE HIGHEST QUALITY SECURITY TO THE COMPANY-- TO THE COUNTY, I'M SORRY. AS A SECURITY OFFICER, I HAVE NO SICK TIME PAY, NO PAID HOLIDAYS, NO PAID VACATION, INADEQUATE HEALTH BENEFITS BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE BETTER ONE FOR ME. LAST YEAR, DUE TO THE STRESS ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, I GOT VERY SICK WHILE I WAS WORKING. I WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE. AND TODAY I STILL PAYING THOSE BILLS AND I'M IN

COLLECTION BECAUSE I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE LAST $1,200 OUT OF $4,000 THAT COST ME THE RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL. I AM DUE MY PRESCRIPTION GLASSES SINCE LAST FEBRUARY, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE $400. EITHER I CAN PAY FOR FOOD OR I STILL DO ON MY GLASSES. UNFORTUNATELY MANY OF THE CO-WORKERS FACE SIMILAR PROBLEMS. THESE CONDITIONS ARE SOME OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY MANY OFFICERS WALK AWAY FROM THE JOB AND HELPING FIND A BETTER ONE. FOR OFFICERS LIKE ME WHO WOULD STAY-- IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO DO THE BEST WHEN YOU ARE CONSTANTLY WORRYING ABOUT WHETHER YOU CAN PAY THE BILLS OR PAY THE DOCTORS. I KNOW WE AGREE TO THE QUALITY SECURITY THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS WE BACK IN TOMORROW, WE WORK, MY CO-WORKERS AND I ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR OFFER-- OUR EFFORT AND IMPROVE OUR JOBS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. I THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. MR. YANGSEO PAE WILL TESTIFY IN KOREAN AND IT WILL BE TRANSLATED. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

YANGSEO PAE: IS THE TRANSLATOR AVAILABLE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THEY WILL SPEAK-- AFTER YOU FINISH, THEY WILL TRY TO TRANSLATE OVER. THEY'RE REMOTELY AVAILABLE, YES.

YANGSEO PAE: I COULD JUST READ MY DOCUMENT TO SAVE TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES.

YANGSEO PAE: I HAD ALREADY INFORMED THIS MESSAGE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF THE FIRST AND DISTRICT ALREADY. EVEN BEFORE I WAS ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD ON MAY 24, 2004, I LEARNED THAT THE PROPERTY MANAGER AND THE SO-CALLED VICE PRESIDENT OF H.O.A. FOR FRAUD [INAUDIBLE] BY COMPARING THE INVOICES FOR THE ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE FEE AND CORRESPONDING MONTHLY BANK ACCOUNT ACTIVITY REPORT PRODUCED BY THE MANAGER FOR THE YEAR 2003. I BEGAN TO INSPECT THEIR FRAUD AND RECORDED THEIR SWINDLING TACTICS. SINCE THE TWO CONSPIRED TO STEAL H.O.A [INAUDIBLE] I CALLED THE BOARD MEETING WITH THE HELP OF DR. WANG, ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER AND ELECTED ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WHO COULD PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. [INAUDIBLE] THE BOARD AND FABRICATED PRIVATE BOARD ON JULY 24TH, 2004. SINCE THE TWO CONSPIRATORS EXCELLED IN THEIR CHEATING, THEY COULD WIN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT TRIALS EASILY BY TELLING A LIE TO THE PRO TEM JUDGE. FINALLY WE H.O.A.A., SUED THE FRAUDULENT CONSPIRATORS TO [INAUDIBLE] POLICE IN 2006 BUT THEY SOON CONNIVED AWAY THE TWO STEALERS AND THEIR AGENT [INAUDIBLE] THE HODGEPODGE MONTHLY BANK ACCOUNT REPORT BETRAYS THEY ARE SWINDLING CLEARLY ENOUGH. I PRESS THE RAMPANT SUPERVISORS HARD TO PROCEED QUITE QUICKLY.

AFTER MORE THAN TWO MONTHS, [INAUDIBLE] CALLED ME AND INFORMED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISMISSED THE CASE. I VISITED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SEVERAL TIMES AND ASKED THEM TO REVOKE THE DOCUMENT CALLED CHILD EVALUATION WORKSHEET THAT SUMMARIZED THE MISGUIDED PARAGRAPHS WITH THE MISGUIDED CONCLUSION. NO DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR THE THEFT WAS PRESENTED. ACTUALLY THE DOCUMENT [INAUDIBLE] PROVES THAT THEY EMBEZZLED ABOUT $100,000 IN TWO YEARS, 2004 AND 2005. I DO NOT UNDERTAND WITH WHAT KIND OF POWER AND AUTHORITY DISTRICT ATTORNEY REACHED SUCH HAPHAZARD CONCLUSION WITHOUT HEARING A WORD ABOUT ME, FROM THE COMPLAINANT. I AM WORRIED HOW MR. [INAUDIBLE] CAN COPE WITH THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IF HE WERE ELECTED NEXT MONTH. I THINK HE COULD-- HE SHOULD REVOKE HIS CHARGE EVALUATION WORKSHEET QUICKLY. I THINK HE COULD IMPUTE HIS RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH HIS DEPUTIES WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SIR, YOU RECEIVED OUR RESPONSE. AND WE HAVE ASKED STEVE COOLEY TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTATION AGAIN. I'M SORRY WE CAN'T GET YOU THE ANSWER THAT YOU WANT TO GET. YOU DO HAVE THE COURTS AVAILABLE TO YOU. IF YOU WANT TO PURSUE CHARGES AGAINST PEOPLE WHO YOU FEEL EMBEZZLED FROM YOU. BUT WE CANNOT FORCE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE A CASE. BUT WE DID TRY AND FOLLOW UP FOR YOU. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. BEFORE I

CALL ON MISS LOFTON, COULD I HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON JOIN US, ARNOLD SACHS AND JIM DIMOV.

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, JUST BEFORE YOU DO THAT, I HAVE ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. AND I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONCHITA MEDINA, BELOVED MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF OURS, ANGIE MEDINA, WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 13TH. A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF WHITTER AND CATALINA ISLAND. WE WANT TO EXTENT OUR CONDOLENCES TO ANGIE DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. MISS LOFTON, YOU'RE NEXT.

ESTHER M. LOFTON: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ESTHER M. LOFTON, I'M THE WIDOW OF LEON E. LOFTON, JR., A BUFFALO SOLDIER WHO SERVED IN THE FINAL BLACK COMBAT- TRAINED 92ND INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY. THE TOILET. THAT'S WHERE THE ELECTORS HAVE FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN ELECTING AS SUPERVISOR THE MALE EQUIVALENT OF MARIE ANTOINETTE. YOU KNOW, THE WOMAN WHO SAID, "IF THEY WON'T EAT THE CAKE, GIVE THEM CRUMBS." SHE DID LOSE HER HEAD. I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT KIND OF AGREEMENT IS GOING TO BE MADE TODAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TO THE ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT LITIGATION, ITEM C.S.-1, WHERE MULTIPLE DEATHS WERE

THE RESULT OF GROSS INCOMPETENCE. MY SUPERVISOR HAS ALREADY CALLED IT QUOTE, "WIN/WIN," END OF QUOTE. IN THIS POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT, YOU FRET THAT OUT OF MORE THAN 18,000 CHILDREN IN YOUR CARE, YOU STILL HAVE 3,700 CASES OF UNRESOLVED MATTERS OF ABUSE. YOU DESERVE A MEDAL. EVEN THOUGH THESE CASES MAY REPRESENT MANY CHILDREN, FOR MY SUPERVISOR IS SACRIFICING ALL THE ABUSE AT KING. QUOTE, "WE PUT THE PAST BEHIND US, PUTTING EVERYONE ON EQUAL FOOTING" END OF QUOTE QUESTION: WHERE WILL THE CHARTER FIT IN THESE CLOSED DOOR DELIBERATIONS? THE SECTION THAT READS "THE COUNTY COUNCILL SHALL REPRESENT-- SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF ALL CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH THE COUNTY AND ANY OFFICER THEREOF IS CONCERNED OR IS A PARTY." I KNOW THE LEANING OF MY SUPERVISOR HERE, TOO. FOR DESPITE THE LAW, A PRIVATE ATTORNEY HAS BEEN PAID TO PROSECUTE THE KING MATTER, ALLEGING BREACH OF CONTRACT. WHAT IS REALLY MIND BOGGLING IS HOW A LICENSED ATTORNEY COULD PLACE HIS FORTUNES IN JEOPARDY BY PROSECUTING A LIE IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED AS THE REPOSITORY FOR TRUTH. SUPERVISOR THOMAS HAS SHOWN CONTEMPT FOR HIS CONSTITUENTS, CONTEMPT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND CONTEMPT FOR THE TRUTH. NEVERTHELESS, LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANDATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 1 SECTION 28 THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION THAT THE MATTERS OF, A, MICHAEL LEON LOFTON, A 30-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF L.A. D.W.D. TERMINATED MINUS ALL RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHERE EXECUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE

ORDER AND JUDGMENT IN CASE NO. 895 IS A PREREQUISITE AND B, THE MATTERS OF CARL H. STEADMAN, JR., AN INNER CITY YOUTH CONVICTED IN THE COURTS OF INGLEWOOD AND CULVER CITY IN ORDER TO COVER UP THE LIES ON AN AFFIDAVIT MADE BY TWO DEPUTY SHERIFFS BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS REFRESHING, MS. MOLINA, TO HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF A LOSS OF INCOME CAN AFFECT FAMILIES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MISS LOFTON, YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. BY THE WAY, IF WE COULD ALSO ASK MR. COOPER TO JOIN US.

ESTHER LOFTON: YES, I DO HAVE COPIES MY STATEMENT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE WILL GET OUR DEPUTY TO PASS OUT. ALL RIGHT, MR. JOHNSON? PLEASE PROCEED.

OSCAR JOHNSON: MY CLOCK AIN'T ON. I SEE IT ON NOW. MY NAME IS OSCAR JOHNSON. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED AND I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE, MISS MICHELLE OBAMA. AND IF ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL DO NOT SUPPORT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. WE SHOULD END CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT, END ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR A FAIR AND JUST GOVERNMENT. WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR TRUTH. BUT I

READ ONCE UPON A TIME THAT THE WRITER SAID THAT YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE NO SOUL TO BE PART OF GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT PEOPLE HAVE NO SOUL, THEY HAVE A HOLE IN THEIR SOUL, ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH GOVERNMENT HAVE A HOLE IN THEIR SOUL ALSO. THEY SAID THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT HAVE SOULS. WE NEED TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO SERVE THE SOUL TODAY. OUR SOUL IS LOST. SEEMS AS THOUGH WE ARE JUST IN AN ENTERTAINMENT ENVIRONMENT, PLEASURE SEEKING, SEEKING FOR SIN, SEEKING FOR LUST, SEEKING FOR ABOMINATION. WE SHOULD TRY TO SEEK FOR MORAL GOVERNMENT. WE NEED MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE NEED MORAL RELATIONSHIPS. WE NEED TO END CONSTRUCTION FRAUD. WE SHOULD HAVE BETTER BUSES ON THE BUS SERVICE. LOS ANGELES HAS ONE OF THE WORST-- LOS ANGELES, AS ONE OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS ONE OF THE WORST BUS SERVICE IN THE INNER CITY OF THE UNITED STATES. A LOT OF WORK SHOULD BE DID IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. MARTIN LUTHER KING TO CRENSHAW, MARTIN LUTHER KING TO CRENSHAW AND HILLCREST, A LOT OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS SHOULD BE TORN DOWN. THEN TO MARTIN AND SANTA ROSALIA TO SANTA ROSALIA AND BUCKINGHAM, A LOT OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS SHOULD BE TORN DOWN. THEY'RE BRINGING BLIGHT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE SHOULD END CONSTRUCTION FRAUD. I READ IN THE PAPER A COUPLE WEEKS AGO THE U.S.A NEWSPAPER SAID THAT CHRISTIANITY IS DECLINING IN AMERICA BECAUSE THE YOUNG ADULTS DO NOT ATTEND SERVICE. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG ADULTS TO THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP BY THEIR CHURCH TODAY. AND I WAS AT THE

JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER ABOUT A YEAR AGO AT THE POLITICAL MEETING IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AND A YOUNG BLACK LADY FROM FRANCE TOLD ME-- SHE CAME UP AND TOLD ME THAT ALL THE CHURCHES IN FRANCE IS CLOSED BECAUSE THE PEOPLE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY HAD CAME IN AND TAKEN FRANCE. AND THAT'S TELLING ME THAT COUNTRY SHOULD GO INTO ANOTHER TYPE OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP. IT IS TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. RELIGION THAT IS PURE. SURELY, A PURE RELIGION IS THE WORSHIP OF GOD ONLY. WE HAVE THE HOLY BOOK. WE HAVE THE LEADER. LET US SUPPORT OUR LEADER. LET'S GET TOGETHER AND TRY TO FIND A WAY TO CARE FOR OURSELVES. WE THE PEOPLE, OUR GOVERNMENT DON'T CARE FOR OUR SELF. THEY ONLY CARE FOR THEIR OWN SELF, THEIR OWN CONSTITUENTS, WHAT THEY DO BEHIND THE DOORS. THEY'RE NOT TRUE TO US. THEY'RE ONLY HYPOCRISY, DECEIT AND BROKEN PROMISES. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO CARE FOR EACH OTHERS. WE NEED WORK. NO WORK. NO DIGNITY. NO DIGNITY, INDECENCY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MR. DIMOV?

JIM DIMOV: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WAS SHOCKED TO FIND OUT IN CERTAIN DOCUMENTS THAT THE CLEANING OF THE WEEDS IN MY EMPTY LOT WAS CONVERTED INTO OVER $4,000 A YEAR PERMANENT TAXES. THEN THEY DOUBLED THE AMOUNT TO $8,000. AND I PAID ALL

TOGETHER $62,000 IN TAXES. NOTHING HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED. THEY HAVE NO RECORD TALKING ABOUT THE TAX COLLECTOR. AND THEN I FOUND OUT THAT THE CITY PUT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY ON MY EMPTY LOT AND THEY SUPPOSED TO REMOVE IT WITHIN ONE YEAR. THEY DID NOT. BUT THE TAX ASSESSOR MADE THIS AMOUNT TO OVER $4,000 AND THEN THEY DOUBLED THE AMOUNT TO $8,000 AND 2003 I RECEIVE A NOTICE THAT I OWE THE TOWN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR $48,000 MORE. AND THEY NEVER RECOGNIZE THE FIRST AMOUNT I PAID. NOW I NEED TO BE REIMBURSED $112,000. AND I NEED MY MONEY TODAY. GLORIA MOLINA, MY SUPERVISOR, OR FORMER SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE BEEN HANDLING THIS CASE FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS, AND YOU SEND ME A LETTER WHERE IT'S WRITTEN THAT I MUST PAY MY TAXES OTHERWISE MY PROPERTY IS GOING TO BE SOLD IN AUCTION AND I PAY 20 TIMES, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MY TAXES IF YOU FIGURE OUT THIS IS A MATTER OF FACT. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GIVE MY CHECK FOR $112,000 TODAY. I BADLY NEED MY MONEY. I AM ALMOST ON THE STREET. MY WIFE IS ON FOOD STAMPS. I GET LITTLE SOCIAL SECURITY. $161 I GET A MONTH SUPPLEMENTAL SOCIAL SECURITY. AND WE ARE PRACTICALLY ON THE STREET. IF MY SON WOULD NOT GIVE ME ONE ROOM TO LIVE IN HIS APARTMENTS IN GLENDALE, I WOULD BE ON THE STREET WITH MY WIFE. THAT IS NOT FAIR. I HAVE BEEN ROBBED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ORDER THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GIVE ME MY MONEY TODAY. THAT'S WHAT I WAS HERE FOR. I WAS LOOKING FOR EXPLANATION WHY MY TAXES ARE SO MUCH. I WENT TO ALL KIND OF DEPARTMENTS. AND I

ENDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, I MEAN THE CITY WHO COLLECTED FROM ME, NOT COLLECTED BUT PUT IT ON MY BILL THIS $3,600 WHICH WAS CONVERTED INTO $4,000. AND THEY TOLD ME THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO REMOVE IT IN ONE YEAR. AND IT REMAINED THERE PERMANENTLY AND NOW I'M COMPLETELY BROKE AND ROBBED. THIS IS NOT WHAT AMERICA'S ALL ABOUT, GLORIA MOLINA. I WILL NEED YOUR ACTION IMMEDIATELY TODAY. I NEED MY MONEY. THAT'S NOT FAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. AGAIN, WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS, WE TRY AND HELP THEM. WE HAVE MET WITH YOU SIX TIMES. WE HAVE WRITTEN YOU SIX LETTERS. WE'VE RESPONDED TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR QUESTIONS. WE CAN'T DO WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE. MR. COOPER?

BOBBY COOPER: YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BOB COOPER. EVERYBODY UP THERE KNOWS ME AND KNOWS MY STORY. I'M STILL TRYING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO MY MOTHER, WHY SHE WAS TAKEN FROM ME. NOW THIS IS GOING INTO A YEAR NOW. IT TOOK ME SIX MONTHS TO GET HER DEATH CERTIFICATE, YOU KNOW. AND THIS IS THROUGH YOU SAYING "WELL, THEY'RE GOING TO HELP YOU." NOW WE FIND OUT IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU. THIS IS WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING. THEY'VE BEEN RIPPING OFF THE INSURANCE. THESE ARE ALL INSURANCE POLICIES POLICIES. EVERY ONE OF THEM INSURANCE POLICIES. MY MOTHER'S ACCOUNT HAD 30 SOME THOUSAND DOLLARS AT

ONE TIME. BUT YET WHEN I WENT IN IT, SHE DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING. SHE HAD 10,000 WHICH I PUT IN ANOTHER ACCOUNT. AND THAT WAS ABSCONDED WITH. [INAUDIBLE] BUT THESE PEOPLE BEEN STEALING FROM ME FOR A LONG TIME. SINCE 1997. UNITED BANK OF CALIFORNIA. I KEEP DARN GOOD RECORDS. I DON'T BOUNCE CHECKS. YOU KNOW I CAME UP HERE TO MAKE A STATEMENT BUT I'M SO UPSET WITH THIS INSURANCE SITUATION, WHAT I FOUND, YOU KNOW, THE STEALING. YOU KNOW I GOT PEOPLE FOLLOWING ME. WHITE PEOPLE, MEXICANS, PROBABLY THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE IDENTITY THEFT AND THE ILLEGAL SMUGGLING, WHATEVER. THAT'S NOT MY CONCERN. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS BEING RIPPED OFF AND THE COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU PEOPLE WOULD SUFFICE MY SITUATION WITH THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU APPOINT TO HELP ME. I'VE HAD NO HELP. I'VE DID ALL THE WORK MYSELF. THE LAWYER WANTED TO CHARGE ME $3,500 JUST TO INVESTIGATE THIS ACTION. SO CONSIDER ME, I'M FINISHED. ALMOST. INVESTIGATION IS NOT COMPLETELY COMPLETE. AND THIS IS HOW I WENT ABOUT IT. THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A FLOW CHART. ALL THE PLAYERS, ALL THE ATTORNEYS, ALL THE CIVILIANS, ET CETERA, YOU KNOW. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING ON? THIS IS WHAT THEY DID TO ME. YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS IS HOW THEY, WHAT THEY DID TO ME. THEY ARE TRYING TO TAKE MY LIFE FOR THIS MONEY. YOU KNOW, THIS IS MY INHERITANCE. MY MOTHER'S DEAD ON ACCOUNT OF THIS MONEY, PREMATURELY. TURNED OVER TO ONE OF YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WAS RIDING AROUND WITH BRAIDS IN HER HAIR AND GOLD AROUND HER

NECK. AND EVERY TIME I TALK TO SOMEBODY IN THE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE AREA, THEY GOT NEW STUFF THE NEXT DAY. OR YOU SEE THEM WITH ALL THIS FALSE HAIR AND THIS GOLD AND THEIR NEW CARS AND STUFF. LOOK, OH, LOOK, JUST HELP ME GET MY HOUSING. THEY DISCRIMINATED IN HOUSING. YOUR PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT. THEY HAVE BEEN IN MY BANK ACCOUNTS. THEY HAVE TAKEN MY MONEY. LOOK, THESE ARE SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. YOU GOT CONTROL OVER IT. YOU GOT CONTROL OVER LIFE AND DEATH. MY MOTHER'S DEAD AND I TOLD HER THEY WERE DOING THIS, WHAT? SIX MONTHS, SHE DIED 12 WEEKS AFTER THEY TOOK HER FROM ME. AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE NATURAL CAUSES? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS THIS MORNING, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, REGARDING THE COMMENTARY MADE AT THE CITY COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH I WASN'T THERE, I KNEW WHO YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I WAS WONDERING, THE CITY COUNCIL SEEMS TO JUMP ON ALL THESE WHITE HORSES, MAYBE YOU AS A COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN SEND A NOTE TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE CITY'S ACTIONS AND THE DISTINGUISHED NEWS FOOTAGE SHOWING THE D.W.P. WORKERS AT THE TOPLESS BAR DRINKING AND DRIVING, YET THEY'RE STILL WORKING FOR D.W.P. SO MAYBE YOU COULD PUT TOGETHER A LITTLE SOMETHING AND SAY: WE ARE APPALLED THAT D.W.P HAS NOT ACTED. THEY HAVE ACTED. THEY'VE TRANSFERRED THOSE PEOPLE TO A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT IN D.W.P. BUT THEY'RE STILL GETTING PAID ON THE PUBLIC DIME. SO

MAYBE YOU COULD PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING REGARDING THAT SITUATION. AND NOW, METRO. THERE'S BEEN SOME LETTERS IN THE NEWSPAPER, THIS WRITER FOR THE TIMES, DAVID LAZARUS WRITES, AND WHAT TRANSIT NEEDS IS RIDERS ON MAY 11TH. UNFORTUNATELY I HAD THE RESPONSE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE RESPONDED BACK TO HIS COLUMN. AND SOMEBODY ACTUALLY HAD THE AUDACIOUS IDEA TO COME UP WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM: MAKE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM WORK ONE DAY A WEEK-- OR ONE WEEK PER MONTH. THE BAD NEWS IS: THE NEXT TIME THAT HAPPENS, UNFORTUNATELY FOR EITHER AN OPENING OR A NEW LINE, THE NEXT TIME IT OPEN ENSURE WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENS. BUT WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IS ANOTHER ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA, AGAIN, IT REFERS BACK TO METRO, THIS IS ITEM 66-A. AND IN THIS ITEM, IT SAID, AND I QUOTE, CLARIFY THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING STEPS INTO EXISTING LAWS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? HOW DOES THAT REFER TO METRO? WELL, PLEASE CLARIFY THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REFER TO ALMOST THIS MUCH INFORMATION REGARDING THE GOLD LINE, GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, MEETINGS, DATES, WE'RE GUNG HO FOR THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WE WANT THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WE GOT THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. JOIN US IN THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. YET, ON MARCH 25TH OF THIS YEAR, THE COUNTY-- THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE MAKERS OF POLICY FOR THE COUNTY'S TRANSIT ALLOCATED OVER $800 MILLION TO

THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THAT'S EXTRAORDINARY LANGUAGE IF I EVER HEARD IT. PLEASE CLARIFY THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT MOTION THAT JUST CAME IN. WE JUST LOST ONE OF OUR SUPERVISORS FOR LITTLEROCK, WHO PASSED AWAY TODAY. SHE WAS A SUPERVISOR AT ROBINSON PARK, KAREN WILSON. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND GREG AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. AND SHE AND PEG WERE REALLY WELL-RESPECTED AND INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LITTLE JACKIE ROBINSON PARK IN LITTLEROCK. SO ADJOURN IN KAREN'S MEMORY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US TODAY. SO IF I COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING INITIATION OF LEGAL COUNSEL, ONE CASE. PURSUANT TO CASE 1461, THE BOARD WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FINDINGS OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF CARE AT OLIVE VIEW NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL

NEGOTIATORS, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF OFFICER, AND DESIGNATED STAFF POSTED ON THE AGENDA. THANK YOU.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 18, 2010

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) King-Drew Medical Foundation, Inc. v County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court and the King-Drew Medical Foundation. (10-1118)

The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuit titled King-Drew Medical Foundation, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.

The vote of the Board was 4 - 1 with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas abstaining.

In open session item CS-2 was continued two weeks to June 1, 2010.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Initiation of litigation (one case) (10-0868)

The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. Details will be made available upon request, once the litigation is formally commenced. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

No Reportable Action was taken was taken on items CS-4 or CS-5.

I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors May 18, 2010, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of May 2010, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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