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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 BEGINS ON PAGE 160.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING WITH OUR INVOCATION THAT WILL BE LED THIS MORNING BY PASTOR RON BOYER FROM THE TOPANGA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY AUBREY RICHARDSON, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? PASTOR?

PASTOR RON BOYER: GREAT SPIRIT, CREATOR OF ALL, WE INVOKE YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY. YOU WHO ARE CLOTHED IN LIGHT, WHO CALLS YOURSELF LOVE, CONSIDER TODAY OUR REQUESTS AND SEE OUR HEARTS. I ASK TODAY FOR YOUR SUPERNATURAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING TO FALL ON EACH OF THESE BOARD MEMBERS TODAY. I ASK FOR WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING THAT COMES FROM THE DIVINE REALM, A PLACE WHERE JOY HAS BEEN MADE PERFECT. I ASK FOR ILLUMINATION, FOR THE ABILITY TO SEE, NOT JUST TO SEE WITH OUR EYES, BUT TO SEE. I ASK FOR GREATER ABILITY TO SEE PEOPLE, TO SEE FAR BEYOND PERSONAL INTERESTS AND POLITICAL CAREERS, TO SEE THE HEART OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE HERE BEFORE US TODAY. I ASK FOR

EMPOWERMENT, FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUR PRESENCE AND FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF REAL LOVE. I PRAY THAT OUR EMPOWERMENT WOULD RESULT IN THE EMPOWERMENT OF OTHERS, THAT HOPE WOULD REIGN AND THAT JUSTICE AND HONOR WOULD RULE THE DAY. FINALLY, GREAT SPIRIT, I THANK YOU FOR THE PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO DO THE BIDDING OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SEE THE PASSION OF THEIR HEARTS, HOW THEY HAVE STRUGGLED AND SACRIFICED IN ORDER TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY LOVE. FULFILL THE DESIRE OF THEIR HEARTS, THE DESIRE TO SEE A BETTER COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN. SEE THE VISION OF THEIR HEARTS, HOW THEY CAN SEE HOW THIS GREAT METROPOLITAN AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN BE, EVEN HOW IT SHOULD BE. FULFILL THE DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS AND BLESS THEM. AND LAST AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I PRAY FOR BLUE SKIES AND NO WILDFIRES. AMEN.

ALL: AMEN.

AUBREY RICHARDSON: PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US AUBREY RICHARDSON, WHO HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS AND

REPRESENTS DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE SERVED AS A RECRUITER AND PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AT THE RECRUITING STATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE A JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD, NAVY COMMENDATION AND ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AMONG MANY OTHERS. MR. RICHARDSON IS A MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION WORKER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION. HE'S BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, SHEILA, FOR SOME 30 YEARS AND THEY HAVE ONE CHILD. HE GRADUATED FROM PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL IN PACIFIC PALISADES. AND SO WE SAY TO YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING WITH US TODAY, MR. RICHARDSON, AND PROVIDING US AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR NATION. AUBREY RICHARDSON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. I'M GOING TO ASK AT THIS TIME FOR OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 5-D. ON ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 7. ON ITEMS NO. 4-D AND

5-D, WHICH WERE POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 7. ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCE AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-P, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 11. ON PAGE 9, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS NO. 1 THROUGH 11. ON ITEM NO. 3, THE APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN HIS APPEAL, THEREFORE THE PROCEEDINGS MAY BE ABANDONED. ITEM NO. 3. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 14, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 17, AND THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE'RE ON PAGE 16, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 26. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM

A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 22, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR FOUR VOTES. ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 27. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL AND PERFORMANCE PLAN. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS NO. 28 AND 29, WE WILL HOLD BOTH OF THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TODAY. ON PAGE 20, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 30-A.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON PAGE 22, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM NO. CS-1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NO. CS-2 AND CS-3, WHICH WERE POSTED -- EXCUSE ME, CS-2 HAD A REVISION TO THE POSTING AND ON ITEM NO. CS-3, BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS ARE BEING HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. WE WILL HOLD THOSE ITEMS.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. COULD WE INCLUDE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AS AN AYE VOTE? AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ON THOSE CONSENT ITEMS. OKAY. VERY GOOD. BEFORE WE GET TOGETHER ON ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS A PRESENTATION FOR THE PASTOR THIS MORNING.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING -- GOOD MORNING -- BY PASTOR RON BOYER, WHO BECAME SENIOR PASTOR AT TOPANGA CHRISTIAN

FELLOWSHIP IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR. PASTOR BOYER WAS ORDAINED A MINISTER BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VINEYARD CHURCHES IN 1998 AND RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IN 2001. IN HIS MINISTRY, PASTOR BOYER WORKS PRIMARILY WITH RECOVERY, INTENSIVE EMOTIONAL HEALING GROUPS, AS WELL AS SPEAKING AT CONFERENCES FOCUSING ON ISSUES SUCH AS ADDICTION RECOVERY, HEALING CHILDHOOD WOUNDS AND HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY. IN TOPANGA, THAT'S THE PLACE TO DO IT. SO, RON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE THIS MORNING AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. AND THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO ASK PENNY MARKEY TO JOIN ME UP HERE, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, PAUL, AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD. WE'RE GOING TO MISS THIS LADY. PENNY IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. PENNY IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AWARD WINNING EXPERT IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND LIBRARY SERVICES. IN HER RICH AND DIVERSIFIED CAREER, SHE HAS BEEN A CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR THE LAST 30 PLUS YEARS. SHE WAS ALSO THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES, LEADING THE WAY FOR OTHERS IN THE PROFESSION. SHE

HAS CREATED PROGRAMS THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED TRADITIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES. HER LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN UNMATCHED IN EXPLORING FRESH WAYS TO PROMOTE LIBRARIES, LITERACY AND A LOVE OF READING. ADDITIONALLY, SHE HAS SECURED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF GRANT DOLLARS TO FUND THESE VARIOUS PROGRAMS. SHE HAS DEVELOPED VERY SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY READING PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK CENTERS AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN A BENEFACTOR OF THOSE, WHICH ARE NOW USED AS A MODEL FOR LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE. IN ADDITION, SHE IMPLEMENTED FAMILY PLACE, LIVE HOMEWORK HELP, BEGINNING AT THE BEGINNING WITH BOOKS, SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS AS WELL AS TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR TEEN CENTERS. SHE ALSO OVERSEES THAT GREAT PROGRAM THAT WE GET TO DO EVERY YEAR, OUR ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST, WHERE WE GET TO JUDGE ABOUT 10,000 ENTRIES, AND THEN BE A BAD PERSON TO PICK A WINNER. YOU KNOW? IN ADDITION TO ALL THE PROGRAMS I JUST MENTIONED, I ASKED OUR COUNTY LIBRARY, AS YOU KNOW, AND L.A. OPERA TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL OPERA TO BE PERFORMED IN THE VARIOUS LIBRARIES. PENNY WORKED WITH STACEY BRIGHTMAN FROM THE OPERA, FROM L.A. OPERA TO CREATE OPERA TALES, WHICH HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS 5TH YEAR. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A COUPLE OF TIMES AND IT'S JUST ABSOLUTELY AMAZING, THE ATTENTION THAT THE CHILDREN ENJOY ON BEHALF OF LEARNING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OPERA, SO AS I SAID, PENNY'S GOING TO BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL OF US, AND SO PARTICULARLY BY THE YOUNG

PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT COUNTY. BUT 36 YEARS, SHE DESERVES A REST. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE HER THREE DAYS AND THEN PUT HER BACK TO WORK. BUT, PENNY, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND A JOYOUS RETIREMENT AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, GOOD HEALTH, AND JUST THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KNABE, LET ME JUST JOIN IN THANKING AND CONGRATULATING THE GREAT WORK THAT PENNY HAS DONE IN ALL OF OUR LIBRARIES. IT'S ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO SEE HER OUT THERE AT ALL OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS. I THINK SHE'S BEEN A REAL TROOPER AND HAS REALLY MADE THOSE THINGS WORK. SO WE CONGRATULATE HER FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT SHE HAS PROVIDED TO ALL OF US. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. KNABE: BEFORE WE LET PENNY SAY A FEW WORDS, SHE HAS TO AGREE TO STAY ANOTHER YEAR. NO. WE'RE GOING TO ASK OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD, TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. MARGARET?

MARGARET TODD: YOU KNOW, WE ARE SO SORRY TO SEE HER GO. SHE IS SO EXTRAORDINARY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE REALIZE, NOT ONLY IS SHE CONSIDERED AN EXPERT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHE IS A NATIONAL EXPERT. MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT SHE'S DEVELOPED FOR US HAVE BEEN USED THROUGHOUT THE NATION. SO IT

HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT FOR THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO HAVE PENNY FOR 36 YEARS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IN ADDITION TO ALL THE THINGS SHE DOES, SHE ALSO MENTORS. AND SO THERE ARE VERY MANY PEOPLE UNDER HER WHO SHE HAS MENTORED AND HAVE MOVED INTO ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS, A NUMBER OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS. AND MANY OF OUR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS STARTED AS CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS UNDER PENNY, SO SHE LEAVES A LEGACY AND IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO SEE HER GO. I HOPE SHE COMES BACK AND GIVES US SOME ADVICE ONCE IN A WHILE. PENNY, WE WISH YOU WELL.

SUP. KNABE: ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PENNY MARKEY. [APPLAUSE]

PENNY MARKEY: THANK YOU, MARGARET. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND MOST IMPORTANT, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR INTEREST HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS HELP FOR ALL OF US IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. THIS STAFF IS AMAZING. AND IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THE FOSTER KIDS SITTING HERE IN THE FRONT, TOO, BECAUSE THE LIBRARY HAS PLAYED A ROLE IN THEIR LIVES AS WELL AS THE PROBATIONERS AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION KIDS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY. AND I JUST WANT TO LEAVE A FEW WORDS FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO REMEMBER. AS YOU GO OFF INTO RETIREMENT, YOU SORT OF THINK A LOT. AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE PROMISE, IT'S THE PROMISE THAT WE MAKE TO OUR CHILDREN, IT'S THE

PROMISE THAT WE MAKE TO THE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE THERE TO HELP THEM TO BETTER THEMSELVES AND TO HAVE A GOOD LIFE. SO I CERTAINLY HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND WISH EVERYONE THE BEST. AND I'LL BE OUT THERE, SO THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, PENNY. NEXT WE HAVE WITH US, I'M GOING TO CALL UP DAVID HABERBUSH PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF OUR LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE. WE ARE HONORING THE PLAYHOUSE TODAY IN RECOGNITION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY. I MIGHT ADD, A VERY FAMILIAR FACE IS UP HERE WITH US TODAY, AND A YOUNG LADY WHO HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO THE COUNTY OVER THE YEARS, FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN AND STATE SENATOR, BETTY GARNETT. BETTY, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. KNABE: SEE HOW NICE I WAS, BETTY? ALL RIGHT. THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE WAS FOUNDED IN 1929 AND WAS THE FIRST PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATION IN LONG BEACH. IT IS THE OLDEST, CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING COMMUNITY THEATRE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. IT IS OPEN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR AND A NEW PLAY OPENS EVERY THREE WEEKS. OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS PRESENT 16 PLAYS EACH YEAR. IN THE PAST 80 YEARS, OVER 1,000 PRODUCTIONS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED ON ITS TWO STAGES. ITS SUPER YOUTH THEATRE SCHOOL TRAINS THE NEXT GENERATION OF THEATRE PROFESSIONALS AND THE AUDIENCES AND THE NEW WORKS FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTES TO THIS

AS WELL. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE. HAPPY, HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE]

DAVID HABERBUSH: ON BEHALF OF THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE, WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. AND WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER 80 OR TWICE THAT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. KNABE: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. HAPPY BIRTHDAY. BETTY, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? DO YOU WANT TO SAY, NICE TO SEE US?

BETTY GARNETT: SURE. I MISS DON KNABE BECAUSE I LIKE TO MAKE JOKES WITH HIM. YOU'RE LUCKY. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM IN LONG BEACH AND ALL THE OTHER PLACES AND ALL THE REST OF YOU SUPERVISORS. KEEP UP THE JOKES, PLEASE. WE NEED THEM DESPERATELY. THE REST OF YOU, SMILE A LOT. IT HELPS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THIS IS B.J., A SHIH TZU MIX, WHO IS TWO YEARS OLD. OKAY, SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, LITTLE B.J. IT'S A LITTLE BOY, I SHOULD SAY. IT'S GOT OUTSIDE PLUMBING. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM CAN CALL (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE B.J. WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? HE'S STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT. OKAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: EACH MONTH -- OR EACH YEAR IN MAY, THIS COUNTY -- BOY, THIS MICROPHONE IS HAVING PROBLEMS -- CELEBRATES FOSTER CARE MONTH, AND WE HONOR THE MANY FAMILIES, THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO UNSELFISHLY SUPPORT OUR COUNTY'S FOSTER YOUTH AND RELATED PROGRAMS. SO I WANT YOU TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING WHAT WE CALL OUR FOSTER CARE HEROES. WOULD YOU GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE? THEY'RE UNBELIEVABLE FOLKS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: LET ME BEGIN BY PAYING TRIBUTE TO MISS LESLIE HEIMOV, JOINING US -- HERE YOU ARE, BACK HERE -- JOINING US IS LESLIE. SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER. THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER ATTORNEYS, EXCUSE ME, SERVE AS COUNSEL FOR OVER THE 24,000 CHILDREN WITHIN OUR DEPENDENCY COURT SYSTEM. AND THE BOARD IS SO VERY

PROUD TO EXTEND A RECOGNITION FOR THE CENTER FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY DO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN REPRESENTING THEIR INTERESTS FOREMOST BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE. THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION IS AMAZING ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THE WORK THAT YOU DO. CONGRATULATIONS, LESLIE, AND WOULD YOU CONGRATULATE EVERYONE AT THE CENTER FOR A GREAT JOB? PLEASE SHARE A FEW WORDS IF YOU WOULD. I KNOW YOU DO GREAT WORK.

LESLIE HEIMOV: OH, WELL I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HOSTING ALL OF OUR HEROES TODAY AND FOR RECOGNIZING CLC. WE'RE VERY EXCITED THAT WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY REPRESENTING OUR COUNTY'S FOSTER CHILDREN AND WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD WE SERVE HAS SOMEONE LIKE THE PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND ME AS A HERO IN THEIR LIFE. THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE: MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST ADD, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THEM OVER THE YEARS AND ON SO MANY DIFFERENT INSTANCES, AND ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE KIDS' LIVES, AND WE JUST TRULY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS, WE REALLY, REALLY DO.

LESLIE HEIMOV: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY DO AN UNBELIEVABLE JOB. AND THESE ARE SPECIAL FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT TO US WHO GO FAR AND BEYOND AND WORK WITH MANY OF OUR FOSTER YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET ME BEGIN WITH KENNETH BROWN. IF KENNETH BROWN WOULD JOIN ME. KENNETH IS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH CORRECTION FOR WELL OVER 21 YEARS. HE ENGAGES CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IN CHILD POLICY AS WELL AS ADVOCACY. HE ALSO TRAINS OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FOSTER YOUTH AND POLICY MAKERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND PARTICIPATES IN VARIOUS NATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE'S ALSO PART OF AN EFFORT TO PASS LEGISLATION TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR FOSTER YOUTH TO OBTAIN THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE. WE WANT TO THANK KENNETH MANY OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. CONGRATULATIONS IN BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF OUR HEROES. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. NEXT I WANT TO CALL ON PATRICK LEE. GOOD MORNING, PATRICK. PATRICK IS ALSO A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. HIS TWIN BROTHER AND TWO YOUNGER SISTERS HAD NO RELATIVES TO CARE FOR THEM AND THEY WERE ALWAYS FEARFUL OF THE SEPARATION THAT MIGHT HAPPEN UNDER, UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE FACT THAT THEY WERE FOSTER CHILDREN. THANKFULLY, POPS GLEN, STEPPED FORWARD TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE HOME FOR THE FOUR SIBLINGS TO LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. PATRICK RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP AND ATTENDED SAN FRANCISCO STATE

UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE MADE SEVERAL SHORT FILMS. ONE OF THEM RECEIVED THE TOP RECOGNITION IN THE 2009 SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL. WE CONGRATULATE YOU, PATRICK, FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB, CERTAINLY ACADEMICALLY AND FOR DOING SO WELL. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL UP RONNIE ROMERO. [APPLAUSE] RONNIE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF 7-YEAR-OLD ANGEL, WHO HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE BIRTH. EVERY DAY, ANGEL'S DEVOTED GRANDFATHER IS AT HER SIDE BRINGING WARMTH AND LOVE DESPITE THE STERILE HOSPITAL SETTING. RONNIE HAS DEVELOPED HIS OWN SPECIAL COMMUNICATION WITH ANGEL WHO RESPONDS TO HIS TOUCH AND ANIMATED FACIAL MOVEMENTS. RONNIE, YOUR DEVOTION CERTAINLY TOUCHES ALL OF US. CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING HEROES. THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE THERE. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NEXT IS JOE SCHIFF. HI, JOE. LET ME SHARE ABOUT JOE. JOE, FOR OVER 30 YEARS, HAS PROVIDED CREATIVE ARTS EXPERIENCES FOR FOSTER CARE YOUTH AS THEY NAVIGATE THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM. JOE ESTABLISHED THE FREE ARTS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDES RELIEF DURING COURT SESSIONS FOR THE OVER 20,000 CHILDREN ANNUALLY. IN 2009, JOE EXPANDED THE PROGRAM TO THE MCCOURTNEY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER IN LANCASTER, ADMINISTERED BY A TEAM OF CARING ADULT VOLUNTEERS.

THESE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS GIVE HOPE TO ABUSED, IN MANY INSTANCES, HOMELESS AND AT RISK CHILDREN. SO WE'VE GOT TO APPLAUD JOE FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING HIM. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NEXT, WE HAVE KELLY AND PATRICK. NOW HELP ME WITH THAT LAST NAME. SEIDENKRANTZ. OKAY. KELLY AND PATRICK ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING A NEWBORN BABY. WHEN THE BABY'S GRANDPARENTS WERE UNEXPECTEDLY LOCATED IN ANOTHER STATE, PATRICK AND KELLY REACHED OUT AND HELPED RAISE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR THE BABY'S GRANDMOTHER TO VISIT. THEY WELCOMED HER WARMLY IN THEIR HOME, WHERE BABY AND GRANDMOTHER SUCCESSFULLY BONDED. KELLY AND PATRICK, CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN, THIS KIND OF COMPASSION DESERVES OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR COMMENDATION. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NEXT, WE HAVE GUADALUPE TERRAN. WELCOME, GUADALUPE. GUADALUPE WAS REMOVED FROM HER MOTHER'S CARE IN 1997. DESPITE A LIFETIME OF CHALLENGES, GUADALUPE BECAME A LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE MOTHER AT AN EARLY AGE. SHE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, COMPLETED THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN 2009, AND NOW IS EMPLOYED AND SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORTING HERSELF AS WELL AS HER SON. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. GUADALUPE JUST OBTAINED CUSTODY OF HER YOUNGER SISTER AND LOVINGLY CARES FOR

HER OTHER SIBLING AS WELL. WHAT AN INSPIRATION, GUADALUPE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AND FINALLY, WHERE IS SHARON? I DIDN'T SEE HER STEP UP. THERE SHE IS. SHARON IS SORT OF SPECIAL AROUND HERE FOR ALL OF US. SHE'S KIND OF OUR GO-TO PERSON. SHE IS WELL KNOWN AS A STRONG AND, YOU KNOW, OUTSTANDING CHILD ADVOCATE. WE'VE BEEN WATCHING HER HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HER ADVOCACY INCLUDES COUNTY-RELATED COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES SUCH AS THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, I CAN AND CERTAINLY OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES. SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT OF FOSTER YOUTH TO SECURE PERMANENT HOMES FOR MANY OF THEM. SHE'S BEEN A STEADFAST PARTNER AND HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED A WELL BEING IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE UTILIZED SHARON'S EXPERTISE MANY A TIME WHEN WE COME ACROSS THOSE TROUBLING ISSUES IN DEALING WITH OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE OUR WARDS. AND SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU, SHARON, FOR YOUR EXPERTISE, YOUR DEDICATION, MORE IMPORTANTLY YOUR COMPASSION FOR ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL CHILDREN. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I'M GOING TO ASK TRISH TO COME UP AND JOIN ME. TRISH IS, OF COURSE, OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD. AND SHE KNOWS THE KIND OF OUTSTANDING WORK THAT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE, AND

YOU SAW THE ARRAY OF THE TALENT AND THE KIND OF CARING THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN AT DIFFERENT LEVELS. WITHOUT THE KIND OF SUPPORT FROM MANY OF THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE KIND OF WORK THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE WITH SO MANY CHILDREN WHO ARE CONTINUOUSLY BECOMING MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON OUR RESOURCES. SO LET ME HAVE TRISH SAY A FEW WORDS.

TRISH PLOEHN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING SOME OF THE GREAT WORKS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK LESLIE HEIMOV, CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, FOR MAKING THIS DAY POSSIBLE. BUT MOST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME. THEY TRULY ARE THE HEROES AND THEY ARE MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NEXT, WE HAVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS PRESENTATIONS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED TO CALL FORWARD TYKI NELWORTH. AND I WANT YOU TO NOTE THAT WE

HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK, THE EFFORTS THAT THIS STELLAR PERSON IS DOING. JOINED BY KIM BLIGH, WHO IS THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT WASHINGTON PREP, DR. TODD EULAH, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF WASHINGTON PREP. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS, TYKI IS GRADUATING FROM WASHINGTON PREP HIGH SCHOOL AND KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT FACING ADVERSITY AND YET OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND PURSUING, THAT IS TO SAY EMBRACING ACADEMIC SUCCESS. SO DESPITE WHAT MIGHT BE DEFINED AS A STRUGGLE, DURESS, HARDSHIP, HE HAS ENDURED, HE HAS REMAINED FOCUSED ON HIS ACADEMICS AND HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED EXCELLENT MARKS THROUGHOUT HIS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND EVEN BEFORE THAT. HAVING GRADUATED FROM HENRY CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH STRAIGHT A'S, HE HOLDS A 4.23 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND TOOK ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN ENGLISH, BIOLOGY -- [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: I WANT YOU TO GET EVERY BIT OF THIS. ENGLISH, BIOLOGY, CALCULUS, CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS. HIS HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION EARNED HIM A CONGRESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION AND A SPOT TO ATTEND THE PRESTIGIOUS UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WEST POINT REMAINS VERY HIGHLY SELECTIVE AND ONLY ADMITS SOME 15% OF THOSE WHO APPLY EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING IN AN EXEMPLARY WAY IN ACADEMICS, HE IS ALSO A VERY IMPRESSIVE ATHLETE. HE IS THE

CAPTAIN OF WASHINGTON PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM AND PLAYS BASEBALL AND HAS RUN TRACK. AND SO I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE TYKI TODAY ALONG WITH ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND TO SAY TO YOU, WE COULDN'T BE MORE IMPRESSED, WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD. WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE YOU BECAUSE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH ALL OF US ARE A PART. AND IT ESSENTIALLY SAYS THAT WHEN AN INVESTMENT IS MADE IN A YOUNG PERSON, AND THAT YOUNG PERSON RESPONDS TO THAT INVESTMENT, GOOD THINGS CAN AND WILL HAPPEN, AND SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO JUST GIVE YOU THIS DAY OF RECOGNITION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SAY TO YOU, CONGRATULATIONS AND WE EXPECT EVEN GREATER THINGS FROM YOU. TYKI IS IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE]

TYKI NELWORTH: I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY. BUT FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR WAKING US ALL UP, GIVING US ALL THE POWER TO GET HERE AND GIVING US THE STRENGTH TO GO ABOUT OUR DAILY LIVES. SECONDLY, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY IT'S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I DON'T THINK I -- I'M PRETTY SURE I NEVER DREAMT I'D BE STANDING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEING RECOGNIZED. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND IN CLOSING JUST, GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE]

DR. TODD EULAH: ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL, WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THIS OUTSTANDING STUDENT. PERSEVERANCE, TENACITY, SERVICE, ACADEMICS, AND, OF COURSE, HONOR ARE WHAT THIS YOUNG MAN REPRESENTS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE AT WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL VALUE MOST. AND WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE HIM MOVE FORWARD AS A GENERAL AND REPRESENT US WELL AT WEST POINT. AND ALSO, THE PREVIOUS PRESENTATION WAS OF GREAT INTEREST, WASHINGTON AT 108TH AND DENKER, HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR DISTRICT. AND I CERTAINLY HEAR THE GREAT THINGS THAT THE PREVIOUS FOLKS WERE DOING, AND I CONGRATULATE THEM. BUT TYKI, CONGRATULATIONS.

TYKI NELWORTH: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FORTH BOTH SHAWN KIM AND JIMMEY LORA, MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT IS, THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM. SOME OF YOU WILL RECALL AND YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SHAWN IS A GRADUATE OF CAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG BEACH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. JIMMEY IS A GRADUATE OF U.S.C.'S SCHOOL OF NURSING. SHAWN IS M.S.W. AND JIMMEY IS A B.S.N. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WORKS AROUND THE CLOCK TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO CONSTITUENTS IN NEED THROUGH ITS ACCESS CALL NUMBER. THAT CALL

CENTER IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. CONSTITUENTS WHO REQUIRE SERVICE CAN CALL THE CENTER AT ANY TIME TO REQUEST THE EVALUATIONS OF CRISIS SITUATIONS. AND SO ON MARCH 29, A GARDENA RESIDENT CALLED THE CALL CENTER TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION OF HER SON WHO WAS EXHIBITING DISCONCERTING BEHAVIOR, WHO HAD A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS. SO THESE STELLAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, MR. KIM AND MR. LORA, WERE DEPLOYED AS MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM, OFTEN KNOWN AS P.M.R.T., TO RESPOND TO THAT CALL. WHILE THEY WERE ASSISTING THE FAMILY, THREE ARMED MEN ENTERED THE HOME IN AN APPARENT HOME INVASION AND ROBBED THE FAMILY AND BOTH OF THE WORKERS AT GUNPOINT. AND SO DURING THIS HAIR-RAISING EPISODE, THE CLIENT, WHO WAS BEING ASSISTED, RAN TOWARD THE SUSPECTS, STARTLING THEM AND CAUSING THEM TO FLEE FROM THE SCENE. BOTH MR. KIM AND MR. LORA RESPONDED QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO THE SITUATION BY SECURING THE LOCATION AND CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE RATHER IMMEDIATELY. THEY ASSISTED THE GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A NEIGHBORHOOD SEARCH FOR THE SUSPECTS, KEPT THE FAMILY CALM, COMPLETED THE SERVICE THEY WERE PROVIDING FOR THE FAMILY, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP WITH THE CLIENT. AND SO WE SALUTE THESE D.M.H. WORKERS AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MONTH, MAY, AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE BOTH MR. KIM AND MR. LORA TODAY, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, THEIR POISE, THEIR CALM, THEIR CAPACITY TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE AND TO SERVE

THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THIS INSTANCE, THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WITH BRAVERY, COURAGE, AND THAT WHICH IS WORTHY OF PRAISE. AND SO YOU UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE WELL BEING OF THOSE FAMILIES AND YOU PROVIDED A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BE STAND-OUT EMPLOYEES IN SO DOING. AND SO WE THANK BOTH OF YOU. JIMMEY, WE THANK YOU, AS WELL SHAWN, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT'S NOT EASY. BUT YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE BOTH THE DISTRICT CHIEF, IRMA CASTANEDA, AS WELL AS MARIAN BROWN, THE OTHER DISTRICT CHIEF, FOR BEING HERE TO SUPPORT THESE TWO HONOREES. SO JIMMEY, WE GIVE YOU THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SIGNED BY US ALL. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AND SHAWN, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, AND WITH THE SAME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO ON OUR BEHALF. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. LATOYA AND J.J. ARE HERE. LATALIA AND J.J. ISN'T THAT LOVELY? YOU PROUD OF YOUR DADDY? YEAH, OBVIOUSLY. TAKE A PICTURE WITH HIM THEN. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WONDERFUL. THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, AND MARV, WHY DON'T YOU COME AND HAVE A WORD AT THIS TIME.

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR RECOGNIZING THE -- AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR RECOGNIZING OUR STAFF TODAY. WHEN I DO MY NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION EVERY MONTH FOR THE STAFF ENTERING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I TELL THEM THAT ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A HERO AND REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY PEOPLE'S LIVES GET LIVED. BUT USUALLY I DON'T THINK IT AS DRAMATICALLY AS YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEROES, AND SO FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHO GET TO BE HEROES IN BIG AND LITTLE WAYS, I WANT TO OFFER THAT RECOGNITION, BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REALLY HUGE WAY THAT YOU GUYS WERE ABLE TO BE HEROES, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND THANK YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: ALL RIGHT. LET'S HEAR FROM THESE -- ALL RIGHT, SIR. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A WORD? HE HAS A LITTLE SPEECH WRITTEN ON A LITTLE NAPKIN HERE. WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW.

JIMMY LORA: IT WON'T BE LONG. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK THESE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU, DIRECTOR DR. MARK [MARVIN] SOUTHARD, DEPUTY CHIEF TONY BELIZE, DISTRICT CHIEF, ERMA CASTANEDA, DISTRICT CHIEF MIRIAM BROWN, DEPARTMENT HEADS GARY WOLENZICK AND BARBARA INGLEMAN, AND OUR FIELD SUPERVISORS, DERRICK SHAY AND CHRISTOPHER CHICBALOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AT THIS TIME MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, ANNETTE SANCHEZ LORA, MY KIDS, NATALIA, J.J., AND ACTUALLY, I'M A FATHER OF FOUR. THE OTHER TWO ARE AT SCHOOL SO SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT TODAY, UNFORTUNATELY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY SUPPORTIVE MOTHER-IN-LAW AND FATHER-IN-LAW, IMA REYES AND ADOLPHO REYES. [APPLAUSE]

JIMMEY LORA: AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I AM VERY PROUD TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I TAKE IT WITH PRIDE AND JOY EVERY TIME I WAKE UP, I ENJOY DOING WHAT I DO. ON THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT, IT WAS AFTER I DEBRIEFED WITH MY SUPERVISORS, I WENT HOME AND I COULDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL. SO I DECIDED TO WRITE SOMETHING. AND WHAT I WROTE WAS THAT THE FUTURE IS NEVER PROMISED TO US, NO TIME TO HATE OR HOLD GRUDGES, BUT RATHER TO LOVE AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT THAT IS ALLOWED AND GIVEN TO US BY GOD. LAST NIGHT'S EXPERIENCE WAS CLOSE, BUT A WAKE-UP CALL AS WELL. TIME IS LIMITED AND NO ONE

CAN PREDICT THE NEXT TIME YOU GET TO ROLL OUT OF BED, WALK, SEE, OR BREATHE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I DEFINITELY WANT TO HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, FRIENDS, FAMILY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SHAWN KIM: I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE BY SHARING THAT OUR RESILIENCE FOLLOWING THIS EVENT IS NOT JUST THE RESULT OF ACCESSING OUR OWN INTERNAL RESOURCES, BUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR ADMINISTRATION. AND WHAT KEEPS US INVIGORATED IN THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM IS THAT WE'RE GIVEN THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. SO I WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION FOR MODELING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOLLOWING A TRAUMATIC EVENT. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WE THANK THEM BOTH. AND I REMIND YOU THAT THESE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THEY REPRESENT THE BEST OF OUR NURSING TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SOCIAL WORKERS AS WELL. SO SHAWN AND JIMMEY, ONCE AGAIN, WE GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WE THANK YOU AND WE SALUTE -- [APPLAUSE]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: -- WE SALUTE THE M.S.W. PROGRAM AT LONG BEACH, THAT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DOES WELL FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE THANK THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY DO WELL BY THE COUNTY

OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE JUST DELIGHTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. THEY ARE OUR HEROES. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE, ON ITEM NO. 5, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED TO CONTINUE THAT FOR A MONTH?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: FOR ONE MONTH, CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: FOR ONE MONTH. THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING. ALL RIGHT, SO WE WILL CONTINUE THAT ITEM. ON ALL OF THE OTHER ITEMS, I'M GOING TO CALL THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE SWEAR IN ALL OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE TESTIFYING TODAY ON THESE ITEMS.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11 AND ALSO ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, 1-P, 1-H, 7, 28 AND 29, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL BEGIN ON ITEM NO. 1. THIS IS THE HEARING AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMMATION OF THE PURCHASE OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND JUST EAST OF CROWN VALLEY ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ACTON

FROM THE BREVIDORO FAMILY PARTNERSHIP FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF $1,360,000 TO CONSTRUCT FIRE STATION 142. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM AND THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AND THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NO. 1, IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING ON SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT APPROVED PROPOSED INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER IN THE ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, ALSO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 20. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

NICHOLAS AGBOBO: MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBO, AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO, ONE, ADOPT THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED AND THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011.

TWO, APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER IN THE ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE CORRESPONDING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER. THREE, APPROVE A DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. AND FOUR, RETAIN ALL OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES AND CONTINUE TO COLLECT SUCH CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. MY REPORT OF THESE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO ASSESS THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE LISTED ABOVE TO ALLOW THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COST OF REHABILITATION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE -- SEWER PIPES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE DUE TO THE ELIMINATION OF A LOAN PAYMENT TO THE TRANCAS ZONE FOR THE TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT REHABILITATION WHICH WAS COMPLETELY PAID OFF IN 2009/2010. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN ALL THE OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES. IN MY OPINION, A PROPOSED INCREASED AND DECREASED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND THE OTHER EXISTING CHARGES, HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT ALL THE SEWER SERVICE

CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY AND COST EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THAT CONCLUDES YOUR REPORT? THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS? NO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THIS IS, AGAIN, FOR ALL DISTRICTS, IT'S A 4-VOTE ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF 18 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES IN THE CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, SANTA CLARITA AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

NICHOLAS AGBOBO: FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBO, AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF LEVY OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO THE 18 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED ON UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND IN CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, SAN CLARITA, AND WESTLAKE

VILLAGE. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE 18 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITTED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT COMPLETES YOUR REPORT? ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 5. THIS IS THE HEARING ON --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONE --

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: OH, EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY, THAT WAS CONTINUED. YOU'RE CORRECT. ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS THE HEARING OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PROPOSED PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AND WE HAVE NO ONE SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, ON THIS ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 7. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS ALSO IS RELATED TO ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, AND 1-H. AND I'LL READ THE TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER AN ESTIMATED $57,142,593 IN FEDERAL FUNDS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THERE ARE SOME SPEAKERS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM -- IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM MY COLLEAGUES? IF NOT, WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU JOIN US? HE'S NOT HERE? AT ALL? ALL RIGHT. HE'S NOT HERE. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON ITEM 7, 1-D, 2-D AND 1-H, IS THAT CORRECT?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 8. THIS IS THE HEARING TO PERMIT THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE A FOR SALE PARCEL OF

VACANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF $1 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH HEALTH CENTER, WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS. THIS ITEM ALSO RELATES TO ITEM NO. 3-D. THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS EITHER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS A RATHER IMPORTANT TRANSACTION. THE BOARD ITSELF HAS PAID APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTHCARE ISSUES, RECOGNIZING THAT SOME OF THE MOST SEVERE CHALLENGES TO OUR RESIDENTS FACE SERIOUS HEALTH MALADIES. MIGHT CALL THIS ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO THE CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH CAMPUS IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL CENTER COMPLEX. WHILE IT'S REDUCIBLE TO A TRANSFER OF A PARCEL OWNED BY C.D.C., THIS TRANSLATES INTO A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN TERMS OF HEALTHCARE IN THE WATTS-WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE CONTINUATION OF RESOURCES MADE BY HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A SECTION 108 LOAN, A BIG, BIG EFFORT, LONG-TIME PUSH FOR THIS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS IN THE WATTS-WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY. AND SO WHILE IN ONE SENSE,

MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS, WE SEE THIS AS A TRANSACTION, IN ANOTHER SENSE, I WISH TO CAUSE IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS SOMEWHAT MINISTERIAL TRANSACTION HAS FAR REACHING TRANSFORMATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND A CRITICAL STEP IN THE BUILD-OUT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL COMPLEX. AND SO THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AND TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS WELL AS TO THE HEAD OF THE C.D.C. FOR THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS CONNECTION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. THAT ALSO INCLUDES, BY THE WAY, 3-D, IS THAT CORRECT?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM 3-D, CORRECT. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 9. THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2005-03503-(1), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200800136-(1), AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS -- OR, EXCUSE ME, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASE NO. 200500198-(1), AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AT A DRUGSTORE PHARMACY IN THE INTERIOR RENOVATION IN A DESIGNATED BUILDING (FORMERLY GOLDEN GATE THEATER), CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL

REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

ANITA GUTIERREZ: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ANITA GUTIERREZ FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 IS AN APPEAL BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH PHARMACY WINDOW AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOL FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE RETAIL PHARMACY USE IN THE FORM OF GOLDEN GATE THEATER. ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PHARMACY USE ARE ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND ZONE. THE PROJECT APPLICANT IS THE CHARLES COMPANY AND THE APPELLANT IS A LOCAL CIVIC GROUP, THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A., WHO OPPOSE THE PROJECT. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED AT 909 AND 933 SOUTH ATLANTIC BOULEVARD BETWEEN SOUTH ATLANTIC BOULEVARD AND WOODS AVENUE, IN THE C-3 UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE C.U.P. ON MARCH 17, 2010, WITH VOTE OF 4-0 WITH ONE COMMISSIONER BEING ABSENT. REGARDING THE ALCOHOL PERMIT, THE C.U.P. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL INCLUDE ALL STANDARD CONDITIONS NORMALLY INCLUDED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT ALCOHOL PERMITS, SUCH AS PURCHASING AN EXISTING LICENSE FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE AREA, SO NO NET INCREASE IN ALCOHOL LICENSES IN THE AREA WOULD EXIST. WHEN DISCUSSED WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THE EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S STATION, HE ORIGINALLY HAD CONCERNS, BUT WAS UNAWARE

OF THE CONDITION TO OBTAIN AN EXISTING LICENSE. HE HAS SINCE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WITH THESE PROPOSED CONDITIONS. IF YOUR BOARD IS INTERESTED, I AM PREPARED TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON THOSE SPECIFIC ALCOHOL CONDITIONS. AS THE PROJECT SITE IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES, THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE BUILDING AND SOME INTERIOR RENOVATION TO CONSTRUCT A RETAIL DRUGSTORE. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH EVALUATED THE IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES. THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AND THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION AT THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES, PLANNING STAFF WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH THE APPLICANT AND CONSULTANTS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE IMPACT TO THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE FORMER GOLDEN GATE THEATER AND AVOIDED THE MATERIAL IMPAIRMENT. A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION WAS ADOPTED TO ERR ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE. THE COUNTY-RETAINED ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN FOR THIS PROJECT IN MR. ROBERT CHATTEL, OF CHATTEL ARCHITECTURE, AND HE IS HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT IS HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AND I BELIEVE MR. CHATTEL HAS A BRIEF REMARK.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IF YOU WOULD, SIR.

ROBERT CHATTEL: YES. I'M ROBERT CHATTEL AND I'M THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN THAT THE COUNTY HAS ENGAGED TO ASSIST WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: COULD YOU SPEAK CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE? THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU.

ROBERT CHATTEL: WE ARE ENGAGED AFTER THE DRAFT E.I.R. WAS PREPARED AND ASSISTED THE APPLICANT IN PREPARING A MODIFIED PROJECT DESIGN THAT MORE CLOSELY CONFORMS WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES. WE WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RETENTION OF INTERIOR FEATURES OF THE THEATER, ESPECIALLY THE SEQUENCE OF SPACE AND CIRCULATION AND THE HIGH VOLUME CHARACTER OF THE AUDITORIUM SPACE AND THE VISIBILITY OF DECORATIVE FEATURES. IN THE MODIFIED PROJECT DESIGN AS PRESENTED IN THE FINAL E.I.R., A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE. WE FOUND THAT THE PROJECT STILL DOESN'T CONFORM WITH THE SECRETARY STANDARDS BUT DOES NOT RESULT IN MATERIAL IMPAIRMENT, PARTICULARLY THAT THE ALTERATIONS PROPOSED ARE REVERSIBLE IN CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD 10. IT'S MY OPINION THAT THIS IS A MODEL PROJECT CONVERTING A THEATRE INTO A RETAIL USE, AND ACHIEVES THE APPROPRIATE BALANCE OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE. I TOO AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NO ONE ELSE GOING TO REPORT ON THIS? ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM, WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR AND MANY WHO WANT TO SPEAK OPPOSED. LET ME JUST BEGIN BY STATING THAT THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT I INHERITED WHILE I WAS CITY COUNCILWOMAN AND ON MY WAY OVER TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AT THAT TIME, THAT DISTRICT WAS REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN. AND FOR SOME REASON, AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW THAT OCCURRED, THEY BEGAN DESTROYING THE VEGA BUILDING, WHICH IS THE SURROUNDING -- WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING THAT WAS SURROUNDING THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, KIND OF THE ENTRYWAY INTO IT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, MUCH OF IT WAS DESTROYED IN THAT PROCESS BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO STOP IT FROM BEING DESTROYED. AND EVENTUALLY IT LED TO US HAVING TO TEAR IT DOWN. AND I'M NOT SURE IF THE VEGA BUILDING WAS A HISTORIC BUILDING, I THINK IT WAS. AND IT WAS INAPPROPRIATELY DESTROYED AT THAT TIME. SO WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR NOW, IT SEEMS LIKE WELL OVER 18 YEARS AND TRYING TO FIND A WAY, ALTHOUGH WE DON'T OWN THE PROPERTY, THAT WE COULD ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS UTILIZATION FOR THAT PROPERTY AND, OF COURSE, ALWAYS TRYING TO KEEP INTACT ALL ASPECTS OF THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT ICONIC BUILDING FOR THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE HAD MANY A DEVELOPER WHO HAS PROPOSED VARIOUS ITEMS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE, MANY OF THOSE

PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED. AND SO IT HAS LAID VACANT SINCE THEN. UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY AND HAS ALSO BECOME A MAGNET FOR HOMELESS AS WELL AS DRUG USERS. WE HAVE HAD THE HELP OF AN HISTORIC ARCHITECT AND THE DEVELOPER HAS DONE A GOOD JOB I THINK FOR THE MOST PART IN TRYING TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO PRESERVE AND RETAIN THE SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES THAT MAKE THIS PROPERTY VERY HISTORIC. ADDITIONALLY, THEY ARE RESTORING AND PRESERVING THE BUILDING IN A MANNER THAT IS PROPOSED WITH THE DRUGSTORE. AND WHAT I THINK IS EXCITING ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL EVER HAPPEN IN MY LIFETIME OR IF IT CAN, IT CAN ALL BE REVERSED IN A MANNER THAT ALL OF IT COULD BE PUT BACK IN PLACE SHOULD WE ALLOW OR HAVE REUSE OF THE THEATER ONE DAY. I WANTED TO THANK THE PLANNING STAFF. I KNOW THAT THIS WAS A TOUGH JOB, BUT I PARTICULARLY AM PLEASED WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT WERE PLACED ON ALCOHOL SALES, THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY INDIVIDUAL BOTTLES OR CANS THAT WILL BE SOLD, AS I UNDERSTAND. THAT THERE'S A LIMITATION OF WHAT, LESS THAN 5% OF THE ENTIRE SQUARE FOOTAGE WOULD BE DEDICATED AT ALL TO ALCOHOL USE. AND, OF COURSE, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT WE'RE NOT ADDING TO THE BURDEN OF ALREADY OVERCROWDED AREAS OF TOO MANY LIQUOR STORES IN THAT AREA. BUT WE ARE -- WE MADE SURE THAT THIS PHARMACY WAS TO BUY A LIQUOR LICENSE FROM SOMEONE WHO ALREADY HAD ONE WITHIN THE REGION, WITHIN THE AREA. SO I THINK THOSE WERE EFFECTIVE CONDITIONS AND MITIGATIONS THAT WERE GOING TO BE PUT

IN PLACE. IDEAL WOULD HAVE BEEN TO RESTORE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER TO ITS SPLENDOR OF ITS TIME, BUT REGRETFULLY, THAT WASN'T THE CASE. THE COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME HAS ASKED FOR A PHARMACY, A DRUGSTORE WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY, AND I THINK ARE PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME, WITH THE PRESERVATION WITH AS MUCH OF THE BUILDING AS POSSIBLE, MAINTAINING THE HISTORIC NATURE, HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AND WORK WITH A DEVELOPER THAT HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN THAT REGARD. BUT I THINK MOST IMPORTANTLY IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REALLY TIRED OF SEEING THAT PROPERTY VACANT THERE FOR SO VERY LONG, AND IT'S CREATED A VERY, VERY NEGATIVE SITUATION. SO HOPEFULLY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BRING IT BACK TO LIFE, NOT INTO ITS FULL SPLENDOR, BUT AT LEAST AN OPPORTUNITY SO IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMUNITY, IT WILL BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND IT WILL FULFILL THE DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE A PHARMACY WITHIN THAT EAST SIDE COMMUNITY. SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S GONE THROUGH A REAL STRUGGLE, BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE THE BEST COMPROMISE BEFORE US. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO EVENTUALLY MOVING FORWARD AND GETTING THAT APPROVED IN ITS FINAL ORDER. BUT WE HAVE MANY FOLKS, I'M GOING TO TAKE THE OPPOSITION FIRST. WE'D LIKE YOU TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, BUT WE HAVE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, I DIDN'T COUNT -- WE HAVE 16? I'M SORRY. 13 PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO IT. SO IF YOU COULD LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. WE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO GO BEYOND THREE MINUTES. BUT IF YOU WOULD LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, IT WILL HELP UP

THROUGH THIS. I'M GOING TO CALL FOLKS IN GROUPS OF THREE. SO WE WILL BEGIN WITH TERESA MARQUEZ. TERESA, IF YOU WOULD JOIN US. RICARDO LOPEZ AND DIANA DELPOZO-MORA. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE. MS. MARQUEZ, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN.

TERESA MARQUEZ: MY NAME IS TERESA MARQUEZ, AND I'M REPRESENTING AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION HERE THAT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN THE TWO, THREE MINUTES, AND I WANT TO ASK YOU THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE WITH US WILL GIVE UP THEIR TIME FOR ME TO CONTINUE THIS PRESENTATION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU WISH TO TAKE?

TERESA MARQUEZ: I WILL PROBABLY NEED ABOUT 10 MINUTES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN, WE USUALLY DO HAVE A LIMITATION. IS THERE ANY WAY THAT YOU COULD SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS? IT WOULD JUST MAKE IT EASIER.

TERESA MARQUEZ: THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED, 15 COPIES HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE -- HE HAS THEM. AND I COULD JUST NOT READ THE WHOLE THING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE WOULD LIKE TO INDULGE YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE DO HAVE A LIMITATION HERE, SO WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND PROCEED.

TERESA MARQUEZ: OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. DEAR HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MOTHERS OF EAST L.A., M.E.L.A., APPEAL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, E.I.R., CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, REGARDING THE ADOPTIVE REUSE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER TO A C.V.S. DRUGSTORE. WE ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO THE APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION. ADJACENT TO THE MEDIA ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, NUMBER 9 AND THE ALCOHOL ABUSE TREATMENT ACROSS THE STREET. M.E.L.A. AND THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SIGNATORIES IN THE SUPPORT OF M.E.L.A. POSITION, ATTACHMENT A, RELY ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ITS PARTICULAR CHAIRWOMAN MOLINA TO VOTE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY, M.E.L.A. SUBMITTED THIS LETTER TO PROVIDE THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT. THE CHARLES COMPANY RESPONSE CAN BE SUMMED UP IN -- AS AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF AFFIRM REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BASED ON THE SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THOSE WHO DO NOT LIVE OR WORK IN THE AREA IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE CHARLES

COMPANY HAS NOT ONLY FAILED TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT ACTUALLY HIGHLIGHTED THE EXTENSIVE EFFORT TO AVOID THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST. THE CHARLES COMPANY RESPONDS WITH THREE ARGUMENTS. THE PROJECT MAINTAINS THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, MOSTLY BY REMOVING THE PRESERVING PARTS OF THE THEATRE. TWO, THE CHARLES COMPANY HAS COMPLIED WITH A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., AND THREE, THE CHARLES COMPANY PROVIDED --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

TERESA MARQUEZ: REQUIRED NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL AFFECTED PARTIES. M.E.L.A. ADDRESSES EACH ARGUMENT HEREIN AND ALSO SUMMARIZES THE EVENT AND EVIDENCE OF SUPPORTING M.E.L.A. POSITION. THE CHARLES COMPANY PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL FEATURES OF THE THEATER, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT CONSIDERING PAST FAILURES TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL PIECE AS PROMISED. FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, THE CHARLES COMPANY HAS OWNED THE PROPERTY. THEY HAVE FAILED TO AT LEAST MOTHBALL THE BUILDING AS TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION. THEY HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPLACED THE ROOF, BUT WITH THE LACK OF PROPER PRESERVATION. THE BUILDING HAS NOW DILAPIDATED INTO WORSE CONDITIONS REMARKABLY -- WORSE CONDITIONS -- I'M SORRY.

THEY HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPLACED THE ROOF BUT WITH THE LACK OF PROPER PRESERVATION, THE BUILDING HAS NOT DILAPIDATED INTO WORSE CONDITIONS. REMARKABLY, THE CHARLES COMPANY NOW USES THE CONDITION OF BUILDING AS AN ARGUMENT THAT REVITALIZATION IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS AN EYESORE, WHEN IT WAS GREATLY THEIR FAULT THAT IT IS THE CONDITION THAT IT IS NOW IN. THE HISTORY OF THE EFFORTS TO RENOVATE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MISS MARQUEZ, SO YOU'RE ON PAGE 2 AND YOU HAVE 7 MORE PAGES TO GO. WE HAVE A TRADITION HERE OF USUALLY ALLOWING THREE MINUTES. IS IT POSSIBLE, YOU HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS, MAYBE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO READ THE PRESENTATION? THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR US.

TERESA MARQUEZ: OKAY.

DIANA DELPOZO-MORA: HELLO. I'M DIANA DELPOZO-MORA. GOOD MORNING. SO THE HISTORY OF THE EFFORTS TO INNOVATE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE GOES BEYOND THE LAST APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THE BOARD MUST CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY OVER THE THREE -- THE LAST THREE DECADES TO MAINTAIN THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AS AN HISTORICAL SYMBOL OF THE GREATNESS IN ITS ONCE FULL OF PRIDE THAT GREATNESS INSTILLS IN THE COMMUNITY. IN 1994, M.E.L.A., WITH THE HELP AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, PROHIBITED THE DEMOLITION OF THE

GOLDEN GATE THEATER, ALTHOUGH M.E.L.A. COULD NOT PREVENT THE DEMOLITION OF THE VEGA BUILDING. IT WORKED WITH THE THEN CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD TO CREATE A NEW STATE OF LAW TO PREVENT FURTHER DEMOLITION OF HISTORICAL STRUCTURES LIKE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE HISTORICAL ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE FA ADE, SUCH AS THE MARQUIS SIGNAGE AND THE TICKET BOOTH, AND WERE MANDATED TO BE PLACED IN A STORAGE AS INDICATED IN A LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SEE THE ATTACHMENT. THE LETTER ALSO INDICATED THE REQUIRED FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VEGA BUILDING, DESPITE THE PROMISES, THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER, THE REBUILDING AND THE REPLICATION OF THE VEGA BUILDING NEVER TOOK PLACE. MOREOVER, NONE OF THE HISTORICAL ITEMS REMOVED HAVE EVER BEEN FOUND TO DATE. NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR THE CHARLES COMPANY CAN LOCATE THEM. WE THEREFORE FEEL THAT THE SAME TREATMENT WILL HAPPEN WITH AN HISTORICAL REQUIREMENT IMPOSED IN THE LETTER OF THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THE CHARLES COMPANY ARGUES THAT C.E.Q.A. COULD NOT REQUIRE THAT THE E.I.R. CONSIDER ALL POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES, BUT MERELY CERTAIN ONES CONSIDERED TO BE FEASIBLE. NOT ONLY HAS THE CHARLES COMPANY FAILED TO IDENTIFY HOW IT'S DETERMINED OUT THAT THE M.E.L.A. ALTERNATIVE IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT, THE CHARLES COMPANY CHOSE ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS TO PORTRAY ITS PROJECT IN THE BEST LIGHT POSSIBLE AND ARGUES THAT ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS A SUSTAINABLE EVIDENCE IN

THE RECORD TO SUPPORT FINDINGS AND -- REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE E.I.R. MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF C.E.Q.A., WHICH M.E.L.A. DOES NOT CONCEDE, THE BOARD, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY, MUST ASSESS THESE PROJECTS THAT THE BEST INTEREST IS FOR THE COMMUNITY. NO ONE CAN DISPUTE THAT EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY IS IN NEED OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC VITALITY TO INSTALL PRIDE AND PROVIDE A WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH, THE M.E.L.A. ALTERNATIVE IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE THAT ADDRESSES EVERYONE AND THOSE NEEDS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SIR?

RICARDO LOPEZ: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RICARDO LOPEZ, AND I LIVE ON WOODS AVENUE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. AND AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO CONCUR WITH THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WHEN THE GENTLEMAN SPOKE AND SAID THAT HE PRAYED TO THE SPIRITS THIS MORNING. I, TOO, WHEN I WOKE, I LOOKED OUT MY FRONT WINDOW AND I SAID GOOD MORNING TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AND I DID ASK THAT THE SPIRITS LOOKED FAVORABLY UPON THESE PROCEEDINGS TODAY. THAT BEING SAID AND WITHOUT GETTING INTO ANY FORMIDABLE READING, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FROM THE HEART, I THINK THAT'S BEST. AND AT THIS TIME, I AM SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED, I'M ASHAMED AND TO A DEGREE SOMEWHAT INSULTED AS WHAT HAS GONE ON IN REGARDS

TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. I CONCUR WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THAT, IN FACT, THAT THERE HAS BEEN MANY YEARS THAT HAS GONE BY WITHOUT ANYTHING GOING ON AT THE GOLDEN GATE. BUT THE LAST THING WE NEED AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A COMMUNITY PERSON IS TO HAVE SOMEONE OR AN ORGANIZATION OR DEVELOPERS COME IN AND TELL US EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED. I WAS SOMEWHAT INSULTED LAST WEEK BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARLES COMPANY AT A TOWN HALL MEETING WHEN THEY CAME INTO OUR COMMUNITY IN EAST LOS TO TELL US THAT WE ARE HERE TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU, WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU. YOU KNOW, I FIND -- I THINK I'M SOMEWHAT EDUCATED, BUT TO HAVE SOMEONE TO BE VERY CONDESCENDING TO COME INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU. AS AN ARTIST AND AS SOMEONE WHO RAN THE SILVER DOLLAR BAR AND TURNED IT INTO A CULTURAL AND THEATER CENTER FROM 2000 TO 2004, TO HOLD -- IN REMEMBRANCE TO REUBEN SALAZAR, I THINK THAT REUBEN SALAZAR, TOO, WOULD BE INSULTED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M SURE HE WILL TELL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT YOU KNOW -- IT IS TIME TO RISE UP, IT IS TIME TO MAYBE PULL YOURSELVES UP AND LOOK OUT AT WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, I CAN ASSURE THE SUPERVISORS THAT IT IS NOT ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE, IT IS NOT A PHARMACY THAT WE NEED. I CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME THAT LIQUOR SOLVED ANY PROBLEMS, WHETHER IT COMES IN ONE CAN OR WHETHER IT COMES IN TWO CANS, IT DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AS A COMMUNITY, AS AN ARTIST, I

ASK THE SUPERVISORS, I ASK YOU TO DIG DOWN, I ASK YOU TO DIG DEEP WITH A CONSCIOUS TO SAY, WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LEGACY. I LOVE THAT WORD, "LEGACY," AND I WOULD HATE TO THINK THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, AND I LOOK AT ALL THE BEAUTIFUL BROWN PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, IN A SENSE OF A DIVISIVENESS TO SAY WE'RE HERE OR AGAINST, BUT TO JOIN COLLECTIVELY AND SAY, THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ARE LOOKING OUT FOR IT AND I GUARANTEE YOU, AS MY WISH, THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING AS A COMMUNITY PERSON TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AN ART CENTER, THAT WE LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE -- FOR THE CHILDREN OF EAST LOS ANGELES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WE HAVE EDDIE TORRES, LUCY DELGADO, CARMEN ESCARCEGA. MISS MARQUEZ, IF YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS, THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO DO IT. IF I COULD HAVE THOSE THREE MEMBERS COME UP AND JOIN US. MR. TORRES, MISS DELGADO AND MISS ESCARCEGA. THIS DOOR OPENS ALSO, THEY'LL PUSH THE BUTTON THERE. JUST PUSH IT THROUGH. THANK YOU.

EDDIE TORRES: SUPERVISOR. MAY I SAY SOMETHING? I HAVE SOMEONE HERE THAT'S NAME HASN'T BEEN CALLED, BUT I MIGHT NEED AN EXTRA TWO MINUTES TO READ STATISTICS, WOULD THAT BE AVAILABLE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO. THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. ALL RIGHT? I'M SORRY. WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT IT TO THREE MINUTES, AND PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK.

EDDIE TORRES: I HAVE SOME STATISTICS I'D LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SURE. THEY'LL BE PASSED OUT. MR. TORRES, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

EDDIE TORRES: YES, CAN I JUST HELP HER IN HER SEAT? SHE SHOULD HELP ME, REALLY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EDDIE TORRES: DOES EVERYBODY HAVE THEIR STATISTICS?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: PLEASE BEGIN, MR. TORRES.

EDDIE TORRES: OKAY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES, AND I WORKED AT THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AS AN ASSISTANT MANAGER AND ALSO A PROJECTIONIST, AND I WAS ALSO RESIDENT AT THE VEGA BUILDING --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: EDDIE, DO YOU WANT TO PUT THE MICROPHONE JUST A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU JUST SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.

EDDIE TORRES: CAN I START OVER?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES.

EDDIE TORRES: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES. I WAS AN ASSISTANT MANAGER AT THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AND ALSO A PROJECTIONIST AND I WAS A RESIDENT OF THE VEGA BUILDING UNTIL THE EARTHQUAKE THAT LEFT US HOMELESS. I AM A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY SPEAKING AGAINST THE PROPOSED C.V.S. AND SPEAKING BECAUSE I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT AFFECTS ME AND MY NEIGHBORS. WE WHO WERE NOT INFORMED NOR INVITED TO THE TOWN HALL MEETING GIVEN BY THE CHARLES COMPANY AND AIDED BY FIRST DISTRICT MAY 19TH AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY. I DO NOT APPRECIATE BEING EXCLUDED FROM INFORMATION AFFECTING MY NEIGHBORHOOD. BUSINESS OWNER -- I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND ALSO A RESIDENT OF THIS AREA. OUR COMMUNITY CAN DO BETTER THAN -- AND WITH WILLING PARTICIPANTS PROPOSED BY THE MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, OF EAST L.A., AND WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AND NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER. LET'S NOT RUSH INTO ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS POINT. LET'S PRESERVE OUR HISTORY FOR THE REST OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE REST OF TIME, AND I HANDED OUT THIS DOCUMENT THAT SAYS PATTY'S LIQUORS AT THE TOP. I'LL JUST GO THROUGH IT REAL QUICKLY. I WENT TO PATTY'S LIQUOR THAT YOU CAN SEE ON THE SECOND PAGE IS A MAP, IT'S 300 FEET AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED

C.V.S. ON THE SECOND PAGE, YOU CAN SEE WHERE IT'S AT. AND THEN ATLANTIC LIQUOR, THAT'S LESS LESS THAN 0.1 MILE AWAY FROM C.V.S. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE FIRST PAGE, IT SAYS C.V.S. BEER, FOUR SHELVES, DOUBLE STACKED TOTAL 40 FEET, FOUR STACKS, AND THEN PATTY AND ATLANTIC LIQUOR HAVE ONLY A TOTAL OF 22 FEET. C.V.S. PHARMACY HAS MORE THAN 18 FEET, GOING ON TO WINE, FIVE SHELVES TOTAL, 36 FEET, C.V.S. WINE AT PATTY'S LIQUOR AND ATLANTIC LIQUOR, ONLY EIGHT FEET. SO C.V.S. IS MORE BY 28 FEET, NOT JUST 28 FEET LINEAR, BUT THE STACKED SHELVES. THAT'S FURTHER THAN FROM HERE TO THAT LADY'S DESK. C.V.S. PHARMACY, HARD LIQUOR, 5 SHELVES, TOTAL FOOTAGE 36 FEET. PATTY'S LIQUOR, HARD LIQUOR, 6-1/2 SHELVES, TOTAL FEET, 26, 12 FEET, FIVE STACK, C.V.S. CARRIES MORE. THE MAJORITY OF C.V.S. PHARMACY LIQUOR IS WITHIN REACH OF ANYONE AT ANY AGE. ALSO, BEER AND WINE DISPLAYED AROUND STORES ADDITIONAL ONE SHELF HARD LIQUOR BEHIND CHECKOUT. STORES IN EAST L.A., LIQUOR IS BEHIND THE COUNTER. VIRTUALLY WHAT WE WILL DO RIGHT HERE IS WE'LL ADD TO AN OVER CONGESTED AREA BY ALLOWING C.V.S. TO HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE THERE AND IT WILL BRING THREE TIMES MORE ON THE C.V.S. SHELVES, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY LIKE 5%, WILL BE THREE TIMES MORE TO C.V.S., TO THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE MAP ON THE SECOND PAGE, AN OVER-DENSELY POPULATED AREA OF LIQUOR LICENSES BY TAKING AWAY A BAR'S LIQUOR LICENSE FOUR BLOCKS OVER AND THEN GIVING C.V.S. THE RIGHT TO SELL 20 TIMES MORE LIQUOR TO THE COMMUNITY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST

OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY THAT I WILL FIGHT TO THE END FOR IT TO STOP.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. TORRES. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ONE OF THE THINGS IS WE'RE GOING TO DO IS WE DON'T ALLOW CLAPPING, SO IF YOU WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE, WE'RE GOING TO LET YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS SO YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT QUIETLY FOR EACH OF THOSE MEMBERS. OKAY? MS. DELGADO.

LUCY DELGADO: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SURE, PLEASE.

LUCY DELGADO: WHERE ARE WE AT? M.E.L.A. HAS CONTINUED TO REACH OUT TO THE CHARLES COMPANY, WHO HAS BEEN NONRESPONSIVE. THE ONLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING HELD BY THE CHARLES COMPANY WAS ON MAY 19, 2010 AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY. M.E.L.A. WAS NEVER FORMALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, NOR WERE ANY OF OUR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE PROJECT'S VICINITY. PRIOR TO THIS MORNING, THE CHARLES COMPANY DID HOST A MEETING JOINTLY WITH THE FIRST DISTRICT STAFF, AT WHICH M.E.L.A. WAS INVITED. THE FIRST DISTRICT ASKED THAT WE CONSIDER A MASTER PLAN WHICH

INCLUDED THE PROPERTY ADDED INTO THE PROJECT. M.E.L.A. MET WITH FRED LEEDS FOR ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER. M.E.L.A. PRESENTED A MASTER PLAN INCLUDING LEEDS' PROPERTY AND THE FULLY RESTORED GOLDEN GATE THEATER WITH THE RECONSTRUCTED VEGA BUILDING HOUSING, HOSTING A PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL. THE MASTER PLAN WAS ALSO INCLUDED A SATELLITE SCHOOL SERVICING EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING INCLUDING WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO ASSISTED TRAINING FOR MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRIES, COLLECTIVELY THE COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE. M.E.L.A. MET WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CENTER REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT, WHO WAS INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH M.E.L.A., BUT NOT UNTIL THERE WERE NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH THE CHARLES COMPANY AND FRED LEEDS. ALL THESE EVENTS OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF THE F.E.I.R.. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS OR THE COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE WERE DISCLOSED AS ALTERNATIVE PLAN IN ANY STAFF REPORTS, OR IN THE E.I.R., AS PRESENTED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

CARMEN ESCARCEGA: HI. CARMEN ESCARCEGA. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE. THE CHARLES COMPANY GAINED THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. CONSERVANCY AND THE L.A. HISTORIC THEATRE FOUNDATION BY IMPLYING THAT THE BUILDING WOULD BE EASILY REVERSIBLE TO CONVERT BACK TO A THEATRE. HILLSMAN WRIGHT OF THE LOS ANGELES HISTORIC THEATRE STATED THAT THEY WOULD ONLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT IF AND ONLY IF THE PROJECT WAS EASILY REVERSIBLE. HOWEVER, AT THE OUTREACH

MEETING HOSTED AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY ON MAY 19, 2010, THE QUESTION OF REVERSIBILITY WAS BROUGHT UP WHEN THE ISSUE OF THE GRANDFATHERED PARKING FOR THE THEATRE WOULD DIMINISH ONCE THE DRUGSTORE CAME INTO PLAY. TO CHANGE THE USE FROM A DRUGSTORE TO A THEATER WOULD REQUIRE CURRENT PARKING REQUIREMENTS WHICH THE SITE DOES NOT SUPPORT. MR. RON HOLLY, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHARLES COMPANY, STATED THAT THE PROJECT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE EASILY REVERSIBLE AND HE HAD HOPED C.V.S. WOULD STAY THERE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF YEARS. THIS CONTRADICTS THE PRESENTATION AS LAID OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WITH FALSE PRETENSES AND THE THEATER COULD NOT BE REVERSED IN THE FUTURE. M.E.L.A. BELIEVES THAT THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AND SUPPORT GARNERED BASED ON FALSE PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHARLES COMPANY TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF THE RENOVATED THEATER, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE, CAN BECOME A REALITY IF THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO STAND FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE BY THE CHARLES COMPANY. AS STATED BY MR. JOHN CAROLD, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHARLES COMPANY, IN A MEETING WITH M.E.L.A. ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009, THE CHARLES COMPANY IS WILLING TO DEVELOP THE PROJECT IF IT HAD THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THE SUPERVISOR. THE COMMUNITY NOW STANDS BEFORE YOU IN SUPPORT OF A PERFORMING ARTS VENUE, NOT A C.V.S. DRUGSTORE. NOTABLY NOT ONLY IS THE CHARLES COMPANY RELIANCE ON

THE SUPPORT OF L.A. CONSERVANCY AND THE L.A. HISTORIC FOUNDATION BASED ON MISINFORMATION, BUT SUCH SUPPORT IS IRRELEVANT TO THE EVALUATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. THE L.A. CONSERVANCY DOES NOT REPRESENT THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY NOR DOES IT PURPORT TO KNOW THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. RATHER, THE BOARD SHOULD PUT GREAT WEIGHT ON THE INTERESTS AND REQUESTS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE CHARLES COMPANY DEDICATES CLOSE TO THREE PAGES LAYING OUT THE APPLICABLE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND PURPORTING TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE LACK OF NOTICE BY THE CHARLES COMPANY, M.E.L.A. OFFERS THAT RICARDO LOPEZ, WHO RESIDES AT SOUTH WOODS AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90022, WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROJECT. AND HIS NEIGHBORS DID NOT RECEIVE ANY NOTICE FROM THE CHARLES COMPANY OF THE HEARING SET FOR MAY 25, 2010. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT, THE LETTER OF THE SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF M.E.L.A.'S POSITION AND THE TESTIMONY OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ANTICIPATED FOR THE HEARING OF MAY 25, 2010, M.E.L.A. REQUESTED THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVERTURN THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE -- YEAH, YOU CAN DO THIS. NEXT WE HAVE CARMEN VALENCIA, FOLLOWED BY SAM BARRAZA.

LUCY DELGADO: CAN I SAY SOMETHING BEFORE I LEAVE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES MISS DELGADO, PLEASE.

LUCY DELGADO: YES. WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR A LONG TIME, GLORIA. PLEASE THINK IT OVER. DON'T LET US DOWN.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MISS DELGADO, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME. WE CAN'T AGREE ALL OF THE TIME. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE HAD OVER 18 YEARS IN WHICH THIS PROPOSAL COULD HAVE COME FORWARD AND WE COULD HAVE FOUND A DEVELOPER THAT MAYBE -- IT IS NOW IN THE LAST DAYS OF TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD. AND SO IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THE THEATER, LIKE I SAY, IN THE FULL GLORY. BUT UNTIL WE COULD FIND A DEVELOPER WHO COULD DEVELOP IT TO THAT EXTENT, THEN WE ARE UNABLE RIGHT NOW, THE BEST WE HAVE IS THE COMPROMISE, TAKING THIS BUILDING AND AT LEAST LEAVING IT IN PLACE AND PRESERVING AS MUCH OF THE HISTORIC ASPECT AS WE CAN. IT FULFILLS ALSO THE COMMITMENT OF THE DEVELOPER IN TRYING TO MAKE IT A PROFITABLE SITUATION. AND SO IT IS A COMPROMISE, NOT THE BEST, AND I APPRECIATE YOU NOT ACCEPTING THAT, BUT AT THE

END OF THE DAY, IT HAS BEEN AN EYESORE THAT HAS BEEN SITTING THERE FOR SO LONG AND SO WE HOPE THAT THIS BE, AGAIN, THE BEST WAY TO REUSE THIS BUILDING. SO I'M SORRY THAT YOU'RE OPPOSING IT, MISS DELGADO. I REALLY APPRECIATE THOUGH YOU'RE HERE AND THE KIND OF ADVOCACY THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE. MUCHISMAS GRACIAS, SENORA.

LUCY DELGADO: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MISS VALENCIA, SAM BARRAZA, AND FATHER JOHN MORETTA. WE HAVE A FOURTH CHAIR UP HERE. IF WE COULD HAVE SYLVIA NUNEZ ALSO JOIN US. IS CARMEN COMING, AND CARMEN VALENCIA? ALL RIGHT. IF NOT, HOW ABOUT DEDE VIDALES.

SAMUEL BARRAZA: YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SAMUEL BARRAZA. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SILVER SIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF CITYHOOD FOR EAST LOS ANGELES, BUT I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR THE CITYHOOD OF EAST LOS ANGELES. I AM NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF M.E.L.A., MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, BUT I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR M.E.L.A., MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND IN FAVOR OF THE COALITION TO SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER FROM BECOMING A DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR STORE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE CHARLES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR CONSIDERING TO DEVELOP AND TO GENERATE REVENUE IN AND FOR OUR GREAT COMMUNITY. BUT I AM

AGAINST THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO PUT A DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR STORE AT THIS LOCATION. MRS. MOLINA, LAST WEEK, THERE WAS A TOWN HALL MEETING PRESENTED BY THE CHARLES COMPANY AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY. AND I WAS SADDENED TO SEE THAT MR. DAVID VELA, REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF GLORIA MOLINA, WAS THERE AND SPOKE THERE IN FAVOR OF THE CHARLES COMPANY AND SAID DRUG STORE. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TWO FUNDRAISERS FOR THE CITYHOOD EFFORT FOR EAST L.A., AND I HAVE YET TO SEE ANY SUPPORT FROM YOUR OFFICE. AS I WAS CANVASSING FOR SUPPORT TO SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE, I CAME ACROSS SOME ACQUAINTANCES AND SOME PEOPLE I HAD NEVER MET AND THE RESPONSE WAS SIMILAR. MY ACQUAINTANCES SAID, AND I QUOTE, "BRO, I SUPPORT THE CAUSE TO SAVE THE THEATER, BUT I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE THERE, I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE AT THAT MEETING, I DON'T WANT TO GET ON GLORIA'S BAD SIDE."

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: (LAUGHTER).

SAMUEL BARRAZA: END QUOTE. AND ONE OF THE PERSONS THAT I HAD JUST MET, WHICH WAS A PRINCIPAL OF A CHARTER SCHOOL, SAID, "I'M WAITING ON MY FUTURE SCHOOL TO BE BUILT AND I'M TOO NEW TO THE COMMUNITY, I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO AGAINST MRS. MOLINA," END QUOTE. THE LORD SAYS WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE SHALL PERISH. THIS CHARLES COMPANY PROJECT, TO PUT A DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR STORE NOT ONLY LACKS VISION, IT IS

SHORTSIGHTED. LET'S RENOVATE THE THEATRE AND CONSTRUCT A SCHOOL OF FILM AND PERFORMING ARTS AS WAS PROPOSED IN THE PAST. THIS IS NOT JUST A BUILDING, IT IS A THEATRE, NOT JUST A THEATRE, BUT A MONUMENT, THE LAST ONE IN EAST L.A. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS IS NOT JUST A GEOGRAPHICAL, POLITICAL OR DEVELOPMENT BATTLE, IT IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE AND THE SPIRIT OF EAST L.A. IS AT STAKE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. BARRAZA. LET ME JUST SHARE WITH YOU THAT YOUR WEAK-KNEED COLLEAGUES THAT ARE FRIGHTENED OF ME SHOULD STAND UP A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR THE ISSUES. THEY'LL FIND THERE'S NOT A PROBLEM WITH IT, ALL RIGHT? SO YOU JUST TAKE A MESSAGE TO THEM.

SAMUEL BARRAZA: I WILL.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. FATHER MORETTA. COULD I ALSO ASK CARMEN VALENCIA TO COME UP? WE HAD CALLED YOU WHILE YOU WERE GONE CARMEN. COME ON UP. FATHER?

JOHN MORETTA: OKAY. GOOD MORNING, GLORIA AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE OBVIOUSLY OPPOSED TO THIS. AND I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME EVER I COME BEFORE ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS, GLORIA, IN ALL THE OVER 25 YEARS THAT I'VE KNOWN YOU TO BE ON

THE OPPOSITE SIDE, BUT LIKE JIMMY HOFFA SAID, YOU. GOTTA DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO, AND I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT ARE AFRAID TO COME HERE. BUT GLORIA, SERIOUSLY, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN EQUATE TAKING A LIQUOR LICENSE FROM A LITTLE BAR, I THINK IT'S CALLED EL RANCHO, A BAR'S LIQUOR LICENSE, AND PUT IT OVER HERE, TRANSFER THE SAME THING AND SAY IT'S EQUAL TO THIS LIQUOR STORE THEY WANT TO PUT THERE. IT'S JUST NOT -- THE VOLUME DOESN'T -- WHEN YOU TAKE A DRINK, THAT'S NOT THE SAME AMOUNT UNLESS YOU'RE DRINKING THERE ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT AND YOU HAVE EVERYBODY DRINKING. IT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE SAME EQUALITY. SO WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. THE PASTOR OF ST. ALPHONSUS, WHICH IT S LARGEST PARRISH IS ABOUT 4,000 FAMILIES, WROTE A LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED IT IN EVIDENCE ON RECORD OF BEING OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR THERE. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD -- EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS IN ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS, I'M SURE YOU HAVE A LITTLE SECTION THERE WHERE YOU'VE GET A CONCENTRATION OF LIQUOR STORES, AND IT'S ALL OVER. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE. YOU CAN CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CHARLES COMPANY CANNOT SELL C.V.S. THEIR CONTRACT WITHOUT THE SALE OF LIQUOR. IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THERE'S 1,400 PEOPLE THAT GO TO A CLINIC FOR ALCOHOLISM RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET THERE'S THAT SCHOOL THERE, A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT HAS ALL THOSE CHILDREN THERE. ALL

THOSE THINGS HAVE TO GET EXEMPTIONS. WELL, THE SALE OF LIQUOR NEXT TO A SCHOOL HAS TO HAVE AN EXEMPTION. SO I'M JUST HERE TO TOUCH YOU A LITTLE BIT HERE, TO REMIND YOU THAT OVER 15 YEARS AGO, A CALL WENT OUT FROM YOU TO SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. AND THE MOTHERS WENT DOWN THERE AND THEY STOPPED THE DEMOLITION AND IT WAS IN NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER THE PLACE. WELL THE MOTHERS ARE HERE AGAIN, THEY'RE SAYING PLEASE RESPECT IT. LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVES. WE KNOW THERE ARE SOME LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE, THE PRESENTATION SO FAR, TRYING TO PRESENT LEGAL ARGUMENTS, BUT WE WILL DO IT IN A BETTER WAY, LEGALLY, BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, FATHER. NEXT WE HAVE MISS NUNEZ.

SYLVIA NUNEZ: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SYLVIA NUNEZ, I'M A MOTHER LIVING IN EAST L.A. I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT NOTED THAT I AM OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE C.V.S. STORE THERE. THEY DO SELL -- C.V.S. HAS A LARGE -- MUCH LARGER VOLUME THAN THAT LITTLE BAR THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE THE LICENSE FROM. THE VOLUME IS JUST IMMENSE, AND THE COMMUNITY THERE, I BELIEVE THE TRACT HAS ABOUT 15 ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL LIQUOR. THE PLACE IS RIDDLED, RIDDLED WITH ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL LIQUOR. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND AS

FATHER JOHN SAID IN FRONT OF AN ALCOHOLIC -- PEOPLE TRYING TO ALLEVIATE THEMSELVES FROM HAVING THIS ALCOHOLIC DISEASE, SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT NOTED THAT I AM OPPOSED TO THAT AND THAT I AM IN FAVOR OF HAVING A CULTURAL CENTER. I WOULD LOVE IT IF WE COULD BE HERE 20 YEARS, 30 YEARS FROM NOW LIKE THE -- LONG BEACH THEATRE CULTURE ARTS CENTER THAT WAS HERE BEING GIVEN THAT AWARD, THAT PLAQUE. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE HERE SO MANY YEARS FROM NOW RECEIVING THE SAME THING FOR THE GOLDEN GATE CULTURAL CENTER. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LOVE IT IF MY CHILDREN COULD HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO I JUST WANT MY THOUGHTS NOTED. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MISS NUNEZ. MISS VIDALES.

DEDE VIDALES: HELLO. MY NAME IS DEDE VIDALES. I REPRESENT THE GARFIELD ALUMNI FOUNDATION. WE ARE OPPOSED TO C.V.S. SELLING LIQUOR IN THE AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES AREA, AND WANT TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE TO BE PRESERVED TO THE FULLEST. PLEASE PRESERVE OUR HISTORY. I ASK THIS NOT ONLY BECAUSE I AM ALUMNI OF GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, I KNOW YOU WERE THERE JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SCHOOL RIGHT THERE. AND I KNOW THERE'S AN ELEMENTARY NOT TOO FAR FROM THERE ALSO. AND I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY. AND I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE MY CHILDREN OR ANYBODY ELSE'S CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO GO THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER JUST LIKE

THE LADY JUST SPOKE HERE BEING ABLE TO HAVE THAT SAME DREAM. AND THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY. SHE'S SAID IT ALL FOR ME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MISS VIDALES. NEXT WE HAVE ALEJANDRO MERAS AND DANNY GARCIA. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. NO, NO, NO. YOU'RE NEXT, CARMEN. MISS VALENCIA.

CARMEN VALENCIA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ACTUALLY, I THINK I'M HERE IN PLACE OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE TURNED OVER IN HIS GRAVE, YOU KNOW HIM, IF THERE WAS TO BE ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT WOULD BE MY HUSBAND, WHO FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL, EVEN WHERE THE LICENSES WERE SOLD, HE'D FIGHT AGAINST ANY TYPE OF LIQUOR STORE OR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW, ESPECIALLY US, MEXICANOS, OUR DRINKING HABITS ARE NOT THE BEST. WE DON'T BEHAVE WHEN WE DRINK. I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. [LAUGHTER]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DRINK, CARMEN.

CARMEN VALENCIA: I'M PROBABLY SAYING THE WRONG THING. BUT ANYWAY, I'M JUST HERE TO, YOU KNOW -- THERE'S PEOPLE OVER THERE AND THERE'S PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE, WE'RE ALL COMMUNITY, WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING, WE WANT BETTERMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY, WE WANT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THAT WE GREW UP WITH. WELL, THAT I GREW UP WITH WHEN I WAS BORN. BUT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT BACK.

HAVING A LIQUOR STORE WITHIN ITS PREMISES WOULD NOT HELP ANY. SO PLEASE RECONSIDER AND HELP US. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MISS VALENCIA. NEXT WE HAVE MR. MARAS.

ALEJANDRO MARAS: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO MARAS AND I LIVE IN THE EAST L.A. AREA. I REMEMBER AS A YOUNG YOUTH, I USED TO GO TO THAT THEATER. MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND USED TO BE IN THE TICKET OFFICE. SO WE WOULD SEE MANY MOVIES, MANY TIMES. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THEATER. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THEATER AND I DEFINITELY OPPOSE IT. I WOULD SURE LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ELSE GO IN THERE BESIDES A PLACE THAT WOULD SELL LIQUOR. THERE'S MANY PLACES AROUND THAT AREA THAT SELL LIQUOR AND IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MR. GARCIA.

DANNY GARCIA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANNY GARCIA, AND I'M ALSO -- I LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WHICH WOULD ALSO PROMOTE DRUG USE, THE VIOLENCE, THE URINATION. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER REDONE. THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY IN EAST LOS ANGELES THAT I'M PROUD OF. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AND RESTORED BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL LUSTER. AND ALSO I HAVE GOOD MEMORIES AND I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND I WOULD LIKE TO JUST HAVE THAT BE SOMETHING THAT A FUTURE GENERATION CAN ALSO ENJOY, SO I HOPE THE RIGHT DECISION IS MADE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. GARCIA. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE PETER GUTIERREZ, BENITO ALAVES, JESSE TORRES, AND AL RIVERA. PLEASE JOIN US. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU, YOU DON'T NEED TO USE UP ALL YOUR THREE MINUTES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE THEM ALL. ARE THEY HERE? IS MR. ALAVES HERE? PLEASE JOIN US. MR. TORRES? OKAY. HOW ABOUT MR. RIVERA? ALL RIGHT. COME JOIN US. MR. GUTIERREZ.

PETER GUTIERREZ: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. PETER GUTIERREZ FROM LATHAM AND WATKINS ON BEHALF OF CHARLES COMPANY. WE SUBMITTED A DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL THAT'S BEFORE YOU ELECTRONICALLY THIS PAST FRIDAY. AND FOR THE RECORD, I WANTED TO PROVIDE HARD COPIES THIS MORNING FOR THE CLERK. CHARLES COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE IF YOUR BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS. BUT I WANTED TO ACTUALLY TURN THE TIME OVER TO THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK, AND IF YOUR BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS, CHARLES COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HERE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GET THOSE TO THE MEMBERS, AND IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'LL ASK THEM. ALL RIGHT. MR. ALAVEZ, IS THAT CORRECT?

MR. BENITO ALAVEZ: SI. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS MY OPINION ABOUT THE C.V.S. PHARMACY. IT WOULD BE A PRIDE FOR EAST LOS ANGELES AND FOR THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE FOUR SONS AND IT'S CLOSE FOR ME TO GO TO A PHARMACY AND FOR ALL THE SURROUNDINGS SO THEY CAN BE BETTER OFF. IF THEY PUT IN A THEATRE, THEY WILL BRING VIOLENCE TO THE SURROUNDINGS. THE ACTUAL REALITY IS THE KIDS WILL NOT GO TO THE THEATRE, THEY WILL JUST GO OUT AND CAUSE PROBLEMS. SO THAT EVERYTHING TURNS OUT OKAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY, I AGREE TO THE NEW BUILDING OF THE PHARMACY. THAT'S MY OPINION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: RICHARD TORRES.

JESSE TORRES: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JESSE TORRES AND I AM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF PAN- AMERICAN BANK. WE ARE 45-YEAR-OLD LATINO-OWNED COMMUNITY BANK AND THE ONLY BANK HEADQUARTERED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WE ARE CALIFORNIA'S OLDEST LATINO-OWNED BANK AND THE

SECOND OLDEST LATINO-OWNED BANK IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MISSION OF PAN AMERICAN BANK IS TO EMPOWER AND TRANSFORM THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. AS AN EAST LOS ANGELES NATIVE WHO GREW UP IN THE SHADOWS OF GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF THE OLD GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER WAS A LOCAL ANCHOR. HOWEVER, IN THE YEARS SINCE ITS DEMISE, THE INTERSECTION OF WHITTIER AND ATLANTIC BOULEVARDS HAS A REMINDER OF THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE ADDITION OF A NATIONAL PHARMACY CHAIN WILL PROVIDE TREMENDOUS BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING A LARGE SELECTION OF NEEDED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT ONLY A PHARMACY CHAIN CAN PROVIDE. THE ADDITION OF A SOLID CORPORATE CITIZEN TO EAST LOS ANGELES WILL ALSO BRING JOBS, TAX REVENUES, AND NEEDED CAPITAL TO THE COMMUNITY. FOR MANY YEARS, THIS INTERSECTION HAS BROUGHT NOTHING BUT DISAPPOINTMENT AND HAS REINFORCED THE FALSE NOTION THAT EAST LOS ANGELES IS NOT WORTHY OF DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOW HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YEARS OF NEGLECT AND PROVIDED NEEDED PRODUCTS, SERVICES, JOBS AND INVESTMENT AND TO SET THE EXAMPLE THAT UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES IS WORTHY OF INVESTMENTS THAT ARE SEEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THIS ACTION WILL INCREASE THE VOLUME OF NONALCOHOLIC COMMERCE IN AN AREA THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS THIS ACTIVITY. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING JOBS, REVENUES, AND AN IMPROVED STANDARD

OF LIVING TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THAT IS MY PREPARED STATEMENT. NOW I'D LIKE TO JUST VERY QUICKLY ALSO PROVIDE AN OBSERVATION, AND WHAT I SEE AS A LOGICAL FLAW. THE BRINGING OF C.V.S. TO EAST LOS ANGELES IS NOT GOING TO SPAWN MORE ALCOHOL DRINKERS. IF ANYTHING, WHAT IT WILL DO IS TO SERVE TO TAKE BUSINESS AWAY FROM THOSE LIQUOR STORES, LIQUOR-ONLY STORES THAT ARE PREDATORY IN THE COMMUNITY. THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT RELY UPON THE SALES OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT OF AGE. AS A RESULT, C.V.S. DOES NOT EQUAL MORE LIQUOR SALES. C.V.S., IF ANYTHING, WILL RESULT IN FEWER LIQUOR STORES DUE TO THE SALES TAKEN AWAY BY C.V.S. TO THE EXTENT THAT LIQUOR WAS A PRIMARY COMMODITY OF THOSE LOCAL LIQUOR STORES, SO, AGAIN, A FLAW THAT I SEE IN MANY OF THE OPPOSITION IS THAT THIS WILL NECESSARILY RESULT IN MORE LIQUOR SALES. WHAT I SEE IS CONTRADICTORY, IN FACT, A COMPLIANT CORPORATE CITIZEN WILL NOT ONLY SERVE TO PROVIDE LESS ALCOHOL, PARTICULARLY TO THOSE THAT ARE NOT OF AGE, BUT WILL SERVE TO ELIMINATE THOSE INSTITUTIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PREY ON OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OUR YOUTH. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. TORRES. NEXT, WE HAVE LOUIS HERRERA, RON MUKAI AND SYLVIA HUASTA. MR. RIVERA, PLEASE.

AL RIVERA: GOOD MORNING TO ALL SUPERVISORS HERE. I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF EAST L.A., WENT TO SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. ACTUALLY, WENT TO THE GOLDEN GATE AS A KID. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF -- OR IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT. AND I'M ESPECIALLY HAPPY WITH THE CHARLES COMPANY AND C.V.S. FOR MAKING THE COMMITMENT AND THE INVESTMENT INTO EAST L.A. MY RESIDENTS -- MY NEIGHBORS AND I ARE HOPING THAT THIS INVESTMENT PROMPTS OR SPARKS OTHER INTEREST BY OTHER INVESTORS AND CORPORATIONS TO INVEST IN EAST L.A. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT EAST L.A., BECAUSE OF THE GOLD LINE, IS LINKED TO PASADENA, TO DOWNTOWN, TO A NUMBER OF OTHER COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE TO HAVE THOSE STORES AND RETAILERS THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND VISIT. C.V.S. WILL BE LOOKED AT BY OTHER CORPORATIONS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OTHER CORPORATIONS AND INVESTORS LOOK AT EAST L.A. AS A BUSINESS FRIENDLY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MR. HERRERA.

LOUIS HERRERA: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. MY NAME IS LOUIS HERRERA. I'M A BUSINESSMAN IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1968, ONLY ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. I HAVE GONE TO THE MOVIES AT GOLDEN GATE THEATER FOR MANY, MANY TIMES, I HAVE DONE BUSINESS IN THE VEGA BUILDING, IN THE BOWLING ALLEYS, AND

I USED TO ENJOY IT. I HAVE BEEN WORKING THERE SINCE 1969. BASICALLY I'M A WORKAHOLIC, SO I USUALLY GET THERE AT 6:30 AND DON'T LEAVE UNTIL 9:00, SO BASICALLY I LIVE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN EAST LOS ANGELES, I'M A VOLUNTEER. AND SOME OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN THE SCHOOLS NEARBY FROM K-1 THROUGH K-5, WE'VE PARTNERED WITH CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO, SHERIFF LEE BACA, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND 35 CREDENTIALED TEACHERS FROM CAL STATE L.A. TO HELP EAST LOS ANGELES CONTINUALLY, WHICH MOSTLY FINANCED AND TEMPORARILY I'M SHORT OF MONEY, SO WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS LATER. I ALSO HAD AN AUTOMOBILE DEALER SINCE 1968. AND WE HAVE GIVEN TOYS AND BOOKS FOR 38 YEARS TO USUALLY ABOUT 1,500 TO 2,000 KIDS EVERY YEAR. AGAIN, WE HAVE A LOT OF, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SHERIFF LEE BACA, SENATOR ROMERO AND CONGRESSWOMAN NAPOLITANO ALWAYS SUPPORTING THESE AREAS. I HAVE ALSO SEEN, FRANK VILLALOBOS DRAWINGS. IT'S AN EXCELLENT DRAWING. HOWEVER, IT'S LIKE A DREAM. FOR A DREAM TO COME TRUE THAT YOU MUST FIRST TAME THAT FIRST STEP AND A LOT OF MONEY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. I DON'T SEE THAT FIRST STEP OR THAT MONEY COMING IN FROM A LOT OF THESE GREAT SUGGESTIONS TO RESTORE THIS THEATER. I'VE SEEN THIS THEATER FOR 18 YEARS, JUST LOOKING WORSE EVERY YEAR. I HAVE SEEN MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN ON THAT THEATER. AND AGAIN, NO FIRST STEP, NO MONEY CAN HAPPEN WITHOUT PEOPLE, SOME ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING YOU. I

HATE TO SEE THIS GREAT LOCATION GO TO WASTE WHEN IT COULD BE AN ANCHOR TO BRING OTHER LARGE BUSINESSES HERE TO OUR EAST LOS ANGELES AREA. BIG BUSINESSES WOULD BRING BIG TAX DOLLARS AND MANY, MANY MORE JOBS THAT WE NEED. THE BUSINESSES IN EAST LOS ANGELES ARE HURTING. AND WE NEED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE C.V.S. TO HELP BRING UP AND ANCHOR THIS LOCATION. WE NEED LIKE HOPEFULLY LIKE ALHAMBRA, MONTEBELLO, MONTEREY PARK ARE BUILDING AREAS. AND HERE WE HAVE TO GO TO THOSE GROCERY STORES WAY OUT THERE TO DO OUR SHOPPING AND GOING TO THOSE RESTAURANTS, WHEN WE COULD HAVE IT RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN EAST L.A.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HERRERA. YOUR TIME IS UP. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. MUKAI.

RON MUKAI: THANK YOU, GLORIA AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS RON MUKAI. I COME HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF. I'M A DEVELOPER AND A LANDOWNER IN THE AREA. MY FAMILY'S BEEN IN EAST L.A. FOR THREE GENERATIONS. I ALSO COME REPRESENTING THE MONTE VILLA BUSINESSPERSONS ASSOCIATION. WE'RE ONE OF THE OLDEST BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS IN EAST L.A., AND I'M ON THE BOARD THERE. BEFORE I GET INTO WHAT I WANTED TO SAY, I HAVE TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR EDDIE TORRES AND FRANK AND THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. WHAT I LOVE ABOUT EAST L.A. IS EVERYBODY HAS AN OPINION AND THEY'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT IT AND THEY PUT ACTION TO THAT AND THEY COME OUT AND SPEAK. AND I ENCOURAGE ANYBODY,

WHATEVER SIDE OF THE FENCE YOU'RE ON, IT'S GOING TO MAKE EAST L.A. A BETTER PLACE. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. I'M NOT IN SUPPORT OF LIQUOR. I DON'T DRINK MYSELF AND I DO SEE LIQUOR AS A PROBLEM IN THE COMMUNITY AND I HOPE THAT C.V.S. AND THE CHARLES COMPANY IS GOING TO BE VERY RESPONSIBLE IN HOW THEY DO BUSINESS AND THAT THEY BECOME AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE COMMUNITY. I DID SPEAK WITH RON FROM THE CHARLES COMPANY AND WHAT I LIKED ABOUT THEM, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT THEY BUY AND KEEP. SO THEY'RE NOT JUST GOING TO BUILD THIS PROJECT AND FLIP IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE WHO HAS NO INTEREST IN IT, THEY'RE GOING TO BUY AND KEEP IT. WE CAN GO DOWN THERE AND LOOK THEM IN THE EYE IF THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING WRONG AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. AND I EXPECT THAT OUT OF ANYBODY THAT BUILDS IN EAST L.A. I WON'T REITERATE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS SAYING. I BELIEVE EAST L.A. NEEDS STRONG RETAILERS. WE CAN'T FORGET WHERE WE CAME FROM AND WE CAN'T FORGET OUR ROOTS, BUT STRONG NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RETAILERS PLAY A ROLE IN THAT, JUST LIKE THE MOM AND POPS, AND JUST LIKE THE THINGS, LIKE EL MERCADO, AND THINGS THAT MAKE EAST L.A. EAST L.A. I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT GENTRIFIED TO LOOK LIKE MISSION VIEJO, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED A STRONG MIX OF NATIONAL RETAILERS IN THE MIX. AGAIN, RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, YOU KNOW, HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THAT INCLUDES THE CHARLES COMPANY AND THAT INCLUDES C.V.S., BUT I REALLY FEEL STRONGLY, AND THIS IS JUST ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I BELIEVE THAT THE RETAIL

QUARTERS OF EAST L.A. NEED TO BE MAINTAINED AS RETAIL. WE NEED BUSINESSES, STRONG BUSINESSES WHERE PEOPLE CAN SHOP AND EAT AND TAKE THEIR FAMILIES. THAT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND YOUTH CENTERS AND ART CENTERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY, STRONG RETAILER CENTERS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE SORELY LACKING IN THAT AREA. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. AND I STOOD BEFORE YOU FOLKS IN '02 TALKING ABOUT MY PROJECT. AND I FELT JUST AS PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THEN AS I DO NOW. I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND THANKS AGAIN.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. MUKAI. ALL RIGHT, NEXT WE HAVE RAUL LUGO FOLLOWED BY ARNULFO DELGADO. MS. HUASTA.

SYLVIA HUASTA: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SYLVIA HUASTA. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE GROUP OF PARK RUBEN SALAZAR. WE ARE HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION ON THE AGENDA NO. 9, ITEM NO. 9. THE REASON WE SUPPORT IT, BECAUSE THIS PROPOSITION WILL CREATE JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE FRANCES MANGAS AS WELL AS VERONICA SALAS. MR. LUGO.

RAUL LUGO: YES, HI. I CAME HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE IS A LANDMARK OF THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THIS CORNER WAS A COMMUNITY STAPLE WHICH ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE TO COME AND ENJOY THE MAJESTY OF THE VEGA BUILDING AND THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. AFTER THE WHITTIER NARROWS EARTHQUAKE OF 1986, EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS CORNER CHANGED. THE TWO HISTORIC BUILDINGS WERE BADLY DAMAGED, AND IN 1994, THE VEGA BUILDING CAME DOWN. OF COURSE, I'D LIKE TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER RETURN TO ITS FORMER GLORY AND MAJESTY, BUT I'VE GOT TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT PRESERVING THIS GREAT BUILDING FOR POSTERITY. THE VEGA BUILDING WAS A BELOVED HANGOUT PLACE FOR MANY PEOPLE THAT GREW UP IN EAST LOS ANGELES. BUT AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDINGS BECAME UNSAFE TO OCCUPY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, PLANS TO RESTORE THE THEATRE HAVE ONLY BEEN FALSE START THUS FAR. HERE WE HAVE A DEVELOPER INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE BUILDING TO LEASE IT OUT AS A COMMERCIAL SPACE. FOR MANY YEARS, THIS BUILDING HAS SAT VACANT AND DETRIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE THEATRE WAS RECENTLY FENCED UP TO PREVENT TRANSIENT PEOPLE FROM WALKING INTO THE BUILDING TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. WITH A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE SUCH AS C.V.S., THE CHARLES COMPANY IS ABLE TO MAKE THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO PRESERVE THE BUILDING

AND MEET STRICT STANDARDS TO PRESERVE THE CULTURAL CHARACTER AND HISTORIC NATURE OF THE THEATRE. THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BADLY. THE RECESSION HAS HIT EAST LOS ANGELES BUSINESSES HARD AND A PROJECT LIKE THIS COULD BE A CATALYST TO INVITE POSITIVE INVESTMENT INTO THIS COMMUNITY. BIG RETAIL ANCHORS LIKE THE C.V.S. COULD HELP DRAW PATRONS TO THE AREA WHILE PROVIDING EYES ON THE STREET AND ALLOWING CUSTOMERS TO STAY IN THE WHITTIER DISTRICT PAST 5:00 P.M., WHEN MOST BUSINESSES CLOSE THEIR DOORS DUE TO THE LACK OF LIGHTING AND FOOT TRAFFIC. THE PROJECT IS ALSO GOING TO GENERATE UPWARDS OF 35 JOBS THAT ARE MUCH NEEDED IN THE AREA. IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT PRESERVING THIS BUILDING FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE COULD BE A CATALYST FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS OF ADAPTIVE REUSE IN THE AREA AND PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF A COMMUNITY THAT GREATLY NEEDS SPACES WHERE MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE BLIGHT, SEEING DYING BUILDINGS FROM ANOTHER ERA. IF WE WAIT, THE GOLDEN GATE WILL BE IN RUINS AND THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE BLIGHT AT ONE OF ITS GOLDEN CORNERS. AT THIS MOMENT, THIS IS THE MOST REALISTIC AND FEASIBLE PLAN TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF EVENTS. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO END BY SAYING THAT IF WE REJECT CHANGE, WE'RE GOING TO BE THE ARCHITECTS OF DECAY IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MR. DELGADO.

ARNULFO DELGADO: YES. I HAVE A LIST RIGHT HERE OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MAY 19, 2010. AND ALSO I HAVE ONLY ONE COPY, UNFORTUNATELY, OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES STATION JUVENILE ARRESTS REPORT. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. SO GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ARNULFO DELGADO. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M AWARE THAT THERE IS A SATURATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE IN THE AREA, BUT THE CHARLES COMPANY IS NOT APPLYING FOR A NEW LICENSE. RATHER, THEY'RE GOING TO PURCHASE AN EXISTING LICENSE, THUS IT'S A ZERO SUM. C.V.S. IS NOT GOING TO SELL TO MINORS BECAUSE IT'S A RESPECTABLE BUSINESS, UNLIKE A LIQUOR STORE. IT'S THE LIQUOR STORES IN THE AREA THAT RUIN THE IMAGE OF THE COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE THE BAD APPLES THAT WE NEED TO REFORM. AS AN ADDED MEASURE, THE FINAL E.I.R. STATES THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN ON-SITE SECURITY GUARD THAT WILL ENSURE THIS WON'T HAPPEN. ACCORDING TO THE WOODSTOCK INSTITUTE, IT STATE, IN LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, ALCOHOL IS SOLD IN LIQUOR STORES THAT HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WHILE IN MANY MORE AFFLUENT AREAS, IT IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH GROCERY STORES, MULTI-PURPOSE STORES, MALLS, ET CETERA. THESE TYPES OF STORES DO NOT PRESENT THE SAME TYPES OF PROBLEMS TO COMMUNITIES THAT THE LIQUOR STORES DO. I DID A RESEARCH AND PRETTY MUCH I FOUND THAT COMMUNITIES LIKE GLENDALE, BURBANK, POMONA THAT ARE COMPARABLE SIZE IN EAST L.A. HAVE MORE LIQUOR

LICENSES THAN EAST L.A. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 757 CRIMES IN DISTRICT 286, WHERE THE GOLDEN GATE IS LOCATED. BUT HOW MANY OF THESE CRIMES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION? THE DATA I PROVIDED SHOWS THAT THERE WAS ZERO ARRESTS FOR JUVENILES. IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE NEED A C.V.S. SINCE IT WILL CREATE CONSTRUCTION JOBS, 25 RETAIL PHARMACY JOBS, PLUS SIX TO EIGHT JOBS IN THE RESTAURANT, SIX MILLION IN SALES TAX AND WILL BE THE FIRST NATIONAL PHARMACY TO LOCATE IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS WORK OUTSIDE EAST L.A. AND WE NEED MORE EMPLOYERS THAT WILL EMPLOY LOCAL RESIDENTS, IMPROVE THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND THE IMAGE OF THE AREA. IF DEVELOPMENT IS STOPPED, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY BELIEVE THAT IT WILL SEND OUT A NEGATIVE MESSAGE TO BUSINESSES AND WILL RUIN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. AS IT IS RIGHT NOW, EAST L.A. HAS DISINVESTED FOR YEARS. BLOCKING THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT HELP IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I AGREE 100 PERCENT WITH THE L.A. CONSERVANCY'S ARGUMENT THAT ALTHOUGH OUR TESTIMONY NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED CONSERVING INTO A DRUGSTORE USE IS NOT IDEAL, WE EMPHASIZE THAT IT'S PREFERABLE TO LEAVING THE THEATRE VACANT AND DETERIORATING FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALSO, LAST TIME I SPOKE AT THE MARCH 17 PLANNING COMMISSION, I MADE A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CHARLES COMPANY HAVE A COMMUNITY MEETING AS CONDITION OF APPROVAL. ON MAY 19, 2010, THE CHARLES

COMPANY HAD A COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY. I HANDED YOU THE LIST. THE CHARLES COMPANY PRETTY MUCH GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE RESIDENTS. THIS SHOWS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES. IN SHORT, I BELIEVE THE CHARLES COMPANY SHOULD GET THEIR ENTITLEMENTS. THANK YOU.

VERONICA SALAS: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VERONICA SALAS AND I'M A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE BELVEDERE SOCCER LEAGUE, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY SINCE 1975 AND WE PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE CLOSE TO 3,000 MEMBERS, SOCCER PLAYERS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM RESIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WE AS AN ORGANIZATION SUPPORT THE PROJECT OF ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WOULD GENERATE JOBS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE OUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE AND TO HAVE THE OPTION OF DIVERSE BUSINESSES IN THE CORNER OF WHITTIER AND ATLANTIC. AS THE VOICE OF CLOSE TO 3,000 ADULTS, MEMBERS OF THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY, I WANT TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR THE CHANGE TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. WE HAVE THE CHANCE -- WE HAVE A CHANGE -- SORRY. WE NEED A CHANGE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I CAN STAND HERE TODAY AND SAY THAT WE, BELVEDERE

SOCCER LEAGUE, SUPPORT THE ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, WHICH INCLUDES THE OPENING OF C.V.S. DRUGSTORES. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MISS SALAS. SENORA MANGAS.

FRANCES MANGAS: [SPEAKS SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE C.V.S. PROJECT. BECAUSE I'M VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND I SUPPORT MR. AGUILAR IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS. SO THAT WE CAN GET MORE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE SCHOOLS SO THAT WE CAN SPONSOR AND -- ON THE PROJECT. ANYTHING THAT RELATES TO MY COMMUNITY, I GET INVOLVED. WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THIS PROJECT, I FELT LIKE I SHOULD COME HERE AND TALK. IT IS TRUE THAT THE C.V.S. IS COMING TO BUILD AND WE'RE JUST THINKING A LITTLE NEGATIVE. THEY WILL BE SELLING GROCERIES AND OTHER ITEMS. AND WE WILL DEVELOP OUR PICTURES THERE AS WELL. I'M TELLING THESE BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE THAT I GO TO CESAR CHAVEZ FOR THE PHARMACY. I'VE BEEN GOING TO THIS PARTICULAR PHARMACY FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS. AND I'VE NEVER SEEN PEOPLE REALLY COMING OUT WITH PACKS OF BEER. THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE AGAINST THIS PROJECT, THEY CAN SEE THAT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BESIDES THAT, 90 PERCENT OF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING WILL BE PURCHASED AT THAT PHARMACY. I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD STORE NEARBY. THE

OTHER STORES ARE PRETTY FAR FROM THE AREA, AND WE WILL HAVE A GOOD BUSINESS FOR THAT PLACE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MISS JARAMILLO.

PASCUALA JARAMILLO: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND EVERYBODY PRESENT. I'M IN FAVOR OF C.V.S. AND STARBUCKS. WE NEED A PLACE LIKE THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A PLACE THAT'S HEALTHY FOR THEM. WE ALSO NEED THESE BENEFITS TO BE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT WE REQUIRED, SO THAT WE COULD CREATE MORE JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE IN THE BOARD ROOM SUPPORTING THIS ISSUE FOR C.V.S., THE PROJECT THAT WE REALLY NEED THESE FUNDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MR. ALVAREZ.

FRANK ALVAREZ: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLORIA MOLINA AND FELLOW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANK ALVAREZ. I'M A CASE MANAGER FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE AREA CALLED LA CASA YOUTH BUILD. EVERY YEAR WE SERVICE 150 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COME TO OUR PROGRAM LOOKING FOR JOB DEVELOPMENT. THEY NEED VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THEY'RE OUT OF

SCHOOL, WE HELP THEM, GET THEM BACK IN SCHOOL AND WE PUT THEM ON DIFFERENT CAREER TRACKS. ONE OF OUR CAREER TRACKS IS IN THE GREEN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE 55 YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PROGRAM FROM THAT AREA, THE UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AREA, AND ONE OF MY CHALLENGES HAS BEEN AS A CASE MANAGER IS IDENTIFYING CONSTRUCTION JOBS FOR THEM. WE ALL KNOW THE ECONOMY RIGHT NOW, WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, IT'S DIFFICULT. I HAVE A CHALLENGING JOB TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE C.V.S. IN OUR COMMUNITY, WILL CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM THAT CAN GIVE THEM A CAREER PATH IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHERE THEY CAN MAKE A LIVING WAGE. AND BEYOND THAT, THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IT'S GOING TO CREATE TO STAFF THE C.V.S. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED THIS OPPORTUNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WORK IN THE UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AREA BUT I LIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I FEEL THAT BOTH PLACES ARE MY HOME, BOTH PLACES ARE MY COMMUNITY, BECAUSE I SPEND MORE TIME IN THE UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AREA THAN I DO ACTUALLY WHERE I LIVE. BUT IN MY COMMUNITY, WE HAVE A C.V.S. AND PEOPLE PATRON IT THERE, THEY GO THERE AND THEY SHOP THERE BECAUSE IT'S AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO MEET THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS. I HAVE A CHILD, I HAVE A FAMILY, I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT WORKS IN MY FAMILY, AND WHEN MY KID GETS SICK AND I GET SICK AND I HAVE TO PURCHASE MEDICINE, THAT'S WHERE I GO TO. AND I WANT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST L.A., THE YOUNG PEOPLE I SERVE AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO BENEFIT

THE SAME WAY I BENEFIT. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. WE'RE IN FAVOR OF IT.

VANESSA VALLEJOS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MIME NAME IS VANESSA VALLEJOS. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE C.V.S. IN REGARDS TO FAMILY. WHEN IT COMES TO MY FAMILY, ALL MY FAMILY IS REALLY UNITED. I HAVE BOTH MY GRANDPARENTS SICK. EVERY TIME THEY GET SICK, EITHER MY MOM, ONE OF MY LITTLE COUSINS OR I HAVE TO GO GET THEIR MEDICINE. WHERE WE GO, WE GO C.V.S. IN MONTEBELLO. AND IT'S REALLY FAR FROM WHERE OUR GRANDPARENTS LIVE. THERE ARE TIMES THEY'RE JUST IN PAIN AND WE NEED TO GET THEIR MEDICATION. AND SOMETIMES IT'S A LITTLE LATE, DEPENDS ON THE TRAFFIC OR ON HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THE PHARMACY. SO I THINK THAT WOULD HELP US ALL GET A PHARMACY CLOSE TO WHERE WE LIVE AND IT WOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE FUNDS, IT WOULD HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH JOBS, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD REALLY HELP US, BECAUSE THE PLACE HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN FOR -- I HONESTLY HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY YEARS, BUT IT'S JUST AN EMPTY PLACE WHERE WE COULD HAVE SOMETHING THAT COULD WORK FOR EVERYBODY. WE HAVE GROCERIES THERE IN THE C.V.S., WE HAVE MEDICATIONS, LIKE THE LADY SAID, WE HAVE MAKEUP, WE HAVE EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED THERE. IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE ADULTS, IT'S ALSO AS WELL AS FOR SCHOOLS. MY LITTLE SISTER AND I GO STRONG THERE WHENEVER SHE NEEDS SOMETHING FOR HER SCHOOL PROJECTS. MY LITTLE BROTHER ALSO DOES, TOO. SO I'M IN APPROVAL

OF THE C.V.S. ON ATLANTIC. IF YOU GUYS WOULD HELP US, THAT WOULD BE REALLY THANKFUL FOR YOU GUYS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THAT COMPLETES ALL OF THE TESTIMONY TODAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. THIS IS ITEM 9 AND IT IS BEFORE US, AND BEFORE I READ THE MOTION, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHILE, AGAIN, THIS IS NOT JUST AN ISSUE OF A LIQUOR STORE, I THINK ALL OF US KNOW THAT C.V.S. IS NOT A BAD ACTOR IN THE COMMUNITY. I AGREE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DETERIORATING BUILDING WAS CREATING QUITE AN EYESORE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS A COMPROMISE THAT -- THAT WAS THE ONLY COMPROMISE WE COULD COME TO THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH DEVELOPERS WILLING TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A HISTORIC BUILDING. SO NOT THE BEST COMPROMISE, BUT IT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US. SO VERY FRANKLY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSING IT, BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE ALSO SUPPORTING IT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THOSE THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE PROJECT THAT WILL ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY OVERALL AND WILL NEVER BE A BAD ACTOR IN THE COMMUNITY. AND HOPEFULLY I WILL BE A PART OF HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE TO THOSE HIGH STANDARDS. SO WITH THAT, I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, WE DENY THE APPEAL FILED BY THE MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND THAT WE CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. SECONDLY, THAT THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FULL E.I.R. AND ITS MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS. AND, THREE, THAT THE FULL E.I.R. REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE COUNTY AND THAT WE CERTIFY THE F.E.I.R. AND, IN ADDITION, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE PROJECT NUMBER R200503503 SUBSECTION ONE AND THE C.U.P. CASE NUMBER R.C.U.P. 200800136 SUBSECTION 1 AND, SIX, TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL, INCLUDING THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE S.O.C. AND THE PROJECT FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AND BRING THEM BACK FOR A FUTURE BOARD MEETING FOR FULL CONSIDERATION. I SO MOVE. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. ALL RIGHT. WE NOW HAVE ITEM NO. 10. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: PLEASE.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 10, THIS IS THE HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TITLE 21 SUBDIVISIONS AND TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING TO REVISE AND IMPLEMENT NEW FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVIEW

AND PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ON THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL ALSO CALL UP AGENDA ITEM NO. 29, WHICH IS THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND ALSO THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THIS MATTER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. COULD WE ASK ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LEAVING TO PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY. PLEASE. WE HAVE OTHER HEARINGS GOING ON. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A REPORT ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

DENNIS SLAVEN: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. ACTUALLY, IT'S AFTERNOON NOW, I APOLOGIZE. MY NAME IS DENNIS SLAVEN AND I'M REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AT THE APRIL 27 MEETING LAST MONTH, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CASE PROCESSING. IN THIS REVIEW, YOU ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TIMEFRAMES FOR CASE PROCESSING, TO DETERMINE MEASURES TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PARTICULARLY MEASURES THAT WILL EXPEDITE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, DOCUMENT HOW REGIONAL PLANNING COMPLIES WITH THE PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT, AND TO EXPLORE MEANS OF EXPANDING THE SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION TO

PROCESS MORE LARGE PROJECTS. YOUR BOARD ALSO DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT TO REACH OUT TO BUILDING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, CONSULTANTS WHO PROCESS LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, THE PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK REGARDING PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FEE INCREASES. IN OUR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO YOUR MOTION, WE HAVE MADE FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. NUMBER ONE, THAT REGIONAL PLANNING FORM A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF STAKEHOLDERS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO EVALUATE AND REVIEW ALL ISSUES ADDRESSED IN YOUR APRIL MOTION AND THAT THIS COMMITTEE BE FACILITATED BY A THIRD PARTY TO ENSURE IMPARTIALITY. NUMBER TWO, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SHALL WORK WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE C.E.O. TO REVIEW REGIONAL PLANNING'S EXISTING DEVELOPMENT FEE STRUCTURE AND COST ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND TO DEVELOP ENHANCEMENTS WHERE POSSIBLE. NUMBER THREE, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON THE FINDINGS BY THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE AND FEE STRUCTURE COST ACCOUNTING ANALYSIS. AND FINALLY, ASKING THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE FEES AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED DURING THE APRIL 27, 2010, PUBLIC HEARING, AND TO DIRECT REGIONAL PLANNING TO PRESENT A REVIEW OF THE FEES BASED ON THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN 14 MONTHS. WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR AND STAFF AVAILABLE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM MY COLLEAGUES? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE QUESTION IS, WHEN DID YOU -- WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT IN THE COMPARISON OF THE COUNTY FEE STRUCTURE VERSUS THE OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTION FEES BEING IMPOSED?

DENNIS SLAVEN: YES, SUPERVISOR, WE FOUND THAT OUR PROPOSED FEES ARE COMPARABLE. IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT WHEN DOING AN ANALYSIS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS BECAUSE EACH JURISDICTION HANDLES DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DIFFERENTLY. HOWEVER, WE FOUND THAT IN SOME CASES, OUR PROPOSED FEES ARE LOWER, IN SOME CASES A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN THE JURISDICTIONS THAT WE'VE REVIEWED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS, DO YOU HAVE A COST OF LIVING INDEX INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL?

DENNIS SLAVEN: YES, WE DO. WE DO HAVE AN ANNUAL C.P.I. INCLUDED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND DO YOU HAVE A CEILING AS TO THAT FEE INCREASE?

DENNIS SLAVEN: WITH RESPECT TO A CEILING, THE FEE WOULD ONLY INCREASE ANNUALLY BASED ON THE C.P.I. ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS WHEN WE REPORT BACK WITH OUR COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS THAT THE FEES THAT WE CHARGE, WHERE THOSE MONEYS GO, HOW THEY'RE UTILIZED, MAY ALSO CHANGE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CEILING.

DENNIS SLAVEN: NOT AT THIS TIME, NO.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO. SO C.P.I., IF IT WAS 20 PERCENT, THEN IT WOULD BE 20 PERCENT INCREASE.

DENNIS SLAVEN: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: UNLIKE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OR PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE A CEILING OF, WHAT, 2 PERCENT? UP TO 2 PERCENT?

SUP. KNABE: WELL, MEASURE "B," TOO. MEASURE "B," TOO. THERE'S A CEILING FOR THE YEAR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND DID THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS?

DENNIS SLAVEN: YES, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER EXAMINED AND APPROVED THE FEES, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND HOW DID YOU ADJUST FOR LARGE DEVELOPMENTS VERSUS A HOMEOWNER OR A SMALL BUSINESS FEE STRUCTURE?

DENNIS SLAVEN: IN OUR PROPOSED FEES, WE'VE DIVIDED THE FEES INTO MULTIPLE CATEGORIES, SUCH THAT SMALL DEVELOPERS AND HOMEOWNERS WOULD NOT SEE A FEE INCREASE ON THE MAJORITY OF THE APPLICATIONS THAT THEY MIGHT FILE. SO THE MAJORITY OF OUR FEE INCREASE IS BASED ON THE FEES THAT WE WOULD CHARGE FOR LARGER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THIS STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP, AND WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND HOW LONG DO YOU ENVISION THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD?

RICHARD BRUCKNER: AS DENNIS DESCRIBED EARLIER, WE WOULD REPORT BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON HOW PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. WE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD WRAP UP THEIR WORK IN NINE MONTHS. AND, AS DIRECTED, WE WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM THE B.I.A., THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE, AS THE BOARD ALSO DIRECTED, MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ALSO REACH OUT TO TOWN COUNCILS AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR

STAFFS. THERE'S BEEN SOME SENTIMENT TO REPORT BACK BEFORE THE 14 MONTHS AND WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK TO YOU IN 12 MONTHS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THE INCREASES ARE GOING TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCESSING OF PERMITS? WHAT SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS, ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU ENVISION THAT THIS INCREASE WOULD CREATE?

RICHARD BRUCKNER: WELL, AT THIS POINT, PRIOR TO STARTING THE PROCESS, I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE THAT THERE -- WHAT THOSE OUTCOMES WILL BE, BECAUSE THAT WILL BE THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING THE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER WITH THE FACILITATOR. BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN BRING BACK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS THAT WILL BE -- MAKE THE PROCESS AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE AND STREAMLINE THAT PROCESS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE TO THOSE ISSUES RAISED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF IN OUR MOTION THAT WE HAD ADOPTED LAST MONTH, AND WHERE YOU ANALYZE THE STREET FEE STRUCTURE WITH THE VARIOUS OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND ORIENTED THE FEES TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE COSTS FOR SMALLER PROJECTS BY INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS OR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. BUT DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE DO HAVE A VERY BAD ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AT THIS TIME,

WHICH IS A DISINCENTIVE TO HAVING ANY TYPE OF FEE INCREASE, BUT IF THE FEE WAS TO BE INCREASED, THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT INCREASED PERFORMANCE FROM OUR REGIONAL OFFICES. THE FEE INCREASE BEFORE US COMES ONLY WITH A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE. I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCIES AND DEFICIENCIES BEFORE THE BOARD RAISES FEES ON THE PUBLIC AND NOT AFTER. AND WHILE I'D APPRECIATE THE LONGER TERM EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE, IN MY OPINION, A FEE INCREASE AT THIS TIME WITHOUT GUARANTEE OF IMPROVED SERVICE IS INAPPROPRIATE. THAT'S MY POSITION ON THAT ISSUE, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KNABE: WHILE THE RESPONSES WERE THOUGHTFUL, I STILL HAVE THE CONCERN THAT THE INCREASE IS PREMATURE BASED ON THERE WAS REALLY NO TIE-IN TO INCREASED PRODUCTION OR OUTPUT. A PROCESS IS SET UP NOW, BUT UNTIL WE BROUGHT IN THE MOTION, THE OUTREACH WAS JUST NOT THERE WITH THOSE THAT ARE IMPACTED. AND THE TIMING FOR THIS FEE INCREASE COULD NOT BE WORSE, SO I STILL HAVE MAJOR CONCERNS WITH IT AND I INTEND TO VOTE "NO."

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE ON BOARD? WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS, HOLLY SCHROEDER AND BLAINE MEEK, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

HOLLY SCHROEDER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. HOLLY SCHROEDER, WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU AGAIN AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE REPORT. WE APPRECIATE THE FORMATION OF THE TASK FORCE. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO HELP AND WE DEFINITELY ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE. BUT WE REMAIN CONCERNED, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH INDICATED, THAT WE HAVE THE ORDER, THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WRONG. WE NEED TO DO THIS TOP-TO-BOTTOM REVIEW BEFORE YOU RAISE THE FEES. AND I THINK ACTUALLY THE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROVES MY POINT. THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY REASONS ABOUT WHY THE FEES ARE TO BE INCREASED ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. THE FIRST ONE IS THAT SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES WEREN'T IN THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE. THESE ARE INCREASES AT THE TIME WHEN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY HAS HAD LAYOFFS OF ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT ARE DOUBLE AND TRIPLE AND QUADRUPLE THE GENERAL INDUSTRY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. THIS IS A TERRIBLE TIME TO BE LOOKING AT RAISING FEES ON THE INDUSTRY. THEN THE OTHER MAJOR REASON THAT'S CITED IS ALL THE NEW LAYERS OF REQUIREMENTS HAVE MADE THE WORK MORE COMPLICATED. AND THERE'S SEVERAL, THE GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE, THE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, THE DROUGHT TOLERANT ORDINANCE, SOME NEW WATER REQUIREMENTS. ALL OF THESE ARE EXAMPLES THAT ARE GIVEN. AND I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THIS IS THE EXACT PROBLEM. WE WRITE RULES, WE DON'T THINK ABOUT HOW

WE'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THEM, WE DON'T WORK THEM INTO THE SYSTEM, WE DON'T MAKE THE PROCESS WORK AS AN INTEGRAL PROCESS. AND SO EVERYTHING GETS REVIEWED SEPARATELY AND THERE'S TREMENDOUS DUPLICATION IN THE PROCESS. AND I THINK THE WAY THAT THE WORK ANALYSIS ON THE TWO EXAMPLES SHOWS THAT. THE THIRD REASON THAT WAS IN THE REPORT IS THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE GOTTEN MORE CONTENTIOUS AND GENERATING MORE APPEALS. BUT I NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE THE FEE FOR AN APPLICANT TO DO AN APPEAL WENT UP BY 300 PERCENT, THE APPEAL FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT, THE TYPE THAT IS CITED IN THE REPORT, HASN'T CHANGED. AND WHILE THE BOARD MAY CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF SUBSIDIZING THESE APPEALS, IT CAN'T USE APPLICANT FEES TO COVER THOSE COSTS. AND THAT INCLUSION IN THE REPORT MAKES US WONDER IF THAT'S BEING INCLUDED. SIMILARLY, THE REPORT DOESN'T REALLY ADDRESS A CONCERN THAT I EXPRESSED LAST MONTH ABOUT WHETHER FEES ARE BEING EXCLUSIVELY FOR CASE PROCESSING. YOU CAN ONLY USE THESE FEES FOR WHERE THERE'S A LEGITIMATE NEXUS TO THE WORK THAT IS BEING PERFORMED AND THE STAFFING THAT IS ALLEGEDLY AT RISK IS 20 PERCENT OF ADVANCED PLANNING, SIX POSSESSIONS IN PUBLIC COUNTER ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND I.T., NOT EXACTLY DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FEES THAT ARE BEING LEVIED. ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS THAT, AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE FEES BEING ENACTED. SO AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE, WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE, I WANT TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. BUT WE REALLY THINK THAT

THIS ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BEFOREHAND. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS REVIEW IN SIX MONTHS, AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE FEE REVISIONS AT THAT TIME. AGAIN, THIS IS A TERRIBLE TIME FOR THE INDUSTRY, RAISING FEES IS JUST GOING TO FURTHER HAMPER PRODUCTION OF NECESSARY HOUSING. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MISS SCHROEDER. MR. MEEK.

BLAINE MEEK: YES, BLAINE MEEK, ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTING 2,700 OF YOUR COUNTY PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING ALL THE THE PLANNERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE FEE INCREASE. AND I JUST WANTED TO START OUT BY SAYING YOUR -- THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT AND THAT ARE YOUR EMPLOYEES, THE PLANNERS, YOU ALL KNOW THEY WORK AND HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF TO -- THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS, THEY ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING YOU AND THE PUBLIC THE QUALITY OF SERVICES AND THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT YOU HAVE -- AND THE PUBLIC HAS COME TO EXPECT AND RELY UPON. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT WHAT'S AT RISK HERE IS TERMINATION OF LONG-TERM PLANNING PROJECTS AND A REDUCTION IN THE SPEED IN WHICH CASES WOULD BE PROCESSED. AND THIS IS DUE TO REASSIGNMENT OF STAFF AND A LAYOFF OF BETWEEN 10 AND 12 OF THE PLANNING STAFF. THAT IS IF YOU DON'T ACT TO PAY THE COST OF THESE SERVICES. THERE'S TWO WAYS TO PAY

THOSE COSTS. ONE IS YOU CAN DIP INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND BACKFILL. THE OTHER WAY IS TO RAISE THE FEES. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RAISING THE FEES EVEN THOUGH I THINK CAPE IS PROBABLY THE MOST SENSITIVE UNION TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THAT WE'RE IMPACTED THE MOST OF ALL YOUR UNIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. TO US, WHAT'S AT STAKE IS THE QUESTION HERE IS RAISING THE FEES PROTECTS THESE SERVICES THAT YOU AND THE PUBLIC HAS COME TO RELY UPON IN A WAY THAT THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE DOESN'T PAY THE COST, BUT, RATHER, THE USERS PAY THE COST, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE FAIR WAY TO FINANCE THESE SERVICES. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES, SIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A POINT OF OPPORTUNITY HERE. IT SEEMS THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE RATHER CLEAR THE NOTION OF RAISING FEES HAS DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR RETAINING STAFF AND MAKING SURE THAT THESE SERVICES THAT OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES NEED AND/OR RELY ON ARE POTENTIALLY AT STAKE IF WE HAVE A REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE. THE BOARD ITSELF

IS TRADITIONALLY CHOSEN TO AVOID THAT WHERE REASONABLE. THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO BUTTRESS OURSELVES AGAINST THAT IS THE INCREASE OF REVENUES, NAMELY WITH THE RAISING OF FEES IN THIS CONTEXT. IT'S TOUGH TO DO THAT GIVEN THE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALL OF US ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF AND HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED BY SOME OF THE SPEAKERS, AND YET THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFORM HERE THAT I THINK ALL OF US COULD POTENTIALLY EMBRACE A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD, SEIZE OPPORTUNITY. MY CONCERN IS AS FOLLOWS. FOURTEEN MONTHS TO DO THE REVIEW STRIKES ME AS BEING MUCH LONGER THAN I'D BE COMFORTABLE WITH. AND SO I'M GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE REDUCE THAT LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE REVIEW AND ACCELERATE THE REVIEW, NOT TO COMPROMISE THE REVIEW, BUT TO ACCELERATE IT. AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF, IN FACT, THAT WOULD BE REASONABLE. THE DEPARTMENT HEAD CAN SPEAK TO THAT. IF SO, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO SO MOVE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED. IS THERE A SECOND?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: TO MOVE WHAT? TO JUST TARGET THE DATE?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: SIX MONTHS RATHER THAN 14. AND I WANT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS RESPONSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE --

RICHARD BRUCKNER: WE HEARD FROM THE V.I.A. THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE SIX MONTHS. WE PROVIDED NINE MONTHS TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF CUSHION THERE IN THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A THIRD PARTY REVIEW THIS AND SOME OF THE BASIC WORK HAS BEEN DONE. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AND BELIEVE WE CAN GET THIS DONE IN SIX MONTHS. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY OUR RECOMMENDATION TO COME BACK QUARTERLY AND REPORT TO YOU.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'LL SECOND IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS ITEM?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ON THE AMENDMENT?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I THINK IT'S AN ACCEPTED AMENDMENT. DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SEPARATE -- OKAY. AS AMENDED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AS AMENDED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AS AMENDED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YES.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. KNABE: NO.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AYE.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: MOTION CARRIES. AND ALSO THIS IS INCLUDED--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THIS INCLUDED WHAT OTHER ITEM?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 29, THE REPORT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THAT ALSO INCLUDED ITEM NO. 29. ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE --

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 11, AND THIS IS THE HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMATION OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND APPROVE THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ON THIS ITEM, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1-P AND ALSO ITEM NO. 28, WHICH IS A REPORT BY THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, WILL ALSO BE HANDLED ALONG WITH THIS ITEM.

ELLEN SANDT: GOOD MORNING. ELLEN SANDT WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. AND I'M GOING TO START OFF TODAY AND THEN TOM TINDALL AND GLENN BYERS WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM. GOING BACK A LITTLE BIT, ASSEMBLY BILL 811 WAS APPROVED Y THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN JULY OF 2008. A.B. 811 AND THE AMENDMENTS AUTHORIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO QUALIFIED PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES THAT ARE PHYSICALLY ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY. THIS IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM. PARTICIPATING PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS CAN REPAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT THAT IS APPLIED THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY. THE ASSESSMENT IS A LOAN -- I MEAN THE ASSESSMENT REPAYS THE LOAN, AND WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS

PARTICULAR PROPERTY OWNER MOVES OR TRANSFERS THE PROPERTY, THIS LOAN STAYS WITH THE PROPERTY, WHICH WILL BE AN IMPORTANT POINT LATER ON. THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM HAS COME TO BE CALLED A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING, OR P.A.C.E. ON APRIL 14TH OF 2009, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED OUR OFFICE TO WORK WITH TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, I.S.D. AND THE ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TEAM TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COUNTY-WIDE P.A.C.E., OR A.B. 811 PROGRAM. APRIL LAST MONTH, YOUR BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION DESCRIBING THE COUNTY'S PLANS TO IMPLEMENT A P.A.C.E. PROGRAM AND THEN ANNOUNCING TODAY'S HEARINGS TO OBTAIN INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC, AND IF APPROVED, TO FORMALLY MOVE FORWARD ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM WHICH WE'RE CALLING L.A.C.E.P. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW PROGRAM BECAUSE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT THE L.A.C.E.P. FINANCING WILL DO UNDER A.B. 811, IS IT MITIGATES TWO KEY BARRIERS THAT RESIDENTS HAVE RUN INTO IN THE PAST. IT ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO PAY FOR THE ENTIRE COST UP FRONT, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT PARTICULARLY WITH SOME OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS, LIKE SOLAR PANELS. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES A LOAN OBLIGATION THAT'S ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY, NOT TO THE BORROWER. THAT WAY, THE BORROWERS ARE FREE TO INSTALL SOME OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS. AND THEN IF THEY SELL THE PROPERTY, THEY DON'T STILL HAVE TO PAY OFF THE LOAN, BECAUSE THE LOAN STAYS WITH THE PROPERTY AND IT'S PAID

OFF BY THE NEXT HOMEOWNER WHO IS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT FROM IT. L.A.C.E.P. IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE A VERY SIGNIFICANT SHIFT TO A GREEN ECONOMY IN THE L.A. REGION BECAUSE IT WILL BE PROVIDING A GREAT DEAL MORE WORK RELATED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES. TOM, NEXT.

TOM TINDALL: THANK YOU, ELLEN. TOM TINDALL.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: LET ME JUST WELCOME YOU BACK. WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I JUST TOLD ZEV AND MARK, YOU'RE OUR JACK BAUER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD. SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU. WELCOME BACK.

TOM TINDALL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S REALLY MY PLEASURE TO BE BACK.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HANG ON. DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT MOTORCYCLES?

TOM TINDALL: SHE'S CONTINUING TO, SIR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SHE WAS RIGHT.

TOM TINDALL: OKAY. I WILL CONTINUE. TOM TINDALL WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BOARD, WE APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WE'RE CALLING THE L.A. COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS IN L.A. COUNTY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR HOMES VERY SIMILAR TO THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE'VE APPLIED TO OUR COUNTY BUILDINGS. AND, OF COURSE, OVER THE YEARS WE'VE SAVED MILLIONS ON UTILITY COSTS AND AVOIDED GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AS WELL AS IMPROVED THE QUALITY AND COMFORT OF THE INDOOR SPACES OF OUR BUILDINGS THROUGH THESE KIND OF IMPROVEMENTS. A VERY IMPORTANT BENEFIT TO HOMEOWNERS OR PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS PROGRAM IS WHAT ELLEN HAS ALREADY MENTIONED, THE FINANCING ASPECT. AND GLENN BYERS IS GOING TO GET INTO MORE DETAIL ON THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. THE OTHER BENEFITS, OF COURSE, ARE LOWER UTILITY BILLS. THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO LEVERAGE UTILITY GRANTS AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, STATE AND FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES AS WELL AS THE COUNTY HAS APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO TRY TO HELP LOWER THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS MAY VERY WELL IMPROVE THE -- OR INCREASE THE PROPERTY VALUE. YET IN GENERAL, PROPERTIES WILL NOT BE REASSESSED AS A RESULT OF

APPLYING THESE IMPROVEMENTS. AND, OF COURSE, THERE'S AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE AS A RESULT OF HAVING A MORE COMFORTABLE HOME. COUNTY-WIDE BENEFITS, REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASSES AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS, GREEN JOBS, TRAINING, AND HOPEFULLY GREEN MANUFACTURING. EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS, VERY BRIEFLY RANGE FROM JUST SEALING THE CRACKS AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS TO PUTTING IN NEW DOORS AND WINDOWS, INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT FIXTURES AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. HIGH EFFICIENCY WATER FIXTURES AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND SOLAR HEATING, PHOTOVOLTAIC, AND THE WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS. PROGRAM COVERAGE IS FOR ALL OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THERE IS SUFFICIENT DEMAND AND FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS. OUR INITIAL GOALS TO RETROFIT 15,000 HOMES BY THE END OF 2012 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE EXPECT THIS LEVEL OF ACTIVITY TO CREATE 1,600 CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND 1,000 OTHER TYPE OF JOBS. AND AS CITIES ADOPT THE PROGRAM, THESE NUMBERS ARE GOING TO INCREASE. INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BY ADOPTING A RESOLUTION, ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS TO APPLY FOR FINANCING AND TO IMPLEMENT THESE IMPROVEMENTS. THANK YOU. NOW I'LL BE FOLLOWED BY GLENN, WHO IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE FINANCING ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

GLENN BYERS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M GLENN BYERS WITH THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. THE LOANS TO PARTICIPATING HOMEOWNERS IN THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SECURED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS AND THE FINANCING FOR THESE LOANS WILL BE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF 1915 ACT ASSESSMENT BONDS. UNDER CURRENT FEDERAL TAX LAW, THE A.B. 811 ASSESSMENT BONDS WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED ON A TAXABLE BASIS BECAUSE FEDERAL TAX LAW DOES NOT ALLOW IMPROVEMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY TO BE FINANCED WITH TAX-EXEMPT BONDS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NEITHER THE COUNTY'S CREDIT NOR ITS CREDIT RATINGS WILL IN ANY WAY SUPPORT OR GUARANTEE THE ASSESSMENT BONDS. THEY WILL BE ISSUED AND STAND ALONE AND SECURED STRICTLY BY THE ASSESSMENTS. WE HAVE INCORPORATED CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. AMONG THESE ARE THAT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE CURRENT ON THE PROPERTY AND HAVE BEEN CURRENT FOR THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS, THE PROPERTY OWNER IS CURRENT ON THEIR MORTGAGE AND HAS NOT DEFAULTED ON THE DEED OF TRUST. IMPROVEMENT COSTS ARE REASONABLE TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. WE'VE STIPULATED THAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN ONLY BE UP TO 10 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY MUST HAVE A LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO, THIS WOULD BE A VALUE COMPARED TO ALL LIENS OF NO GREATER THAN 80 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. AND IT'S THIS LAST

ITEM THAT IS GOING TO BE MOST IMPORTANT TO OUR INVESTORS. IN ORDER TO SELL BONDS, WE HAVE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR FORECLOSURE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS. AND THE COUNTY WILL HAVE THE RIGHT BUT NOT THE OBLIGATION TO FORECLOSE ON EVERY DELINQUENCY. AND WE'LL ONLY INITIATE FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS. WE WILL NOT BE FORECLOSING ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES OR OTHER DIRECT ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE ON THE TAX BILLS. THE TREASURER WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MITIGATE THE NEED TO START THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AND AMONG THE THINGS WE WILL DO, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO PRIOR NOTICES THAT WILL GO TO HOMEOWNERS. BECAUSE OF OUR LOAN REQUIREMENTS AND OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE DELINQUENCIES, WE DO EXPECT THE NUMBER OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO BE SMALL. THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF A FORECLOSURE POLICY WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH OUR UNDERWRITERS AND WITH INVESTORS WHEN WE ARE PREPARING TO ISSUE BONDS. SO WHEN WE RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO SELL A.B. 811 BONDS, WE WILL INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC FORECLOSURE REQUIREMENTS WHEN WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD. IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THERE HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS INFORMATION STATING THAT FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPERTY ASSESS CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS. BOTH FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC HAVE ISSUED BULLETINS WHERE THEY HAVE SAID THAT THE UNIFORM SECURITIES INSTRUMENTS THAT THEY USED AS THEIR LOAN DOCUMENTS PROHIBIT LOANS THAT HAVE A SENIOR LIEN STATUS

TO THEIR MORTGAGES. OUR PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED ON THE PREMISE THAT AN A.B. 811 LOAN WILL HAVE A PRIORITY STATUS RELATIVE TO THE MORTGAGE AND THAT NO ADVERSE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THE PROGRAM BY EITHER FANNIE MAE OR FREDDIE MAC. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE BOTH REITERATED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS AND ARE EXPECTED TO PURSUE HOPEFULLY A QUICK RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUES WITH FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. THIS CONCLUDES OUR REMARKS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE FOUR SPEAKERS, ALL THEM IN FAVOR, SO I HOPE YOU WILL BE BRIEF TODAY. IF WE CAN BEGIN WITH TAMMY SCHWOLSKY, JIM JENAL, HOLLY SCHROEDER AND KARA SEWARD, IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY. MR. DIMOV, I DIDN'T CALL YOU SIR. OKAY. MISS SCHWOLSKY, IS THAT CORRECT.

TAMMY SCHWOLSKY: SCHWOLSKY, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I AM THE FOUNDER OF R.E.A.S., RESIDENTIAL ENERGY ASSESSMENT SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 2007. AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT. I'M SO GLAD EVERYONE ELSE IS, TOO. IT'S REALLY MUSIC TO OUR EARS TO HAVE A BARRIER OF OURS WHICH IS THE FINANCING MECHANISM. WE PROVIDE ENERGY AUDITS FOR SEVERAL HOMEOWNERS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM CANNOT FINANCE THE UP-FRONT COST TO ACTUALLY DO THE RETROFIT WORK. THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES THAT OUR INDUSTRY IS CONCERNED ABOUT IN TERMS OF P.A.C.E. FINANCING. ONE IS A COMPETITIVE

INTEREST RATE. WE REALLY NEED A COMPETITIVE INTEREST RATE TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK, AND IT WILL ALSO FOLLOW THE D.O.E.'S BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR EXPECTED S.I.R., SAVINGS-TO-INVESTMENT RATIO. THE OTHER ISSUE IS QUALITY ASSURANCE. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE IT MANDATED THAT ALL THE AUDITORS ARE CERTIFIED, NATIONALLY CREDENTIALED BUILDING PERFORMANCE ENERGY INSTITUTE AUDITORS. BECAUSE THERE ARE SAFETY ISSUES. WHEN YOU SEAL UP A HOME AND PUT INSULATION, THERE COULD BE CARBON MONOXIDE LEAKAGE AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE A HOMEOWNER SICK, SO THERE'S SPECIAL TESTING FOR THAT, SO WE NEED CREDENTIALED AUDITORS BE MANDATED. AND THIRDLY, TRAINING. WE REALLY NEED TRAINING FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, UNDERSTAND THE PAPERWORK AND HOW TO EXPLAIN IT AND MARKET IT TO HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE THIS A VIABLE PROGRAM. AND LASTLY, THIS CAN DEFINITELY CREATE JOBS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIRING MORE PEOPLE ONCE P.A.C.E. IS IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JIM JENAL: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIM JENAL, I'M THE FOUNDER AND OWNER OF RUN ON SUN. WE'RE A SOLAR POWER INSTALLER IN PASADENA. WE ALSO DO CONSULTING WORK, AND SOME OF THE WORK WE'VE DONE IS TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA'S WATER AND POWER PROGRAM ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE SOLAR INDUSTRY. WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ITS DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY MONTHS NOW. I HAVE FOUR POINTS THAT I'D

LIKE TO MAKE QUICKLY. AND THE FIRST HAS TO DO WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF SOLAR CONTRACTORS. YOU JUST HEARD FROM MY COLLEAGUE, TAMMY HERE, ABOUT HOW THE PROGRAM ON THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SIDE IS LOOKING AT QUALIFICATIONS FOR HERS AND D.P.I. QUALIFICATIONS. THE ONLY QUALIFICATION ON THE SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION SIDE HOWEVER IS SIMPLY TO HAVE A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. UNFORTUNATELY, BASED ON THE WORK OF OTHERS THAT WE HAVE INSPECTED, THAT'S JUST NOT SUFFICIENT. FORTUNATELY, THERE IS A STANDARDS ORGANIZATION OUT THERE, IT'S KNOWN AS N.A.P.C.A., WHICH STANDS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD OF CERTIFIED ENERGY PRACTITIONERS THAT PROVIDES A STANDARDIZATION, A CERTIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED INSTALLERS. WE WOULD URGE YOU TO REQUIRE THAT FOR SOLAR INSTALLERS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AS A WAY OF GUARANTEEING HIGH QUALITY WORK AND MAKING SURE THAT THE BENEFITS THAT ARE SOUGHT ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED. IN ADDITION, FOR SMALL COMPANIES, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE LOANS BE ALLOWED TO HAVE PARTIAL DISBURSEMENTS ALONG THE WAY. SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE 25 TO $45,000 OR SO. TO EXPECT A SMALL CONTRACTOR TO FRONT THAT MONEY FOR THE 60 TO 90 DAYS THAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET PAYMENT IS JUST NOT REASONABLE. PARTIAL DISBURSEMENTS AFTER MATERIALS ARE DELIVERED TO THE JOBSITE WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS FACILITATING THE INCLUSION OF SMALL CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS THE LARGE PLAYERS. YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT INTEREST RATES. THE LAST POINT I WOULD SIMPLY RAISE HAS TO DO WITH THE

80 PERCENT EQUITY ISSUE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL. WHILE I UNDERSTAND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE BOND MARKET, BY OUR CALCULATIONS, THAT REQUIREMENT EXCLUDES ANYONE WHO HAS PURCHASED A HOME SINCE 2003. WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING IS TO YOUNG HOMEOWNERS, NEW HOMEOWNERS, MANY TIMES THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM FOR A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE PRECLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING BECAUSE THERE'S JUST NO WAY THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT KIND OF EQUITY IN THE PROPERTY. SO WHATEVER YOU COULD GIVE BY WAY OF DIRECTION TO THE STAFF TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY APPRECIATED. LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF FOR THE PROCESS THAT THEY'VE PUT TOGETHER, THE OUTREACH THAT THEY HAVE HAD TO THE STAKEHOLDERS. WE APPRECIATE THE PROGRAM THAT THEY'RE DEVELOPING AND WE'RE AN EAGER PARTICIPANT. WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MISS SCHROEDER?

HOLLY SCHROEDER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, HOLLY SCHROEDER WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. WHILE THE B.I.A. IS OFTEN THOUGHT OF AS NEW HOME BUILDERS, THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IS ACTUALLY THE SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS THAT ALSO BUILD HOMES AND THEY ALSO ARE INVOLVED IN REMODELING HOMES. SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE DESIGNED APPROPRIATELY, WE THINK IT COULD BE A MAJOR BOOST FOR

JOBS IN L.A. COUNTY AND ALL THE TROUBLES FACING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY THAT I TALKED ABOUT IN THE LAST ITEM. AS YOU KNOW, NEW HOMES ARE SUBJECT TO VERY STRICT ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 24, BUT IF WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE IN-ROADS IN GREENHOUSE GASSES EMISSIONS, REDUCTIONS, AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY USED BY HOMES, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THE HOUSING STOCK IN L.A. COUNTY WAS BUILT BEFORE THE ENERGY CODE EXISTED. AND THIS PROGRAM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO REDUCE EMISSIONS, LOWER HOMEOWNER ENERGY BILLS AND ALL THE WHILE GOING TO CREATE IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION JOBS. AND SO WE OFFER OUR SUPPORT. WE ALSO WANT TO OFFER OUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AS THE PROGRAM DESIGN IS FINALIZED. SPECIFICALLY IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PROGRAM WORK WITHIN THE BUSINESS MODEL OF THE REMODELERS AND CONTRACTORS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTING THAT. AND YOU HEARD SOME SPECIFICS FROM TAMMY AND JIM, WORKABLE INTEREST RATES, WORKABLE PAYMENT TIMELINES, PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL TO GETTING CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO BE REALLY, REALLY CRITICAL. THEY SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE. THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH FOLKS READY TO DO THAT, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SOME INVESTMENT IN THAT, AND THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO ENGAGE IN A SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH, OUTREACH TO THE CONTRACTING COMMUNITY SO THAT THE GUIDELINES AND RULES OF THIS

PROGRAM ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD. YOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS WILL BE ONES WHERE YOU'RE TAKING SOMEBODY WHO IS DOING WORK TO THEIR HOME AND THEY ARE THEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE UPON THAT PROJECT WITH ADDITIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR RENEWABLE ENERGY CHANGES TO THEIR REMODELING PROJECT THAT THEY'RE PURSUING. THAT MEANS YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT TO THE MAINSTREAM CONTRACTOR, YOUR EVERYDAY CONTRACTOR, AND THE B.I.A. WANTS TO WORK WITH YOU AS YOU IMPLEMENT THAT. WE THINK WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON THIS VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE WITH STIMULUS FUNDS IN THE BOND MARKETS, AND SO WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MISS SEWARD?

KARA SEWARD: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KARA SEWARD, AND I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY. SENATOR PAVLEY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ADOPTION OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, OR P.A.C.E., PURSUANT TO A.B. 811 FROM 2008. P.A.C.E. WILL ALLOW HOMEOWNERS TO SEE IMMEDIATE REDUCTIONS IN THEIR ENERGY BILLS THAT CAN HELP THEM PAY BACK THEIR LOANS. THIS IS A PERFECT TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO BE IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO BOTH THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS PROGRAM, IF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED, SHOULD SEE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BENEFITS. THESE INCLUDE GOOD CONSTRUCTION JOBS,

THE RAPID GROWTH OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS WILL MEAN A GROWING DEMAND FOR TRAINED LABOR AND BUSINESSES THAT KNOW HOW TO DELIVER GOODS AND SERVICES. THIS WILL ASSIST ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT LABOR MARKETS, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. INCREASED LOCAL REVENUE TO BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTS, INCREASING THE INSTALLATION OF BOTH ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRODUCTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FROM THIS PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUES THROUGH THE STATE SALES TAX ON PURCHASED EQUIPMENT AND GREATER EMPLOYMENT RESULTING IN LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT COSTS AND GREATER INCOME TAX FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT. HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WILL SAVE MONEY. BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WILL HAVE LOWER ENERGY AND WATER BILLS AND MORE CASH ON HAND. MORE AVAILABLE INCOME. RESEARCH BY THE NONPARTISAN GROUP, NEXT 10, SHOWS THAT A DOLLAR DIVERTED FROM ENERGY AND WATER BILLS AND INTO DISPOSABLE INCOME HAS 50 TIMES MORE ECONOMIC VALUE. LESS POLLUTION. CALIFORNIA'S BUILDING STOCK WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY THAT WILL REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND AND AIR AND GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION. SAVE WATER. WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS WILL ALLOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BECOME MORE REGIONALLY SUSTAINABLE WITH LESS RELIANCE ON WATER IMPORTS. THE TIMING OF THIS PROGRAM COINCIDES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATOR PAVLEY'S LEGISLATION, S.B. 77, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN APRIL. S.B. 77 LOWERS THE FINANCING COSTS FOR THE COUNTY AND

INCREASES THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE P.A.C.E. IMPROVEMENTS TO HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS BY CREATING A STATE PROGRAM TO LOWER FINANCING COSTS. THE BILL AUTHORIZES A 50-MILLION-DOLLAR RESERVE FUND THAT CAN BE USED FOR QUALIFIED P.A.C.E. FINANCING PROGRAMS AS CREDIT ENHANCEMENT COSTS. SENATOR PAVLEY WANTS TO COMMEND THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING THEIR P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. IN PARTICULAR, SHE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GOOD WORK AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM. SHE'S PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE OUTREACH EFFORTS OF THE COUNTY AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HER ASSISTANCE IN THESE EFFORTS AS THE PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD. TO ENSURE SUCCESS, SENATOR PAVLEY BELIEVES THAT THE COUNTY P.A.C.E. A.B. 811 PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE SOME KEY ELEMENTS AS IT IS FURTHER DEVELOPED. THESE ELEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. THE PROGRAM NEEDS TO BENEFIT AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESSES. THE PROGRAM SHOULD REQUIRE USING QUALIFIED LICENSED CONTRACTORS FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS. PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR CONTRACTORS SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL THE UP-FRONT COSTS OF THE PROGRAM BEFORE FINANCING IS AVAILABLE. THE COUNTY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. AND FINALLY, THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS WILL DEPEND TO A

LARGE DEGREE ON OUTREACH AND MARKETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. SENATOR PAVLEY WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A P.A.C.E. PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. ON BEHALF OF SENATOR PAVLEY, I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE COUNTY. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THAT CONCLUDES OUR SPEAKERS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK OUR STAFFS, TOM TINDALL AND HIS STAFF AT I.S.D., AND THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS FOR QUITE A LONG TIME AND TRYING TO PUT THIS INTO SOME KIND OF SHAPE. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SENATOR PAVLEY FOR HER ENGAGEMENT AND HER INVOLVEMENT AND FOR HER STAFF'S COMMENTS HERE THIS MORNING. LET ME READ A MOTION THAT I HAVE. IF IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ENERGY PROGRAM WILL HELP REDUCE ENERGY AND WATER COSTS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, CREATE VITALLY NEEDED CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND HELP THE COUNTY MEET ITS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS. IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ALONE, THE PROGRAM IS TARGETED TO RETROFIT 15,000 HOMES, CREATE 2,600 JOBS AND ADD $150 MILLION TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IF ALL THE COUNTY'S CITIES JOINED IN THE

PROGRAM, THE IMPACT CAN BE MANY TIMES GREATER. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY REACH THESE AMBITIOUS GOALS, AMONG OTHER TASKS, THE COUNTY WILL NEED TO DESIGN THE PROGRAM IN A WAY THAT FACILITATES A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES. WE HAVE HEARD FROM LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS THAT INCLUDE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING CONTRACTORS, THE MECHANISM AND TIMING OF DISBURSING LOANS TO HOMEOWNERS. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD PAYMENTS BE MADE AS ONE LUMP SUM OR IN MULTIPLE INSTALLMENTS? AND SHOULD THE PAYMENTS BE DISBURSED TO HOMEOWNERS BEFORE OR AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED? AND CONCERN OVER THE ESTIMATED INTEREST RATE THAT WILL BE CHARGED TO PARTICIPATING PROPERTY OWNERS. AS A PART OF THE COUNTY'S ONGOING OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY'S ENERGY PROGRAM TEAM SHOULD MEET DIRECTLY WITH INTERESTED CONTRACTORS IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY TAKES THEIR EXPERT OPINIONS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FINALIZING THE DESIGN OF OUR ENERGY PROGRAM. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES OR HIS DESIGNEE TO INITIATE A MEETING WITH INTERESTED LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS AND REPORT BACK AS PART OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S ONGOING A.B. 811 REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING HOW THE L.A. COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM WILL BE DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSES THEIR POLICY CONCERNS TO THE EXTENT IT IS FEASIBLE TO DO SO

AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM'S AND OTHER POLICY OBJECTIVES.

SUP. KNABE: SECOND THAT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING. YOU MAY RECALL, IT WAS APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO -- ACTUALLY, IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR, THAT THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY MOVED FORWARD WITH THE IDEA THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY CAUSE US TO FORMULATE SUCH A PROGRAM. AND I THINK WE SHOULDN'T BE RELUCTANT TO ONCE AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGE AND TO THANK STAFF SPECIFICALLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM. IT MEANS SOMETHING THAT'S RATHER IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE JOBS THAT WILL BE CREATED, IN TERMS OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA THAT WE ARTICULATE WITH SOME FREQUENCY. THE LEAD OFFICES ARE ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT I WON'T LEND MY VOICE TO THAT WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BOTH WITH ELLEN SANDT AND LARRY SHEEHAN, AND THE AND TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, GLENN BYERS IN I.S.D., TOM, WE GIVE YOU ANOTHER SHOUT OUT TO JIM JONES AND TO HOWARD CHOY. BUT THE IDEA OF ENERGY RETROFITS FOR SOME 15,000 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS A GOOD THING, A SIGNIFICANT THING, AND THE ANCILLARY JOBS THAT WILL BE

CONNECTED WITH THAT, SOME 1,000 SUCH JOBS. AND THE ESTIMATES OF 150 MILLION IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IT'S WORTH EXPLICATING, SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROGRAM, IT'S MORE THAN SOMETHING THAT'S AN ABSTRACTION, IT'S THE REAL DEAL IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR PART OF THIS PUZZLE TO MAKE GOOD ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR RESPONSIVENESS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS EMBRACE OF THAT MOTION IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE STAFF FOR COMING FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION. I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT AND THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH WE HEAR BACK ON, EMPANELLING APPROPRIATE LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND MOVE IT FORWARD, IN MY VIEW, IS A GOOD THING. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD THOSE WORDS, MADAM CHAIR, AND MUCH LESS THAN THE 30 MINUTES THAN I PROMISED, BUT BEING THAT YOU ARE GOVERNING WITH THE KIND OF EFFICIENCY THAT MIRRORS THIS PROGRAM, I WOULD SIMPLY WISH TO EMBRACE THE IDEA AND ASK MR. KNABE IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: NOT WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED. ANY OBJECTION?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: AND MADAM CHAIR, THAT ALSO INCLUDES ITEM 1-P AND THEN A RECEIVE AND FILE ON ITEM 28.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT -- SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS LIFTED HIS HOLD ON ITEM 18.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: 23 AND 27.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: 23 AND 27.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IS THAT CORRECT? THOSE ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT. AND THEN THERE'S A FOUR-VOTE ITEM, ITEM NO. 22. AND IT'S MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION HAS BEEN WAITING IMPATIENTLY, ACTUALLY VERY PATIENTLY, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD RIGHT AT 11

O'CLOCK. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND WE WOULD ASK THEM TO COME UP FOR THEIR PRESENTATION.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IT IS 11 O'CLOCK.

ALGIRD LEIGA: GOOD MORNING. ACTUALLY, IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON.

ALGIRD LEIGA: I'M AL LEIGA, CHAIR OF THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. BEFORE I ACTUALLY GO INTO OUR FINDINGS, I'LL LET THE OTHER GENTLEMEN HERE INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

RON GALPERIN: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RON GALPERIN, ALSO WITH THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION.

VIGGO BUTLER: VIGGO BUTLER WITH THE COMMISSION.

DARRYL OSBY: GOOD AFTERNOON. DARRYL OSBY, CHIEF DEPUTY REPRESENTING FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN.

ALGIRD LEIGA: I ACTUALLY WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF OUR WORKING GROUP THAT MADE THIS REPORT HAPPEN. IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM. IT'S A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK

THAT WENT INTO IT. AND THE MEMBERS WERE COMMISSIONER VIGGO BUTLER, WHICH YOU HEARD FROM, COMMISSIONER RON GALPERIN, COMMISSIONER BILL SULLIVAN, COMMISSIONER BILL WADDELL, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JIM CRAWFORD'S HERE IN THE ROOM. AND MARK GRENINGER FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, HE'S HERE IN THE ROOM TOO. AND EMILY SIPSHIN WAS A -- THAT HELPED US, SHE'S HERE IN THE ROOM AS WELL. AND RUTH WONG, OUR COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM ALL FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF WORK TO BRING ALL THE COMPLICATED WORK TOGETHER. AS YOU KNOW, ON JANUARY 12, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PRESENT SOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM AND RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS FOREST AND BRUSH FIRES AT THE SOURCE. TO FRAME THE ISSUE I THINK, IN A MOTION TO CONDUCT THE STUDY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH BASICALLY STATED THE RECENT MASSIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE STATION FIRE COST LOCAL TAXPAYERS $89 MILLION TO FIGHT AND MILLIONS MORE IN INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY COSTS. TRAGICALLY, TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE CAPTAIN TED HALL AND FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST, ARNIE QUINONAS, LOST THEIR LIVES TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR FIRE SUPPRESSION CAMP HEADQUARTERS. THE STATION FIRE GRAPHICALLY SPOTLIGHTS THE NEED TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM AND RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS FOREST AND BRUSH FIRES AT THE SOURCE. WHILE UPON RECEIPT OF THE

DIRECTIVE, THE COMMISSION FORMED A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE BOARD'S REQUEST. AN OVERALL ACTION PLAN, A DRAFT OUTLINE, POSSIBLE SECTIONS OF THE REPORT WERE PREPARED. INFORMATION FROM THE ALLIANCE RENOVATION AND CALLS TO CONTACTS SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S STAFF PROVIDED I THINK VERY IMPORTANT STARTING POINTS FOR OTHER EXPLORATION. THE AREAS WE LOOKED AT IN SUMMARY WERE WHAT OTHERS HAD BEEN DOING FOR EARLY DETECTION RESPONSE, AERIAL AND GROUND-BASED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEMS, FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE RESPONSE CAPABILITY, AND AVIONICS FOR IMPROVED TERRAIN AWARENESS. WE EXAMINED AVAILABLE DATABASES, CONTACTED KEY FIRE PROFESSIONALS, AND IDENTIFIED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL VENDORS. WE ACTUALLY FOUND AVAILABLE EARLY DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING GROUND-BASED SENSORS, MANNED AND UNMANNED AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE, SATELLITE TECHNOLOGIES. WE ALSO INTERVIEWED EXPERTS AND HEARD PRESENTATIONS BY COMMERCIAL VENDORS REPRESENTING TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS TO IDENTIFY ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS OF EACH SYSTEM. TO HELP EVALUATE THE OFFERINGS OF THE -- WE INVITED SPEAKERS AND WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JIM CRAWFORD FROM L.A. FIRE AND MARK GRENINGER, THE C.I.O. FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT. WE WANT TO THANK CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN AND ALSO RICHARD SANCHEZ FOR SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT BY ALLOWING THESE GENTLEMEN TO WORK WITH US. AT THE END OF OUR WORK, WE REACHED THE FOLLOWING MAIN CONCLUSION. TECHNOLOGY CURRENTLY EXISTS TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR

AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION OF FIRES IN REMOTE AREAS. TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDE A SATELLITE SYSTEM, GROUND-BASED CAMERAS AND INFRARED SENSORS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE RAPID RESPONSE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. HOWEVER, AVIONICS TECHNOLOGY EXISTS TO IMPROVE 24-HOUR ABILITY WITH HELICOPTERS TO FLY TO ANY FIRE LOCATION WITH ACCURATE TERRAIN GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION. SOME OF THE KEY FINDINGS OF OUR STUDY WERE THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED THE ADVANCED HAZARD SUPPORT SYSTEM USING SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE, IS AN OPTION FOR EARLY DETECTION OF FIRES. THIS SYSTEM USES DATA FROM GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES OPERATED IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. WE FOUND IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS OF THE INFRARED DATA STREAM. THE DETECTION SYSTEM WAS SUCCESSFULLY TESTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING THE EARLY 1990S BUT THE TEST WAS SUSPENDED AFTER ONE YEAR BECAUSE OF CERTAIN FUNDING RESTRAINTS. THE SYSTEM STILL REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PILOT PROJECT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE AVAILABLE GROUND-BASED SENSOR SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF AUTOMATED FIRE DETECTION AND LOCATION OF FIRES. BOTH SYSTEMS USE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INFRARED SENSOR SYSTEMS AS WELL. A LIMITATION OF THESE GROUND-BASED SYSTEMS IS A POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE NUMBER OF EQUIPMENT PLACEMENTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE AND THE RUGGED TERRAIN. THE GROUND-BASED SYSTEMS, HOWEVER, ARE VERY EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO A

SATELLITE SYSTEM. NOW, ONCE A FIRE IS DETECTED, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO RAPIDLY RESPOND AND SUPPRESSED WILD LAND FIRES UNDER ALL CONDITIONS. HELICOPTERS WITH FIRE RETARDANT CAPABILITIES CAN REACH A WILD LAND FIRE IN THE COUNTY WITHIN 25 MINUTES OF TAKEOFF OR LESS. THE WORKING GROUP IDENTIFIED AN ADDED CAPABILITY CALLED THE AVIONICS TERRAIN AWARENESS AND WARNING SYSTEM FOR HELICOPTERS TO IMPROVE ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RAPID RESPONSE. ADDITIONALLY, FOR GROUND-BASED ASSETS, SUCH AS FIRE TRUCKS, AN UPGRADED AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEM COULD VERY WELL BE -- COULD BE USED. THIS CAN DISPATCH THE CLOSEST AVAILABLE UNITS TO RESPOND TO A FIRE. TODAY, SOME FIRE SUPPRESSION AGENCIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DO HAVE DIFFERENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FIRES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CONSISTENT IN THEIR OWN PARTICULAR MISSION. HOWEVER, ONE COMMON SET OF RULES WITHIN THE EXTENDED WILD LAND URBAN INTERFACE NEEDS BE NEGOTIATED AMONG ALL THE AGENCIES TO ASSURE THE RAPID SUPPRESSION OF A DETECTED FIRE BEFORE IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE ANY KIND OF EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. AND BASED ON OUR STUDY AND RESEARCH, OUR SOLUTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM AND RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS FIRES AND BRUSH FIRES, INCLUDE, OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE, SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY. THE RECOMMENDATION HERE IS TO PARTNER WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN A PILOT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE ADVANCED HAZARD SUPPORT SYSTEM EMPLOYING

SATELLITES FOR EARLY DETECTION AND LOCATION OF WILD LAND FIRES. WE'LL HAVE TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, CIVIL APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO SELECT THE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SATELLITE DATA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES AND THEN TO SEND AN ALARM UPON DETECTION OF A FIRE, WE HOPE UNDER THE COMING 2010 FIRE SEASON. NUMBER TWO, FOR GROUND-BASED SENSOR TECHNOLOGY, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THE FOLLOWING. TASK THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A FIELD TEST OF GROUND-BASED VISUAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND INFRARED DETECTION SENSORS TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE TECHNOLOGY THAT MEETS THE COUNTY'S GEOGRAPHIC AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS. OUR THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS RAPID FIRE SUPPRESSION. WE RECOMMEND YOU CHARGE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE IMPROVED HELICOPTER AVIONICS AND AN UPDATED AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEM FOR IMPROVED RAPID RESPONSE AND SUPPRESSION OF FIRES. OUR FOURTH RECOMMENDATION INVOLVES COORDINATION OF ALL AGENCIES. THE RECOMMENDATION IS CREATE A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF ALL FIRE AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO AGREE UPON ONE COMMON SET OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR SUPPRESSING FIRES IN THE EXTENDED URBAN INTERFACE. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER COORDINATING FIRE AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY COMBAT AND ULTIMATELY PREVENT THE GROWTH OF WILD LAND FIRES IGNITED WITHIN THE COUNTY AND

NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES QUALITY PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR INVITING THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR BOARD STUDY ON EARLY DETECTION AND RAPID SUPPRESSION. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING WORK WITH THE COMMISSION IN A POSITIVE WAY. WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

SUP. KNABE: MADAM CHAIR? I KNOW MIKE PROBABLY HAS A LOT. YOU MADE A COMMENT EARLY ON, AL, ABOUT SOME TEST THAT WAS SUSPENDED DUE TO SOME FINANCIAL REASON. THAT CERTAINLY NEVER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD. THIS BOARD NEVER VOTED TO SUSPEND ANY TESTING, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE WAS, WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE DIRECT DECISION TO SUSPEND TESTING, BUT CERTAINLY THIS BOARD DIDN'T.

ALGIRD LEIGA: I UNDERSTAND. THE BOARD DID NOT MAKE THE DECISION. ACTUALLY, IT WAS THAT FEDERAL AGENCIES CUT OFF FUNDING FOR IT. SO IT WAS DONE FOR YOU. AT THE TIME --

SUP. KNABE: BUT I MEAN, IT WAS NEVER BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.

ALGIRD LEIGA: I DON'T THINK IT WAS. AT THE TIME OF COURSE, THE IDEA WAS THAT CELL PHONES ARE COMING INTO USE, AND THEY

FIGURED WELL, GEE, A LOT OF THOSE FIRES MIGHT BE CAUGHT BY SOME PEOPLE CALLING IT IN. THAT MAY VERY WELL BE TRUE, BUT THE FEW PERCENT THAT ARE NOT CAUGHT THAT WAY CAN CREATE A REAL PROBLEM.

SUP. KNABE: NO, I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION, FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY, AND I HAVE A MOTION CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY THAT WE WOULD -- THAT THE STUDY, WHICH INCLUDED COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE C.I.O., THE STUDY WORKING GROUP DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, CONSULTED WITH VENDORS AND CONTACTED VARIOUS FIRE PROFESSIONALS AND ANALYZED THAT INFORMATION. THEY FOUND THERE ARE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PILOT TESTS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE AND GROUND-BASED SENSOR TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE OUR FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES AND THE UPDATED HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO SEND A COPY OF THE REPORT TO EACH OF OUR COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THAT THEY EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE ABILITY OF THE

-- THE SATELLITE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND LOCATION OF WILD LAND FIRES ON FEDERAL LAND WITHIN OUR COUNTY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: REALLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE DILIGENCE AND THE WORK OF PUTTING THAT TOGETHER. SO WE ACCEPT THE REPORT AND AS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

ALGIRD LEIGA: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR AGENDA, AND WE ARE NOW ON NO. 20? IS THAT CORRECT? ITEM 20? MR. SACHS, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HELD ITEM 20 AND 21. I DON'T KNOW, IS DR. CLAVREUL STILL HERE? NO? YOU ALSO HELD ITEM CS-2 AND CS-3.

ARNOLD SACHS: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. ARNOLD SACHS. ITEM 20, FOR THIS ENERGY PROGRAM, I WAS WONDERING, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID FOR THE -- TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM, I BELIEVE SOMEWHERE THAT CAME UP, HOW MUCH MONEY WAS GOING TO BE PAID FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TO BE HELD. IT DOESN'T SAY -- IT

JUST SAID A PORTION OF IT TO BE HELD ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. THAT'S WHAT I WAS WONDERING ON ITEM NUMBER 20 THAT'S REGARDING THE ENERGY PROGRAM. ITEM 21, MY QUESTION IS, WITH THESE BACK PROPERTY TAXES AND THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE "L.A. TIMES," I BELIEVE, THAT A STATE LEGISLATOR WANTS TO CLOSE A LOOPHOLE IN THE PROP 13 LAW THAT SAID THAT IF NOT A MAJORITY OWNER, BUT IF A PROPERTY IS SOLD BUT THE NEW OWNER IS NOT LISTED AS MAJORITY, THEN THE TAX RATE ON THE PROPERTY DOESN'T CHANGE. AND SO I WAS WONDERING IF THAT AFFECTED ANY OF THESE COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITH THE CITY OF CALABASAS, BACK PROPERTY TAXES, DO THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS WITHIN THIS LOOPHOLE THAT OCCURS IN PROP 13 AND WHAT THE STANDING IS IF THE COUNTY WOULD SEND A 5-LETTER -- A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE STATE ASKING TO CLOSE THAT LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWS CORPORATIONS TO SHUFFLE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PROPERTY TAX BEING INCREASED. THAT'S WHAT I HAD ON ITEM 21. CS-2, YOU'RE CONSIDERING THE CANDIDATE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I WAS JUST WONDERING, WITH THIS CANDIDATE BEING CONSIDERED, ARE THEY ALSO AWARE OF SOME OF THE SITUATIONS THAT ARE OCCURRING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES? IS IT BROUGHT TO BEAR A FEW OF THE SITUATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHEN THESE PEOPLE ARE BROUGHT IN, OR DO THEY LEARN ABOUT THIS ANCHOR AFTER THEY GET HIRED, THAT THEY'RE PULLING THIS WEIGHT THAT

HAS TO BE NAVIGATED? I'M JUST WONDERING HOW THAT WORKS FOR THE COUNTY'S BOARD. AND ITEM CS-3, OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, THE ASSURANCE REVIEWS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF CARE. AGAIN, WE HAD A SITUATION WITH M.L.K. AND THE HEALTH DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN HIS METRO PLAN ASSURING THE COUNTY BOARD THAT THE METRO PLAN WAS MOVING FORWARD, THAT THE REVIEW OF THE EMPLOYEES WAS OCCURRING. AND YET AFTER HE LEFT HIS POSITION, IT CAME TO LIGHT THAT NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL STAFF, OF THE NURSING STAFF, WERE UNQUALIFIED, DID NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS. SO I WAS WONDERING, ARE WE GETTING THE SAME KIND OF QUALITY ASSURANCES FOR OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL STAFF AS WE GOT FOR M.L.K.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT, MR. SACHS. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US. I'M GOING TO TURN TO MR. -- SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS SPECIALS.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: CHAIR, WE NEED TO APPROVE ITEM 20 AND 21.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THE OTHER TWO WERE CLOSED SESSION. ITEMS 20 AND 21 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT EDDINGTON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND RETIRED FROM BOEING AFTER 39 YEARS. HE SERVED AS THE RETIREE PRESIDENT THE U.A.W. FOR SIX YEARS. HE ENJOYED HIS FAMILY AND BEING WITH HIS FAMILY AND RIDING THEIR SEA-DOO AT LAKE HAVASU. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BARBARA; THEIR THREE CHILDREN, VICTORIA, JUDY AND GARY; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, AND TWO SISTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEN TATE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LAKEWOOD. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES. IN 1982, HE RECEIVED THIS DEGREE IN HORTICULTURE FROM PIERCE COLLEGE IN WOODLAND HILLS. 1982, HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SUPERVISOR AND WORKED FOR THE RECREATION COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 10 YEARS. HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS FOR 15 YEARS AS PARK SUPERVISOR, THEN RETURNED TO LAKEWOOD AS PARK SUPERINTENDENT IN 1997. HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS GRANDCHILDREN, GARDENING, SURFING, COLLECTING MODEL WOODY CARS AND FISHING. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 39 YEARS, JANICE; THREE CHILDREN, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR SPECIALS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS. RAYMOND PHILLIP RISHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE WAS THE OTHER RISHER MONTEBELLO MORTUARY, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN 1959. ALSO HAD BEEN PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MONTEBELLO ROTARY CLUB, THE L.A. COUNTY FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION, INVOLVED WITH THE BEVERLY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND ACTIVE IN THE HI TWELVE DOWNEY ELK'S LODGE IN EVERETT/MONTEBELLO, WHITTIER MASONIC LODGE AND VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, WHO SERVED IN THE 486TH BOMB SQUAD ABOARD THE B-25 BOMBER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, ROBERT; AND DAUGHTER, BARBARA. ORVILLE LYNNE DOTHAGE, JR., WHO WORKED FOR LOCKHEED FOR 37 YEARS ON THE L-1011, THE TRI-STAR, SR-71 AND THE F-117 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CLAUDIA; AND HIS SONS, ORVILLE AND DOUGLAS; AND DAUGHTER, DEBORAH. VIRGINIA LOPEZ PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE STARTED WORK WITH VALLEY FEDERAL SAVINGS AS A TELLER AND THEN MOVED UP INTO MANAGEMENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY. SHE WAS ALSO PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, WOMAN OF THE YEAR. IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, LATER SERVED ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SOROPTIMIST CLUB AND WAS COMMISSIONER TO THE CONVENTION CENTER FOR LOS ANGELES. GERALD, "JERRY" MCLAUGHLIN, QUARTZ HILL, A

MEMBER IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, WITH THE 187TH AIRBORNE UNIT. AFTER THE KOREAN WAR, HE SETTLED IN QUARTZ HILL, WENT TO NIGHT SCHOOL, OBTAINED HIS CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE IN 1968 AND THEN BECAME ONE OF THE LARGEST GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF HIS BUILDINGS BUILT BY HIS FIRM. ROSS BARRETT, A REAL GOOD MAN, A GOOD FRIEND, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99. HE SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS OF HIS BUSINESS CAREER AS THE EXECUTIVE OF METROMEDIA, A MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY THAT OWNED AND OPERATED 21 TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS ALONG AS BEING FOSTER & KLEISER, WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND ALSO IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. AND HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, LYNN; AND HIS SON, BUCKLEY. HAROLD BUFFINTON CROSSLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART AFTER THE WAR. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1949 FROM COLLEGE, HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. LATER HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THEN MADE HIS CAREER IN POLITICAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRINT JOURNALISM, WHERE HE WAS PRESENTED AS PRESS SECRETARY. HE SERVED AS AN AIDE TO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL, THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE SENATE, ACTIVE IN THE MASONIC LODGE, THE SHRINER'S, THE

HARVARD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AN ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA. HE ALSO SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PUBLIC RELATIONS ROUNDTABLE. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE L.A. PRESS CLUB. JIM STIVERS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90, A VOLUNTEER WITH THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HE JOINED THAT BACK IN 1957 WHERE HE WAS THE DIRECTOR, RETIRED IN 1985 AS AN HONORARY LIFE DIRECTOR. MOISHE ROSEN, PASTOR, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 19 AT THE AGE OF 78. FRANKLIN OAKDEN, RETIRED SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. RICHARD POLLACK, RETIRED SERGEANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HE SERVED FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENTS WERE IN MONTROSE AND SAN CLARITA STATIONS. ROBERT ASHLOCK, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE OF 5TH DISTRICT, WORKED AT ASHLOCK JANITORIAL AND WAS ALSO A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION. ILLEGAL DUMPING HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. APART FROM POSING A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, IT DECREASES PROPERTY VALUES, LOWERS THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONTRIBUTES TO URBAN BLIGHT. TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM IN JULY 2004, OUR BOARD ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 13.80 OF THE COUNTY CODE, AUTHORIZING THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES USED IN ILLEGAL DUMPING. HOWEVER, THE RULING OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME IN O'CONNELL VERSUS CITY OF STOCKTON CAST A DOUBT ON THE ENFORCEABILITY OF OUR ILLEGAL

DUMPING ORDINANCE BECAUSE THE COURT FOUND THAT ANY LOCAL LAW WHICH CONFLICTS WITH ANY COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY SCHEME SET FORTH BY VEHICLE CODE IS PREEMPTED AND THE STATE LAW WOULD PREVAIL. HOWEVER THE GOVERNOR HAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22659.5, WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR THAT PROVIDES LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE, THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES USED IN THE COURSE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ILLEGAL DUMPING TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE NEW VEHICLE CODE AND IT'S APPLICABILITY TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH A REPORT BACK IN FOUR WEEKS. SO THIS IS A REPORT BACK IN FOUR WEEKS TO THE BOARD.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THAT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM, AND SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN WITH ME. IT'S VERY SAD. AND THAT IS WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CINTHYA FELIX. SHE PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND IN A VERY TRAGIC AUTO ACCIDENT. CINTHYA WAS ON EXTRAORDINARY FOUR-TIME COUNTY COMMISSION, WOMEN'S COUNTY COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. SHE WAS BELOVED BY HER COMMISSIONERS, WHO WERE DEVASTATED BY THIS LOSS. CINTHYA'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WERE FLAWLESS. SHE GRADUATED FROM

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND U.C.L.A. WITH TOP HONORS AND SHE WAS A PREMED STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS AND SHE MADE IT HER LIFE'S MISSION TO HELP OTHERS SURMOUNT HARDSHIPS AS SHE DID TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. AT COLLEGE AND WITHIN HER COMMUNITY, SHE FOUGHT HARD FOR THE DREAM ACT, WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR UNDOCUMENTED COLLEGE STUDENTS. CINTHYA KNEW FIRSTHAND THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS. SHE WAS DETERMINED TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN AND RETURN TO HER COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS. OUR COMMISSION IS HOPING TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP IN CINTHYA'S NAME TO HONOR HER LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. TODAY WE HONOR CINTHYA'S PATRIOTISM, HER ACTIVISM AND HER TREMENDOUS HEART. WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HER FAMILY, AS WELL AS HER FRIENDS AND FELLOW STUDENTS. SO IF WE COULD ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN US ON THAT. IT'S A TRAGIC LOSS. ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR SPECIALS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GOLDIE KEA, BORN JULY 26, 1928, IN MARTINSVILLE, LOUISIANA, AND PASSED ON MAY 13, 2010, AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1940S AND WORKED DILIGENTLY TO RAISE HER TWO DAUGHTERS AS A SINGLE MOTHER. SHE WORKED AS A HOUSEKEEPER THROUGHOUT HER

LIFE, OFTEN CLEANING THE HOMES OF CELEBRITIES TO PROVIDE FOR HER CHILDREN. SHE WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC WHO PASSED HER FAITH ON TO HER FAMILY'S FUTURE GENERATIONS. SHE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER CREOLE COOKING, AND OFTEN HAD VISITORS TO COME BY TO ENJOY IT. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HER BIG HEART, WHICH ALLOWED HER TO GIVE TO ANYONE IN NEED. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTERS, JACKIE AND HATTIE; THREE GRANDCHILDREN, NICOLE, ERIN AND ERICA; TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. GOLDIE KEA, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THOSE ARE ALL YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: INDEED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THAT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NEAL SZATMARY, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER, ARMIN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR

DISTRICT AND A MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIM AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. SECONDLY ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. LESTER BERKOW, A RETIRED PHYSICIAN FROM A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY LINE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON THE EAST COAST WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY FROM PANCREATIC CANCER AT THE AGE OF 74. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 49 YEARS, RHODA; A SISTER, IRENE HUTT; A SON, SAM BERKOW; A DAUGHTER, JOANNE SCHWARTZ; ALSO THREE GRANDCHILDREN, ANDREW, ELIZABETH, AND KAYDEN. FROM ALL OF LOS ANGELES, THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE ALL THE ITEMS. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE WINNIE TIN, IF THEY'D JOIN US, RONALD COLLINS, JUDY REDMOND, FOLLOWED BY CARMEN IMACELLA. IS JUDY REDMOND HERE? PLEASE COME UP. RONALD COLLINS? WINNIE TIN?

WINNIE TIN: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU'RE HERE. AND CARMEN IMACELLA. MISS IMACELLA WILL NEED A SPANISH TRANSLATOR. ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN, MISS -- IS IT MISS TIN?

WINNIE TIN: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WINNIE TIN. I WAS ORIGINALLY FROM CHINA 15 YEARS AGO AS A STUDENT AND GOT AN M.B.A. IN THIS COUNTRY. TODAY I CAME OVER HERE, I NEEDED TO GET A SUPERVISOR'S ATTENTION BECAUSE MY SON IS GOING TO BE PUT INTO ADOPTION. I BELIEVE THAT WAS HAPPENED BECAUSE MY EX-BOYFRIEND -- WAS INVOLVED WITH INFLUENCE THE SOCIAL WORKER. AND PREVIOUSLY, I HAVE CONTACTED SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. BUT HOWEVER, EVERY TIME WHEN I TRY TO CONTACT -- AND SET UP AN APPOINTMENT, NO APPOINTMENT HAS EVER BEEN SET UP. FROM DAY ONE, THE SOCIAL WORKED FILED FALSE DOCUMENTATION TO THE COURT, CLAIMED I HAD HALLUCINATIONS AND AUDITORY HALLUCINATIONS AND PUT MY SON INTO A FOSTER HOME. NEXT COURT HEARING, THE SOCIAL WORKER IS GOING TO REQUEST TO PUT MY SON INTO ADOPTION. I HAD A REQUEST SO MANY TIMES, I WOULD LIKE TO SWITCH SOCIAL WORKER TO SEE IF THEY CAN MOVE MY CASE OUT OF ASIAN/PACIFIC UNIT. HOWEVER, FOR TWO YEARS, NOBODY EVER GET BACK TO ME, AND THEY CLAIM THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ON MY CASE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. I DON'T KNOW IF MY CASE HAS BEEN WELL KNOWN WITH COUNTY SUPERVISORS OFFICE UP TO TODAY'S DATE. ...(VOICE WAVERING)... AND I BELIEVE MY PHONE HAS A TRACING DEVICE. YESTERDAY, WHEN I WENT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, I WAS BY MYSELF AROUND FIVE O'CLOCK. I DIDN'T NOTIFY ANYBODY. THIS MORNING, WHEN I WAS SITTING IN THE

AUDIENCE SEAT, HELEN BABERIAN FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE AND ARMOND MONTEL FROM D.C.F.S. JUST APPROACHED ME, WANTED TO TALK TO ME BEFORE I SPOKE TO SUPERVISORS. NOW I THINK THE FIVE SUPERVISORS KNOW MY CASE NOW. I WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE'S ANY HELP, ASSISTANCE, THE SUPERVISORS CAN GIVE TO ME. I'M A GOOD PERSON. I'VE GOT MY MASTER'S DEGREE. I WORKED AS A PROFESSIONAL. MY PARENTS ARE WILLING TO RAISE MY SON AND I'M WILLING TO RAISE MY SON. I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING BAD ENOUGH TO ALLOW A SOCIAL WORKER TO PUT MY SON INTO ADOPTION. MAY I ASK SUPERVISOR TO INVESTIGATE MY CASE? AND ALSO, MAY I ASK, CAN YOU HELP--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE WILL HAVE SOMEBODY ASSIST YOU IN A FEW MINUTES. IF YOU WOULD STEP OVER TO THE SIDE, WE WILL FIND SOMEONE TO HELP YOU IN A FEW MINUTES.

WINNIE TIN: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MISS REDMOND.

JUDY REDMOND: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JUDY REDMOND, A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE BUS RIDERS UNION PLANNING COMMITTEE AND A FASTER FOR JUSTICE. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN A TENT AND FASTING FOR SIX DAYS NOW. WHY? IT'S MY WAY OF PHYSICALLY QUESTIONING THE MORAL FIBER OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE M.T.A.

WHO WANT TO RAISE BUS FARES AND CUT SERVICE HOURS. HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO CHALLENGE THE LIVELIHOOD AND CAUSE MENTAL ANGUISH TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY CHALLENGED? HOW CAN YOU KNOWINGLY HARM THOSE IN NEED DURING A UNIVERSAL TIME OF NEED? RAISING FARES AT THIS TIME IS MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. CUTTING BUS SERVICE IS MORALLY REPREHENSIBLE. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU COMMENTED AFTER AN M.T.A. BOARD MEETING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS NOT ONLY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW BUT THE LETTER OF THE LAW. WHERE IS THAT SPIRIT NOW? FOR ME, AN UNEMPLOYED BLACK WOMAN, THE IDEA OF RAISING FARES CRUSHES MY SPIRIT. UNEMPLOYMENT DOESN'T COVER MY RENT, BUT THANKS TO THE POWERS THAT BE, I WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH MY LANDLORD. BUT THAT DOES NOT WORK WITH GROCERY STORES, NOR WITH TAP VENDING MACHINES. I AM FERVENTLY LOOKING FOR WORK, BUT CANNOT AFFORD A MONTHLY PASS LET ALONE AN INCREASE IN FARES. WITH THE FARE HIKE AND COST INCREASES IN EVERY OTHER NECESSITY OF MY LIFE, I AM NOT JUST MAKING A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY TO THOSE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET WITH THE HOMELESS, WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LOST HOPE, I WILL BECOME ONE OF THEM. MY EXPERIENCE IN ROSA PARK TENT CITY MAY SOON BECOME A REALITY FOR ME AND MANY OF MY BLACK AND LATINO BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I PRAY THAT THE M.T.A. BOARD LOOKS DEEP INTO ITS SOUL AND STOPS THE FARE HIKE. I PRAY FOR ALL OF US HERE TODAY AND FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE LIVING IN TENT CITIES TOMORROW. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MR. COLLINS.

RONALD COLLINS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RONALD COLLINS. I'M A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, MEMBER OF THE BUS RIDER'S UNIT AND A FASTER FOR JUSTICE. FOR THE PAST SIX DAYS WE'VE BEEN CAMPED OUT FASTING IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE M.T.A. BOARD ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT AN INCREASE IN FARES WILL FORCE UPON WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. BY AND LARGE, THE BOARD HAS CHOSEN TO TURN A DEAF EAR AND A BLIND EYE TO OUR ACTION. EVEN THOUGH WE SIT LESS THAN A MILE AWAY FROM THIS OFFICE AND DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM M.T.A. HEADQUARTERS, NONE OF OUR CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE COME TO ADDRESS THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY ARE IMPOSING UPON US. AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, I AM BEING FACED WITH BUDGET CUTS, RISING TUITION COSTS, AND AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BOOKS. THOUGH THE STUDENT PASS IS NOT GOING UP, ANY INCREASE IN FARES WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE STUDENT COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT LIVE IN A VACUUM AND AS SUCH, THE FAMILIES THAT SUPPORT US WILL BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING THEIR OWN BUS PASSES AND GIVING THEIR STUDENTS MONEY FOR LUNCH. I URGE THIS BOARD TO DO ALL THEY CAN TO HELP THE WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT TO STOP M.T.A.'S FARE INCREASE. EACH OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS HAVE THE POWER TO BE MAJOR OPPONENTS OF THIS FARE INCREASE AND WE IMPLORE YOU TO DO SO. OUR

COMMUNITIES HAVE NOT SEEN AN INCREASE IN OUR BUDGETS THE WAY THAT M.T.A. HAS, AND TO EXPLOIT OR COMMUNITIES IN THIS WAY IS UNACCEPTABLE. I WISH TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT THE BOARD DECISIONS MADE HERE AND AT M.T.A. HAVE A VERY HUMAN IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE FOR OUR BUS SERVICE. THE M.T.A. JUST APPROVED A $25 MILLION STUDY ON THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA. THAT SAME $25 MILLION COULD BE USED TO PUT A STOP TO THIS FARE INCREASE. BY INCREASING OUR FARES, YOU ARE FORCING OUR PEOPLE TO ENDURE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIPS. I URGE YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE AN AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM. THIS BAG OF FOOD IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WILL BE TAKEN FROM OUR COMMUNITIES SHOULD OUR FARES BE INCREASED. WE PRESENT IT TO YOU IN HOPES THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A STROKE OF YOUR PEN COULD MEAN TAKING FOOD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF THE VERY ANGELINOS WHO ELECTED YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

CARMEN IMACELLA: I'M GOING TO TRY MYSELF TO TALK, TO SPEAK. GOOD EVENING WITH EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS CARMEN, AND THE LAST NAME, IMACELLA. I COME FROM SOUTH AMERICA. THE REASON WHY I AM HERE IS FOR EXPLAIN TO YOU THINGS I AM HERE. I COME FROM MY COUNTRY, I AM A TEACHER IN MY COUNTRY. I COME HERE TO BE ANOTHER GOOD FUTURE. MY HUSBAND, HE PASSED AWAY. I HAVE THREE

CHILD AND THIS IS THE REASON I COME IN HERE TO THIS COUNTRY, TO GIVE A GOOD EDUCATION. SO WHAT'S HAPPENING IS HERE IN THIS COUNTRY, MYSELF, I TRY TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN, LIKE MY PARENTS, GIVE A GOOD EXAMPLE. SO MYSELF, I WORK, SOMETIMES THREE SHIFTS, AND SOMETIMES TWO SHIFTS. MY CHILDREN, WHEN MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY, I LEAVE WITH MY MOTHER. FOR COMING HERE, TO IMMIGRATE TO MY CHILDREN AND WORK HARD. MYSELF, NEVER I RUN IN THE STREETS EITHER AND THE POLICE. I TRY TO BE OUT FROM ANYTHING DANGEROUS. SO WHAT'S HAPPENED IS MYSELF, I BUY A HOUSE IN ENGLEWOOD. THIS IS MY DREAM, MY FIRST HOUSE. SO WHEN WE DON'T HAVE EXPERIENCE, BUT MY FATHER, HE WAS A PERSON, BUSINESSPERSON, HE SAY, CHILDREN, LOOK AT ME. WATCH ME, NEVER YOU GUYS WORK FOR NOBODY. ONLY FOR YOURSELF. BUT THEY'RE WATCHING ME. BUT WHEN WE ARE CHILD, WE NEVER -- SO I'M GOING TO THE POINT, I BUY THIS HOUSE, WHICH I DIDN'T SEE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I LOOK AT THE HOUSE. BEAUTIFUL. I LIKE THE OUTSIDE. AND I LIKE INSIDE. AND I BUY THAT HOUSE. WHEN IT WENT THROUGH, I MOVED MYSELF, AND I START TO LIVE AND I LOOKED AROUND. IT'S A LOT OF GANG MEMBERS -- THE STREETS. BAD NEIGHBORHOOD. NOBODY ELSE CAN HELP. I MYSELF BE ATTACKING ME AND MY CHILDREN, MY FAMILY. I HAVE TWO SISTERS MORE. ONE, I BRING MY SISTER SHE WAS A TEACHER --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND. BUT MISS IMACELLA, PLEASE GET TO THE POINT. I'M NOT SO SURE WHAT YOU WANT. WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM US?

CARMEN IMACELLA: SO NOW THEY'RE ATTACKING US.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHO IS ATTACKING YOU?

CARMEN IMACELLA: THE GANG MEMBERS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THE GANG MEMBERS IN ENGLEWOOD?

CARMEN IMACELLA: PARDON ME?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IN ENGLEWOOD.

CARMEN IMACELLA: YES. AND THEY GO OVER TO THE PLACE WHERE WE'RE WORKING AND THEY SAY, WE ARE A CROOK, THEY PUT IT UPSIDE DOWN, AND THEY JUMP OVER ALSO TO MY YOUNG SISTER. THEY ATTACKING, HITTING HER. SHE WAS BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE, FROM THE EARS, AND--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU WANT TO HELP HER?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YEAH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU WORK WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE SO THAT HE CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS.

CARMEN IMACELLA: I WRITE TO CHIEF FROM THE POLICE IN LOS ANGELES TO --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO. WE CAN'T. ENGLEWOOD IS A DIFFERENT CITY AND IT CANNOT -- THE LOS ANGELES POLICE CAN'T GO THERE. I DON'T THINK IT'S A SHERIFF -- IS IT A SHERIFF? THEY HAVE THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YES.

CARMEN IMACELLA: I'M SORRY, I COME A LITTLE BIT LATE, BUT WHENEVER I SAW IN THE FRONT, YOU SEE FRONT TO YOU, I SAW ON THE TELEVISION, I SAW MANY IN HERE PERSONS WHICH WERE--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN, MISS IMACELLA, PLEASE.

CARMEN IMACELLA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. WE HAVE SOMEBODY OVER HERE. DOES SHE SPEAK SPANISH? DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH? YES? NO? OKAY. MAYBE YOU

CAN FIND SOMEONE THAT WILL HELP HER. RIGHT OVER HERE, THEY WILL HELP YOU.

CARMEN IMACELLA: OKAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: RIGHT OVER HERE WITH MISS BARBOSA.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON, WE HAVE KEITH WILKINSON, ARNOLD SACHS, JIM DIMOV, WALTER BECKTEL. PLEASE COME UP. ALL RIGHT. MR. JOHNSON, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

OSCAR JOHNSON: YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURAL CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT ABOUT RELIGION AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT THE SOCIAL CONDITION, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC CONDITION DURING THIS ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF AMERICA. I THINK IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION EDUCATION, A RELIGION THAT IS PURE. SURELY, A PURE RELIGION IS TO WORSHIP OUR GOD ONLY. WE NEED TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARRACK OBAMA, THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE, MS. MICHELLE OBAMA. HIS TIME HASN'T COME SOON ENOUGH. A RELIGION THAT IS PURE WILL HAVE THE HOLY BOOK, WE KNOW THE LEADERS THAT KNOW THE HOLY BOOK. YOU NAME FOR LEADERSHIP AND TRY TO SAVE A FALLEN HUMANITY. WE NEED TO END POLICE MISCONDUCT. WE SHOULD MAKE OUR POLICEMEN MORE

ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. WE HAVE EUROPEAN POLICEMEN MURDERING UNARMED BLACK PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY. WE SHOULD HAVE DEATH PENALTY FOR ANY MURDER ON THE OFFENSE IN AMERICA. THAT'S AMERICA GOVERNMENT. THE AMERICA GOVERNMENT IS FOUNDED UPON RELIGION AND RELIGION SAYS AN EYE FOR AN EYE, A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH, THAT THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD FIT THE CRIME. BUT CERTAIN PART WE WANT TO ACCEPT, ANOTHER PART WE JUST REJECT. TALK ABOUT LOVE, JESUS SAID LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JESUS SAID LOVE THY NEIGHBORS AS THYSELF. A DISCIPLE SAYS, WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? JESUS SAID ANYONE THAT COMES NEAR YOU IS YOUR NEIGHBOR. THAT MEANS LOVE EVERYBODY. BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ESAU'S MESSAGE WAS STOLEN AND JACOB BROUGHT THE MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. WE SHOULD END THIS DOGMATIC INHUMAN LEADERSHIP. OUR POLITICIANS HAVE NO SOUL. OUR POLITICIANS HAVE LIST THEIR SOUL. SOMEBODY SAID IN ORDER TO BE IN POLITICAL OFFICE, YOU GOT TO HAVE NO SOUL. WE NEED OUR SOUL TO BE FED. WE BLACK MEN NEED JOBS, WE NEED TO LOOK FOR JOBS. BLACK MEN JUST STAYS IN THE PARK ON FIFTH STREET AND GLADYS -- FIFTH STREET AND ST. JULIUS ALL DAY. THAT PARK SHOULD BE CLOSED DOWN. THE PARK ON SIXTH STREET AND GLADYS SHOULD BE CLOSED DOWN. BLACK MEN SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR WORK. WE SHOULD HAVE PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR POLITICAL OFFICE INSTEAD OF CRIME PARTNERS. MANY REMOVE THE PROPERTY DOWN ON MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MARTIN SHOULD BE TORN DOWN, FOR MARTIN AND MARTIN LUTHER KING TO BE -- MARTIN LUTHER KING AND

CRENSHAW, THAT PROPERTY SHOULD BE DESTROYED. THE PROPERTY ON MARTIN AND SANTA ROSALIA TO MARTIN AND BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE TORN DOWN. WE NEED BETTER LEADERSHIP TODAY. OUR LEADERSHIP HAS FORGOTTEN US. WE NEED MORE ACCOUNTABILITY. END CONSTRUCTION FRAUD. WE NEED BETTER BUSSES. WE NEED TO END GOVERNMENT WASTE. WE NEED MORE GOVERNMENT, WE NEED MORE COURAGE, WE NEED MORE RESPONSIBILITY, WE NEED TO SAY "NO." OUR CONSTITUTION TEACHES US AGAINST IMMORALITY, IDOLATRY AND SIN. FORNICATION IS A SIN, FORNICATION IS AGAINST OUR LAW OF THE CONSTITUTION. WE NEED MARRIAGE. TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE BORN TODAY OUTSIDE OF WEDLOCK. TO MANY ORPHANS IS BEING DEVELOPED. TOO MUCH OF FOSTER BEING DEVELOPED. END CONSTRUCTION --

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE? IT'S OVER. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. WILKINSON.

KEITH WILKINSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO REQUEST RENT CONTROL IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY NAME IS KEITH WILKINSON. I LIVE AT TERRANCE GARDENS MOBILE HOME PARK, 22516 NORMANDY AVENUE, TORRANCE. WE ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES, AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS OUR SUPERVISOR. WE ARE A SENIOR PARK, MOST OF US ARE LOW INCOME. WE OWN OUR OWN HOMES, BUT WE RENT THE SPACE. THERE ARE 63 HOMES IN OUR PARK, APPROXIMATELY 55 ARE OCCUPIED, THREE ARE

FOR SALE BY DEVELOPERS, THREE FOR SALE BY ABSENT RESIDENTS. ALL THESE THEY PAY SPACE RENT. THREE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE OWNER OF THE PARK BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF SPACE RENT. IN 2002, UNKNOWN TO US, RESIDENCE IN THE PARK WAS SOLD FOR 1.65 MILLION, APPROXIMATELY 26,190 PER UNIT. MY SPACE AT THE TIME WAS $250 A MONTH. OUR LATEST INCREASE NOW BRINGS US TO 575 A MONTH. THAT'S INCREASING FASTER THAN HEALTHCARE OR ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE. TWO YEARS AGO, WE FORMED A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. AND THROUGH R.O.P., RESIDENT OWNED PARKS, A SACRAMENTO ORGANIZATION, WE OFFERED TO BUY THE PARK. THE PARK OWNER INFORMED US THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING IT AT THAT TIME. WHEN WE WERE NOTIFIED OF OUR LATEST INCREASE, 75% OF OUR RESIDENTS SIGNED A PETITION ASKING THE OWNER TO RECONSIDER. THE REPLY WAS BASICALLY "NO." I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO. THE FOLKS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF NORMANDY ARE IN L.A. CITY AND HAVE RENT CONTROL. 10 BLOCKS TO THE EAST OVER THE 110 IS CARSON. THEY HAVE RENT CONTROL. I THINK WE NEED IT. YOU CAN WORK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF, WHETHER 6,900 GROSS INCOME FROM SENIORS OR 26,000 INVESTMENT IS FAIR AND JUST. PLEASE HELP US BY REINTRODUCING RENT CONTROL TO THE INCORPORATED AREAS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. MR. DIMOV AND MR. BECKTEL, YOU BETTER COME ON UP.

JIM DIMOV: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM LITERALLY IN SHOCK TO FIND OUT THAT THE LOS ANGELES TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE TURNED THE WEEDS, THE BRUSH OVER WHICH WAS CONVERTED INTO MONEY, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. WE ALL KNOW THAT MONEY DOES NOT GROW ON TREE, BUT MONEY GROWS ON WEEDS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. AND I'M SO SHOCKED TO SEE EVEN GLORIA MOLINA, MY SUPERVISOR, HAS SENT A LETTER ON AUGUST 2, 2001, THAT ALL THE MONEY I'VE PAID FOR MY TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED, AND IF I DON'T PAY ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2001, THE BALANCE OF THE TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN MORE THAN QUADRUPLED PAID, MY PROPERTY'S GOING TO BE SOLD ON AUCTION SALE. ALL THE LETTERS I RECEIVE HERE, IN FACT, I SENT A LETTER TO MIKE ANTONOVICH, YAROSLAVSKY, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, AND NOBODY RESPONDED PROPERLY. AND THEN A LETTER WAS SENT TO ME ON THE 23RD OF APRIL FROM -- THAT ALL THE PROPERTY HAS, ALL THE TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED. AND I ADDED TO ALL, $48,000 MORE IN TAXES. THIS IS ROBBERY. THAT'S NOT FAIR. I WANT MY MONEY TODAY. $112,691.70 I HAVE PAID. I WANT THIS MONEY TODAY TO BE RETURNED TO ME BECAUSE I AM RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, I NEED TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION. THAT'S NOT FAIR THE WAY YOU TREATED ME. AND ALL THIS PAPERWORK I RECEIVED AND SENT TO GLORIA MOLINA, THEY'RE ALL FALSE. GLORIA MOLINA RESPONDED WITH A FALSE STATEMENT THAT MY TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED, AND THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL. AND I WOULD LIKE TODAY TO RECEIVE MY MONEY. PLEASE GIVE MY MONEY BACK. YOU HAVE ROBBED ME. YOU HAVE DESTROYED MY

FAMILY. I LOST MY HOME AND EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE. GLORIA MOLINA, YOU BETTER STEP DOWN AND I'LL TAKE OVER YOUR PLACE AND I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE COUNTY ONCE AND FOREVER. THAT'S NOT FAIR THE WAY YOU TREATED ME. SINCE 2001, YOU'VE BEEN AFTER ME TO PAY MY TAXES. -- I PAID MY TAXES. YOU NEVER RESPONDED PROPERLY. YOU SHOULD BE RECALLED. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE MISTREATED ME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MR. DIMOV, ONE OF THE MISTAKES I MADE WAS TREATING YOU LIKE EVERY OTHER CONSTITUENT. AND THAT IS RESPONDING TO YOU. WE LOOKED UP WITHIN ALL OF OUR RECORDS, THE TAX RECORDS WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE--

JIM DIMOV: I HAVE THE ANSWER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: EXCUSE ME SIR, DON'T ARGUE. I ALREADY -- I LET YOU SPEAK. WE LOOKED UP THE RECORDS, WE GAVE YOU THE FACTS. I CANNOT CHANGE FACTS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. MR. DIMOV, YOU WILL NEVER EVER GET ANOTHER LETTER FROM ME EVER AGAIN BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY HELP FROM ME ANYMORE. YOU OWE WHAT IS ON THERE AND I'M SORRY THAT YOU CANNOT DEAL WITH THE REALITY OF THE DAY, BUT THANK YOU. THAT'S ENOUGH.

JIM DIMOV: THE REALITY--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. SACHS, YOU'RE NEXT.

JIM DIMOV: THIS IS FALSE, GLORIA MOLINA. THIS IS FALSE, WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES, SIR. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS, IF YOU DON'T BEGIN, YOUR TIME IS GOING TO START RIGHT NOW.

WALTER BECKTEL: YOU HAVE TO CHALLENGE IT IN COURTROOM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOUR TIME MUST START RIGHT NOW.

ARNOLD SACHS: I'M BEING INTERRUPTED HERE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. SACHS, PROCEED.

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. TURNS OUT THE ANSWER WAS TODAY. THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION REGARDING M.T.A. POLICY HAPPENED RIGHT HERE IN THESE CHAMBERS. THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED FOR THE M.T.A., QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE, YOU HAVE A PROJECT, YOU CHAMPIONSHIPED THIS PROJECT, YOU CHAMPIONSHIPED THIS PROJECT, YOU PUSHED THIS PROJECT, YOU OPEN UP OFFICES FOR THE PROJECT, YOU PUT OUT NEWSLETTERS FOR THE PROJECT, YOU SPEND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR THIS PROJECT. WHO

KNOWS, MAYBE EVEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. AND THEN WHEN THE MONEY COMES OUT, YOU GIVE THE MONEY TO ANOTHER PROJECT. WE'RE THE SAME PROJECT. IS THAT QUALITY OR PRODUCTIVITY? WHICH PART OF THE EQUATION WOULD THAT FOCUS ON? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. I KNOW. STATE LEGISLATION CREATED THE BLUE LINE. IT SECRETLY MORPHED INTO THE GOLD LINE. TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE THAT HAPPEN TO THE GREEN LINE. CAN THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BUILD THE GREEN LINE TO THE AIRPORT? WE KNOW WE NEED THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND THEN IT WAS THE GOLD LINE. THE GOLD LINE FROM WHENEVER, THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 2000, 2001 TO 2010. AND YET WHEN IT WAS TIME TO GET THE MONEY, WHO GOT THE MONEY? THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. MAKES ABSOLUTELY -- RULE NUMBER ONE FOR THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. WHEN IN DOUBT, SEE RULE NUMBER TWO. THAT'S METRO'S WAY OF OPERATING. MAYBE YOU'VE READ OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL. THIS IS AN EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S "DAILY BREEZE," IS GOING NOWHERE FAST. A RECENT STATE AUDIT, AND THIS IS PART OF THE EDITORIAL, UNCOVERED GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUSE OF FUNDS BY THE RAIL AUTHORITY. CHAMPIONED BY METRO. A GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUSE OF FUNDS. CHAMPIONED BY METRO. I KNOW. IT'S A MANTRA AND IT SOUNDS REDUNDANT. BUT LOOK AT THE TRACK RECORD. AND BY THE WAY, I BELIEVE NEXT WEEK THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO CONSIDER AN ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-RISE AT SAN VICENTE AND PICO. AND THAT WAS THE TERMINUS

FOR A LINE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EXTENDED FROM WILSHIRE WESTERN TO SAN VICENTE AND PICO. NEVER BUILT, NEVER DONE, NEVER HAPPENED. GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUSE BY A GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION. OH, QUICKLY, IS THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER STILL HAVING CLASSES ON MEMORIAL DAY FOR POLL WORKERS?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MR. BECKTEL?

WALTER BECKTEL: HELLO. MY NAME IS WALTER C. B.E.C.K.T.E.L.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: BECKTEL, I APOLOGIZE.

WALTER BECKTEL: THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARCHIVES. I DO A LOT OF GENEALOGY RESEARCH AND I NOTICE THAT WHEN WE ASK FOR AN ARCHIVE FROM THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES, THERE'S AN UNUSUALLY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF MISSING FILES. I WAS GIVEN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE FILE EXISTS, THE LAST ONE I LOOKED FOR, BUT IT JUST ISN'T AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. I THINK THAT, AND THIS HAS BEEN OVER SEVERAL YEARS NOW, DIFFERENT THINGS I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, I THINK WE NEED TO -- SOMEBODY NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING OVER THERE IN CHATSWORTH OR WHEREVER THE FILES ARE BEING KEPT. IT'S ALMOST 50 PERCENT OF EVERYTHING I GO TO LOOK FOR IS MISSING. I WAS TOLD -- ONCE I WAS TOLD THERE WAS A FIRE. ANOTHER TIME I WAS TOLD THAT

THERE WAS A SEWAGE BREAK OR SOMETHING AND THERE'S ALWAYS SOME KIND OF EXCUSE. I'M NOT SATISFIED, BECAUSE I TALKED TO ONE OF THE BOXING PEOPLE THAT DO THE DELIVERIES AND HE SAID, WELL, EVERYTHING WAS JUST THROWN INTO BOXES WHEN THEY SHIPPED THEM FROM OVER HERE TO CHATSWORTH, SO THEY'RE NOT SURE WHERE THEY ARE. I THINK THAT WE NEED -- SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE FILES, THOSE FILES IN MANY CASES PROVE LAND OWNERSHIPS AND OTHER THINGS THAT GO BACK A HUNDRED YEARS OR SO AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY AND FOR GENEALOGISTS AND OTHER REASONS TO MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE FILES, BECAUSE AND FOR THE OTHER REASONS THAT I'M NOT SURE OF. IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR FILES, I WAS TOLD YOU CAN'T RUN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PROPER RECORDS OF WHAT'S GOING ON. IF SOMEBODY COULD SAY, WELL, SINCE YOU LOST A FILE AND I SAY THAT MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER OWNED THE ENTIRE CITY OF MONITA, WHICH IS NOW GARDENA, CAN MAKE ACTIONS IN THE COURTROOM TO TAKE BACK THAT PART OF LAND IF YOU PEOPLE ARE NOT MANAGING IT PROPERLY AND PEOPLE COULD START MAKING CLAIMS AND THINGS. YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP OVER THERE. YOU CAN'T JUST THROW THINGS INTO BOXES AND NOT BE ABLE TO LOCATE THEM. THE ONLY RECORDS NOW THAT I KNOW THAT EXIST ON A CASE THAT I'M ON IS THE RECORDS MY FAMILY HAS, AND I'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE GOING TO FILE ANYTHING OR NOT. BUT JUST FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR ARCHIVES IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WHAT YOU'RE KEEPING THEM OVER THERE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ITEMS, SO I'LL HAVE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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 NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR LISA M. GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. AND ITEM NO. CS-3, PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 1461, THE BOARD WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FINDINGS OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS RELATED TO THE PROVISIONS OF CARE AT THE OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER'S NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2010, AT 1:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 25, 2010

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
Initiation of litigation (one case) (10-1164)

The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation, the details of which will be provided upon request when the litigation is filed.

In closed session, items CS-2 and CS-3 were continued one week to June 1, 2010.