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1 **[The Board of Supervisors did not meet in**
2 **closed session Tuesday, October 21, 2008.]**

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY
7 CHAPLAIN DAVID LEMLEY FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, THE THIRD
8 DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY WILLIAM J. HOSTON, FORMER
9 CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

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11 **DAVID LEMLEY:** OUR PRAYER THIS MORNING WILL BEGIN WITH THE
12 WORDS OF POET AND HYMNAL WRITER ISAAC WATTS. OUR GOD, OUR HELP
13 IN AGES PAST, OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME, OUR SHELTER FROM THE
14 STORMY BLAST AND OUR ETERNAL HOME. UNDER THE SHADOW OF THY
15 THRONE THY SAINTS HAVE DWELT SECURE. SUFFICIENT IS THINE ARM
16 ALONE AND OUR DEFENSE IS SURE. BEFORE THE HILLS IN ORDER STOOD
17 WHERE EARTH RECEIVED HER FRAME, FROM EVERLASTING THOU ART GOD
18 TO ENDLESS YEARS THE SAME. THY WORD COMMANDS OUR FLESH TO
19 DUST, RETURN YE SONS OF MEN. ALL NATIONS ROSE FROM EARTH AT
20 FIRST AND TURN TO EARTH AGAIN. A THOUSAND AGES IN THY SIGHT
21 ARE LIKE AN EVENING GONE, SHORT AS THE WATCH THAT ENDS THE
22 NIGHT BEFORE THE RISING SUN. OH GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
23 OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME. BE THOU OUR GUARD WHILE TROUBLES
24 LAST AND OUR ETERNAL HOME. OH GOD, MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW
25 TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, BE



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1 GRACIOUS TO US. WE PRAY YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MEETING OF THE
2 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR EACH WHO ARE SEEKING TO
3 DISCERN, TO DECIDE, TO RESPOND IN A WAY THAT IS MERCIFUL AND
4 GRACIOUS, IN A WAY THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF YOUR GRACE AND
5 GOODNESS. WE PRAY FOR SPECIAL ATTENTIVENESS TO YOUR PRESENCE
6 AMONG US THAT WE MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU
7 INTEND FOR US TO BE. WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON THE TIME AHEAD,
8 ON THE VOICES THAT WILL SPEAK, ON THE EARS THAT WILL HEAR, ON
9 THE MINDS THAT WILL CONSIDER, ON THE HEARTS WHO WILL BE
10 COMPASSIONATE. WE PRAY THIS IN YOUR NAME AND FOR YOUR SAKE,
11 AMEN.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **WILLIAM J. HOSTON:** ARE YOU READY? PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR
16 HEART. LET'S THINK VERY DEEPLY WHERE WE ARE TODAY. [PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MRS. BURKE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN INVOCATION BY
22 CHAPLAIN DAVID LEMLEY OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY IN MALIBU. HE
23 HAS SERVED AS PEPPERDINE'S UNIVERSITY'S CHAPLAIN SINCE 2007.
24 HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION FROM PEPPERDINE
25 AND MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY AND THEOLOGY FROM ABILINE



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1 CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. PASTOR LEMLEY RECEIVED HIS MASTERS OF
2 DIVINITY AT FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND IS CURRENTLY A
3 PH.D. CANDIDATE IN WORSHIP AND CULTURE AT FULLER. HE LIVES ON
4 THE CAMPUS OF PEPPERDINE, LUCKY YOU, WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO
5 SONS. WE THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION THIS
6 MORNING AND FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILLIAM HOSTON, OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, WAS IN
9 THE MILITARY FROM 1951 TO '53 AND '60 TO '63. HE WAS A CAPTAIN
10 IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE, FIFTH AIR FORCE. HE WAS IN KOREA AND
11 VIETNAM AND HE RECEIVED A DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, PURPLE
12 HEART, AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL, MEDAL FOR HUMANE ACTION,
13 KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, REPUBLIC OF
14 VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL
15 AND AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE MEDAL. HE HAS BEEN THE
16 CHAIR OF THE EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE, AND HE
17 IS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN ANN ARBOR. HE'S LIVED IN
18 THE DISTRICT FOR 25 YEARS. HE RECEIVED ALSO EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC
19 SERVICE MEDAL FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. THANK YOU FOR
20 BEING WITH US. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. WELL THIS IS VERY NICE.
21 OLD FRIEND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE WITH THE
22 FLOWERS, TOO.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE



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1 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND
2 2-D.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
8 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
11 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. ON
14 ITEM NUMBER 3, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
15 TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD 3.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MOLINA.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 7
25 THROUGH 51. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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1 REQUESTS THAT THE EL MONTE COURTHOUSE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE
2 RECOMMENDATION AND REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. AND ALSO ON
3 THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
4 HOLD IT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT AND--

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'LL EXCLUDE EL MONTE FROM THE
9 RECOMMENDATION.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 10 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 11,
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
20 OCTOBER 28TH, 2008.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 23,



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
3 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 25, AS INDICATED
4 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
6 5TH, 2008.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 32, THE
12 ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 40, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 40. ON ITEM NUMBER 50,
19 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY,
21 NOVEMBER 5TH, 2008.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 51, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 28TH, 2008.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 52, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 28TH, 2008.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 53 THROUGH 59, ON
13 ITEM NUMBER 53, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM
14 NUMBER 54, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
16 JANUARY 27TH, 2009.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE THERE ANY ITEMS ON CONSENT THAT WE
19 SHOULD APPROVE?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE. YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
24 ALL OF THOSE REMAINING ITEMS BE APPROVED. AND WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, THEY'RE APPROVED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. GOING BACK TO ITEM 54, THE CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
4 JANUARY 27TH, 2009. OKAY. SO WE WILL HOLD ITEM 54. ITEMS 55,
5 56 AND 57, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE
6 ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 28TH, 2008

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARING. ON ITEM-- YES. ALL THREE OF
13 THEM. 55, 56 AND 57, YES, ONE WEEK. ON THE PUBLIC HEARING
14 ITEMS, ITEMS 58 AND 59, WE WILL HOLD THOSE FOR A PUBLIC
15 HEARING. ON PAGE 25, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
16 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
17 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 60-A?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
20 SUBSTITUTE MOTION JUST TO UPDATE IT. SO IF YOU COULD HOLD IT
21 FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THEN MAYBE WE COULD JUST APPROVE IT. IT'S
22 COMING DOWN RIGHT NOW.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL HOLD IT. BUT WE WILL COME
25 BACK TO IT.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-A WE'LL HOLD. ON 60-B?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
5 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-C.

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9 **MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,**
10 **SO ORDERED.**

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12 **>>CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 60-D.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
15 YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
19 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ONE ITEM, CHAIR ITEM. THE COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES IS THE PROUD RECIPIENT OF SEVEN AWARDS THIS YEAR
23 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES. ALL OF THE
24 PROJECTS MEET THE C.S.A.C. CRITERIA FOR INNOVATION AND
25 CREATIVITY. JOINING ME TODAY TO PRESENT THE AWARDS IS PAUL



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1 MACINTOSH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, C.S.A.C., EXECUTIVE SERVICES.
2 HE WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE C.S.A.C. AWARDS. COME FORWARD. YOU
3 CAN COME RIGHT HERE. COME UP HERE.

4

5 **PAUL MACINTOSH:** GOOD MORNING.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
8 THE AWARDS AND THEN I'LL INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE RECEIVING IT
9 FROM THE DEPARTMENTS.

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11 **PAUL MACINTOSH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO
12 BE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THE MEN AND WOMEN WORKING FOR LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE
14 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES. MY NAME IS PAUL MACINTOSH. C.S.A.C.
15 BEGAN THIS AWARD IN 1984 TO RECOGNIZE INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE
16 PROGRAMS AND HELP SPREAD THESE INNOVATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. MANY PREVIOUS PROGRAMS HAVE NOW BEEN
18 RECOGNIZED ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AND ARE ACTIVE IN MANY STATES.
19 AT THIS TIME, GIVEN THE CHALLENGES FACED BY ALL CALIFORNIA
20 COUNTIES, INNOVATION, HARD WORK AND CREATIVITY TAKES ON AN
21 INCREASINGLY HARD ROLE. THIS CHALLENGE AWARD PROGRAM FOCUSES
22 ON THIS INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATES THAT CALIFORNIA COUNTIES
23 ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR BETTER WAYS TO DO THINGS. THIS YEAR
24 WE HAD ONE OF THE HIGHEST PARTICIPATION RATES IN THE HISTORY
25 OF THE PROGRAM. THERE WERE 258 ENTRIES FROM 38 COUNTIES. THESE



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1 ENTRIES WERE JUDGED BY AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF JUDGES CLOSELY
2 AFFILIATED WITH COUNTIES AND THE PROGRAMS THEY ADMINISTER. OF
3 THOSE 255 ENTRIES, C.S.A.C. IS AWARDING 34 MERIT AWARDS, 10
4 CHALLENGE AWARDS AND 3 INNOVATION AWARDS. THE INNOVATION
5 AWARDS ARE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMMEDIATELY
6 TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER COUNTIES AND WILL MAKE A BIG IMPACT
7 AROUND THE STATE. CHALLENGE AWARDS ARE TO RECOGNIZE INNOVATIVE
8 PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE REPLICATED IN CALIFORNIA COUNTIES. AND
9 MERIT AWARDS ARE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE PROGRAMS THAT DEMONSTRATE
10 CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION. THIS WILL BE THE FIFTH YEAR IN A
11 ROW THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS RECOGNIZED WITH A CHALLENGE
12 AWARD. AND MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR THAT. NOT ONLY
13 ARE WE PRESENTING THESE AWARDS AT BOARD MEETINGS AROUND THE
14 STATE, BUT RECIPIENT COUNTIES ARE ALL GOING TO BE RECOGNIZED
15 IN OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH 4TH,
16 AND WE'VE PUBLISHED THIS DIRECTORY TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS
17 AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH PROGRAM. I HAVE A COPY,
18 MADAME, FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER AND FOR THE C.E.O. I'D BE HAPPY
19 TO ASSIST YOU IN PRESENTING THESE AWARDS.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL OUR FIRST RECIPIENT THE
22 PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO IS RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATIVE
23 AWARD FOR ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS WITH CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS
24 PROJECT. HERE TO ACCEPT, I DON'T SEE MICHAEL JUDGE. PUBLIC
25 DEFENDER STANLEY SHIMOTO. AND DIVISION CHIEF ANN MARIE BRACCO.



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1 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. THE PARK AND
2 RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE COVETED CHALLENGE AWARD FOR
3 ITS SOUTH COUNTY C.S.I TEEN CAMP. DIRECTOR RUSS GUINEY AND
4 BRIAN SKRAG., RECREATION SERVICE MANAGER, ARE RECEIVING THE
5 AWARD. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE WILL PRESENT THE FIVE MERIT AWARDS
6 TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. MERIT AWARDS, INTERNAL SERVICES
7 DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRODUCT PURCHASING
8 POLICY. DIRECTOR TOM KENDALL AND JOE SANDOVAL, PROJECT
9 MANAGER. CONGRATULATIONS. PUBLIC LIBRARY. LIBRARY CARDS FOR
10 PROBATION YOUTH COUNTY LIBRARIAN MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD AND
11 PAMELA BREWSARD, PROJECT MANAGERS. [APPLAUSE.] SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT, PICO RIVERA INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT IN ETHICS
13 PROGRAM. SERGEANT STEVE SANCHEZ, PROJECT MANAGER. [APPLAUSE.]
14 I DON'T SEE STEVE YET. WE WILL GIVE IT TO HIM LATER. TWO
15 PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EARNED MERIT
16 AWARDS. PRESERVING ACCESS TO MEDICATION FOR MORE PEOPLE, AND
17 THE INNOVATIVE NAVIGATOR PROJECT LED BY KAREN GOLDBERG. WE
18 HAVE DOCTOR SOUTHARD HERE. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S HAVE A ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU, PAUL. WE RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORK OF THESE
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND PROJECT MANAGERS. [APPLAUSE.]
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I BELIEVE YOU'RE UP FIRST TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO ASK
24 PHIL BROWNING, OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES,
25 TO COME FORWARD. WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING



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1 TO PRESENT D.P.S.S. AND ITS GENERAL MANAGER, PHIL BROWNING,
2 WITH THIS PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
3 TO SALUTE THE DEPARTMENT AND RECOGNIZE THEM FOR ADVANCING THE
4 CAUSE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BY LAUNCHING A
5 COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS PROGRAM AIMED AT REDUCING LIFE-
6 THREATENING RISKS, ENHANCING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON
7 DIABETES, CANCER, HYPERTENSION AND OBESITY AND DESIGNATING
8 OFFICE WELLNESS COORDINATORS IN ALL 60 D.P.S.S. LOCATIONS.
9 D.P.S.S. LAUNCHED AN EIGHT-WEEK BIGGEST LOSER CAMPAIGN
10 ENGAGING OVER 1,200 EMPLOYEES INTO 131 TEAMS TO COMPETE IN A
11 WEIGHT LOSS CONTEST. THE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS INCLUDED A
12 COMBINED WEIGHT LOSS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF OVER 1.6 TONS.
13 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] PHIL REPRESENTED POINT 5 OF THOSE
14 TONS. HE IS NOW A TOOTHPICK. AND WITH TEAM LOSSES OF 63.8
15 POUNDS, WITH INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT LOSS. D.P.S.S. SET IN MOTION A
16 WALKING WORKS CAMPAIGN WHERE 429 EMPLOYEES WALKED FOR A
17 COMBINED TOTAL OF 11,620 MILES OVER AN EIGHT-WEEK PERIOD.
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS AND ALL THE OTHER REASONS CITED
19 IN THIS PROCLAMATION, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
20 CONGRATULATE THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING
21 EMPLOYEE HEALTH, RECOGNIZING THE LINK BETWEEN HEALTHY
22 EMPLOYEES AND A PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE, AND BY DEMONSTRATING
23 THAT OUR GREATEST RESOURCE, WHICH IS THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, IS
24 DESERVING OF THESE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHANGES THAT ARE
25 INHERENT IN SUCCESSFUL WELLNESS PROGRAMS. NOW, THIS ISN'T JUST



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1 SOME BUREAUCRATIC PROGRAM THAT PHIL AND HIS TEAM HAS
2 UNDERTAKEN. HE EMAILS ME ALL THE TIME. HE ASKS ME EVERY TIME
3 HE SEES ME WHETHER I'VE RUN THIS MORNING. WHENEVER I RUN IN
4 THE MORNING, WHICH IS USUALLY, I ALWAYS SAY "I HOPE BROWNING
5 SEES ME TODAY SO I CAN TELL HIM YES, I DID RUN THIS MORNING."
6 [LAUGHTER.] HE'S KIND OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS POLICE AROUND
7 HERE. BUT HE SENDS ME AN EMAIL EVERY NOW AND THEN. HE SENT ME
8 ONE LAST NIGHT. I WON'T MENTION THE NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE THAT
9 HE FORWARDED THE EMAIL FROM, BUT I THINK IT SAYS MORE THAN THE
10 PROCLAMATION CAN SAY. IT'S FROM A WOMAN WHO WORKS FOR D.P.S.S.
11 AND SHE SAID, "MY 14-YEAR-OLD SON PLAYS FOOTBALL AND HE IS
12 INTO BEING HEALTHY. ONE DAY HE SAID, 'MOM, SODA IS NOT HEALTHY
13 FOR YOU AND FROM THIS DAY FORWARD I'M GIVING UP SODA.' AND HE
14 DID. AND MANY OF MY CO-WORKERS--" THIS IS FROM THE D.P.S.S.
15 EMPLOYEE NOW-- "--WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE WELLNESS PROGRAM
16 THAT I BECAME MOTIVATED BY MY SON AND MY CO-WORKERS THAT I
17 DECIDED TO GIVE IT A TRY. I CUT OUT ALL FATTY FOODS. AND MY
18 SON WOULD EXERCISE WITH ME AT HOME UNTIL I GOT THE COURAGE TO
19 DO IT AT WORK WITH THE OTHERS. WHEN I BEGAN THE WELLNESS
20 PROGRAM I WAS WEARING A SIZE 24. AND IT WAS TIGHT. I COULDN'T
21 EVEN TAKE THE STAIRS AT WORK. I BEGAN WALKING AT WORK A LITTLE
22 AT A TIME. I WOULD WALK MYSELF BECAUSE I KNEW I WOULDN'T BE
23 ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE OTHERS. MY CLOTHES WERE GETTING SO
24 LARGE AFTER THIS EXERCISE AND DIET REGIME THAT I WENT LOOKING
25 FOR A NEW DRESS. I TRIED ON A SUIT AND IT WAS A SIZE 12. I



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1 TRIED TO REMEMBER: DID I EVER WEAR THAT SIZE? I MUST HAVE BEEN
2 A CHILD. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT I WEAR A SIZE 12. MY
3 CHOLESTEROL IS FINE. MY FEET DON'T HURT. NOT ONLY CAN I WALK
4 THREE MILES BUT I RUN TWO MILES. I FEEL GREAT. AND NOW I'M A
5 SIZE 12." I THINK WHEN YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE
6 PERSON'S LIFE, ONE PERSON AT A TIME, IT ADDS UP TO 1.6 TONS.
7 BUT IT'S ONE THING TO TALK ABOUT 1.6 TONS AND 1,200 EMPLOYEES,
8 IT'S ANOTHER THING TO FOCUS ON ONE INDIVIDUAL AND HOW YOU
9 CHANGED HER LIFE. THAT'S THE KIND OF GOING THE EXTRA MILE THAT
10 WE HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE ABOUT PHIL BROWNING. HE NOT ONLY
11 DOES A GREAT JOB AT D.P.S.S., BUT HE CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE ON
12 HIS TEAM. AND IT IS A TEAM. AND WE WANTED TO SALUTE YOU, PHIL,
13 FOR DOING THIS. HOPEFULLY OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE UP YOUR
14 CHALLENGE. HEALTH DEPARTMENT COULD STAND TO LOSE 1.6 TONS.
15 [LAUGHTER.] SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS PROBABLY IN A LITTLE BIT
16 BETTER SHAPE. BUT, SERIOUSLY, YOU GUYS HAVE DONE-- YOU'VE SET
17 THE BAR FOR THE COUNTY WORKFORCE. AND I WANTED TO PRESENT YOU
18 WITH THIS PROCLAMATION. COME ON UP HERE. SAY A COUPLE WORDS.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **PHIL BROWNING:** I WANTED TO REALLY SAY THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS A
22 GREAT MODEL. SOME OF YOU PROBABLY SAW A MONTH OR TWO AGO HE
23 WAS IN THE L.A. TIMES WITH HIS U.C.L.A. T-SHIRT ON. AND HE WAS
24 RUNNING. AND WE'VE COPIED THAT TO ALL OF OUR STAFF. I DID
25 BRING ANOTHER T-SHIRT IN CASE HIS GETS OLD. THIS IS ONE FOR



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1 ALL OUR DEPARTMENT. IT SAYS D.P.S.S. WELLNESS PROGRAM. BEHIND
2 ME I HAVE SOME OF THE KEY STAFF WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS
3 PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESS. AND THIS IS ONLY THE START. THIS IS A
4 LIFE CHANGE. IT'S NOT A DIET. DIETS ARE TEMPORARY. THIS IS A
5 LIFESTYLE CHANGE THAT WE'RE HOPING TO IMPLEMENT. AND I REALLY
6 DO WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR ALL OF HIS LEADERSHIP IN
7 THIS AREA. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, YVONNE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP
12 NEXT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF L.A.
15 COUNTY'S FINEST, AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE CHIEF FREEMAN AND CHIEF
16 GERALD OSBY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE
17 55 MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. LET'S SEE IF
18 WE CAN BRING THEM UP, AS WELL, ALL OF THEM, AT THIS TIME
19 BECAUSE WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR HISTORIC AND
20 COURAGEOUS EFFORTS IN SAVING LIFE AND RESPONDING TO ONE OF THE
21 WORST TRAIN WRECKS IN THE HISTORY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IF
22 NOT THE NATION, WHEN A METROLINK AND UNION PACIFIC TRAIN HIT
23 HEAD ON, WHICH RESULTED IN 135 INJURED AND 25 FATALITIES. THE
24 SITUATION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MUCH-- AND WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH
25 WORSE HAD THESE MEN AND WOMEN NOT RESPONDED AS QUICKLY AS THEY



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1 HAD, LATER TO BE BACKED UP BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE
3 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA
4 HIGHWAY PATROL, AND FROM VENTURA COUNTY, THEIR FIRST
5 RESPONDERS, AS WELL. ENGINE COMPANY 75 RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY
6 TO THE SCENE, CARRIED OUT THEIR ASSIGNED DUTIES OF SETTING UP
7 THE LANDING ZONE FROM WHICH AN UNPRECEDENTED 40 AIR TRANSPORTS
8 WOULD BE MADE. 40 AIR TRANSPORTS WOULD BE MADE. URBAN SEARCH
9 AND RESCUE UNITS 103 AND 130 WERE DISPATCHED IN ADDITION TO
10 DEPUTY CHIEF JOHN TRIPP, BATTALION 5, BATTALION 6, BATTALION
11 45, FOUR HELICOPTERS, DOZERS, HEALTH, HAZMAT AND CANINE
12 HANDLERS AND CAPTAIN WILLIAM MONAHAN. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
13 AND I WERE ALSO AT THE SCENE TO WITNESS A COURAGEOUS
14 DETERMINATION OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS AS THEY WORKED TIRELESSLY
15 THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT IN THEIR RESCUE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.
16 LAST WEEK, ONCE AGAIN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS TESTED BY A
17 DEVASTATING FIRE IN THE MERRICK AND SENSEN FIRES, WHICH BURNED
18 NEARLY 20,000 ACRES, KILLED TWO INDIVIDUALS, DESTROYED 53
19 HOMES AND LED TO THE FORCED EVACUATION OF THOUSANDS OF OUR
20 RESIDENTS. OUR FIREFIGHTERS ONCE AGAIN WERE ON THE FRONT LINE,
21 PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THEIR OWN
22 HOMES AND PROPERTY WERE BEING ENDANGERED AT THE TIME THEY WERE
23 FIGHTING TO SAVE OTHERS. THE TYPE OF PROFESSIONALISM MAKES OUR
24 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SECOND TO NONE. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
25 AN AIRBORNE UNIT, OUR HELICOPTERS AND OUR SUPER SCOOPERS ON



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1 LOAN FROM CANADA ARE ABLE TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE. AND
2 BY THAT QUICK RESPONSE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE LIFE AND
3 PROPERTY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE GIVEN EACH OF THE MEMBERS A PROCLAMATION
5 TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR SERVICE. AND AT
6 THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN TO
7 SAY A FEW REMARKS ABOUT THE FINE MEN AND WOMEN THAT HE IS
8 PRIVILEGED TO OVERSEE AS THEIR CHIEF AND THAT WE'RE VERY
9 PLEASED TO HAVE AS THE CHIEF OF FIRE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES, CHIEF MICHAEL FRIEDMAN. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ON
13 BEHALF OF THE TREMENDOUSLY COURAGEOUS AND HEROIC INDIVIDUALS
14 HERE TODAY, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION. THESE
15 INDIVIDUALS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, HAVE GONE OVER, AND ABOVE
16 AND BEYOND, WHAT IS NORMALLY REQUIRED OF FIREFIGHTERS TO
17 RECEIVE SPECIAL TRAINING SO THAT THEY HAVE THE SKILL AND THE
18 ABILITY TO RESPOND NOT ONLY HERE WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
19 BUT THROUGHOUT OUR NATION AND IN FACT INTERNATIONALLY, TO
20 THOSE TYPES OF DISASTERS WHERE HUMAN LIFE IS IN PERIL. THESE
21 INDIVIDUALS RESPONDED ALONG WITH MANY OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS
22 TO THE TRAGIC METROLINK TRAIN CRASH. THEY PERFORMED ADMIRABLY
23 AND UNFLINCHINGLY IN VERY TRYING AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.
24 THEY'VE TRAINED AND PREPARED TO BE THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
25 LIFE AND DEATH FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. AND SO WE PROUDLY, AND



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1 I CERTAINLY PROUDLY JOIN WITH YOU, THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD,
2 IN RECOGNIZING THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND I KNOW ON BEHALF OF THEM
3 AND THEIR FAMILIES, ALL OF US EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES AND
4 SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES AND THE VICTIMS OF THAT TRAGIC
5 CRASH, KNOWING THAT ALL THAT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE WAS DONE BY
6 MEN AND WOMEN JUST AS THESE WHO ARE TRULY PROUD PROTECTORS OF
7 LIFE AND PROPERTY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
8 RECOGNITION. AND THANKS FOR THESE. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST ADD A WORD TO WHAT BOTH MIKES
11 HAVE SAID. THAT NIGHT IS A NIGHT THAT NEITHER OF US WILL EVER
12 FORGET. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE,
13 SOME OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT, WHO ENTERED THAT METROLINK TRAIN AT FIRST. WE TALK
15 ABOUT PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, THIS WAS IT BIG
16 TIME. BECAUSE THAT ENGINE WAS ON FIRE. THERE WAS NO TELLING
17 WHETHER THAT ENGINE WAS GOING TO BLOW UP OR THE CARS WERE
18 GOING TO BLOW UP. THE FIREFIGHTERS INSIDE TRYING TO DISLODGE
19 PEOPLE WHO WERE STILL ALIVE UNDER THE MOST TRYING
20 CIRCUMSTANCES. IT REALLY IS WHAT WE HAVE COME TO TAKE FOR
21 GRANTED IN THIS COUNTY, THE INCREDIBLE LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE OF
22 OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, ESPECIALLY THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE OTHERS THAT MAKE UP THE COUNTY. THE
24 PUBLIC, THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD ALWAYS--
25 SHOULD NEVER TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. WE CERTAINLY DON'T. WE ARE



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1 BLESSED THAT WE HAVE THE BEST-- THE BEST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN
2 THE WORLD TO RESPOND TO ALMOST ANY KIND OF DISASTER, ANY KIND
3 OF EMERGENCY. THIS IS THE MOST VERSATILE ORGANIZATION OF ITS
4 KIND AND PROUD TO BE PART OF YOUR TEAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GLORIA? LET'S GET IN THE PICTURE. HAVE A
7 GROUP PICTURE. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH
10 FOR DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE OF 1932-
11 1933 THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS
12 PROCLAIMED THOSE DAYS AS THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. JOINING US
13 RIGHT NOW IS ALEXANDER RIVNY, LUBA KESSIK, WALTER KESSIK,
14 PATRICIA BERKSTRASSE, PASTOR VASEL SALSER, AND PASTOR VASIL
15 SHADRICHELLEN [PH?] RECENTLY K.G.B. ARCHIVED DOCUMENTS HAVE
16 REVEALED THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SOVIET LEADER JOSEPH
17 STALIN 75 YEARS AGO, THE SOVIET UNION DEVELOPED A POLICY
18 DESIGNED TO PUNISH UKRAINIANS FOR THEIR SIMPLE RESISTANCE AND
19 OPPOSITION IN FIGHTING FOR POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ECONOMIC
20 OPPORTUNITIES. THE U.S.S.R., USING FOOD AS A WEAPON TO COMMIT
21 AN ACT OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE UKRAINIAN NATION, LED TO THE
22 DEATHS OF UP TO 10 MILLION PEOPLE. THAT WOULD BE LIKE KILLING
23 EVERYBODY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ALL 88 CITIES AND ALL OF OUR
24 134 COMMUNITIES. EVEN THOUGH THE SOVIET UNION DENIED THE
25 EXISTENCE OF THIS FAMINE AND GENOCIDE AS IT CLAIMED THE LIVES



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1 OF 25,000 VICTIMS EVERY DAY AND REJECTED ALL OFFERS OF
2 EXTERNAL AID OF PROVIDING FOOD FOR THESE PEOPLE, HISTORY NOW
3 FINDS THAT THEY LIED AND THAT THESE PEOPLE DID DIE THROUGH A
4 DELIBERATE POLICY OF THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. IN 1988, THE
5 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE UKRAINE FAMINE
6 CONCLUDED THAT JOSEPH STALIN AND THOSE AROUND HIM COMMITTED
7 GENOCIDE AGAINST THE UKRAINIANS BETWEEN 1932 AND 1933. ON
8 NOVEMBER 28, 2006, THE UKRAINE PARLIAMENT ADOPTED A BILL
9 RECOGNIZING THE SOVIET ERA FORCED FAMINE KNOWN AS "THE DEATH
10 BY STARVATION" AS AN ACT OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE UKRAINIAN
11 PEOPLE, RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ALMOST 1/3 OF THEIR ENTIRE
12 POPULATION. GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, DOZENS OF COUNTRIES IN
13 OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO
14 RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE UKRAINE FAMINE AS GENOCIDE SO
15 THAT THIS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY WILL BE REMEMBERED AND
16 HOPEFULLY PREVENT SIMILAR TRAGEDIES IN THE FUTURE. LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY IS VERY PLEASED AND PROUD TO HAVE A PLAQUE IN OUR L.A.
18 COUNTY COURT OF FLAGS THAT COMMEMORATES THIS HOLY TERROR AND
19 DEATH AND GENOCIDE THAT OCCURRED TO THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE. AND
20 SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS
21 PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 8TH THROUGH 9TH RECOGNIZING
22 THE TERRIBLE GENOCIDE THAT OCCURRED AND OUR PRAYERS THAT
23 GENOCIDES WILL END FOR OTHER PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
24 AGAINST THIS TYPE OF TYRANNY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. MADAME CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE
2 SUPERVISORS, HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR
3 AND A PRIVILEGE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE
4 UKRAINIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR
5 APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN THE PAST AND
6 PRESENT. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WILL
7 CONTINUE LONG INTO THE FUTURE. THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN
8 COMMUNITY IS DEEPLY INDEBTED TO YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BUILD A
9 MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE 7 TO 10 MILLION VICTIMS WHO PERISHED
10 IN THE GENOCIDE OF 1932-33, WHICH WAS PERPETRATED BY COMMUNIST
11 RUSSIA, HEADED BY STALIN, THEN THE LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST
12 PARTY. THESE PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES
13 HEARD. THE 3 MILLION CHILDREN OF THE 10 NEVER GREW UP TO SEE
14 THEIR HOMELAND. THEY NEVER GREW UP TO SEE A FREE AND
15 INDEPENDENT UKRAINE. LET US HEAR OUR VOICES, LET US BE THEIR
16 VOICES. AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR WITH
17 THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES ON
18 NOVEMBER 9TH AT 3:30 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE
19 ANGELS WHERE WE WILL HAVE AN INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE TO
20 COMMEMORATE THE DEATH, THE NEEDLESS DEATH AND SUFFERING, OF 10
21 MILLION UKRAINIANS. WE PRAY THAT A GENOCIDE LIKE THIS WILL
22 NEVER OCCUR, NOT ONLY IN UKRAINE, BUT IN ANY PART OF THE
23 WORLD. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN SUPPORT. SUPPORT US IN
24 PRAYER AND JUST BY BEING THERE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A
25 PROCESSION TO THE MEMORIAL HERE WHERE WE WILL LAY A WREATH TO



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1 HONOR THESE VICTIMS. AND WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH A BRIEF PRAYER.
2 AND WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 ATTEND AND SPEAK TO ALL THE ATTENDANTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
4 FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HONORING US. GOD
5 BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE HAVE A LITTLE EIGHT-WEEK OLD
8 LITTLE GIRL, BOXER MIX LITTLE DAISY WITH A LITTLE WHITE NOSE.
9 ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT DAISY? DAISY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU
10 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN,
11 562-728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
12 ADOPT LITTLE DAISY. THIS LITTLE DAISY. INTERESTED?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT IS MY HONOR THIS
15 MORNING TO WELCOME RAY GONZALEZ FOR A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.
16 HE IS JOINED BY VICKY PROTHOR WHO IS THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
17 MANAGER. COME ON UP, RAY. VERY SPECIAL FRIEND, GOOD GUY. TODAY
18 WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE HIM HERE. FOR 30 YEARS, RAY HAS SERVED
19 AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR K.T.L.A. CHANNEL 5.
20 HE THOUGHTFULLY ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT
21 K.T.L.A. SERVES AND HE DEVELOPS STRATEGIES, RELATIONSHIPS AND
22 PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN
23 SOME TYPE OF NEED. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, RAY HAS BEEN THE
24 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND THE HOST OF "PACE SETTERS" A WEEKLY
25 SERIES OF CHANNEL 5 DESIGNED, WHICH ADDRESSES THE CULTURAL AND



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1 INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. "PACESETTERS" HAS AIRED
2 FOR 34 YEARS. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE, RAY, IT TRULY IS. AND IT
3 CONTINUES TO PRESENT RELEVANT LOCAL AND NATIONAL CONCERNS AS
4 WELL AS DEBATES ON POLITICS, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AS WELL AS
5 ALL GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC ISSUES. RAY IS ALSO K.T.L.A.'S
6 CHARITIES COORDINATOR. HE OVERSEES THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
7 OF NUMEROUS WORTHY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS L.A.'S BEST, SECOND
8 HARVEST FOOD BANK, THE SHELTER PARTNERSHIP AS WELL AS MANY
9 OTHERS. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE RAY'S IMPRESSIVE CIVIC
10 CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE TEACHING AT U.C.L.A., SERVING AS
11 A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER THROUGHOUT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GIVING
12 HIS NAME-- AND I'VE BEEN THERE PRETTY REGULARLY WHEN HE'S
13 THEIR MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT VARIOUS DINNER THROUGHOUT THE
14 COMMUNITY-- AS WELL AS ALL KINDS OF ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS
15 ORGANIZATIONS. WE REALLY HAVE ADMIRER HIS 30 SOME YEARS AT
16 K.T.L.A. AND THE WORK THAT HE'S DONE. AND THE "PACE SETTERS"
17 HAS BEEN A SHOW THAT'S INFORMATIVE. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
18 MANY OF US IN THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW CASE SOME OF OUR ISSUES,
19 TO TALK ABOUT THE ADVOCACY IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND SO WE REALLY
20 APPRECIATE THE KIND OF CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU'VE MADE TO THE
21 KIND OF CIVIC WELLNESS OF OUR REGION AND OUR COMMUNITY. AND
22 IT'S A SHAME YOU'RE RETIRING. BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT GOING
23 FAR AWAY. HE WILL BE INVOLVED IN ALL KINDS OF CIVIC ISSUES.
24 BUT, RAY, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALONG WITH
25 MY COLLEAGUES HERE, WE ARE SO HONORED TO HONOR YOU AS YOU



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1 RETIRE AND CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ALL THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDED.

2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RAY, I'D JUST LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING IT'S
5 BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU ALL THESE YEARS. THANK
6 YOU FOR ALLOWING SOME OF US TO BE PART OF YOUR PROGRAM AND TO
7 GET OUR WORD OUT AND HAVE A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT. REALLY
8 ADMIRE YOU.

9

10 **RAY GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ECHO THAT, AS WELL. YOU'RE ONE OF
13 THE ICONS OF CHANNEL 5 AND TELEVISION. AND WE APPRECIATED YOUR
14 SERVICE IN THE PAST AND HOPE YOU'LL STILL STAY INVOLVED IN THE
15 FUTURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST ADD MY THANKS TO RAY
18 FOR HIS SERVICE TO INFORMING THE LOS ANGELES MEDIA MARKET.
19 I'VE BEEN ON HIS PROGRAMS FROM VIRTUALLY THE TIME I WAS FIRST
20 ELECTED. YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD FOR ALL THAT TIME. BUT THE GREAT
21 THING ABOUT YOU, RAY, IS THAT YOU STUDY THE ISSUES BEFORE YOU
22 HAD US ON YOUR PROGRAM. YOU USED THAT HALF HOUR TO REALLY
23 INFORM THE PUBLIC AND GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR
24 CRAZY IDEAS WITH THE PUBLIC, AS WELL. AND, REALLY, YOU WILL BE



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1 MISSED. BUT THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR LOS ANGELES.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **RAY GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE
5 YOUR NICE COMMENTS AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT I'VE
6 ENJOYED DOING MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU FOLKS REPRESENT OF
7 THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR COUNTY. AND I LOVE LIVING IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY. I LOVE LIVING WITHIN THE PART OF THE L.A.
9 CITY. I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY. I LOVE THE DIVERSITY. I LOVE THE
10 PARKS. I LOVE EVEN THE BUSY HIGHWAYS AND THE FREEWAYS AND THE
11 STREETS. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR
12 COMMUNITY. JUST YOU ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FIRE FOLKS HERE, THAT'S
13 BEAUTIFUL, THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE NUMBER ONE, SECOND TO
14 NONE, OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND THE
15 WORLD. SO I SURELY APPRECIATE THIS AWARD. I REMEMBER GOING
16 BACK MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WHEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS WORKING
17 FOR PRESIDENT CARTER. I HAD HER ON THE SHOW WHEN SHE TOOK TIME
18 FROM WASHINGTON, AS A CITY COUNCIL PERSON. I HAD MANY OF YOU
19 ON NOT TOO LONG AGO WITHIN THE LAST YEAR OR SO. I STILL WILL
20 BE DOING THE SHOW FOR AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER. I WILL STILL BE
21 INVOLVED WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION. I'LL
22 STILL BE THERE. AND THIS COMING THURSDAY, THE LOS ANGELES
23 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THEY'LL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL
24 LUNCHEON AT LUMINATAS RESTAURANT, AND GUESS WHO'S GOING TO BE
25 EMCEEING? I WILL BE THERE TO EMCEE THE EVENT. LADIES AND



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1 GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISORS, I APPRECIATE YOUR
2 HONOR AND YOUR AWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATIONS.

5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I HAVE PRESENTATIONS. WHAT AM I
10 SAYING? I HAVEN'T GIVEN ALL OF MINE. I HAVE ANOTHER TWO HERE.
11 I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD CARSON STATION CAPTAIN TODD ROGERS.
12 THE CARSON STATION IS UNDER HIS COMMAND. AND HE WAS SELECTED
13 AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 JAMES Q. WILSON AWARD FOR
14 EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY POLICING. THE AWARD IS SPONSORED BY
15 THE REGIONAL COMMUNITIES POLICING INSTITUTE, CALIFORNIA
16 R.C.P.I., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
17 GENERAL AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE AWARD
18 RECOGNIZES CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT
19 SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY POLICING PHILOSOPHY. CARSON
20 STATION'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY POLICING HAS BEEN
21 INSTRUMENTAL IN PRODUCING LOWER CRIME RATES, SOLVING STANDING
22 PROBLEMS AND CREATING A GREAT AMOUNT OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE
23 COMMUNITY. CAPTAIN ROGERS HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND WAS
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF THIS AWARD 10 YEARS AGO WHEN
25 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO R.C.P.I. CAPTAIN ROGERS WAS PRESENTED THIS



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1 AWARD LAST MONTH AT THE CALIFORNIA CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS '
2 ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO. IT IS CERTAINLY
3 MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE YOU AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THE
4 AWARD AND COMMUNITY POLICING IS SO IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. AND
5 MAKING IT WORK, IT DOES WORK. CONGRATULATIONS.

6

7 **TODD ROGERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **TODD ROGERS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
10 THE JAMES Q. WILSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY POLICING
11 IS A TESTAMENT TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE 225 MEN
12 AND WOMEN ASSIGNED TO CARSON STATION. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT
13 SOME HERE WITH ME THIS MORNING. IT'S ALSO A TESTAMENT TO THE
14 INCREDIBLE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THE CITY OF CARSON
15 AND THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. AND I
16 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD RECOGNIZING THEIR COLLECTIVE
17 EFFORTS THIS MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU KNOW WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE
20 REGISTRAR-RECORDER DIRECTOR, DEAN LOGAN. AND REGISTRAR-
21 RECORDER OUTSTANDING ELECTION VOLUNTEERS, SYLVIA LEVIN,
22 FRANCES CARRIE, MARY GUERRERO, ROSA SORIANO, VELMA MOVI, ROXY
23 KATENJENIAN, MARJORIE AUSTIN, ELLA MARIE BAILEY, MATTIE HEART,
24 MARY COIN WAGNER, GERALDINE COOPER, EMILY DURAN, SUE EVA
25 KEROU, BLANCHE CLAY AND VIRGINIA HERTADO. WELL, POLL WORKERS



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1 SERVE ON THE FRONTLINE OF DEMOCRACY, MAKING SURE VOTES ARE
2 CAST. THEY SERVE ELECTION AFTER ELECTION AND ARE COMMITTED TO
3 THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE
4 AN EXCEPTIONAL GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS HERE TODAY. AND TOGETHER,
5 TODAY'S HONOREES HAVE SERVED UPWARD OF 849 ELECTIONS SPANNING
6 MORE THAN 50 YEARS. THEY REPRESENT ALL FACETS OF THE ELECTION
7 PROCESS. ONE OF OUR HONOREES HAS REGISTERED TENS OF THOUSANDS
8 OF VOTERS AND ANOTHER HAS SERVED HER COMMUNITY AS A
9 MULTILINGUAL VOLUNTEER FOR DECADES. I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY TELL
10 YOU THE SIGNIFICANT HONOR OF EACH OF OUR VOLUNTEERS HERE
11 TODAY. SYLVIA LEVIN HAS REGISTERED THOUSANDS OF VOTERS. WHERE
12 ARE YOU? SHE'S RIGHT HERE. MS. LEVIN, COME FORWARD HERE.
13 [APPLAUSE.] FRANCES CARRIE, WHERE ARE YOU? HAS SERVED 79
14 ELECTIONS. [APPLAUSE.] MARY GUERRERO, WHERE ARE YOU, MARY?
15 RIGHT HERE. 61 ELECTIONS. [APPLAUSE.] ROSE SORIANO HAS SERVED
16 IN EACH ELECTION SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION ELECTION IN
17 1998. ROSE, RIGHT OVER THERE. VELMA MOVI HAS SERVED IN 73
18 ELECTIONS. THANK YOU. ROXIE KATENJEMIAN, IS THAT THE RIGHT
19 PRONUNCIATION, HAS SERVED IN 72 ELECTIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
20 MARJORIE AUSTIN HAS SERVED IN 72 ELECTIONS. RIGHT THERE,
21 MARJORIE, RAISE YOUR HAND SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU. ELLA MARIE
22 BAILEY HAS SERVED IN 64 ELECTIONS. SHE'S OVER THERE AT THE
23 END. THANK YOU. MATTIE HART HAS SERVED IN 62 ELECTIONS. THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH. MARY COIN WAGENER HAS SERVED IN 62 ELECTIONS.
25 SOME OF THESE LADIES, GERALDINE COOPER HAS SERVED IN 61



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1 ELECTIONS, RIGHT HERE. THANK YOU MS. COOPER. EMILY DURAN HAS
2 SERVED IN 58 ELECTIONS. SUE EVA CURIE HAS SERVED IN 57
3 ELECTIONS. IS SHE HERE TODAY? BLANCHE CLAY HAS SERVED IN 56
4 ELECTIONS. AND VIRGINIA HERTADO SERVED IN 55. IT'S WITH GREAT
5 PLEASURE THAT I SAY THANK YOU. AND I KNOW SOME OF YOU FOLKS
6 OUT THERE, YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME POLL WORKERS. YEAH, WE NEED
7 YOU. AND WE NEED YOU AS REGISTRARS THIS LAST DAY, YESTERDAY TO
8 REGISTER TO VOTE, BUT FOR POLL WORKERS AND TO HELP US AND
9 VOLUNTEER BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR WORK. LOOK
10 AT ALL THE YEARS THEY SERVED. MY MOTHER DID IT ALL OF MY LIFE
11 AND ALL OF HER LIFE. AND SO I REALLY KNOW HOW MUCH WORK IT IS.
12 AND WE DEFINITELY APPRECIATE IT. WHY DON'T YOU SAY A WORD? OUR
13 REGISTRAR-RECORDER.

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WANT TO
16 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THESE DEDICATED
17 VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZENS TODAY. THE PEOPLE BEFORE YOU HAVE
18 SERVED IN ELECTIONS DATING BACK TO 1952 IN THE EISENHOWER
19 ADMINISTRATION. AND THEY REALLY ARE AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US
20 OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THESE FOLKS
21 ARE THE GATEKEEPERS OF DEMOCRACY ON ELECTION DAY. WE COULD NOT
22 FUNCTION WITHOUT OUR POLL WORKERS. AND SO WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE
23 YOU IS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE OVER 25,000 PEOPLE THAT
24 WILL SERVE US ON ELECTION DAY ON NOVEMBER 4TH, WHICH INCLUDES
25 4,000 PLUS COUNTY EMPLOYEE POLL WORKERS, 4,000 PLUS HIGH



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1 SCHOOL STUDENT POLL WORKERS AND OVER 17,000 COMMUNITY
2 VOLUNTEERS LIKE THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE BEHIND ME. JUST A QUICK
3 REMINDER, AN INTERESTING HISTORIC FACT. THESE FOLKS DATE BACK
4 TO THE 1952 ELECTION. THAT WAS ALSO THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL
5 ELECTION WE HAD IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE THERE WAS NOT A SITTING
6 PRESIDENT OR SITTING VICE PRESIDENT ON THE TICKET AS WE HAVE
7 WITH THIS PARTICULAR ELECTION. YESTERDAY WAS THE VOTER
8 REGISTRATION CUTOFF FOR THE ELECTION. WE ARE SEEING PHENOMENAL
9 REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR THIS ELECTION AND WE WILL EXPECT TO
10 SEE PHENOMENAL TURNOUT ON NOVEMBER 4TH. PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR
11 POLL WORKERS. THERE'S LIKELY TO BE LINES AT THE POLLS. AND
12 THESE FOLKS ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 YOUR VOTES ARE COUNTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CALL US. BUT IF
16 YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, CALL US, AND WE'LL MAKE SURE WE GET
17 SOMEONE OUT THERE. I'M GOING TO ASK. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE
18 AUDIENCE HAVE BEEN POLL WORKERS? LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND.
19 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO GET A PICTURE TOGETHER.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I'D LIKE TO FINALLY CALL
21 FORWARD HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION DIRECTOR, ROBIN TOMA,
22 PHILIPPE AGRENDANO, PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
23 ELLEN LENSLEY, COFOUNDER OF CONNECT L.A. I'D LIKE TO CALL
24 FORWARD CARL COOPER AND ANITA MEACHAM OF THE L.A. CITY
25 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS, CLASS PARK PROGRAM AND



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1 CARL DONOHUE, PARTNERSHIP AND MENTORING. JACQUELINE PARKER OF
2 SOUTH YOUTH SERVICES. JOSE CORREO OF EAST YOUTH SERVICES. JOHN
3 WICKER OF L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AND L.A.U.S.D.
4 REPRESENTATIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
5 IS COMMITTED TO INCREASING EFFORTS TO INVOLVE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS
6 AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN COMMUNITIES. IT'S HIGHLY IMPORTANT
7 THAT THE CREATION OF POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENT
8 IS MADE AVAILABLE IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING AND
9 APPRECIATION OF OTHER PEOPLE'S RACES, RELIGIONS, COMMUNITIES
10 AND CULTURE. "TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" SUPPORTS YOUTH-
11 INITIATED EFFORTS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, CIVIC PRIDE
12 AND CULTURAL AWARENESS BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO MAKE A
13 DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AS VOLUNTEERS AND PROJECT
14 LEADERS. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH THEIR PEERS
15 FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, ETHNIC GROUPS AND RACES
16 OR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AS A WAY TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN
17 INTERRACIAL RELATIONS. TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2008,
18 COORDINATED BY THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS
19 AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE L.A. COUNTY OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
20 RECREATION, CONNECT L.A. S.G.S. PRODUCE, LOS ANGELES CITY
21 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, CLASS PARKS PROGRAM, LOS
22 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS,
23 L.A.U.S.D. BEYOND THE BRANCH, L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS, CLEAN
24 AND GREEN PROGRAM, AND POSEIDON SCHOOL HAS INVOLVED 3,000
25 TEENS SINCE 2006. "TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE" 2007 WAS ALSO



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1 SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 10 NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS BY U.S.A.
2 WEEKEND MAGAZINE AND NEWMAN'S OWN FOUNDATION. IT'S WITH GREAT
3 PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL, L.A. COUNTY HUMAN
4 RELATIONS COMMISSION DIRECTOR. I DON'T SEE HIM HERE. BUT
5 YOU'RE TAKING HIS PLACE.

6

7 **RICHARD VERCHES:** YES, I AM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE WANT TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
10 GREAT 2008 DAY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

11

12 **RICHARD VERCHES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND ALL THE
13 SUPERVISORS. "TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" IS A SPECIAL
14 PROGRAM THAT THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS IS
15 PROUD TO BE IN COLLABORATION WITH MANY GREAT PARTNERS, AS
16 YOU'VE HEARD, TO BRING TEENS TOGETHER TO DEVELOP CIVIC PRIDE,
17 TO ENGAGE IN SELF-INITIATED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ACROSS
18 COMMUNITIES, ACROSS RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES AND FAITHS, ACROSS
19 ETHNIC GROUPS, ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE
20 FABRIC OF OUR COUNTY. AND ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE PROUD TO BE A
21 COORDINATOR OF THIS PROJECT AND ENGAGE YOUTH IN VERY POSITIVE
22 ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HUMAN RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF
23 LOS ANGELES.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TELL US WHAT YOUR POSITION IS HERE WITH
2 HUMAN RELATIONS?

3

4 **RICHARD VERCHES:** I'M RICHARD VERCHES, THE CHIEF DEPUTY
5 DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RELATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE HERE WITH US?

8

9 **RICHARD VERCHES:** LAURIE VALANT, L.A.U.S.D. OFFICE OF HEALTH
10 EDUCATION PROGRAMS. CARL COOPER, L.A. CITY PARKS, AND
11 RECREATION AND PARKS. AND JACQUELINE PARKER.

12

13 **JACQUELINE PARKER:** BEYOND THE BELL BRANCH, L.A.U.S.D.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS. WE'RE
16 GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH ALL OF US TOGETHER. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. QUICK ONES. FIRST
19 OF ALL, LET ME ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
20 BLACKWELL, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MR. BLACKWELL, WHO PASSED AWAY
21 SEVERAL DAYS AGO. FORMER ACTOR, MODEL AND FASHION DESIGNER
22 KNOWN FOR HIS WORST DRESSED CELEBRITIES LIST PASSED AWAY AT
23 THE AGE OF 86. MR. BLACKWELL WAS BORN IN 1922, BROOKLYN, NEW
24 YORK. GREW UP AS A SON OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND BECAME VERY
25 SUCCESSFUL IN HIS CHOSEN FIELD. HE LIVED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



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1 HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF BARBARA'S AND MINE. HE'S SURVIVED BY
2 HIS LIFETIME COMPANION OF OVER 60 YEARS, ROBERT SPENCER AND
3 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ALSO I THINK HE'LL PROBABLY
4 DO IT, BUT JACK TENNER. JUDGE JACK TENNER PASSED AWAY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL ALL JOIN IN THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JACK WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF OURS, AS WELL.
9 AND I THINK OF ANYBODY WHO KNEW HIM. I FIRST GOT TO KNOW HIM
10 WHEN HE RAN THE CAMPAIGN OFFICE FOR MY OPPONENT IN MY FIRST
11 ELECTION. I GOT TO KNOW HIM. HE WAS VERY PUGNACIOUS AND WE
12 BECAME GREAT FRIENDS. HE WAS A GREAT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
13 COURT HERE FOR MANY YEARS AND A GREAT CITIZEN OF OUR COMMUNITY
14 AND OF OUR COUNTRY. HE PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS ON
15 OCTOBER 13TH. SO THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME
16 CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MADAME CHAIR, I
17 HAD A MOTION-- MR. ANTONOVICH AND I HAD A MOTION. I HAVE
18 SUBMITTED. IF I CAN JUST ASK THE STAFF TO CIRCULATE THE
19 RESUBMITTED VERSION. THAT WAS THE GREEN SHEET ITEM 60- A. IT
20 JUST CLARIFIED SOME THINGS THAT WE DID NOT HAVE COMPLETELY--
21 ENTIRELY ACCURATE. SO WE MADE THAT MODIFICATION TO INCLUDE NOT
22 JUST TRANSMISSION LINES, BUT DISTRIBUTION LINES. AND WE ALSO
23 ASK THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. BE DIRECTED TO
24 REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE
25 APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY TO FILE ITS OWN PETITION SEEKING A



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1 RULE MAKING REGARDING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT OF
2 OVERHEAD POWER LINES. THIS IS SOMETHING WE PREVIOUSLY ASKED
3 THE P.U.C. TO DO. THEY REJECTED IT BUT WE DIDN'T DO IT AS THE
4 COUNTY. SO IT'S A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK. IT'S THE BRUSH CLEARANCE
5 UNDER POWER LINES AND POWER POLES AS WELL AS PETITIONING THE
6 P.U.C. ON THE RULE- MAKING ISSUE. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE
7 SUBSTANCE OF THIS, WE'VE HAD TOO MANY FIRES IN THIS COUNTY
8 START IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AS A RESULT OF DOWNED POWER
9 LINES THAT ARE DOWNED BY WINDS. WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE
10 POSSIBLY CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT BRUSH, WEED, CHAPARRAL,
11 WHATEVER IT IS, THAT IS WITHIN THE LINE OF FIRE, SO TO SPEAK,
12 IS CLEARED. THIS WOULD DO THAT. SO I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE
13 VOTE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, CAN I ASK YOU IF WE
18 CAN JUST TAKE UP A FEW OF THE PUBLIC ITEMS?

19

20 **SURE. YAROSLAVSKY, YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING OF. MR.**

21 **SACHS, ARE YOU HERE? ARNOLD SACHS? IS HE NOT HERE? ARNOLD**

22 **SACHS. >ITEM 11?**

23

24 **>>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE COULD TAKE UP ITEM 11, WHICH IS
25 GRAND AVENUE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE WHO MIGHT-- WE



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1 COULD HEAR FROM. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE A VERY LONG TIME. AND BY
2 THAT TIME MAYBE WE'LL HAVE ARNOLD SACHS UP HERE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S ASKED TO SPEAK ON THAT ONE, AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GRAND AVENUE IS COMING UP FIRST.
7 THEY'RE WALKING UP. THEY'RE COMING UP. YES. THEY'RE WALKING
8 UP. THEY'RE AT THE DOOR. WE'RE GOING TO LET THEM IN. YES,
9 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

10

11 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** MY NAME IS MARTHA WELBORNE. I'M THE MANAGING
12 DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE.

13

14 **PAUL RUTTER:** PAUL RUTTER, I'M COUNSEL FOR THE GRAND AVENUE
15 COMMITTEE.

16

17 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** CAL HOLLIS WITH KAISER- MARSTON, ADVISER TO THE
18 GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE.

19

20 **WILLIAM WITTE:** BILL WITTE, PARTNER WITH THE RELATED COMPANIES,
21 THE DEVELOPER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE SOMEBODY WHO WILL GIVE A BRIEF
24 OVERVIEW OF THIS? IS IT MAYBE COUNTY STAFF WOULD BE A GOOD
25 START? IS THERE ANYBODY FROM COUNTY STAFF THAT'S HERE? BILL,



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1 DOES ANYBODY ON YOUR STAFF HAVE ANY-- WE'LL GET TO YOU IN A
2 SECOND. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I HAVE ALL THE PLAYERS HERE,
3 THAT'S ALL. SO WHY DON'T YOU SIT OVER THERE? THANK YOU.

4

5 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** SUPERVISORS, WE'RE HERE TODAY TO BRING
6 FORWARD-- THIS IS GOOD NEWS-- A NEW INVESTMENT PARTNER IN THE
7 GRAND AVENUE PROJECT. THIS WAS ANTICIPATED THE LAST TIME THE
8 PARTNERSHIP RESTRUCTURING WAS BEFORE YOU LAST SPRING. IT WAS
9 KNOWN THEN THE RELATED COMPANIES HAD ANTICIPATED TO BRING IN
10 YET ANOTHER PARTNER. THEY HADN'T IDENTIFIED THEM AT THE TIME.
11 THEY HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY. AND THE DISPOSITION DEVELOPMENT
12 AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED BY THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WITH
13 RELATED SOMETIME AGO REQUIRES THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE
14 GOVERNING ENTITIES, THE C.R.A. AND THE COUNTY BEFORE WE GO TO
15 THE AUTHORITY BOARD. THE C.R.A. CONSIDERED THE MATTER LAST
16 THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, AND APPROVED IT. AND WE ARE HERE BEFORE
17 YOU TODAY. JUST AN OVERVIEW, WE'RE HAPPY TO GET INTO ANY
18 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. AN OVERVIEW IS THAT THERE ARE THREE
19 INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT COME FROM SOUTH KOREA THAT HAVE
20 CHOSEN TO INVEST IN THE PROJECT, AN AMOUNT AROUND \$100
21 MILLION. I'M NOT SURE THE EXACT FIGURE. MR. WITTE CAN TELL
22 YOU. IT'S AN AMOUNT THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE LAST
23 RESTRUCTURING. AND IT PROVIDES EQUITY FUNDING INTO THE PROJECT
24 AND IS A BIG BOOST AND A BIG STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE
25 PROJECT. SO WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE DETAILS OF WHO THEY ALL



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1 ARE, WE'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT
2 HAVE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE A QUESTION WHY YOU DIDN'T MENTION
5 WHO THEY ARE?

6

7 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** NO, NO. CAL, CAN YOU ANSWER THAT? I'D LIKE
8 MR. HOLLIS OR BILL, EITHER ONE, CAN RUN THROUGH.

9

10 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, THE THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES,
11 DUNG BU INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., DUNG BU LIFE INSURANCE
12 COMPANY AND KUM HO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. THESE ARE LARGE
13 INSURANCE COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH KOREA.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE COUNTY STAFF HAS REVIEWED THIS AND
16 YOU'VE ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED THIS INFUSION?

17

18 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION? I'M JUST A
21 COUNTRY BOY FROM BEVERLY FAIRFAX NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT IN THE LAST
22 FOUR TO SIX WEEKS WHEN I HEAR ABOUT INSURANCE COMPANIES, I GET
23 NERVOUS. SO HERE'S MY QUESTION: IF THIS HAD BEEN 10 OR 12
24 WEEKS AGO AND THIS WAS NOT A SOUTH KOREAN INSURANCE COMPANY
25 BUT HAD IT BEEN A.I.G., AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO A.I.G.



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1 HAPPENED, WOULD THAT HAVE AFFECTED THIS PROJECT OR OUR
2 EXPOSURE OR IN ANY WAY HAVE MANIFEST ANY CONSEQUENCES TO THIS
3 PROJECT?

4

5 **BILL WITTE:** SUPERVISOR, WHAT HAPPENED TO A.I.G., MY
6 UNDERSTANDING, WAS NOT ON THE INSURANCE SIDE. BUT WHEN THEY
7 ELECTED TO INVEST IN , I'LL CALL IT NONINSURANCE INVESTMENTS.
8 TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF THAT BEHAVIOR HAS
9 MANIFESTED ITSELF, CERTAINLY IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN
10 GENERAL, BUT CERTAINLY IN SOUTH KOREA. SO IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
11 EVENTS OF THE PAST 10 TO 12 WEEKS, AS FAR AS HANUA GOES, THERE
12 WOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN INSURANCE
13 COMPANIES. AND THEY'VE STUCK TO THEIR BUSINESS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS IS A NON INSURANCE-RELATED
16 INVESTMENT THAT THEY'RE MAKING.

17

18 **BILL WITTE:** CORRECT. BUT THEIR UNDERLYING BUSINESS HAS BEEN
19 UNAFFECTED, I GUESS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SO HAS--

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE QUESTION THAT YOU'RE ASKING, WHICH I ASKED
24 YESTERDAY IS THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
25 PROJECT. AND AS I UNDERSTAND, ALL OF THAT ASSUMPTION IS



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1 COMPLETELY WITHIN RELATED. IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, RELATED IS
2 THE ONE THAT HAS TO COME UP.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO
5 JUST GET OUT IN THE OPEN HERE AND UNDERSTAND IT IS, WE WANT
6 THIS PROJECT. AND WE WANT YOU TO DO WELL, TOO. BUT WE WANT
7 THIS-- OUR MOTIVE IS, WE WANT THIS PROJECT. IF THIS INSURANCE
8 COMPANY, OR THESE THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES, FOR SOME REASON,
9 GET TAKEN OVER BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT OR THEY GO BANKRUPT OR
10 SOMETHING, OBVIOUSLY RELATED CAN'T HANDLE THIS ALONE. THAT'S
11 WHY YOU SOUGHT OUTSIDE PARTNERS, WHICH IS FINE. WHAT WOULD
12 HAPPEN IF ONE OR ALL OF THESE THREE COMPANIES HAD THE SAME
13 THING HAPPEN TO THEM THAT HAPPENED TO A.I.G.? WHAT WOULD BE
14 THE CHAIN REACTION AND HOW WOULD IT AFFECT US? OR YOU?

15

16 **BILL WITTE:** WELL, TWO THINGS, SUPERVISOR. AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
17 INDICATED, AND AS YOU ACKNOWLEDGED, TECHNICALLY THAT'S OUR
18 PROBLEM AND NOT YOURS. BUT TO THE MORE SPECIFIC QUESTION, PER
19 THE TERMS OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO
20 PROCEED. I'M NOT SURE I CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION ABOUT IF THERE
21 WERE A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER IN BANKRUPTCIES. I MEAN THE MONEY
22 WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN PUT UP. I'M NOT SURE I'M KNOWLEDGEABLE
23 ENOUGH TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY WILL PUT UP ALL OF THE MONEY UP
2 FRONT, RIGHT NOW OR AS SOON AS THIS IS RATIFIED BY THE TWO.
3

4 **BILL WITTE:** WELL, ONCE WE START. NOT NECESSARILY TOMORROW.
5 BUT, YES.
6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN IS THAT? NEXT YEAR?
8

9 **BILL WITTE:** WELL, WE HOPE THAT WILL BE IN 2009. THAT'S A
10 FUNCTION OF THE DEBT MARKETS. THIS OF COURSE IS THE EQUITY
11 SIDE. WE ARE CERTAINLY PROCEEDING ON PACE TO BE ABLE TO START
12 NEXT YEAR.
13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW
15 AND THAT POINT IN TIME WHEN YOU START THAT CAUSES SOME
16 DISTRESS IN THE SOUTH KOREAN INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND THEY ARE
17 NOT ABLE TO MAKE THIS TRANSFER, THIS PAYMENT TO YOU, THEN WHAT
18 HAPPENS?
19

20 **BILL WITTE:** WE ARE, AS WE HAVE BEEN SINCE WE PAID THE 50
21 MILLION, TO PAY FOR THE PREPAID GROUND RAN HERE, IT'S ALWAYS
22 BEEN RELATED'S RESPONSIBILITY TO EITHER FUND, WHICH WE HAVE
23 DONE TO DATE, OR COME UP FROM AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE WITH THE
24 CAPITAL REQUIRED. SO WE'VE ASSUMED THAT RESPONSIBILITY.
25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR MIC. ISN'T ON. I'M SORRY, CAN YOU--?

2

3 **PAUL RUTTER:** -- RELATED WOULD BE BACK IN THE POSITION THEY'RE
4 IN TODAY, WHICH IS, THEIR EQUITY WOULD BE BACK TO WHERE IT IS
5 AS OPPOSED TO HAVING DISTRIBUTED PART OF THAT EQUITY TO THE
6 THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES. SO THE WORST POSSIBLE CASE FROM MY
7 PERSPECTIVE ON BEHALF OF THE J.P.A. AND THE GRAND AVENUE IS
8 THAT WE BE BACK WITH RELATED WHERE THEY ARE TODAY AS FAR AS
9 THE INVESTMENT IN THE PROJECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH COULD MEAN THAT THE PROJECT MIGHT NOT
12 GO FORWARD, DEPENDING UPON WHAT'S GOING ON WITH RELATED AND
13 THE ECONOMY, AND THE CREDIT.

14

15 **PAUL RUTTER:** IT'S CLEARLY BETTER FOR THE PROJECT TO HAVE THIS
16 ADDITIONAL INFUSION OF EQUITY, THAT'S CLEAR.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE WOULD BE IN
19 NO WORSE SHAPE IF THAT HAPPENED THAN WE ARE TODAY. BUT THE
20 ODDS ARE WE WOULD BE IN A WORSE SHAPE BECAUSE WE WOULD BE
21 FOUR, SIX MONTHS DOWN THE LINE AND NO PROGRESS WILL HAVE BEEN
22 MADE. AND GOD KNOWS WHAT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WOULD BE AT
23 THAT POINT IN TIME.

24



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1 **PAUL RUTTER:** LET ME REMIND THE SUPERVISORS THAT WE WERE VERY
2 CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT BY
3 RELATED AS PART OF THE LAST ARRANGEMENT WITH THEM, WHICH
4 INCLUDED THE EXTENSION AGREEMENT TO FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR FOR
5 THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WITH THE RIGHT FOR RELATED TO
6 BUY MONTHLY EXTENSIONS FOR UP TO TWO YEARS. THAT INVESTMENT IS
7 NOW GOING TO AMOUNT TO OVER \$130 MILLION FROM RELATED AND
8 ISTOMAR, SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE RELYING ON.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO FROM THE COUNTY'S POINT OF VIEW, THE
11 WORST CASE SCENARIO IS WHAT? IS IT THAT THE PROJECT DOESN'T
12 GET BUILT? THAT THE COUNTY ISN'T GOING TO BE OUT OF POCKET?
13 YOU'VE TRANSFERRED THE 50 MILLION ALREADY?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

16

17 **BILL WITTE:** LAST YEAR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST YEAR. SO FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, THE
20 ONLY JEOPARDY THE COUNTY HAS IS THAT THE PROJECT WE'VE ALL
21 BEEN WORKING ON, THAT'S ALSO YOUR JEOPARDY, WOULD NOT
22 MATERIALIZER.

23

24 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** THAT IS CORRECT. AND THE \$50 MILLION IS A NON
25 REFUNDABLE PAYMENT. SO THOSE MONIES STAY WITH THE JOINT POWERS



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1 AUTHORITY AND WOULD BE CONTINUED TO BE USED FOR THE PARK OR
2 SOMETHING.

3

4 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** I MIGHT SAY TO ADD TO WHAT PAUL SAID, THAT
5 EVERY MONTH I SEE THE DRAW-DOWNS OF CASH. THAT WAS ONE OF THE
6 TERMS OF THE EXTENSION THAT WAS GRANTED IN JULY. AND ALSO
7 THEY'RE MAKING ALL THE PROGRESS MILESTONES SUBMISSIONS ON ALL
8 THE DRAWINGS. SO THEY'RE CONTINUING TO WORK. THERE'S REALLY NO
9 DELAY. IT'S JUST COMPLETING THE DRAWINGS AS A MATTER OF
10 GETTING THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DRAWINGS ON THE BUILDINGS.

13

14 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** ON THE BUILDINGS, YES. WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON
15 THE PARK, OF COURSE. THE DRAWINGS ON THE BUILDINGS. THE 50
16 PERCENT CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT SET WAS SUBMITTED TO ME ON
17 SEPTEMBER 5TH. THE 80 PERCENT SET, WHICH IS THE FINAL SET THEY
18 WILL GO OUT TO CONTRACTORS WITH, IS DUE TO ME ON DECEMBER
19 15TH.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE ARE YOU ON THE DRAWINGS AND THE PARK
22 BY THE WAY?

23

24 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** SCHEMATIC DESIGN WAS JUST SUBMITTED LAST
25 FRIDAY. WE ARE NOW UNDERTAKING A COST ESTIMATING EXERCISE



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1 BEFORE WE COME BACK. THOSE SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS, ONCE THEY HAVE
2 BEEN-- I GUESS THEY WILL GO TO BE VALUE ENGINEERED, I DON'T
3 KNOW FOR SURE-- ONCE THEY'RE FINALIZED, WE WILL COME BACK TO
4 YOU FOR APPROVAL, I EXPECT THAT TO BE JANUARY/FEBRUARY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEY COME TO US FOR DISCUSSION?

7

8 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN APPROVAL, BELIEVE IT OR
9 NOT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU BRIEF US ALONG THE WAY, IF THAT'S
12 POSSIBLE, ON WHERE YOU ARE ON THAT?

13

14 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** SURE. YEAH, WE DID HAVE A LOT OF THE DEPUTIES
15 OUT TO SEE THE--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS MY DEPUTY THERE?

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19 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SHE DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT IT. THAT'S
22 SHOCKING. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** THEY LIKED WHAT THEY SAW.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IN THAT CASE, I NEED TO REALLY TAKE A
2 PERSONAL LOOK AT IT. I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU FOR THAT
3 EXPLANATION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** (OFF MIC.) -- FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THESE
9 THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THEIR ABILITY TO BE WELL
10 CAPITALIZED?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE ASSETS OF THESE
13 COMPANIES. I WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT EARLIER WHEN SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY HAD HIS QUESTIONS. THESE INDIVIDUALS, THESE THREE
15 COMPANIES DESPITE I'LL CHARACTERIZE AS THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
16 ON A GLOBAL BASIS, WE'VE DETERMINED THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANT
17 ASSETS AND THEY'RE STILL FULLY CAPABLE OF ASSUMING THIS
18 PARTNERSHIP ROLE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN FULLY VETTED
19 BY STAFF, HAS THE PROPER DUE DILIGENCE, HAS BEEN DONE. EVEN
20 WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE STILL FEEL THEY HAVE
21 MORE THAN THE ADEQUATE CAPITALIZATION OR FINANCES TO BE A
22 VIABLE PARTNER IN THIS PROJECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU EXPECT ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN
25 OWNERSHIP IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER CHANGES. I THINK
3 THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE POSED TO BILL HERE, IF HE KNOWS OF
4 ANY.

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6 **BILL WITTE:** SUPERVISOR, NOT AT THE MOMENT WE DO NOT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CHANGES TO THE PROJECT THAT WE'VE BEEN
9 EXPERIENCING, ARE THEY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR
10 BY THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'D HAVE TO HELP ME WITH THAT. WHEN YOU SAY
13 CHANGES?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THE SCHEDULE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN TERMS OF THE SCHEDULE. RIGHT NOW IT FALLS
18 UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE J.P.A., RIGHT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP?
21 ARE THEY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR BY THE GRAND
22 AVENUE?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL TODAY-- WHAT?

25



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1 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** I'M SPEAKING FOR THE LAWYER HERE, BUT
2 ANYTHING OVER 25 PERCENT CHANGE COMES BACK TO ALL BOARDS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF BOTH OWNERSHIP AND SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE
5 EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THEN WHY IS ONE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE
6 AND THE OTHER HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S PROBABLY CONSISTENT WITH HOW THE J.P.A.
9 WAS STRUCTURED. I'D HAVE TO HAVE OUR ATTORNEY SPEAK TO THAT,
10 BUT IT'S BEEN MY PAST EXPERIENCE THAT THE POWERS AND
11 RESPONSIBILITY IS GIVEN TO J.P.A. ARE ESTABLISHED UP FRONT. IT
12 PROBABLY SPEAKS TO THE SCHEDULE BUT NOT THE OWNERSHIP ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THIS ACTION IS APPROVED TODAY, IT'S TRUE
15 THAT RELATED MUST OBTAIN \$800 MILLION CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IS THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT?

18

19 **BILL WITTE:** APPROXIMATELY, YES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** APPROXIMATELY 800. AND ARE YOU AWARE OF MANY
22 \$800 MILLION APPROXIMATELY CONSTRUCTION LOANS BEING RENDERED
23 AT THIS TIME WITHOUT BAILOUT MONEY?

24



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1 **BILL WITTE:** NOT AT THIS TIME. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT WHEN WE
2 FINANCED THE TIME WARNER CENTER PROJECT IN NEW YORK SEVEN OR
3 EIGHT YEARS AGO, THAT WAS A BILLION TWO CONSTRUCTION LOAN. I
4 SAY THAT NOT BECAUSE-- IT'S OBVIOUSLY A DIFFERENT TIME, BUT
5 WE'VE DONE THIS BEFORE. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A DIFFERENT TIME.
6 AND AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, YOU KNOW, THE DEBT MARKETS ARE STILL
7 VOLATILE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND RIGHT NOW IF EVERYTHING GOES
10 FORWARD, YOU'RE EXPECTING GROUNDBREAKING, WHAT, FEBRUARY 15TH
11 OF 2009?

12

13 **BILL WITTE:** WELL THAT'S THE CURRENT SCHEDULE. AS MARTHA
14 INDICATED. BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY IN THE DEBT MARKETS, WE
15 ARE OPERATING UNDER A DISCRETIONARY EXTENSION THAT WE CAN
16 PURCHASE, IF YOU WILL, AT \$250,000 PER MONTH UP TO FEBRUARY OF
17 2011.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO AFTER 2011, YOU WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO
20 PAY THE \$250,000 MONTHLY PENALTY FOR NOT BEGINNING THE
21 PROJECT?

22

23 **BILL WITTE:** WELL UNDER THE CURRENT SCHEDULE, THAT IS CORRECT,
24 UNLESS IT WERE RE-NEGOTIATED.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THERE BE ANY EMPTY HOLES IN THE
2 GROUND, UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTION THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE
3 WHICH WOULD LEAVE THE COUNTY WITH THE HOLE IN THE GROUND?

4

5 **BILL WITTE:** NO, AND THE REASON IS PER THE DISPOSITION AND
6 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, START OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES NOT ONLY
7 CLOSING OF A FULL CONSTRUCTION LOAN BUT A CORPORATE GUARANTEE
8 FROM US TO COMPLETE THE IMPROVEMENTS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE MANY OCCASIONS THAT THE C.E.O. HAS
11 RECOMMENDED GRANTING EXTENSIONS TO THE DEVELOPER, IS THERE A
12 POINT AT WHICH WE SHOULD SIMPLY PULL THE PLUG? OR ARE YOU
13 LOOKING AT 2011 AS THAT PLUG DATE?

14

15 **BILL WITTE:** WELL, IF YOU'RE ASKING ME, I'D SAY NO. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK MR. FUJIOKA.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD IN THE REAL
20 ESTATE AND WITH THAT THE CONSTRUCTION MARKET. WE HAVE BEEN
21 WORKING VERY CLOSELY THROUGH THE J.P.A. WITH NOT ONLY THIS
22 COMPANY BUT OUR OTHER PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT. I WOULD SUGGEST
23 THAT WE MOVE FORWARD RIGHT NOW. WE APPROVE THE CHANGE IN
24 OWNERSHIP. THAT YOU REQUIRE US TO COME BACK ON A PERIODIC
25 BASIS AND GIVE YOU AN UPDATE. AND IF THERE IS A TIME, WE WILL



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1 COLLECTIVELY KNOW WHEN THAT RIGHT TIME IS FOR US TO MAKE A
2 DECISION LIKE THAT. TODAY IS NOT A TIME TO MAKE A DECISION NOR
3 TO EVEN PROJECT THAT THIS IS GOING TO FAIL. IT STILL REMAINS A
4 VERY VIABLE PROJECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, IF I COULD JUST ADD TO AND SAY AS
7 THE J.P.A., WE'VE ALL BEEN CONCERNED AND ASKED A LOT OF
8 QUESTIONS IN THAT REGARD BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A HUGE PROJECT AND
9 VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT. BUT I MUST SAY THAT I HAVE AN AWFUL
10 LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE RESPONSES THAT RELATED HAS PUT FORTH,
11 THE ASSURANCES THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE. THE GRAND AVENUE
12 COMMITTEE ALSO IS THOROUGHLY VETTING A LOT OF THESE ISSUES AND
13 REVIEWING THEM NOT ONLY THROUGH OUR LEGAL PROCESS BUT ALSO A
14 FINANCIAL ONE. AND THEN WE HAVE MR. VOLPERT WHO GOES THROUGH
15 OUR THINGS, AS WELL. SO IT IS GETTING A LOT OF VETTING THAT IT
16 GOES THROUGH BEFORE IT COMES THROUGH ANY OF THESE CHANGES. AND
17 I MUST SAY EVERY SINGLE TIME WE'VE ASKED RELATED TO STEP UP
18 AND PROVIDE US ASSURANCES, NOT ONLY THE \$50 MILLION FOR THE
19 PARK THAT IS WORKING AND FUNCTIONING RIGHT NOW, WE ARE
20 SPENDING THAT MONEY, BUT CERTAINLY ANY TIME THAT THERE HAS
21 BEEN ANY ISSUE OF ASSURANCES THAT WE NEED, INCLUDING NOT
22 LITIGATING FOR THAT MONEY, THINGS OF THAT SORT, RELATED HAS
23 STEPPED UP. IN THESE KIND OF ECONOMIC TIMES, IT AMAZING TO
24 HAVE THIS KIND OF A DEVELOPER WILLING TO STAND BY US ON THIS
25 KIND OF PROJECT. AND THERE'S NO DOUBT NOBODY CAN TELL WHAT



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1 WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEXT THREE TO SIX MONTHS. BUT IF NOTHING
2 ELSE, WE HAVE ASSURANCES AND WE HAVE A DEVELOPER THAT'S BEEN
3 WORKING WITH US AND I THINK TO FIND AN EQUITY PARTNER IN THESE
4 KINDS OF TIMES IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. BUT I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW
5 THAT BEFORE IT COMES HERE, IT IS VETTED THROUGH A VERY
6 EXTENSIVE PROCESS, INCLUDING OUR OWN COMMITTEE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK ONE QUESTION. IS THERE
9 AN ONGOING ADVICE TO THE JOINT POWER AUTHORITY OF THE
10 PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP OF EACH ENTITY? ARE THOSE PERCENTAGES
11 MADE AVAILABLE ON AN ONGOING BASIS? I'M NOT GOING TO ASK FOR
12 IT RIGHT HERE, BUT ARE THOSE MADE AVAILABLE? SO YOU KNOW
13 EXACTLY WHAT THE PERCENTAGES ARE AND HOW THEY'RE CHANGING?

14

15 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** YEAH, AT ANY GIVEN TIME, YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE THEY TAKING?

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19 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** I'M SORRY?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT PERCENTAGE?

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23 **MARTHA WELBORNE:** WELL IT'S 45, 45, DO YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH
24 THAT?

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1 **PAUL RUTTER:** SUPERVISOR, IF YOU'D LIKE TO, I COULD EXPLAIN THE
2 RELATIONSHIP. IF YOU REMEMBER ISTOMAR, WHICH IS THE OTHER
3 INVESTOR THAT CAME IN BEFORE CAME IN WITH A 45 PERCENT OF THE
4 CAPITAL AND 35 PERCENT OF THE PROFITS. HANUA, THE GROUP OF
5 THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES IS LIKewise COMING IN WITH 45
6 PERCENT OF THE CAPITAL AND 35 PERCENT OF THE PROFITS. SO THAT
7 RELATED WILL END UP WITH 10 PERCENT OF THE CAPITAL AND 30
8 PERCENT OF THE PROFITS. THAT'S THE REVISED STRUCTURE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY IS A FIVE-MEMBER
13 BODY BUT ONLY TWO MEMBERS ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND I HAVE A
14 CONCERN THAT THIS \$200 MILLION PRIME REAL ESTATE WHICH IS
15 OWNED BY THE TAXPAYERS, 80 PERCENT, 85 PERCENT OWNED BY THE
16 COUNTY, 10, 15 PERCENT OWNED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, YOU
17 HAVE A MAJORITY OF THE JOINT POWER AUTHORITY WHO ARE NON-
18 ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY
19 COUNCIL ACTUALLY HANDED THE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY TO NON-
20 ELECTED MAJORITY OF A NON-ELECTED PEOPLE. SO MY FIRST CONCERN,
21 WHICH I RAISED AT THE BEGINNING, IS THIS WAS NOT A COMPETITIVE
22 BID PROJECT. THIS WAS BASICALLY A SINGLE SOURCE PROPOSAL THAT
23 WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PROPOSALS
24 THAT WERE COMING IN THAT WERE, SOME FELT, WERE ECONOMICALLY
25 FEASIBLE. AND THEN IS IT PRUDENT TO CONSTRUCT A VERY EXPENSIVE



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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HIGH-RISE TOWERS? EVERY DEVELOPER AND
2 REAL ESTATE PERSON I'VE TALKED WITH SAID IT MAKES THE LEAST
3 SENSE TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HIGH-RISE TOWERS, WHICH
4 IS ESSENTIALLY HIGHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS THAN IN LOW RISE OR
5 MID RANGE CONSTRUCTION. AND THEN THE IDEA OF BUILDING LUXURY
6 CONDOS IN A MARKET WHERE OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS DOWNTOWN
7 ARE STALLED OR WHERE SALES ARE VERY SLOW IN THOSE COMPLETED
8 PROJECTS. AND THE CONCERN OF SPENDING MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF
9 THE PREPAID RENT TO REBUILD PARKING RAMPS FOR THE PARKING
10 GARAGE. PARKING RAMPS, 20 PERCENT. \$2 MILLION FOR THAT. AND SO
11 HOW LONG IS IT BEFORE WE ACTUALLY SAY NO MORE PUBLIC MONEY,
12 WHICH PUBLIC MONEY HAS NOW BEEN USED? AT ONE TIME WE WERE TOLD
13 THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC MONEY USED. NOW WE HAVE USED PUBLIC
14 MONEY. THERE IS NOT A REQUEST FOR MORE IN THIS PROPOSAL. BUT
15 NOT TO SAY THAT THERE WON'T BE IN THE FUTURE. SO THOSE WERE
16 THE RESERVATIONS I HAD FOR THE PROJECT. AND I STILL HAVE THOSE
17 RESERVATIONS. SO I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THAT, ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO
18 BIAS AGAINST THE THREE COMPANIES THAT ARE GOING TO NOW GET
19 INVOLVED WITH FINANCING THIS PROJECT. I WISH THEM WELL THAT
20 THEY DON'T BECOME AN A.I.G.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
23 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND. I'M SORRY,
24 THERE WAS ONE PERSON, MR. SACHS. PLEASE COME UP.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, I WAS VOTING AGAINST IT.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WE HAVE MR. SACHS TO COME UP AND SPEAK
4 ON IT. AND THEN HE'S GOING TO SPEAK ON ALL THE REST OF HIS
5 ITEMS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SORRY, GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. I WAS JUST CONSIDERING THAT I CAME BEFORE YOU A
11 COUPLE WEEKS AGO REGARDING THIS PROJECT. WILL THE PENALTIES
12 FOR MEETING THE THRESHOLDS FINALLY BE ENFORCED AGAINST RELATED
13 WHEN THEY FAIL TO MEET THE START DATES FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION
14 THAT WERE SUPPOSEDLY PUT INTO THE ORIGINAL PROJECT? THEY HAD
15 THRESHOLDS THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET FOR GROUNDBREAKING AND
16 MOVING THE PROJECT ALONG.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WERE THE PENALTIES?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM? WELL, WHY WERE THEY PUT IN THE CONTRACT
21 IF THERE WEREN'T ANY PENALTIES?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE WE HAVE ADJUSTED EACH TIME. WHAT WE HAVE
24 NOW IS WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS TO
25 BE FINALIZED, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE FINALIZED. AND THEN



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1 THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PUT IT OUT FOR BID. AND THAT IS
2 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE WAITING FOR AS WELL AS THE
3 CONSTRUCTION LOAN. NOT BID-- FOR THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN, WHICH
4 IS SCHEDULED FOR--

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO ARE THERE PENALTIES MEETING THRESHOLDS?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'LL BE PENALTIES FOR THAT PHASE OF IT, YES.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHO WILL ENFORCE THE PENALTIES?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE J.P.A.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. STAY RIGHT THERE. SECONDED
17 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WE'LL RECORD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS NO.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I CAN ASK YOU TO TAKE 8,
20 10, 23, 24, 29 AND 40 BECAUSE MR. SACHS--

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO START WITH 8?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SURE. NUMBER 8, YOU'RE LOOKING AT COURTHOUSE
25 FEES. I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF THAT WOULD HAVE ANY-- OR THE



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1 RECENT RULING BY THE STATE SUPREME COURT, I BELIEVE? REGARDING
2 THE EXTRA--

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COURT OF APPEALS.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. REGARDING THE EXTRA COMPENSATION THAT
7 THE JUDGES WERE RECEIVING, WILL THAT EXTRA COMPENSATION PLAY
8 INTO THIS FACT? ARE YOU GOING TO APPEAL THE COURT'S DECISION?
9 JUST TO FIND OUT WHAT THE STANDING IS REGARDING THE EXTRA
10 COMPENSATION AND WHERE THAT FUNDING WILL OR WILL NOT GO.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS CONSTRUCTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** APPLE AND ORANGES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS RELATES TO THE COURT ITSELF, NOT THE
17 JUDGES.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT IT'S FUNDING.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE STATE TAKING OVER THE COURTHOUSES.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
2 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOUR NEXT ITEM IS
3 WHAT?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 10.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 10. REGARDS THE LEASE FOR-- WITH
8 COMMONWEALTH ENTERPRISES FOR BUILDING SPACE FOR THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF MENTAL HEALTH. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO YOU ALSO HAD ON YOUR
10 AGENDA-- AND THIS LEASE IS BROKEN DOWN SHOWING HOW THE COSTS
11 WOULD BE PAID 37 PERCENT FEDERAL, 48 PERCENT STATE, 15 PERCENT
12 NET COUNTY COST. YOU HAD A LEASE WITH-- DOWNTOWN AGENCY.
13 EXCUSE ME. I'M HAVING A BRAIN CRAMP I'LL PASS ON THIS BECAUSE
14 I CAN'T REMEMBER THE INFORMATION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU BLEW IT, ARNOLD.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE RIGHT. I DID. I RAN IN HERE, SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 23.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 23, YOUR NEXT ITEM.



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ARNOLD SACHS: ITEM 23 INVOLVES-- ACTUALLY I WAS LOOKING TO GET
A CLARIFICATION HERE. YOU'RE AUTHORIZING CONSULTANT SERVICES
TO CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION, INCREASING
A COMPENSATION TO \$212,000. IN ITEM 24, YOU'RE APPROVING
AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR MENTAL HEALTH. AND ARE THEY SEPARATE
ENTITIES? ARE THEY THE SAME ENTITY? AND IF THEY'RE SEPARATE
ENTITIES, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND
CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION, IS ONE A FOR
PROFIT AND ONE A NONPROFIT? AND THE TOTAL GOING OUT LOOKS LIKE
ABOUT \$700,000. IS THAT CORRECT?

13

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ON 23?.

15

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MOVE IT.

17

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY MOLINA.
WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ON 24.

22

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: 24 IS MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. THEY ARE BOTH NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 29 AND 40.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 29?

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH YES, 29, FUNDING AGAIN. ANOTHER FUNDING
7 OPERATION. ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA ITEM, YOU'RE ADDING--
8 YOU'RE HAVING SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH APPLE ONE, HELPMATES AND
9 LADERA CAREER PATHS INCORPORATED, FOR AN ANNUAL COST OF
10 \$400,000 FOR PROVISION OF TEMPORARY PERSONAL SERVICES FROM THE
11 PERIOD OF JANUARY 1ST, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2008. BUT
12 PRIOR TO THAT, YOU'RE RATIFYING RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS BY THE
13 PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,500 TO APPLE ONE,
14 HELPMATES STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1ST TO
15 JUNE 30TH, 2008. IT'S ACTUALLY A TOTAL OF \$73,500. SO IS THAT
16 \$73,500 IN ADDITION TO THE \$400,000 THAT THEY'RE GET FOR THE
17 WHOLE YEAR? OR IS THAT \$73,000 COMING OUT OF THE \$400,000 THAT
18 THEY'RE GETTING FOR THE WHOLE YEAR? BECAUSE YOU'RE COVERING
19 THE SAME PERIOD TWICE, MORE OR LESS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT SAYS ONE YEAR.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT INDICATES THAT IT'S FOR A YEAR THE
2 AMOUNT WE'RE APPROVING. AND WE'RE ALLOCATING PART OF THAT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE APPROVING AMOUNT FOR ONE YEAR, BUT YOU'RE
5 ALSO APPROVING AMOUNTS FOR SIX MONTHS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE GO OVER IT WITH YOU.
8 MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
9 SO ORDERED. ITEM 40.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 40, SINCE YOU'RE APPROVING ADVISORY SIGNAGE
12 AND IT'S EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
13 AND I'VE COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS ITEM REGARDING ADVISORY
14 SIGNAGE FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND LACK OF SIGNAGE AT VENUES
15 THAT HAVE MORE THAN ONE OR TWO ENTRANCES, SO THAT DISABLED
16 PEOPLE HAVE A PLACE THAT THEY CAN GO TO BE EASILY LOCATED FOR
17 ACCESS SERVICES, HAS OR WILL OR WHEN OR IF, WILL THE COUNTY
18 EVER CONSIDER ANY KIND OF ADVISORY SIGNAGE FOR THOSE TYPE OF
19 VENUES THAT HAVE MULTIPLE ENTRANCES AND EXITS TO ASSIST THE
20 DISABLED IN HAVING AN EASIER PICK UP WHEN THEY REQUIRE ACCESS
21 SERVICES?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL SEE. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED
24 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR?

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3 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YESTERDAY SUPERVISOR AND I WERE AT THE
6 DISABILITY COMMISSION LUNCHEON HONORING THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE
7 HELPING MAKE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE TO PICK UP PEOPLE IN
8 WHEELCHAIRS. AND THEY WENT FROM LIKE 30 TO 5,000, 6,000, A
9 PHENOMENAL NUMBER. SO THEY ARE MAKING CHANGES AND WORKING.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I KNOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE COME BEFORE THE COUNTY
12 DISABLED ADVOCATES. AND EVERY TIME I SEE IT, I BRING IT UP,
13 THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR
14 ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR?

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID WE APPROVE THAT ITEM?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, WE DID.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW THAT JUDGE NASH IS HERE. BEFORE WE
2 TAKE THAT ITEM UP, WHICH WILL BE NEXT ON 16, I DID WANT TO ASK
3 THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO COME FORWARD. FOR A SECOND. MR.
4 LOGAN, I KNOW YOU'RE AWARE BECAUSE WE HAVE CORRESPONDED AND MY
5 STAFF HAS CORRESPONDED ON THE ISSUE OF THIS ORGANIZATION
6 CALLED YOUNG POLITICAL MAJORS, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS
7 LATELY RELATING TO ALLEGED FRAUDULENT RE-REGISTRATION OF
8 PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE FROM WHATEVER PARTY THEY'RE A
9 MEMBER OF TO REPUBLICAN. WE HAVE HAD SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT
10 THIS, ONE SPECIFIC COMPLAINT WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO DOCUMENT WE
11 SHARED WITH YOU AND YOU REFERRED IT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
12 OFFICE. AND I EXPECT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL DO THE DUE
13 DILIGENCE THAT'S REQUIRED. BUT YOUNG POLITICAL MAJORS,
14 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS Y.P.M. HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE SOUTHERN
15 CALIFORNIA AREA. THEIR LEADER, ONE OF THEIR LEADERS, HAS BEEN
16 ARRESTED IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF
17 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION.
18 THERE'S ACTIVITY IN ORANGE COUNTY, I BELIEVE IN RIVERSIDE
19 COUNTY, I'M NOT 100 PERCENT SURE. AND IT'S IN THE THOUSANDS OF
20 FRAUDULENT CONVERSIONS OF REGISTRATIONS, PARTY REGISTRATIONS.
21 SO ESSENTIALLY WHAT'S HAPPENED IS SOMEBODY SHOWED UP IN JUNE
22 OR IN FEBRUARY TO AN ELECTION THINKING THAT THEY WERE A
23 DEMOCRAT OR AN AMERICAN INDEPENDENT OR A PIECE OF FREEDOM OR
24 WHATEVER, AND CAME TO VOTE IN THAT PARTY'S PRIMARY AND WAS
25 TOLD BY OUR POLL WATCHERS THAT THEY WERE NOT OF THAT PARTY AND



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1 THAT THEY WERE REGISTERED REPUBLICAN. AND IT WAS NEWS TO THEM.
2 THIS WON'T HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION IN TWO WEEKS
3 BECAUSE EVERYBODY VOTES ON THE SAME BALLOT.

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT AT THE NEXT
8 ELECTION. AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, THAT
9 WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS Y.P.M. ORGANIZATION TO DETERMINE
10 WHETHER THERE IS A PATTERN OF FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION, WHICH I
11 SUSPECT THERE IS HERE IN THIS COUNTY, AND THEN GET MORE THAN
12 ONE OR A HANDFUL OF THOSE EXAMPLES TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR
13 TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHEREVER
14 WE HAVE TO GET IT TO GET A PROSECUTION. SO, NUMBER ONE, I'D
15 LIKE TO ASK YOU BRIEFLY, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LONG MEETING, WHAT
16 IT IS YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS AT THIS POINT BOTH IN L.A. COUNTY
17 AND BEYOND. AND THEN I HAVE ONE FOLLOW UP QUESTION.

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE CORRECT THAT OUR FIRST
20 AWARENESS OF THIS CAME DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION CYCLE WHERE
21 ONE OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS CONTACTED YOUR OFFICE AND THEN OUR
22 OFFICE TO REPORT THE SCENARIO THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED IN TERMS
23 OF HER REGISTRATION BEING CHANGED FROM-- SHE WAS ORIGINALLY
24 REGISTERED AS A DEMOCRAT AND THE REGISTRATION WAS CHANGED TO
25 REPUBLICAN. WE AS A ROUTINE IF WE GET CONCERNS OF THAT NATURE,



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1 WE SEND OUT TO THE VOTER A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION RECORD
2 THAT INITIATED THAT CHANGE AND HAVE THEM REPORT BACK TO US IF
3 IN FACT THEY INITIATED THAT CHANGE. IN THIS CASE SHE WROTE
4 BACK TO US AND SAID NO, THAT SHE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SHE HAD
5 FILLED OUT THAT FORM. WE REVERSED THAT CHANGE AND PUT HER BACK
6 TO THE OTHER STATUS. WHAT WE DID DO, BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT THAT
7 REGISTRATION HAD BEEN ISSUED ON A FORM THAT WAS THROUGH THE
8 YOUNG POLITICAL MAJOR ORGANIZATION, WE WERE ABLE TO TRACK
9 THAT. SO THEN WE DID AN INVENTORY OF ALL FORMS THAT HAD COME
10 IN IN CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FOR EXISTING REGISTRATIONS TO
11 INITIATE A PARTY CHANGE FROM THAT GROUP TO LOOK AT THOSE. OF
12 THAT GROUP, THERE WERE ABOUT 85 VOTERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY
13 REGISTERED IN A PARTY OTHER THAN REPUBLICAN WHO WERE SWITCHED
14 TO REPUBLICAN. AND WE HAVE MAILED VERIFICATION LETTERS TO ALL
15 OF THOSE VOTERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE VOTER
16 THEMSELVES HAD INITIATED THAT CHANGE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE'VE
17 LEARNED OF THE MORE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY
18 THE SECRETARY OF STATE. AS A RESULT, I THINK THAT A BULK OF
19 THAT ACTIVITY WAS TAKING PLACE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.
20 THERE'S BEEN REPORTS IN ORANGE COUNTY AND I THINK YOU'RE
21 CORRECT, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, AS WELL. SO WE PREPARED ALL
22 INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE AND WE PRESENTED THAT TO
23 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS WELL AS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
24 INVESTIGATIVE OFFICER. SO THEY DO HAVE THAT. AND AS YOU
25 INDICATED, THE LEADER OF THAT ORGANIZATION, THERE WAS A



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1 WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST AND HE WAS ARRESTED EARLIER THIS
2 WEEK. ALTHOUGH HE WAS ARRESTED BASED ON CHARGES ABOUT
3 REGISTERING HIMSELF MULTIPLE TIMES, NOT SO MUCH FOR THIS
4 PARTICULAR ALLEGATION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE'VE JUST RECENTLY,
5 JUST THIS MONTH, RECEIVED ANOTHER SET OF REGISTRATIONS FROM
6 THIS ORGANIZATION THAT ARE ALSO A LITTLE BIT UNUSUAL IN TERMS
7 OF THEY APPEAR TO BE NEW REGISTRATIONS. BUT IN ADDITION TO THE
8 PROSPECTIVE VOTERS MARKING THEIR PARTY SELECTION, THE VOTERS
9 HAVE IN INITIALED NEXT TO THEIR PARTY DESIGNATION. I DON'T
10 KNOW IF THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION,
11 BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT CLOSELY, AND AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AT
12 THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN THAT REGARD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THEY THAT CAME IN? HOW
15 MANY OF THOSE ARE THERE?

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 4,500 REGISTRATIONS FROM
18 THAT ORGANIZATION EARLIER THIS MONTH. AND WE'RE GOING THROUGH
19 THOSE NOW. IT APPEARS MORE OF THOSE ARE NEW REGISTRATIONS, NOT
20 CHANGES TO REGISTRATIONS. WE DO TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY.
21 WE'RE LOOKING AT IT CLOSELY, WORKING WITH IT CLOSELY WORKING
22 WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE OFFICES. AS YOU INDICATE WHAT'S
23 IMPORTANT FOR VOTERS TO KNOW FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH ELECTION IS
24 THAT THEY'RE FINE BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS GOING TO GET A BALLOT
25 WITH ALL THE PARTIES ON IT. BUT WE DO WANT TO LOOK INTO THIS,



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1 CERTAINLY BEFORE THERE'S ANOTHER PRIMARY. WE FOCUSED ON THOSE
2 THAT WERE SIMILAR TO THE ONE CASE THAT WE'RE AWARE OF, WHICH
3 IS A CHANGE FROM AN EXISTING PARTY TO REPUBLICAN. WHAT I THINK
4 WE MAY WANT TO DO IS EXPAND THAT NOW TO EVEN OF THE NEW
5 REGISTRATIONS AND DO A SAMPLING TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT
6 THERE WAS SOME CHANGE MADE TO THOSE FORMS AFTER THOSE WERE
7 FILLED OUT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IF THEY'RE NEW REGISTRATIONS, WHY WOULD
10 THERE BE A CHANGE?

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** THERE WOULDN'T BE A CHANGE, BUT I THINK HAT WE
13 WANT TO CONFIRM IS WHETHER OR NOT THE VOTERS' SELECTION OF
14 PARTY AFFILIATION IS THE CORRECT AFFILIATION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT ON THESE 4,500,
17 YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE ARE REAL VOTERS OR NOT.

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE DO THAT. THAT'S TRUE OF ANY REGISTRATION THAT
20 COMES IN. OF COURSE THERE'S NATIONAL ATTENTION ABOUT THAT
21 ISSUE WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION. BUT IN ORDER FOR A VOTER
22 REGISTRATION TO ENTER OUR SYSTEM, WE HAVE TO VALIDATE EITHER
23 THEIR CALIFORNIA DRIVERS'S LICENSE NUMBER OR THE LAST FOUR
24 DIGITS OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. SO THERE IS A PROCESS



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1 BY WHICH WE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THESE ARE NOT FICTITIOUS PEOPLE
2 OR DUPLICATE REGISTRATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO AM I CORRECT, DID I HEAR YOU CORRECTLY
5 THAT IN THE PREVIOUS, NOT THE LAST 4,500 YOU GOT EARLIER LAST
6 MONTH, BUT IN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION CHANGES THAT YOU GOT
7 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 THAT YOU HAVE CHECKED EVERY
8 SINGLE AFFIDAVIT THAT CAME IN OR REGISTRATION FORM THAT CAME
9 IN FROM THIS Y.P.M. ORGANIZATION THAT INVOLVED A CHANGE OF
10 PARTY? OR WAS THAT A SAMPLE?

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO. WE'VE IDENTIFIED. WE'VE CATEGORIZED THOSE, THE
13 ONES THAT WE HAVE SENT CONFIRMATION LETTERS TO ARE THE 85 WHO
14 WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED OTHER THAN REPUBLICAN WHO WERE
15 CHANGED TO REPUBLICAN.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT CONSTITUTES THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE OF THAT
18 KIND OF A CHANGE FROM THAT ORGANIZATION?

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** FROM THAT FIRST GROUP, YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FROM THAT FIRST GROUP?

23

24 **DEAN LOGAN:** FROM THE FIRST GROUP. THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THOSE
25 THA WE RECEIVED THIS MONTH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU
3 RECEIVED THIS MONTH, EVERYTHING ELSE YOU'VE RECEIVED IN 2008
4 YOU HAVE CATEGORIZED AND YOU'RE CONFIDENT YOU HAVE ALL OF
5 THEM? ALL OF THE ONES THAT CHANGED PARTIES FROM NON REPUBLICAN
6 TO REPUBLICAN AND WHICH WERE SUBMITTED BY THIS Y.P.M.
7 ORGANIZATION?

8

9 **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE'S A TOTAL OF 85.

12

13 **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S RIGHT, AND WE HAVE SENT INFORMATION
14 LETTERS. AND IF WE FIND INDICATION IN THE VOTERS' RESPONSE TO
15 THAT, THAT THERE WAS PROBLEMS WITH REGISTRATIONS, THEN WE WILL
16 PROBABLY EXPAND THAT TO OTHER PARTY CHANGES OR EVEN THE NEW
17 REGISTRATIONS. AND AGAIN WE'LL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH
18 SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO THIS IS NOT A SAMPLE. THIS WAS THE
21 TOTAL YOU GOT. I WAS LED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A SAMPLE. THAT'S
22 FINE. IF YOU'VE DONE THEM ALL, THEN LET ME READ THIS, I WON'T
23 READ THE WHOLE MOTION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S ALL BEEN KIND OF
24 THE PREAMBLE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED HERE. BUT, MADAME CHAIR, I
25 WOULD LIKE FOR NEXT WEEK TO MOVE THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER



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1 COUNTY CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPAND HIS REVIEW OF VOTER
2 AFFIDAVITS RETURNED BY THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS
3 YOUNG POLITICAL MAJORS, SO THAT EVERY VOTER WHO PURPORTEDLY
4 CHANGED HIS OR HER PARTY AFFILIATION TO REPUBLICAN BY YOUNG
5 POLITICAL MAJORS IS CONTACTED BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER STAFF
6 TO MAKE CONFIRM THAT THE CHANGE IN PARTY AFFILIATION IS
7 CONSISTENT WITH THAT VOTER'S WISHES. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE
8 ALREADY DONE THAT. IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU CAN REPORT TO THE--
9 JUST GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THAT NEXT WEEK.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION. WITH THE INDICTMENTS OF
15 A.C.O.R.N. THAT'S OCCURRING NATIONALLY, WHAT HAS BEEN THE
16 ACTIONS IN YOUR OFFICE RELATIVE TO REGISTRATIONS BY
17 A.C.O.R.N.?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** WITH REGARD TO A.C.O.R.N., AGAIN WE HAVE THE
20 ABILITY TO CHECK OUR FORMS TO SEE WHICH ORGANIZATIONS THEY'VE
21 BEEN ISSUED TO. AND WHILE A.C.O.R.N. HAS, IN PREVIOUS ELECTION
22 CYCLES, CONDUCTED REGISTRATION DRIVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THIS CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE,
24 THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING IN
25 L.A. OR IN CALIFORNIA. SO THAT PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION, WE'RE



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1 NOT SEEING THAT. BUT AGAIN FOR ANY ORGANIZATION WITH THAT
2 PARTICULAR ALLEGATION THAT'S GETTING SO MUCH NATIONAL
3 ATTENTION, IT'S ABOUT IT'S FOCUSED ON FICTITIOUS TYPES OF
4 REGISTRATIONS. PEOPLE REGISTERING, THERE'S BEEN ALLEGATIONS OF
5 PEOPLE REGISTERING A PET OR A FAMOUS ATHLETE OR SOMETHING OF
6 THAT NATURE. AGAIN, IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE DATABASE, WE HAVE
7 TO FIRST DO A DATA MATCH WITH THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR THE LAST
8 FOUR DIGIT OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. SO WE ARE CHECKING FOR
9 THAT. WE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE NOT IN THIS CYCLE SEEN ANY
10 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WITH THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS WHICH WE REFERRED TO
13 YOU OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DECEASED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
14 STILL RECEIVING BALLOT INFORMATION. DO YOU CROSS CHECK WITH
15 VITAL STATISTICS? HOW DO YOU HANDLE THAT?

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE DO. WE GET NOTIFICATIONS OF DEATHS FROM THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. ALSO WE GET NOTIFICATIONS FROM FAMILY
19 MEMBERS. THERE'S A PROCEDURE IF YOU'RE AT A POLLING PLACE AND
20 YOU SEE SOMEONE LISTED WHO'S DECEASED, YOU CAN COMPLETE A
21 NOTICE THERE, AS WELL. SOMETIMES THERE IS A LAG IN TERMS OF
22 NOTICES COMING THROUGH VITAL STATISTICS, BUT WE DO DO A CROSS-
23 REFERENCE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THOSE THAT WE HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO YOU,
2 THEY HAVE PROBABLY SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACK?

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR YOUR NEXT ITEM?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 16. I THINK JUDGE NASH IS HERE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUDGE NASH IS HERE. JUDGE NASH IF YOU'D
13 LIKE TO COME FORWARD? AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
14 ASKED TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
15 ASKED TO TESTIFY OPPOSED. WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE FOR AND ABOUT
16 THE SAME NUMBER AGAINST AND TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE JUST ASKED TO
17 SPEAK.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUDGE NASH.

20

21 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** GOOD MORNING. NICE TO SEE YOU ALL TODAY. I
22 JUST WANTED TO COME BEFORE YOU AND GIVE YOU MY TWO CENTS FOR
23 ABOUT A MINUTE OR TWO ABOUT THIS IDEA OF DUAL LICENSURE.
24 GENERALLY IT ALWAYS OCCURRED TO ME, IT MADE NO SENSE TO HAVE
25 A DUAL SYSTEM OF LICENSURE FOR SOMEONE, FIRST TO BE A FOSTER



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1 PARENT, SECOND TO BE AN ADOPTIVE PARENT. EITHER YOU'RE
2 QUALIFIED TO BE A PARENT OR YOU SHOULDN'T AND WE SHOULD DEAL
3 WITH THAT ALL AT THE FRONT END. THAT BEING SAID, IN ALL THE
4 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE OF ADOPTIONS, THE
5 SINGLE LARGEST, THE SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT CAUSE FOR DELAYS
6 IN ADOPTIONS HAS BEEN THE TIME THAT IT TAKES TO DO A HOME
7 STUDY. AND THAT HOME STUDY GENERALLY BEGINS AT THE BACK END OF
8 THE PROCESS, WHICH ONCE AGAIN DELAYS THINGS FOR SO LONG. AND I
9 HAVE ADVOCATED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DO CONSOLIDATED HOME
10 STUDIES AT THE FRONT END OF THE PROCESS SO THAT WHEN IT CAME
11 TIME TO ADOPT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO TAKE ALL THIS EXTRA TIME
12 THAT IT TAKES TO FINALLY GET TO THE POINT OF COMPLETING AN
13 ADOPTION. AND D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN DOING THAT FOR THE LAST THREE
14 OR FOUR YEARS AND QUITE SUCCESSFULLY. AND I SEE NO REASON WHY
15 ANYBODY ELSE SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THAT PROCESS. THE LAW
16 REQUIRES THAT WE DO WHAT IS KNOWN AS CONCURRENT PLANNING. THAT
17 MEANS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS, WE NEED TO PLAN
18 FOR REUNIFICATION OF A FAMILY AND ALSO TO PLAN FOR PERMANENCY
19 ALL AT THE SAME TIME. AND WHICHEVER ONE WINS OUT IS WHAT
20 HAPPENS WITH THE CHILD. BUT CLEARLY THIS EFFORT ON D.C.F.S.'S
21 PART TO ENSURE THAT ALL THIS WORK IS DONE EARLY ON IN THE
22 PROCESS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR KIDS. AND I HOPE THAT
23 THE BOARD WILL IN FACT SUPPORT IT.
24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
2 HAVE ASKED TO TESTIFY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO COMMEND JUDGE NASH WHO DOES THIS,
5 WHAT HE IS DOING RIGHT NOW, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, HELPING THE
6 FOSTER CHILDREN AND THE ADOPTION PROCESS AND FOR CONTINUING TO
7 MAKE THIS A PRIORITY. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN
8 THIS EFFORT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE THIS.

11

12 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** WELL THANK YOU. AND OBVIOUSLY IT'S ALL A
13 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, AND THAT INCLUDES OUR BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN MOST SUPPORTIVE OF THE WORK
15 THAT WE TRY TO DO ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO THANK
16 YOU ALL AS WELL.

17

18 **LINDA COUGHLIN. KIM FELDER. JESSICA FELDER. AND CORA PEARSON.**

19

20 **>>SUP. MOLINA:** COULD WE LIMIT SINCE THERE'S SO MANY FOLKS TO
21 MAYBE TWO MINUTES EACH?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT. IF THERE'S NO
24 OBJECTION THAT WE LIMIT EVERYONE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
25 ASKING TO SPEAK TODAY. AND IF YOU CAN LIMIT OR IF YOU'D LIKE



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1 TO HAVE SOMEONE SPEAK FOR YOU, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AND
2 WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP ON THE OIL
3 WELL ISSUE AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE REPORT THAT'S
4 BEFORE US AND YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, IF YOU COME
5 FORWARD, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET A COPY OF THE REPORT.
6 SO WHEN YOU SPEAK, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS A PARTICULAR
7 ITEM OF THE REPORT THAT YOU'RE OPPOSING. YES, PLEASE STATE
8 YOUR NAME.

9

10 **KIM FELDER:** I'M KIM FELDER.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU START.

13

14 **KIM FELDER:** HELLO MY NAME IS KIM FELDER. FIRST I WANT TO THANK
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I GREATLY
16 APPRECIATE IT. I HAVE WORKED WITH AND FOR L.A. COUNTY IN ONE
17 CAPACITY OR ANOTHER SINCE 1989. I AM NOW THE WENDY'S WONDERFUL
18 KIDS RECRUITER, THE CHILD-SPECIFIC RECRUITMENT FOR THE P.R.
19 UNION SINCE 2004 AND I HELP FAMILIES MEET AND STAY TOGETHER
20 WITH CHILDREN. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB I HAVE IS THE JOB
21 BEING A FOST-ADOPT PARENT WITH MY HUSBAND FOR THE LAST 20
22 YEARS. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A DUALY LICENSED FAMILY. I THINK
23 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AS JUDGE NASH SAID, THAT A FAMILY IS A
24 FAMILY. ONE IS, THAT IT'S A HIGHER STANDARD OF APPROVAL FOR
25 THE FAMILY, THAT THE FAMILY HAS TO MEET THAT HIGHER STANDARD.



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1 AND, TWO, WE ARE GEARED TO PERMANENCY FOR THE CHILD. IF THAT
2 MEANS RETURNING TO THE FAMILY OF ORIGIN OR IF THAT MEANS
3 STAYING AND BEING ABLE TO MOVE TO THAT ADOPTION IN A TIMELY
4 FASHION. I BROUGHT MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER JESSICA WITH US
5 BECAUSE HER SITUATION AND HOW SHE CAME TO OUR FAMILY WAS
6 IMPORTANT. WE GOT A CALL IN 2007, THE FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER TO
7 DO AN EMERGENCY PLACEMENT WITH HER. SHE CAME INTO OUR HOME.
8 AND ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER, IT WAS MADE APPARENT THAT SHE
9 WASN'T GOING TO GO HOME. AND WHEN HER OLDER SIBLINGS STARTED
10 TEXTING MY HUSBAND AND I "CAN WE KEEP HER?" WE KNEW THAT
11 JESSICA WAS GOING TO BE A PERMANENT PART OF OUR FAMILY. SO WE
12 WERE ABLE TO FINALIZE JESSICA'S ADOPTION ON MARCH 10TH OF THIS
13 YEAR. THAT WAS LESS THAN A YEAR. AND LET HER HAVE PERMANENCY
14 AND MOVE FORWARD WITH HER LIFE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **JESSICA FELDER:** I'M JESSICA. I'M IN THE SEVENTH GRADE. I
19 REALLY ENJOY SCHOOL. I'M IN THE JUNIOR HIGH BAND. AND A YEAR
20 AND A HALF AGO, I CAME AND LIVED WITH MY FAMILY. I CAME ON A
21 RESPITE PLACEMENT BECAUSE OF MY BEHAVIORS WITH OTHER PREVIOUS
22 FAMILY. AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE REALLY AS MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH
23 CHILDREN AS MY FAMILY NOW. AND AFTER A COUPLE WEEKS, I FOUND
24 OUT THAT I WASN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK. SO WE HAD A
25 FAMILY MEETING AND THEY ASKED IF I WOULD LIKE TO STAY AND I



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1 SAID YEAH. SO I FINALIZED MY ADOPTION ON MARCH 10TH, 2008. AND
2 I HAVE THREE SISTERS, FOUR BROTHERS AND A LOT OF PETS. AND I
3 KNOW THIS IS MY FAMILY FOREVER.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND CONGRATULATIONS
6 TO YOU TWO. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'D LIKE TO ASK ELIZABETH AND LEAH
11 SWITZER TO COME FORWARD, ALSO. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **LINDA COUGHLIN:** MY NAME IS LINDA COUGHLIN AND I, TOO, AM A
15 FOSTER- ADOPTIVE PARENT. AND MY SITUATION, I WAS WITH A FOSTER
16 FAMILY AGENCY THAT INDEED DOES THE PROCESS UP FRONT. I REALLY
17 APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE HOME STUDY IS VERY
18 IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS BECAUSE THEY ASK VERY
19 INTENSIVE-- IT'S AN EIGHT TO TEN-HOUR INTERVIEW, WHICH IS VERY
20 INQUISITIONING TYPE QUESTIONING. SO IT REALLY HELPS IN THE
21 PROCESS FOR PLACEMENT, PLACING CHILDREN WITH THE RIGHT FAMILY
22 RIGHT FROM THE START. PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE CHILD
23 IN, WHETHER THE CHILD IS GOING TO BE REUNIFIED OR WHETHER THE
24 CHILD IS GOING TO BE ADOPTED. AND THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO
25 KNOW UP FRONT BECAUSE IN MY CASE, I WAS TOLD THAT MY CHILD



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1 WOULD BE REUNIFIED AND THAT'S NOT HOW IT ENDED UP. AND I WAS
2 OPEN TO THE ADOPTION. I HAD THE CHILD FROM THE BEGINNING. THEY
3 HAD ALL THE ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS THEY NEEDED TO KNOW
4 FOR THE PERMANENCY, FOR THE PLACEMENT. AND GOING FROM FOSTER
5 TO ADOPTION WAS REALLY SEAMLESS. AND IT WENT THROUGH VERY
6 WELL. AND THE PLACEMENT WAS, I BELIEVE, FOR THE PLACEMENT
7 PROCESS, THAT'S MORE BENEFICIAL TO DO THINGS UP FRONT. BECAUSE
8 THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ARE ASKED AND ANSWERED. ALL PARTIES KNOW
9 WHAT EXPECTATIONS ARE ON BOTH SIDES SO THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY
10 SURPRISES THAT WILL HURT THE CHILD.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AS YOU LEAVE, WE
13 CAN CALL UP SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK IN
14 OPPOSITION. UNITED CARE AND ROSA RIVAS.

15

16 **CORA PEARSON:** GOOD MORNING.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **CORA PEARSON:** GOOD MORNING. NIGH NAME IS CORA PEARSON. I'M A
21 FOSTER-ADOPT PARENT, ALSO PRESIDENT OF L.A. COMMUNITY RESOURCE
22 PARENTS AS WELL AS PAST PRESIDENT OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA. ALSO
23 I'M A MATH INSTRUCTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY
24 COLLEGES. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE USE ONE APPLICATION
25 FOR THIS PROCESS. AS THE PARENTS GO THROUGH THE CLASS, 36



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1 HOURS, BY THE TIME THEY END THE CLASS, THEY HAVE HAD THEIR
2 HOME STUDIES FROM THE STATE AND FROM THE COUNTY. SO AT THE END
3 OF THEIR GRADUATION, THEY CAN RECEIVE THE CHILDREN OR THE
4 CHILD AND GO ON WITH THE PROCESS. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT CHILD
5 YOU WANT, THE AGE GROUP OF THE CHILD AND THE GENDER OF THE
6 CHILD THAT'S COMING INTO YOUR HOME. THE WHEEL IS NOT BROKEN.
7 WE DON'T NEED TO FIX IT. WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW, WE NEED TO KEEP
8 ON DOING THAT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES. LEAH AND
11 ELIZABETH.

12

13 **LEAH SWITZER:** LIKE TO SAY THAT FIVE ACRES IN ALTADENA, WHEN
14 YOU BECOME A FOSTER TO ADOPT PARENT, YOU NEVER KNOW, IT'S
15 OVERWHELMING. MY HUSBAND AND I GOT THREE CHILDREN AT ONCE ON
16 DECEMBER 12TH. ONE OF THEM HAD A.D.H.D. WE HAD NEVER DEALT
17 WITH AN A.D.H.D. CHILD BEFORE. WE HAD NEVER HAD CHILDREN
18 BEFORE. FIVE ACRES WAS THERE TO HELP US. WE DID THE HOME
19 STUDY. THEY DID PARENTING CLASSES WITH US. AND UNFORTUNATELY
20 WHEN ALEX CAME WITH, MY YOUNGEST, HE HAD TO GO TO A
21 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER FOR SIX MONTHS. THAT WAS VERY
22 HARD FOR ME BECAUSE I WANTED HIM TO BE HOME WITH ME. BUT I
23 WENT TO SEE HIM THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK. WHEN HE GOT
24 INTENSIVE THERAPY THERE, HE WAS ABLE TO COME BACK ON AUGUST
25 THE 19TH. MY FAITH IN GOD AND FIVE ACRES HELPED MY HUSBAND AND



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1 I HAVE A UNITED FAMILY AGAIN, THREE WONDERFUL CHILDREN. THE
2 HOME STUDY, FIVE ACRES, EVERYONE IS HELPED TO HAVE THIS
3 ADOPTION. WE HAVEN'T SIGNED THE ADOPTION PAPERS YET. WE HOPE
4 TO DO IT SOON. BUT I URGE PEOPLE OUT THERE, I SHOULDN'T SAY
5 THIS, BUT I WANT TO SAY IT. ADOPT CHILDREN OR BRING FOSTER
6 CHILDREN INTO YOUR HOMES. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL GESTURE. THEY HAVE
7 BEEN A BLESSING TO ME. OF COURSE, I REMEMBER A FEW MONTHS AGO
8 MY LITTLE GIRL, I'D HAVE TO LITERALLY DRAG HER OUT OF BED TO
9 TAKE HER TO SCHOOL BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
10 ABUSED, THEY HAVE BEEN IN TRAUMA. MY LITTLE GIRL HERE HAS BEEN
11 IN SEVEN FOSTER HOMES. AND NOW SHE'S FOUND A MOMMY AND DADDY
12 WHO LOVE HER AND ARE GOING TO BE THERE FOR HER. WE'RE GOING TO
13 SUPPORT HER. WE WANT HER TO GROW UP TO BE A PRODUCTIVE YOUNG
14 ADULT. MY LITTLE ALEX WITH A.D.H.D., IF YOU'D SEEN HIM BACK IN
15 DECEMBER 12TH HOW HE WAS, WILD, GOING ALL OVER AND NOW HE'S IN
16 SCHOOL AND HE'S IN A READING PROGRAM AND HE SAYS, "MOMMY, I
17 WANT TO LEARN HOW TO READ." AND WHEN YOU SEE CHILDREN GETTING
18 UP-- TIME EXPIRED. BUT PLEASE, PLEASE--

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT YOUR THIRD CHILD?

21

22 **LEAH SWITZER:** MY THIRD CHILD, PETER, IS RIGHT HERE. HE'S DOING
23 VERY WELL IN SCHOOL. HE SOMETIMES DOESN'T OBEY ME BUT GETTING
24 BETTER. THAT'S ANOTHER THING FIVE ACRES DOES. THEY WILL HAVE
25 BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS THAT COME IN LIKE SUPER NANNY AND TELL YOU



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1 WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG AND THEN THEY'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU'RE
2 DOING RIGHT. SO SOME DAYS I'M A GREAT MOMMY AND OTHER DAYS,
3 ELIZABETH, WHAT DO I NEED? HELP. YEAH, I NEED HELP.
4 [LAUGHTER.] BUT WITH GOD'S HELP, MY FAITH IN GOD AND FIVE
5 ACRES, I'M GOING TO BE THE BEST MOTHER THAT I CAN BE TO THESE
6 THREE LOVELY CHILDREN. AND PLEASE NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION MONTH.
7 OPEN YOUR HEART TO A CHILD. AND SOON ELIZABETH AND I ARE GOING
8 TO BE PERMANENT FOREVER AND EVER.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NOW
11 WILL YOU COME FORWARD? WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE JUST FOUR
12 PEOPLE AT A TIME UP HERE. AND THEN THE OTHER PEOPLE. ONE OTHER
13 PERSON COULD SIT OVER HERE.

14

15 **BRUCE SALTZER:** GOOD MORNING. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
16 BOARD. BRUCE SALTZER REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
17 HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES OF LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK THE BOARD TO
19 SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO THIS COUNTY THAT THIS COUNTY VALUES
20 FOSTER FAMILIES THAT SIMPLY WANT TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND
21 ENERGY WORKING TO REUNIFY FOSTER CHILDREN WITH THEIR BIRTH
22 FAMILIES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ABLE TO OR INTERESTED IN
23 ADOPTING CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE WHO ARE NOT REUNIFIED. THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS TODAY ASKING YOU
25 TO SUPPORT A NEW F.F.A. CONTRACT WITH TWO NEW MANDATES THAT



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1 WILL SIGNIFICANTLY DIRECT IMPACTS ON THE COUNTY'S FOSTER
2 YOUTH, FOSTER FAMILIES AND FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES. THE FIRST
3 MANDATE IS THAT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009, EVERY NEW F.F.A.
4 FOSTER FAMILY MUST BE DUALLY- CERTIFIED. MEANING CERTIFIED AS
5 BOTH A FOSTER FAMILY AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY. THE SECOND MANDATE
6 IS THAT EVERY F.F.A. IN THE COUNTY MUST BE DUALLY LICENSED AS
7 AN ADOPTION AGENCY OR ENTER INTO AN M.O.U. WITH AN ADOPTION
8 AGENCY TO REFER ALL NEW FOSTER FAMILIES TOO, WHO CAN PROVIDE
9 THE HOME STUDY AND OTHER ADOPTIVE SERVICES. IN OPPOSING BOTH
10 OF THESE NEW MANDATES, IT HAS BEEN THE POSITION OF THE FOSTER
11 FAMILY AGENCIES THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH--
12 I REPEAT BOTH-- F.F.A.S THAT ARE DUALLY LICENSED AS ADOPTION
13 AGENCIES AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT, AS WELL AS BOTH FOSTER
14 FAMILIES THAT ARE DUALLY CERTIFIED AS ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND
15 THOSE THAT ARE NOT, IS WORKING QUITE WELL FOR THE COUNTY'S
16 FOSTER YOUTH AND FOSTER FAMILIES. NOT ONLY DO WE NOT BELIEVE
17 THERE IS A COMPELLING REASON TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM AS
18 D.C.F.S. IS PROPOSING, BUT WE ARE FRANKLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT
19 THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IN
20 TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW ABSOLUTE POSITION FOR THE FOSTER
21 CARE SYSTEM AND ITS FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES. WHILE IT'S
22 STATED THE COUNTY'S FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES ARE OPPOSED TO BOTH
23 THE NEW MANDATES. WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD D.C.F.S. THAT WE WOULD
24 AGREE TO ACCEPT THE SECOND MANDATE, THAT F.F.A. DUAL LICENSURE
25 IN SPITE OF IT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPACT AS A NEW



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1 UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF THE COUNTY'S F.F.A.S
2 WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY DUALY LICENSED. WE MADE THIS DECISION
3 BECAUSE WE ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THERE ARE CURRENTLY ENOUGH
4 F.F.A.S COUNTYWIDE THAT ARE DUALY LICENSED TO HANDLE
5 ADOPTIONS WHEN APPROPRIATE--

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. DOES SOMEONE WANT TO GIVE
8 YOU THEIR TIME?

9

10 **BRUCE SALTZER:** I'M JUST GOING TO SUMMARIZE THEN. WE WANTED TO
11 SHOW THE COUNTY THAT WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THEM AND
12 COMPROMISE AND CONFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF
13 ADOPTION AS A PERMANENCY OPTION BY PROVIDING THE COUNTY WITH
14 THE CAPABILITY OF DOING ADOPTIONS AT EVERY ONE OF THE COUNTY'S
15 F.F.A.S.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. YOUR TIME IS UP. I KNOW YOU'RE
18 HERE ALL THE TIME. AND THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON IT.

19

20 **BRUCE SALTZER:** BUT I WAS SUPPOSED TO-- TRYING TO SET THE
21 STAGE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IF THEY DON'T WANT TO SPEAK, YOU CAN
24 SPEAK IN THEIR PLACE.

25



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1 **BRUCE SALTZER:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THIS IS VERY, VERY
2 COMPLEX AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FOR US AND FOR ALL THE FOSTER
3 FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR
6 NAME?

7

8 **BARBARA WILSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BARBARA WILSON. I
9 HAVE BEEN A FOSTER PARENT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY OVER 12 YEARS. I'M HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY
11 AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES'S
12 DECISION TO REQUIRE THAT ALL NEWLY RECRUITED FOSTER HOMES BE
13 DUALY CERTIFIED AFTER OCTOBER 1ST, 2009. AND I WILL TELL YOU
14 WHY. I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE BECOME A FOSTER
15 PARENT 12 YEARS AGO IF I HAD TO COMMIT TO ADOPTION AND DUAL
16 CERTIFICATION LIKE YOU ARE REQUIRING IN OCTOBER 2009. LIKE
17 MANY OTHER FOSTER PARENTS, I KNOW WE ARE COMMITTED TO
18 REUNIFYING CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR EMANCIPATING THEM
19 SUCCESSFULLY INTO ADULthood. IN MY 12 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
20 FOSTER CHILDREN AND THIS COUNTY, I HAVE UNITED OVER 60 TEENAGE
21 GIRLS TO LIVE IN MY HOME. AND I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REUNITED OR
22 EMANCIPATED OVER 80 PERCENT OF THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR COURT-
23 ASSIGNED CASE CODES. I AM HONESTLY SAYING-- I CAN HONESTLY SAY
24 THAT EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN THROUGH MY HOME HAS BEEN BENEFITED
25 SPIRITUALLY, SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY. MY MAIN PURPOSE IS TO



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1 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE GIRLS' LIVES, AND I HAVE. MANY OF
2 THEM HAVE GONE ON TO BECOME GREAT KIDS IN THIS SOCIETY. AND I
3 THANK GOD FOR THAT. THE POLICY OF DUAL CERTIFICATION AND THE
4 REQUIRED ADOPTION COMMITMENT SAYS TO ME AND OTHER COMMITTED
5 FOSTER PARENTS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY WHO HAVE PARENTED
6 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN, THAT YOU DON'T WANT OUR SERVICE ANY
7 MORE. SHAME ON YOU FOR FORCING THIS POLICY ON FOSTER PARENTS
8 KNOWING THAT IT WOULD DENY FOSTER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY
9 IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH FAMILIES THAT ARE COMMITTED TO THEM,
10 TO GETTING THEM HOME SUCCESSFULLY AND EMANCIPATING INTO
11 INDEPENDENT FAMILY LIFE. I WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN JUST RECENTLY
12 THAT THIS COUNTY INTENDS TO ENFORCE ITS POLICY ON FOSTER
13 PARENTS AND OUR CHILDREN. AND I ASK EVERY FOSTER PARENT I KNOW
14 IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THIS. OF COURSE WE DIDN'T KNOW, BECAUSE
15 D.C.F.S. DIDN'T TELL US ABOUT IT. SUPERVISORS, THIS POLICY IS
16 FLAWED AND THREATENS THE CONTINUATION--

17
18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND WE'RE
19 GOING TO ASK DR. ERNEST NUNEZ TO COME FORWARD. WOULD YOU
20 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

21
22 **SILVO ORLANDO:** I'M SILVO ORLANDO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
23 OPTIMIST YOUTH HOMES AND FAMILY SERVICES WE ARE DUALY
24 LICENSED AS A FOSTER FAMILY AND ADOPTION AGENCY. MY OPPOSITION
25 IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING. ONE, THIS POLICY IS INCONGRUENT



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1 WITH THE STATE'S D.S.S. PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN THAT
2 CALLS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED FOSTER
3 CAREGIVERS IN CALIFORNIA. THIS POLICY, AS YOU HAVE HEARD AND
4 WILL HEAR, WILL LEAD TO THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF
5 QUALIFIED FOSTER PARENTS BECAUSE MANY HAVE NO INTENTION OF
6 BECOMING AN ADOPTIVE PARENT, NOR DO THEY WANT TO GO THROUGH
7 THE STUDY. THREE, D.C.F.S. RECENTLY HAD TO REOPEN THE R.F.S.Q.
8 PROCESS FOR FOSTER FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT
9 THE LACK OF CAPACITY. BUT NOW THEY ARE ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT
10 THE CAPACITY WILL GO DOWN. IN FACT WE WERE TOLD BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT THAT IF ALL A FAMILY WANTS TO DO IS FOSTER, THEN
12 THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T EVEN WANT THEM. IF A FOSTER FAMILY AND
13 A PRIVATE AGENCY IS NOT CERTIFIED AS AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY AT THE
14 TIME OF APPLICATION, IF THEY LATER CHANGE THEIR MIND, OUR
15 PRIVATE AGENCIES CAN COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN A
16 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SIX TO 10 WEEKS. AND THIS WILL NOT DELAY
17 THE TIME FRAME TO PERMANENCY AS THE YOUTH WILL BE IN THAT HOME
18 IN THE MEANTIME WHILE WE FINISH THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS.
19 JUST BECAUSE THE COUNTY TAKES CLOSER TO SIX MONTHS TO DO THAT
20 SAME THING, WE DO IT IN A SHORTER PERIOD. IT'S NO REASON TO
21 FORCE US TO DO IT IN ALL FAMILIES. THE POSITION OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN THE POLICY BENEFITS CHILDREN BECAUSE THE
23 CHILD COULD BE IN A FOSTER HOME FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. AND IF
24 THAT FOSTER PARENT DOES NOT QUALIFY TO BE AN ADOPTIVE PARENT,
25 THE CHILD WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED TO ANOTHER FAMILY, WHICH WILL



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1 DELAY TIMELINES. YET THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT GIVE US ONE EXAMPLE
2 OR THE NUMBER OF CASES WHERE THIS HAS HAPPENED. IN TERMS OF
3 HIGHER STANDARDS, THE COUNTY MIGHT SAY THAT HIGHER STANDARDS
4 ARE NEEDED. I SAY LOOK AT THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES ALREADY IN
5 PLACE IN TERMS OF SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. THE PRIVATE PROVIDERS
6 ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. MUCH OF THAT IS BECAUSE WE WERE
7 HELD TO SIGNIFICANT HIGHER STANDARDS IN THE FIRST PLACE. FOR
8 INSTANCE, WE VISIT THE FAMILIES EVERY WEEK WHILE THE COUNTY IS
9 ONLY MANDATED TO DO SO ONCE A MONTH. WE ARE CONSTANTLY AUDITED
10 REGARDING OUR SERVICES; THE COUNTY IS NOT. REMEMBER, TOO, THAT
11 THE PRIVATE AGENCIES REPRESENT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE CHILDREN
12 IN FOSTER CARE. ONLY ONE-THIRD ARE WITH THE COUNTY. AND
13 PERHAPS THEIR CHANGE IN STYLE, IN TERMS OF REQUIRING ADOPTIVE
14 STUDIES UP FRONT, HAS LED TO FEWER FOSTER FAMILIES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. NOW SUPERVISOR
17 YAROSLAVSKY HAS ASKED THAT WE GIVE BRUCE SALTZER ADDITIONAL
18 TIME TO FINISH HIS STATEMENT. ANY OBJECTION?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO MINUTES? CAN YOU DO IT IN TWO MINUTES?

21

22 **BRUCE SALTZER:** I WILL PICK THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS, THANK
23 YOU. COUPLE OF POINTS. THE HIGHEST STANDARD.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE DO NEED TO GET THE OTHER PEOPLE UP.



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2 **BRUCE SALTZER:** I'LL DEFER THEN AND GO AFTER?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL ASK YOU TO LEAVE AND LET SOMEONE
5 ELSE. LET THE GENTLEMAN FINISH AND MISS WILSON.

6

7 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THERE HAS BEEN AN ALLEGATION THAT THIS IS A
8 HIGHER STANDARD, THE ADOPTION HOME STUDY. IT IS NOT A HIGHER
9 STANDARD. FIRST WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT STATE COMMUNITY CARE
10 LICENSING THAT BOTH FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS EXPERIENCE THE
11 EXACT SAME BACKGROUND CHECKS, SO THAT YOUTH IN CERTIFIED
12 ADOPTION HOME ARE NO SAFER THAN YOUTH IN A CERTIFIED FOSTER
13 HOME. SECONDLY, THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE
14 ADOPTION HOME STUDY ITSELF SIMPLY SEEKS TO DETERMINE THE LONG
15 TERM COMPATIBILITY OF THE FOSTER YOUTH WITH HIS OR HER
16 PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE FAMILY AND IT DOES NOT DETERMINE A HIGHER
17 STANDARD OF CARE. SO FOR EXAMPLE, IT ASKS IN GREATER DETAIL
18 ABOUT MARRIAGES, DIVORCES, INFERTILITY ISSUES IF THEY'RE
19 PRESENT, MOTIVATION TO ADOPT, EXPECTATIONS REGARDING ADOPTING
20 AND HOW THEY PLAN TO INTEGRATE THE CHILD INTO THE LIFE OF THE
21 FAMILY. SO IT'S NOT A HIGHER STANDARD; IT IS A DIFFERENT
22 STANDARD YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO ADOPT AS
23 OPPOSED TO SIMPLY FOSTER. THE CONCERNS THAT WE'VE HAD MOST
24 IMPORTANTLY IS THAT THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL WILL UNNECESSARILY
25 ACT AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE RECRUITMENT OF FOSTER FAMILIES. WE



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1 HAVE HAD IN FACT A FOSTER FAMILY, AN AGENCY THAT WAS FORMERLY
2 DUALY CERTIFIED, EVERY FOSTER FAMILY IN THAT AGENCY, WHO NO
3 LONGER DOES IT ANYMORE. THEY SAID WE DID ATTEMPT TO DUALY
4 CERTIFY ALL FOSTER FAMILIES AT ONE POINT IN TIME, BUT FAMILIES
5 NOT INTERESTED IN ADOPTION STRONGLY RESISTED THE ADDITIONAL
6 PROCESS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT
7 AGAIN ARE JUST THERE, OR ASKED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO STAY FOR
8 SHORT LENGTH OF STAY, FOR EMERGENCY, SHELTER CARE AND OTHER
9 PURPOSES THAT AGAIN DO NOT DICTATE THE NEED FOR AN ADOPTION
10 HOME STUDY. THERE IS A WHOLE SERIES OF AGENCIES THAT HAVE
11 RESPONDED, THAT HAVE TRIED TO DO THIS, THAT SAID, "WE ARE
12 LOSING FOSTER FAMILIES." SO THE MESSAGE ULTIMATELY, THE
13 IMPORTANT THING WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE IS, WHAT MESSAGE ARE WE
14 GIVING? DO WE SUPPORT THAT AS AN OPTION OR ARE WE MANDATING
15 EVERY SINGLE FOSTER FAMILY DO THIS? AND IF THERE'S A FOSTER
16 FAMILY OUT THERE THAT SIMPLY WANTS TO REUNIFY, WHICH IS THE
17 DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST STATED PERMANENCY GOAL, WE'RE TELLING
18 THEM THAT WE DON'T VALUE YOU IN THIS COUNTY. THAT TO ME IS A
19 VERY, VERY SERIOUS, SERIOUS STATEMENT AND IS NOT GOOD PUBLIC
20 POLICY. THE LAST POINT I'LL MAKE IS THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED A
21 COUPLE OF, AGAIN, COMPROMISES IN THIS ISSUE. ONE IS IN TERMS
22 OF BASICALLY SAYING FOR THE DUAL LICENSURE, WE WILL AGREE TO
23 THAT FOR ALL OF OUR AGENCIES TO AT LEAST ALLOW THAT OPTION TO
24 BE THERE. BUT THEN ULTIMATELY WE'RE ASKING THE LANGUAGE TO
25 READ, AND I'LL READ YOU THE LANGUAGE AND THEN I'LL END MY



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1 TESTIMONY. THIS IS WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO
2 THE LANGUAGE CURRENTLY IN THE CONTRACT THAT MANDATES DUAL
3 CERTIFICATION OF EVERY FAMILY. IT WOULD READ: "PART OF THE
4 ADMINISTRATION OF A HOME STUDY TO A PROSPECTIVE F.F.A. FAMILY,
5 THE F.F.A. SHALL HAVE A FAIR, BALANCED AND HONEST DISCUSSION
6 WITH THAT FAMILY REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ADOPTION
7 SHOULD REUNIFICATION EFFORTS NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL, AND SHALL
8 ADMINISTER THE ADOPTION HOME STUDY TO THAT FAMILY UNLESS THE
9 FAMILY EXPRESSES AN OBJECTION." SO WE'RE REALLY TALKING HERE
10 ABOUT GIVING THE FAMILY THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO MAKE THAT
11 DECISION AND NOT TELLING FAMILIES THAT ARE JUST THERE TO
12 REUNIFY-- AGAIN 8 TO 1 IN THIS COUNTY REUNIFICATIONS TO
13 ADOPTIONS, THE HIGHEST GOAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE YEARS
14 AND SHOULD BE IS REUNIFYING FAMILIES. WHAT MESSAGE ARE WE NOT
15 ONLY TELLING OUR FOSTER FAMILIES BUT OUR FAMILIES OUT THERE
16 THAT ARE SEEKING AT SOME POINT TO REUNIFY WITH THEIR CHILDREN
17 IF WE'RE NOT TELLING THEM THAT WE VALUE FOSTER PARENTS THAT
18 ARE SIMPLY OUT THERE TO HELP REUNIFY THEIR FAMILIES? THAT'S
19 THE MESSAGE WE'RE TRYING TO GET OUT THERE. THANK YOU FOR
20 GIVING ME THE EXTRA TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

23

24 **ROSA RIVAS:** MY NAME IS ROSA RIVAS AND I HAVE FOSTERED THREE
25 CHILDREN THROUGH OPTIMIST FAMILY ADOPTION AGENCIES. I AM A



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1 FOSTER PARENT. I HAVE BEEN A FOSTER PARENT FOR THE PAST 15
2 YEARS. AND I'M ALSO INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY. I DO NOT BELIEVE
3 IT IS RIGHT TO CERTIFY ALL FOSTER PARENTS FOR ADOPTIONS AS
4 MANY DO NOT WANT TO ADOPT. AND THIS WILL SCARE THEM. YOU WILL
5 NOT GET FAMILIES TO DO FOSTER CARE. MANY FOSTER PARENTS WILL
6 NOT APPLY IF THEY MUST BE ADOPTIVE PARENTS. I MYSELF WOULD NOT
7 HAVE DONE SO. IT'S HARD BEING A FOSTER PARENT. AND WE GO
8 THROUGH SO MUCH TO BE QUALIFIED. WE HAVE TO DO THIS, WE HAVE
9 TO DO THAT. WE DO NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT MUCH MORE IF WE
10 DON'T HAVE TO ADOPT. IF WE DECIDE TO ADOPT, LIKE I DID,
11 BECAUSE I HAVE ADOPTED A CHILD, IT IS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO DO
12 IT, NOT BECAUSE WE HAD SOMEBODY FORCING US TO DO CERTAIN
13 REQUIREMENTS TO BE A FOSTER PARENT. IT WAS BETTER FOR ME AND
14 MY FAMILY AND MY HUSBAND TO GO THROUGH THE ADOPTION STUDY WHEN
15 WE WERE READY. DON'T MAKE ALL FOSTER PARENTS APPLICANT GO
16 THROUGH UNNECESSARY EXTRA WORK. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HARD IT IS
17 ON US. EVERY YEAR WE HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED. EVERY YEAR WE HAVE
18 TO TAKE CLASSES TO KEEP OUR LICENSE OPENED. AND TO GIVE US
19 MORE WORK, THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU'LL ALLOW
22 SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR SEAT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, PLEASE
23 STATE YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS CRAIG WOODS AND I'M THE
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED CARE FOSTER CARE AGENCY. NEXT
3 YEAR WE WILL BE IN OUR 20TH YEAR PROVIDING CARE AND SERVICES
4 FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'LL GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT IN THE
7 AUDIENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **CRAIG WOODS:** I'M HERE TODAY TO STATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE
10 DUAL CERTIFICATION LANGUAGE D.C.F.S. INTENDS TO MAKE STANDARD
11 IN THE FOSTER CARE CONTRACT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 AND TO
12 EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ALTERNATE LANGUAGE THAT MR.
13 SALTZER JUST READ THAT A.C.H.S.A. IS PROPOSING AS A
14 COMPROMISE. SUPERVISORS, UNITED CARE ALONG WITH EVERY FOSTER
15 CARE AGENCY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, OPPOSES THE DUAL POLICY
16 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO
17 RECRUIT QUALITY FOSTER CARE FAMILIES ONCE IT'S IMPLEMENTED.
18 THE LANGUAGE SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE AND IT OFFENDS COMMITTED
19 TRADITIONAL FOSTER PARENT FAMILIES WHO ONLY CHOOSE TO PROVIDE
20 REUNIFICATION AND EMANCIPATION SERVICES TO FOSTER YOUTH. THE
21 MESSAGE D.C.F.S.'S LANGUAGE WILL SEND TO THE TRADITIONAL
22 FOSTER PARENT FAMILIES IS, "WE DON'T WANT YOUR SERVICES ANY
23 MORE," AND WE DON'T THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE. IF THIS IS THE
24 CASE, AND I HOPE IT ISN'T, I BELIEVE THE COUNTY IS BASICALLY
25 SHOOTING ITSELF IN THE FOOT BY ALIENATING THE POTENTIAL



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1 THOUSANDS OF THE MOST LUCRATIVE FOSTER PARENTS THIS COUNTY HAS
2 EVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECRUIT. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT
3 BABY BOOMERS, MY GENERATION, OKAY? WHO ARE JUST NOW RETIRING
4 WITH THE WILLINGNESS TO OPEN THEIR HOMES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO
5 FOSTER YOUTH UNTIL THEY CAN BE REUNIFIED WITH THEIR FAMILIES
6 OR SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATED INTO ADULT LIFE. SUPERVISORS,
7 THESE RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHERS, ENGINEERS, PUBLIC SERVANTS AND
8 OTHER PARAPROFESSIONALS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND HAVE A
9 TREMENDOUS WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE TO SHARE WITH
10 OUR CHILDREN, ALONG WITH A STRONG DESIRE TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR
11 COMMUNITIES, LIKE NO GENERATION BEFORE THEM. TRUST ME, WE DO
12 NOT WANT TO SEND THIS INSENSITIVE MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITIES
13 AND INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT THESE FINE FAMILIES. THE
14 ALTERNATE LANGUAGE THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT IS NOT
15 OFFENSIVE TO FAMILIES. IT RESPECTS THE FAMILY'S RIGHT TO
16 CHOOSE WHICH PATH IS BEST FOR THEM. IT SUPPORTS D.C.F.S.'S
17 GOAL TO RECRUIT MORE RESOURCE FAMILIES. AND IT PROVIDES FOSTER
18 CARE AGENCIES THE ABILITY TO BROADEN THE TENT, SO TO SPEAK, BY
19 RECRUITING FROM A BROADER, MORE EXPERIENCED POOL OF FAMILIES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CRAIG WOODS:** PLEASE CONSIDER THE ALTERNATE LANGUAGE AS AN
24 OPTION TO THE EXISTING LANGUAGE. AND SEND A POSITIVE COMMUNITY
25 TO OUR TRADITIONAL FOSTER PARENT FAMILIES THAT WE WANT THEIR



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1 SERVICES. AND WE NEED THEM TO HELP US TO CONTINUE TO REUNIFY
2 CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WILLIE SHERMAN? YES.
5 BUT DR. NUNEZ IS FIRST, PLEASE. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND
6 ARNOLD SACHS ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME UP?
7 YES, PLEASE.

8

9 **DR. ERNEST NUNEZ:** DR. ERNEST NUNEZ. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 THE MULTICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER. I PRESENT TODAY BEFORE THE
11 BOARD, DUE TO NON RESPONSE FROM D.C.F.S. WITH REGARD TO THE
12 AGENCY'S DENIAL OF AN S.O.Q. FOR NOT HAVING AN ADOPTION
13 LICENSE, D.C.F.S. BREACH OF AN AGREEMENT IN AN EXISTING
14 CONTRACT AND LACK OF DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO AGENCY BEING
15 ABLE TO FURTHER PROTEST DISQUALIFICATION. AS WE KNOW THERE WAS
16 AN INVESTIGATION AND IT WAS FOUND OUT THAT THE S.O.Q. DEADLINE
17 WAS EXPANDED TO REACH ANOTHER MONTH. BUT CHANGES WERE MADE IN
18 THE SENSE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN NOW AGENCIES NEEDED TO HAVE AN
19 ADOPTION LICENSE. WHEN THEY EXTENDED THAT, IT FAVORED THREE OF
20 THE AGENCIES, WHICH THE COUNTY ALREADY KNEW HAD AN ADOPTION
21 LICENSE, AND ONE OF THEM HAD ALSO USED SOMEONE TO ADVOCATE FOR
22 THEM, A LOBBYIST. SO IT WASN'T FAIR THAT THEY KNEW THREE OF
23 THESE AGENCIES ALREADY HAD ADOPTION LICENSES AND THEY WERE
24 DENYING THE OTHER THREE AGENCIES FOR NOT HAVING THAT. THE
25 REASON GIVEN FOR THE ADDITION OF ADOPTION LICENSE _____ WAS A



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1 NEED. I DON'T SEE HOW THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IN AN AGENCY LIKE
2 MULTICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER WHICH FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS
3 PROVIDED BILINGUAL, BICULTURAL SPANISH SPEAKING SERVICES,
4 SIBLING PLACEMENTS AND OTHER SPECIALIZED CULTURAL SERVICES.
5 WHEN I TALK ABOUT ADOPTION, IT NOT FROM A LAYMAN BUT SOMEONE
6 WHO HAS WORKED FOR D.C.F.S. ADOPTIONS. I DIRECTED THE FIRST
7 LATINO F.F.A. ADOPTION PROGRAM. IN FACT, MR. RAY GONZALEZ WAS
8 ONE OF MY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS. I HAVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO
9 HAVE OVER 20 YEARS OF ADOPTION EXPERIENCE. TO HAVE A SMALL
10 F.F.A. BE REQUIRED TO DO ADOPTION WORK IS NOT IN THE BEST
11 INTERESTS OF ALL INVOLVED BY A FISCAL AND LEGAL STANDARD. WITH
12 THE CURRENT NUMBER OF F.F.A.S DOING ADOPTION IN ADDITION TO
13 MORE AGENCIES WILL ONLY CREATE FISCAL HARDSHIP FOR AGENCIES
14 CURRENTLY DOING ADOPTION. ALSO D.C.F.S. IS CREATING MORE
15 DIRECT COMPETITION WITH ITS OWN ADOPTION AGENCY, WHICH ALSO
16 NEEDS TO MEET ITS QUOTA OF ADOPTION PLACEMENTS. THEREFORE I
17 DON'T SEE HOW IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE 60 ADOPTION AGENCIES.
18 HENCE IT IS STRONGLY FELT THAT THEIR CRITERIA SHOULD BE
19 DROPPED OR REQUIREMENT FOR F.F.A. TO HAVE AN ADOPTION LICENSE.
20 D.C.F.S. LACK OF ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO AGENCY PROTESTS S.O.Q.
21 DENIAL. U.S.A. ASKED THE BOARD TO FORM S.C. OF ITS RIGHTS,
22 WITH REGARDS TO ITS RIGHTS AND PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING
23 DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES. TODAY NOTHING SPECIFICALLY RELATED
24 TO THIS MATTER HAS BEEN--

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

2

3 **DR. ERNEST NUNEZ:** IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS TO STRONGLY LOOK AT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE IN THIS
5 MATTER, THE _____ ADOPT LICENSE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE _____
6 REQUIREMENT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

9

10 **WILLIE SHERMAN:** WILL SHERMAN. C.E.O. OF THE SHERMAN GROUP
11 INC., AND I AM HERE TO DIRECT MY CONCERNS TO SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH. MY PROGRAM IS LOCATED IN THE PALMDALE LANCASTER
13 PASADENA AREA. AND AS A RESULT OF THE R.F.S.Q. AND OUR FAILURE
14 TO PROCESS OUR APPLICATION TIMELY, I HAD TO LAY OFF 40 PEOPLE
15 IN YOUR DISTRICT. HOWEVER, THAT'S NOT MY CONCERN TODAY. MY
16 CONCERN IS THAT, TWO. FIRST IS THAT I OWE THE COUNTY \$70,000.
17 AND I'M TRYING TO BE CREATIVE ON HOW I'M GOING TO PAY THAT
18 MONEY WITHOUT A CONTRACT. THE OTHER IS AND I THINK I HAVE A
19 PROPOSAL WHICH YOUR STAFF HAVE COME TO ME AND SAID THAT THEY
20 ARE GOING TO SIT DOWN WITH ME AND HEAR THE DETAILS OF THAT
21 PROPOSAL. THAT'S IT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT COME UP?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU WORK WITH THE
2 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER OF THE COUNTY. BUT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT
3 YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE NEW REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE
4 CONTRACT TO PAY THAT PAST DEBT. IT HAS TO BE DONE IN ANOTHER
5 WAY. BUT OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WILL SIT DOWN WITH YOU.

6

7 **WILLIE SHERMAN:** BEFORE THEY RESPOND, LET ME-- I KNOW THAT. I
8 KNOW THAT I CAN'T USE.--

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THEY'RE NOT GOING TO RESPOND TO YOU.
11 THEY'RE GOING TO RESPOND ON THIS ISSUE, YOUR PERSONAL ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY WILL TALK ABOUT POLICY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY WILL NOT RESPOND TO YOUR PERSONAL
16 ISSUE. YOU WILL DEAL WITH THEM.

17

18 **WILLIE SHERMAN:** LET ME RESPOND TO YOUR STATEMENT. I KNOW THAT
19 THEY CANNOT-- I CANNOT PAY MONIES FOR NEW CLIENTS TO SATISFY
20 OLD CLIENT DEBT, HOWEVER I HAVE A FOLLOWING OF DONORS WHO ARE
21 DONATING TO MY CAUSE. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT DONATE TO MY
22 CAUSE IF I'M NOT DEALING WITH L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO I NEED
23 TO COME UP WITH A CREATIVE WAY IN WHICH I CAN KEEP MY
24 CONTRACTS SO THAT I CAN QUALIFY FOR THOSE DONATIONS. THAT
25 DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT PLACEMENT HAVE TO PLACE WITH ME.



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1 THAT I WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND SO
2 FORTH. I WON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND
5 TO THE POSITION AND THE LANGUAGE THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED.

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** TRISH PLOEHN WITH D.C.F.S. BASICALLY WHAT I'D
8 LIKE TO SHARE WITH THIS BOARD IS THAT THERE ARE TWO THINGS
9 THAT ARE ULTIMATELY IMPORTANT TO A CHILD, AND THAT IS THAT
10 THEY ARE SAFE AND THEIR NEEDS ARE BEING MET AND THAT THEY HAVE
11 A PERMANENT FAMILY. IN 1996, THE ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES
12 ACT WAS PASSED. AND PART OF THAT ACT SAID THAT CHILD WELFARE
13 AGENCIES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY ARE MANDATED TO DO CONCURRENT
14 PLANNING. WHAT THAT MEANS IS, THAT EVERY CHILD WELFARE AGENCY,
15 EVERY PERSON THAT DEALS WITH CHILDREN IN A CHILD WELFARE
16 AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO FIRST AND FOREMOST WORK AT AN EXPEDITED
17 REUNIFICATION FOR THAT CHILD SAFELY BACK WITH THEIR OWN
18 FAMILY, BUT THAT WE ALSO ARE TO HAVE A SECONDARY BACK UP PLAN
19 FROM DAY ONE FOR PERMANENCY, A FALL BACK PLAN SO THAT IF THAT
20 REUNIFICATION CANNOT SAFELY OCCUR IN THE TIME FRAMES THAT THE
21 COURT AND THE LAW ALLOWS AND REQUIRES, THAT WE HAVE A
22 PERMANENT FAMILY FOR THAT CHILD. THAT'S WHAT IS IN THESE
23 CONTRACTS. IT IS SAYING THAT RATHER THAN WORKING ON
24 REUNIFICATION FOR 12 MONTHS, 18 MONTHS, THEN DECIDING WE'RE
25 GOING TO MOVE ON TO ADOPTION AND START PLANNING AROUND



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1 ADOPTION, WE ARE GOING TO KNOCK THE BARRIERS DOWN THAT HAVE
2 BEEN IN PLACE IN THE DEPARTMENT UP UNTIL 2004 WHEN WE STARTED
3 DOING CONSOLIDATED HOME STUDIES THAT DELAYED PERMANENCY FOR
4 THESE CHILDREN. IF WE DO THOSE HOME STUDIES UP FRONT AND THAT
5 THE 18 MONTHS EXPIRES AND THAT CHILD CANNOT SAFELY GO HOME,
6 THEN WE HAVE FAMILIES THAT ARE ALREADY APPROVED THAT HOPEFULLY
7 BY THAT TIME, EVEN IF THEY HADN'T ENTERED INTO THIS BUSINESS
8 TO ADOPT A CHILD, THEY ONLY WANTED TO DO FOSTER CARE, WHAT WE
9 HAVE FOUND SO MANY TIMES IS THAT THEY HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH
10 THESE CHILDREN. THEY HAVE CARED FOR THIS CHILD FOR 12 AND 18
11 MONTHS, SOMETIMES TWO YEARS AND MANY TIMES, EVEN THOUGH IT
12 WASN'T THEIR INTENT, THEY ARE AT THAT POINT SAYING, " I WANT
13 TO BECOME THIS CHILD'S PERMANENT FAMILY." AND THERE ARE NOT
14 ANY BARRIERS THAT ARE GOING TO REQUIRE THIS CHILD TO BE MOVED.
15 THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY DELAYS THAT WILL CAUSE THE COURT
16 TO TAKE LONGER THAN IT NEEDS NEEDS TO TAKE. IN A CHILD'S EYES,
17 THERE IS A SENSE OF PERMANENCY. THERE IS A SENSE OF URGENCY
18 AROUND THAT PERMANENCY. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE, THE DEPARTMENT
19 AND THIS COUNTY OWES THAT TO EVERY CHILD IN ITS CARE.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS? [APPLAUSE.]

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY QUESTION IS, THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS
24 WHEN CHILDREN GROW UP IN FOSTER CARE AND ARE NOT ADOPTED AND
25 THEN EMANCIPATED, THOSE ARE THE CHILDREN THAT END UP WITHOUT A



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1 HOME, WITHOUT A FOUNDATION, WITHOUT A STRUCTURE AND
2 VICTIMIZED. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE VICTIMIZED AND END UP
3 IN-- BEING VICTIMIZED IN CRIME OR ALSO BEING PERPETRATORS IN
4 CRIME, ENDING UP IN OUR CORONER'S OFFICE OR IN OUR JAILS. AND
5 THIS EFFORT IS ONE TO-- AND AGAIN WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT THE
6 CHILD AND NOT SOMEBODY WHO MANY TIMES, SAD TO SAY, ARE MAKING
7 MONEY OFF OF THAT CHILD BY GIVING A TEMPORARY HOME AND NOT THE
8 FUTURE OPPORTUNITY THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE, THAT FAMILY
9 SUPPORT. I THINK THE FIRST LADY WHO TESTIFIED WHO ADOPTED THE
10 THREE CHILDREN FROM FIVE ACRES AND THEN HAVING THAT SUPPORT
11 FROM FIVE ACRES AND THE DEPARTMENT AS THEY HAVE NOW BEEN
12 ADOPTED, THOSE THREE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE PRODUCTIVE
13 MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY VERSUS THOSE THAT ARE IN A HOME AND
14 TURNED OUT ON THE STREET AT 18 WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT. WE HAVE
15 FAILED THEM BECAUSE WE ARE THEIR PARENTS. IF IN THIS AGENCY IF
16 WE DON'T PROVIDE, WE HAVE FAILED. THE CHILD HAS FAILED, BUT
17 WE'VE MADE THAT CHILD FAIL THROUGH OUR INACTIONS. JUDGE NASH,
18 AS I SAID EARLIER, HE WORKS ON THIS ISSUE 7 DAYS A WEEK. HE'LL
19 BE AT CONFERENCES WE ATTEND, ON A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, HE'S
20 THERE. CUTTING THE TIME, TIME DELAYS DESTROY THAT CHILD. THAT
21 CHILD HAS A LIMITED TIME. IF WE CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR
22 FAMILIES TO ADOPT, THAT'S CRUCIAL. THE DUAL CERTIFICATION
23 REQUIREMENT IS PROSPECTIVE NOT RETROACTIVE. AND FOSTER FAMILY
24 AGENCIES ARE PAID THREE TIMES THE FOSTER CARE RATE OF STATE
25 LICENSED HOMES. SO SOME, NOT ALL ARE IN IT FOR THE MONEY, BUT



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1 SOME ARE, SAD TO SAY. BUT THIS PROGRAM HERE IS TO HELP THE
2 CHILD AND TO CUT THE RED TAPE AND TO PROVIDE A FUTURE FOR THAT
3 CHILD BY MAKING IT EASIER FOR ADOPTIONS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE
4 WANT. CHILDREN TO BE ADOPTED IN A HOME FOR LIFE AND NOT JUST
5 TEMPORARILY FOR A STIPEND FOR THE OWNER AND THEN TURNED OUT ON
6 THE STREETS WHEN THEY'RE 18.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
9 ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
10 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY DID NOT INDICATE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS BEFORE WE DO THE
17 MARATHON?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF RANDALL LEE WHO JUST PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK HE
23 WAS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE LILLY ENTERPRISES WHERE HE SOLD
24 COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. HE WAS A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES, ACTIVE
25 MEMBER IN THE COMMUNITIES, GRADUATE OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL. HE



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1 SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE SALVATION ARMY, WAS GOING TO BE
2 THE NEW ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT, MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC BIG
3 BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF STEVE
4 COOLEY'S COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND A PAST DIRECTOR OF
5 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
6 RANDALL'S MOTHER, LILLY LEE, WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE, A
7 SUPPORTER, AND I WATCHED RANDY MATURE INTO A SUCCESSFUL
8 LEADER. HE PASSED AWAY PREMATURELY AT THE AGE OF 52 THIS PAST
9 WEEK. ALSO EDIE ADAMS, THE ACTRESS SINGER WHO BECAME VERY
10 FAMOUS FOR THE KOVACS UNLIMITED, HER HUSBAND ERNIE KOVACS

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SHE WAS KNOWN MOST AS THE MURIEL CIGAR
15 LADY. MY COUSIN WAS THE CREATOR OF THAT, AS HE WAS THE CREATOR
16 OF MURIEL CIGARS. HE ALSO WAS THE SCHICKS 13, 14 BARBER
17 SHAVING, AND THE PAPERMATE TWINS ON THE PAPERMATE PEN
18 COMMERCIAL. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING THEM AT THEIR
19 FIRST TELEVISION PERFORMANCE DOWN AT K.A.B.C. STUDIOS IN THE
20 OLDEN DAYS, WHEN MY COUSIN JACK SPURSEL TOOK ME TO INTRODUCE
21 ME. BUT SHE WAS A GREAT PERSON AND SHE LEAVES HER SON JOSHUA
22 AND HIS WIFE JENNIFER MILLS. DR. JENNIFER LAUREN SCOTT ERUAGA,
23 WHO WORKED FOR THE HIGH DESERT MEDICAL CENTER AND HERITAGE AND
24 LAKE LOS ANGELES OFFICES. SHE WAS ALSO THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR
25 FOR CARE-NET WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER AND VOLUNTEER AT GRACE



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1 RESOURCE CENTER. SHE PASSED AWAY PREMATURELY AT THE AGE OF 48.
2 EUGENE DALE FORTNER, HE WAS-- THE AFTER WORLD WAR II, WHERE HE
3 RECEIVED FIVE BATTLE STARS, TWO PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS AND A
4 BRONZE STAR, HE FOUNDED THE R.F.L. TOOL COMPANY, FORTNER
5 ENGINEERING, ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER W.L. FORTNER. AND HE
6 RETIRED IN 1991, WAS ACTIVE IN GLENDALE AS A BOARD OF
7 DIRECTORS OF THE GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND IN
8 THE ROTARY CLUBS. SYLVIA GOLDBERG, THE WIDOW OF AL GOLDBERG,
9 WHO WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND SUPPORTER. SHE PASSED AWAY THIS
10 MORNING. AL WAS THE POTENTATE OF THE SHRINERS' LODGE MANY
11 YEARS AGO AND SYLVIA WAS THE FIRST LADY. BUT SHE WAS KIND OF
12 LIKE OVERSEEING GODMOTHER OF MINE. WE APPRECIATE AND GIVE OUR
13 LOVE TO HER DAUGHTER LAINEE AND FAMILY. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND
14 PASSED AWAY, ELVA IRENE LEE. SHE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 9TH.
15 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
16 WEST LOS ANGELES REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THEN MOVED TO GLENDALE.
17 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FIVE SIBLINGS, ADA, KAM, ORA MAE, LOIS
18 YAMAMOTO AND AVA SUN, AND JUSTIN LEE IN HAWAII. A GOOD FRIEND,
19 FORMER DEPUTY TO ED EDELMAN, JIM MIYANO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER
20 13TH AT THE AGE OF 74.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JIM'S SON, JIM JUNIOR, WORKED IN MY OFFICE AS
25 ONE OF MY AIDS. HE WAS SENIOR DEPUTY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS FOR 22



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1 YEARS FOR SUPERVISOR EDELMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON JIM
2 AND HIS DAUGHTER CARYLANN AND TWO GRAND DAUGHTERS. HOWARD
3 RUSSELL MOREFIELD, WHO WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR
4 FORCE IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, AND WAS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IN
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WORKED FOR N.A.S.A. FOR SEVERAL YEARS
6 BEFORE HE RETIRED. JAMES PASSOW, FORMER PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN
7 MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. AND ACTIVE IN THE SCHOOLS IN THE
8 LAS VILLAS SILVER LAKE AREA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92.
9 MARTIN DEIRO, DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR 22 YEARS, PASSED AWAY. HE WAS
10 LAST ASSIGNED TO COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 DEPUTY SHERIFF, RETIRED. GERALD FRANCIS "JERRY" CURRY. ANOTHER
12 SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO PASSED AWAY IS LOUIS BURTON, AND JOE
13 SIDNEY LOUIS, 27-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
14 DEPARTMENT. ETHEL LEE SLADE FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WABERN
15 JOHN VADEN WORKED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
16 DIVISION. WANG YUNG-CHING, WHO BUILT THE FORMOSA PLASTICS
17 GROUP IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MOST PROFITABLE MANUFACTURING
18 CONGLOMERATE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 15TH AT THE AGE OF 91. HE
19 WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UNITED
20 STATES AS WELL, AND MAINLAND CHINA. MELVIN CHURCHILL WHO
21 PASSED AWAY FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND PAULINE HIMES. THOSE
22 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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1 **OKAY, WOULD YOU CALL IT UP? ITEM 58?**

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3 **>>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THERE ANY QUICK ITEMS THAT WE WERE
4 STILL HOLDING?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO I THINK WE JUST ABOUT-- SUPERVISOR
7 MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO DO YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS?
10 DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES KNABE HAVE ANY, AS WELL?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL DO MINE AFTER YOU'RE FINISHED. NO.
15 WAIT A MINUTE, WE HAVE NOT DONE 12.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE OTHER ITEM MADAME CHAIR. AND IT WAS
18 REALLY TO ASK A QUESTION. IT WAS ON THE ISSUE OF THE MARTIN
19 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL \$33 MILLION ISSUE, THE BUDGET ISSUE?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 54?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THAT CONTINUED OR NOT.?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS GOING TO BE CONTINUED BUT I HELD IT.
2 HANG ON. WHO ARE YOU GUYS? IS THIS ON THE OIL THING? BEFORE
3 YOU GET UP THERE, I JUST HAVE--

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE JUST HAVE THE TWO OTHER ITEMS TO TAKE
6 UP.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SORRY.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 54.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THE KING THING?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
17 HAPPENING BY CONTINUING THIS TO JANUARY I UNDERSTOOD A FEW
18 MONTHS AGO WHEN THIS ALL STARTED AND THE 33 MILLION WAS SET
19 ASIDE, THAT WE WERE SETTING IT ASIDE IN THE ANTICIPATION THAT
20 IN THE EVENT THAT THE PATRONAGE OF THE M.A.C.C. AT KING WOULD
21 REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE ADDITIONAL MONEY,
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THIS WAS SET ASIDE INTO A
25 P.F.U. TO COME BACK AS WE CAN SHOW THAT WE WERE ABLE TO



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1 INCREASE THE VISITS THERE FROM APPROXIMATELY 150,000 TOWARDS
2 THE 180 GOAL. THAT WAS LAST YEAR BECAUSE IT INCLUDED THE
3 PERIOD WHEN THE HOSPITAL WAS CLOSED WE WERE AT 120,000 VISITS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WHEN WE WERE HERE IN JUNE AT THE BOARD, WE
8 WERE ASSERTING THAT WE WERE DOING APPROXIMATELY 150,000 VISITS
9 AT THAT TIME. AND THE REASON-- WELL, THIS WAS SET ASIDE WITHIN
10 THE MOTION TO SAY WE WOULD COME BACK AFTER WE COULD SHOW THAT
11 WE'RE EXCEEDING 150,000 VISITS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

14

15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'RE PROJECTING THAT WE WILL BE COMING IN
16 WITH-- I'M LOOKING FOR THE NUMBER SO I WON'T MISQUOTE THAT.
17 WE'RE PROJECTING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE EXCEEDING THE 153,000
18 VISITS THAT IS OUR ANNUALIZED TOTAL DURING JULY AND AUGUST.
19 AND IN FACT WE'RE PROJECTING CLOSER TO 170,000 VISITS ONCE WE
20 GET ALL THE CLINIC CHANGES THAT WE'RE DOING IMPLEMENTED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WERE AT 150,000 VISITS IN JUNE.

23

24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S AN ANNUAL FIGURE.

2

3 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S AN ANNUAL FIGURE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BASED ON WHAT YOU WERE DOING, SO THAT WAS
6 FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, YOU WERE AT 150,000.

7

8 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE FISCAL YEAR AS A WHOLE WE HAD 120,000
9 FOR THE YEAR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT ON JUNE YOU WERE AT A PACE THAT WOULD
12 HAVE BEEN 150 IF IT HAD BEEN THE WHOLE YEAR?

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SINCE JUNE, HAVE YOU MEASURED IT?

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IN JULY AND AUGUST, OUR TOTAL VISITS
19 AVERAGED 12,800 PER MONTH, WHICH IS AN ANNUALIZED TOTAL OF
20 153,600.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR BOTH JULY AND AUGUST. THAT WAS THE
23 AVERAGE OF THOSE TWO MONTHS, AND THAT WAS THE ANNUALIZED TOTAL
24 BASED ON THOSE TWO MONTHS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THOSE LIGHT MONTHS TYPICALLY?

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3 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO, SUPERVISOR. TYPICALLY
4 THE MONTHS WE SEE A LITTLE BIT LIGHTNESS IS WHEN WE HAVE LESS
5 WORK DAYS IN THE MONTH WITH A LOT OF HOLIDAYS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IN JULY AND AUGUST, YOU WERE ON A PACE
8 FOR AN ANNUALIZED FIGURE OF 153,000. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU ENDED
9 UP HAVING AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IS 153,000, HOW MUCH
10 OF THAT \$33 MILLION WOULD YOU HAVE TO DRAW DOWN ON? NONE OF
11 IT? ALL OF IT? SOME OF IT?

12

13 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE A RECOMMENDATION
14 WE'D HAVE TO WORK WITH THE C.E.O. ON. THE ISSUE IS WE DO NEED
15 THAT IN TERMS OF TRYING TO FINANCE THE M.A.C.C.. OTHERWISE WE
16 HAVE A FURTHER GAP IN OUR BUDGET. BUT WE THINK THAT BY THE
17 TIME THIS COMES BACK IN JANUARY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT
18 WE'RE SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE PATH, ON THE TRAJECTORY TO GET TO
19 NOT 153 BUT CLOSER TO 170,000 VISITS FOR THE YEAR AND
20 THEREFORE WE'D ASK THE BOARD TO RESTORE THE ENTIRE 33 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT MY QUESTION WAS IF IT STAYED AT 153--

23

24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I HOPE WE DON'T GET TO THAT POSITION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOU DO. BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO
2 UNDERSTAND. 170,000 IS WHAT YOU NEED \$33 MILLION FOR.

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4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT WAS 153, HOW MUCH LESS WOULD YOU NEED?

7

8 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, WE NEED THE 33 TO STAFF THE STAFFING
9 AS WE CURRENTLY HAVE IT AT THE M.A.C.C. AND THE SUPPLIES AND
10 SERVICES. THE CHALLENGE FOR US IS WE HAVE THE STAFFING TO
11 ACHIEVE 180,000 VISITS. WE HAVE TO DO SOME RESTRUCTURING OF
12 THE CLINICS, ADD SOME MORE HOURS AT CLINICS THAT ARE
13 OVERSUBSCRIBED WHERE THERE'S PEOPLE ON WAITING LISTS, MOVE
14 SOME STAFF FROM ONE CLINIC OR ANOTHER SO THAT WE CAN IN FACT
15 BRING IN MORE PEOPLE AND TREAT MORE PEOPLE AND THEREFORE REACH
16 THE HIGHER GOAL. AND I THINK WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS ON THAT.
17 AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO. OTHERWISE WE WILL HAVE A
18 BUDGET GAP IF WE DON'T GET THAT 33 MILLION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHETHER YOU GET TO 170,000 OR NOT, YOU'RE
21 GOING TO NEED THE 33 MILLION?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL COST TO GO FROM 153
2 TO 180, IF YOU ADDED 17,000?

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT'S IN THE BUDGET. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S SOME
5 OF THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES COSTS THAT TIE IN TO HOW MANY
6 VISITS WE HAVE THAT IF WE DON'T GET THERE WOULD BE LESS AND WE
7 WOULD HAVE SOME SAVINGS. BUT SINCE THE MAJORITY OF OUR COSTS
8 ARE STAFFING AND WE'RE STAFFED AT THE LEVEL BASED UPON THE
9 H.M.A. RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD GET US TO 180,000, WE NEED
10 THOSE STAFF. THE OTHER AREA, FROM THE REPORTS THAT WE GAVE IS
11 WE'RE CONTINUING TO TRY TO REDUCE REGISTRY. AND WHERE WE HAVE
12 REGISTRY THERE AND FILL IN WITH PERMANENT STAFF, TO THE EXTENT
13 WE DO THAT, WE'LL BRING COSTS DOWN A BIT, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU ARE NOW STAFFED AS
16 THOUGH YOU HAVE THE \$33 MILLION?

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY ARE YOU POSTPONING THIS TILL JANUARY?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TO GET FURTHER CLARITY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
23 THINGS. ON THE CLINIC CONFIGURATION.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:.**



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WON'T EVEN GO THERE. BUT STICK TO THE
3 ISSUE THAT HE IS NOW SPENDING MONEY AS THOUGH HE HAS THE 33
4 MILLION. JANUARY WE'LL BE HALFWAY THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR. SO
5 YOU KNOW THAT HE WILL SPEND AT LEAST FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE
6 YEAR, HE WILL SPEND MONEY THAT HE NOW DOESN'T HAVE THAT IS
7 SITTING IN THIS SIDEBAR P.F.U. WHY WOULDN'T YOU GIVE HIM THAT
8 MONEY OR TELL HIM NOT TO SPEND IT?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BECAUSE IF IN FACT THE GROWTH DOESN'T OCCUR AS
11 PLANNED, HE MAY NOT NEED THE FULL 33.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT HE JUST SAID. WHAT HE
14 SAID WAS, HE IS SPENDING IT, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER HE'S AT
15 150 OR 180, HE'S GOING TO NEED THE 33. IS THAT WHAT YOU JUST
16 SAID?

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I SAID THAT IN TERMS OF THE STAFFING. I
19 SAID WE MAY HAVE SOME SAVINGS ON THE SUPPLY SIDE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MAY HAVE SOME SAVINGS ON THE SUPPLY SIDE
22 NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. BUT RIGHT NOW-- I'M GOING TO ASK YOU
23 AGAIN. RIGHT NOW YOU ARE SPENDING AS THOUGH -- YOU HAVE A
24 BUDGET THAT INCLUDES THIS \$33 MILLION. YOU JUST DON'T HAVE THE
25 MONEY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THEY WON'T CUT BACK STAFF.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JOHN?

5

6 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE ARE SPENDING, IN TERMS OF STAFFING, AT
7 THE LEVEL WHERE WE WOULD NEED THE 33 MILLION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT IS NOW OCTOBER 21ST. WE'RE IN THE
10 SECOND QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR. HE HAS SPENT A QUARTER OF
11 THAT 33 MILLION, LET'S JUST MAKE IT SIMPLE. THAT'S OVER \$8
12 MILLION THAT HE HAS SPENT. AT LEAST YOU SHOULD GIVE-- I MEAN
13 I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. IS THIS ALL AN OPTICAL THING?
14 IS THIS ABOUT OPTICS, NOT MOVING, THE SAME THING WE HAD A
15 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO? EITHER HE NEEDS THE MONEY OR HE DOESN'T
16 NEED THE MONEY. IF YOU DON'T THINK HE NEEDS THE MONEY, WHY ARE
17 YOU LETTING HIM SPEND IT IF HE DOESN'T HAVE IT? I'M JUST
18 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW ANY DEPARTMENT IS ALLOWED TO SPEND
19 MONEY THAT MAY BE ON PAPER IN HIS BUDGET BUT DOESN'T HAVE THE
20 CASH TO SPEND IT.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME HIS BUDGET IS SUFFICIENT
23 TO CARRY HIM THROUGH JANUARY. IF THE GROWTH DOESN'T OCCUR AND
24 IN FACT WILL REQUIRE TO DOWNSIZE SOME OF THE STAFFING, WHICH
25 WE'VE DONE ALREADY, THEY WOULD BE MOVING MONEY IN AND POSSIBLY



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1 MOVING OUT. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS LET THE DUST SETTLE
2 SOMEWHAT. SO BECAUSE HE HAS-- IF YOU LOOK AT HIS BUDGET IN
3 TOTAL, THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GET HIM THROUGH JANUARY.
4 AND THEN THERE'S SOME OTHER DECISIONS HE'S MAKING.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS HE GOING TO GET THE MONEY? WHERE IS
7 IT IN HIS BUDGET THAT HE HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH? WHERE IS IT
8 COMING FROM?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HIS CURRENT BUDGET ALLOCATION WILL CARRY HIM
11 THROUGH AT LEAST JANUARY. IF YOU LOOK AT HIS CURRENT STAFFING
12 LEVEL, HIS CURRENT DEMAND ON SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES, HE
13 HAS THAT MONEY. THIS 33, IF HE DOESN'T GET THE 33, HE WILL NOT
14 HAVE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY HIM THROUGH JANUARY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T WE APPROVE A BUDGET THAT HAS THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES STILL IN THE RED BY 30 OR \$40
18 MILLION? ISN'T THAT WHAT WE ENDED UP DOING?

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET YOU
21 PASSED AT THAT POINT WAS BALANCED. THE SCHEDULE WE GAVE YOU
22 WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT IT A COUPLE WEEKS BEFORE THAT IN
23 SEPTEMBER HAD ABOUT \$43 MILLION ON DEFICIT THAT WE WERE
24 PROJECTING AFTER WE FINISHED WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND
25 THAT INCLUDED SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BOTTOM LINE IS YOU ARE OPERATING \$43
3 MILLION IN THE RED RIGHT NOW. SO I COME BACK TO MR. FUJIOKA.
4 WHERE IS THIS MONEY THAT YOU SAYS HE HAS? HE IS SPENDING THE
5 SECOND HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR'S MONEY IN THE FIRST HALF OF
6 THE FISCAL YEAR AND YOU CALL THAT MONEY? THIS IS KIND OF
7 SIMPLE. EITHER-- IF HE HAS 100 PEOPLE WORKING AT THE M.A.C.C.,
8 FOR THE SAKE OF EASIER MATH, AND IT COST HIM A MILLION DOLLARS
9 TO MEET PAYROLL EVERY MONTH, AND HE'S SPENDING A MILLION
10 DOLLARS A MONTH, BUT HE ONLY HAS A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS
11 BUDGET, THEN WHERE'S THE OTHER HALF MILLION COMING FROM EVERY
12 MONTH?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AGAIN TRYING TO USE YOUR EXAMPLE. IF HE HAS
15 THAT MILLION DOLLARS PAYROLL REQUIREMENT RIGHT NOW AND IN FACT
16 HE HAS 8 MILLION IN HIS ACCOUNT, THAT WOULD CARRY HIM FOR THE
17 FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR. WE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH OUR
18 PROCESS OF FULLY IMPLEMENTING H.M.A. REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO
19 BRINGING UP SOME CLINICS IN THE OUTPATIENT SURGICAL PROGRAM.
20 IT'S NOT THAT HE HAS INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY HIM THROUGH
21 JANUARY. IF WE WANTED TO-- IF YOU WANTED TO MOVE THAT MONEY
22 NOW, THAT COULD BE DONE, BUT WE DIDN'T SEE IT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS YOUR RECOMMENDATION ORIGINALLY.

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE DIDN'T SEE A SENSE OF URGENCY DOING IT THIS
2 MONTH AND TODAY. WE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO PUT IT
3 OFF FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND THEN IN JANUARY WHEN WE MAKE
4 SOME OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU WITH RESPECT TO THE ENTIRE
5 BUDGET, WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD AT THAT TIME.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME GO BACK TO THE EXAMPLE. IT SOUNDS
8 LIKE TO ME THAT HE HAS A BUDGET OF SO MUCH MONEY FOR THE YEAR.
9 HE MAY BE OVERSPENDING IT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.
10 ESSENTIALLY WHEN YOU GET TO JANUARY IF IT GOES AT THIS PACE,
11 HE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
12 TO MEET HIS OBLIGATIONS BASED UPON WHAT OUR PROJECTIONS ARE,
13 BASED ON HIS BUDGET, CORRECT? IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU
14 SAY HE'S GOT ENOUGH MONEY NOW TO GET THROUGH TO JANUARY?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS FAR AS BEING SHORT OF HIS EXPECTATIONS? THE
17 TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE M.A.C.C. IS HOW MUCH, JOHN? I THINK IF
18 I'M READING IT RIGHT IT'S CLOSE TO \$200 MILLION TOTAL BUDGET
19 FOR THE M.A.C.C..

20

21 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE GOT THAT WITH ME.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IS IT THIS PAGE RIGHT HERE?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU MIGHT ALSO SAY WHAT IS THE WAITING
2 TIME FOR SOME OF THE PROCEDURES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. I JUST WANT TO GET THE NUMBERS.
5 THEN WE CAN GET--

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE M.A.C.C. COMES IN
8 ABOUT 210, \$211 MILLION.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WAS THE POINT ON THAT?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE POINT BEING THAT IS CURRENTLY WHAT'S IN
13 HIS BUDGET RIGHT NOW. ARE YOU CONCERNED WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS
14 SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY HIM THROUGH JANUARY? OR WHETHER OR
15 NOT--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER HE HAS
18 ENOUGH MONEY TO GET THROUGH JUNE. I GUESS WHAT I'M CONCERNED
19 ABOUT IS THE CREDIBILITY OF THE BUDGETING PROCESS. IF HE'S GOT
20 A \$210 MILLION BUDGET FOR THE M.A.C.C., THAT INCLUDES THE 33
21 MILLION, DOESN'T IT, JOHN?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCEPT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THE 33 MILLION
2 BECAUSE IT'S BEING WITHHELD FROM YOU. SO YOU HAVE A \$210
3 MILLION BUDGET BUT YOUR REVENUES THAT YOU HAVE, THE CASH THAT
4 YOU HAVE WILL BE MINUS 33 MILLION OF THAT, 177 MILLION,
5 CORRECT?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT WHETHER I ANSWER
8 THAT QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THE 33 MILLION IS CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. FAIR ENOUGH.

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SHEILA CAN HELP ME WITH THAT?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I HAVE TO WAIT FOR A SECOND TO ANSWER THE
15 QUESTION. THE CLARIFICATION YOU'RE ASKING FOR NOW IS?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHETHER THE 210 MILLION INCLUDES THE \$33
18 MILLION.

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** AND THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I
21 WAS ANSWERING THAT QUESTION CORRECTLY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE WANTS TO BE SURE HE IS RIGHT ABOUT THAT
24 THAT, WHICH IS FAIR ENOUGH.

25



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1 **SHIELA SHIMA:** I'M SORRY. IF I COULD HAVE THE QUESTION AGAIN.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO PROBLEM. THE BUDGET OF THE M.A.C.C. IS
4 210 MILLION FROM WHAT HE JUST SAID.

5

6 **SHEILA SHIMA:** IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE \$33 MILLION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES NOT INCLUDE THE \$33 MILLION.

9

10 **SHEILA SHIMA:** CORRECT. THIS IS THE BUDGET THAT WAS ADOPTED AS
11 PART OF SUPPLEMENTAL. THE \$33 MILLION WAS MOVED FROM THE
12 M.L.K. M.A.C.C. BUDGET AND PUT INTO THE P.F.U.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE BUDGET IS 20. AT WHAT PACE ARE YOU
15 SPENDING? ARE YOU SPENDING AT A PACE THAT WOULD BE 243 MILLION
16 BY THE TIME THE YEAR IS OUT?

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** FOR THE PORTION OF THAT THAT REPRESENTS
19 THE SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, THE ANSWER IS YES. SO
20 ROUGHLY LET'S SAY 60 OR 70 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET WE ARE
21 SPENDING, OF THE VARIABLE BUDGET, WE ARE SPENDING AT THAT RATE
22 BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL THOSE POSITIONS THAT WE'RE UTILIZING.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT YOU'RE PAYING FOR. AND THE OTHER 30 TO
25 40 PERCENT IS SUPPLIES AND THAT SORT OF THING?



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2 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT'S SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T KNOW YET--

5

6 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE SHOULD BE UNDER SPENDING ON THAT BASED
7 UPON THE VOLUME WE HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO AT THE VERY LEAST YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING
10 TO NEED 20 OF THE 30-- ROUGHLY 20 OF THE 33, 22 OF THE \$33
11 MILLION.

12

13 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S A REASONABLE ASSUMPTIONS IF WE
14 DON'T MAKE ANY CUTS IN POSITIONS LATER IN THE YEAR AFTER
15 JANUARY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY ONLY QUESTION TO YOU, BILL, IS I'M JUST
18 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY-- WE DON'T HOLD BACK USUALLY,
19 TYPICALLY WE DON'T HOLD BACK A CHUNK OF MONEY FROM AN
20 ORGANIZATION FROM A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET IN A P.F.U.,
21 ESPECIALLY ON ONE WHERE HE'S TELLING YOU HIS STAFFING IS AT A
22 PACE TO APPROACH \$240 MILLION. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO
23 UNDERSTAND WHY THIS ONE, WHY HOLD THIS ONE TO JANUARY? WHY NOT
24 HOLD EVERYTHING IN THE DEPARTMENT TILL JANUARY OR HALF OF
25 THEIR IN THE BUDGET UNTIL JANUARY. THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO



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1 GO THROUGH HALF OF THEIR BUDGET YEAR WITH HALF OF THEIR MONEY.

2 WHAT'S THE REASON FOR IT?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF THE CONSEQUENCE WAS THE DEPARTMENT HAD
5 INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY US THROUGH JANUARY OR EVEN THROUGH
6 MARCH GIVEN THE CURRENT AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THEIR BUDGET, I
7 WOULD UNDERSTAND. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS DELAY THIS MOVING
8 THE MONEY FROM THE P.F.U. FOR A COUPLE MONTHS TO GET CLARITY.
9 BECAUSE ONE HE SAID AT MINIMUM \$20 MILLION. THAT'S A GUESS
10 RIGHT NOW. WE KNOW THAT OF THE \$33 MILLION IT IS UNLIKELY HE'S
11 GOING TO USE THAT TOTAL AMOUNT. THE BASIC ISSUE OF JUST THE
12 SUPPLIES, HIS S&S AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT WILL BE USED. SO DO
13 WE SAY MOVE 20 NOW? MOVE 22? MOVE 25 WHEN WE HAVE MORE CLARITY
14 IN JANUARY? AND IT DOESN'T-- BY NOT MOVING IT TODAY, IT HAS NO
15 IMPACT ON THE CURRENT SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED AT THE
16 M.A.C.C.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE CAN SAY THAT ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT, MY
19 DEPARTMENT, ANY DEPARTMENT, THAT YOU COULD HOLD BACK A
20 PERCENTAGE, A SMALL PERCENTAGE BECAUSE YOU DON'T-- BECAUSE
21 THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GET TO JANUARY. EVERYBODY HAS ENOUGH
22 MONEY TO GET TO JANUARY. IT'S JUNE THAT WE WORRY ABOUT.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WITH THIS SITUATION IS
25 YOU HAVE-- THE M.A.C.C. IS RELATIVELY NEW. IT HASN'T BEEN IN



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1 EXISTENCE FOR THAT LONG A TIME. WE RECENTLY WENT THROUGH A
2 DOWNSIZING OF THE M.A.C.C. WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF FULLY
3 IMPLEMENTING THE H.M.A. RECOMMENDATIONS. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE
4 CLINIC STRUCTURE AND THE CONFIGURATION. IF IT'S THE PLEASURE
5 OF THE BOARD TO MOVE IT NOW, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. BUT WE
6 THOUGHT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE IT A STEP AT A TIME
7 AND DO IT WITH JUST THAT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS YOUR RECOMMENDATION ORIGINALLY TO
10 MOVE IT NOW, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AS I RECALL IT. IT WAS GOING
11 TO BE MOVED NOW, WHENEVER WE DID THE BUDGET, TWO WEEKS AGO.

12

13 **SHEILA SHIMA:** AS I RECALL, THAT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT
14 WAS INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES MEMO TO THE
15 BOARD WHEN THEY PROVIDED THE UPDATED INFORMATION. HOWEVER, IN
16 REVIEWING WHAT WAS PRESENTED IN THE MEMO, MANY OF THE
17 PROPOSALS HAD YET TO BEGIN. AND WE FELT THAT BY WAITING UNTIL
18 JANUARY, WE WOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE
19 PROCESS THEY WERE GOING TO PUT IN PLACE TO INCREASE THE VISITS
20 AND WE'D BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD AT THAT TIME WITH
21 MORE DATA THAN WE HAD AT THE TIME WE CAME FORWARD WITH THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR OFFICE NEVER RECOMMENDED THAT WE PUT
2 THE 33 MILLION IN HIS BUDGET NOW? OR TWO WEEKS AGO? IN THE
3 CLOSING, BOOK CLOSING.

4

5 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
6 SERVICES MADE THAT RECOMMENDATION. WE REVIEWED IT. AND UPON
7 REVIEW FELT THAT WE SHOULD COME FORWARD AT A LATER DATE, IN
8 JANUARY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW HE'S SPENDING THE MONEY NOW ON THE
11 STAFFING, ON PERSONNEL THAT ASSUMES THAT 33 MILLION OR AROUND
12 THAT LEVEL, THAT PACE.

13

14 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS
15 ON THE RIGHT TRACK. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY HARD DATA RIGHT NOW
16 TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO. MR. SCHUNHOFF, RIGHT NOW HOW MANY OF THOSE
21 PEOPLE ARE ON CONTRACT? THEY'RE LIKE REGISTRY PEOPLE?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S THE TOTAL, BUT A LOT OF THEM ARE
24 OTHER REGISTRY. SUPERVISOR. I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER HERE, I



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1 BELIEVE THE NUMBER WHEN THE REPORT WAS MADE AT THE TIME WE
2 WERE DOING THE MITIGATIONS IN AUGUST WAS ABOUT 50.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE ISSUE IS, IS THIS IS A
5 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ISSUE. AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM. ON THE DAY
6 THAT THEY ASKED FOR THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE
7 VISITS TO NEED THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT THEY WERE FUNDING.
8 NOW, THE ISSUE IS, IS IT A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE? DO YOU LET THEM
9 GO? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THEM? WELL THE REALITY IS THAT A GOOD
10 NUMBER OF THEM ARE REGISTRY, INCLUDING CUSTODIANS. SO THIS IS
11 A MANAGEMENT ISSUE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE-- THERE'S NO NEED FOR
12 THAT MANY CUSTODIANS IF IN FACT YOU DON'T HAVE THE PATIENTS.
13 AND THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT THIS M.A.C.C. STILL HASN'T BEEN ABLE
14 TO CONTROL. AND SO THERE ARE ISSUES THAT WHEN YOU HAVE ENOUGH
15 PATIENTS FOR THAT TO WARRANT THAT MUCH STAFF, THAT'S WHEN YOU
16 SHOULD HAVE THE STAFF. I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE WHEN THERE'S A
17 PERMANENT EMPLOYEE THAT IS THERE AS TO WHAT YOU DO WITH THEM.
18 BUT THERE'S ALL KINDS OF WAYS, I MEAN WE HAVE WAITING LISTS
19 FOR NURSES ALL DAY LONG EVERYWHERE ELSE. THE ISSUE IS THAT
20 THEY HAVE MORE STAFF THERE RIGHT NOW THAN THEY HAVE FOR THEIR
21 APPROPRIATE STAFFING OF VISITS. HOPEFULLY WHEN WE VISIT THIS
22 AGAIN AND WE ENCOURAGE-- BECAUSE WE WANT THE M.A.C.C. TO BUILD
23 UP ITS VISITS. IT'S JUST NOT DOING IT AS YET.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY'RE AT 153.



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SUP. MOLINA: RIGHT. ONCE THEY CAN ALL GET THERE WITH THE KIND OF OUTREACH THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THE DATA THAT'S THERE, THEN WE'RE GOING TO KNOW. BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE OF NOT HAVING PERSONNEL. WHEN I LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF CUSTODIANS THAT YOU HAVE FOR THE M.A.C.C., THAT WAS QUITE HIGH. AND IT'S TAKEN A LOT OF PUSH. AND I HOPE THAT BY NOW THE REGISTRY CUSTODIANS ARE GONE AND MAKING THE REGULAR CUSTODIANS THAT WORK FOR US DO THE WORK OF CLEANING UP AS THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO. I UNDERSTAND THEY DON'T WANT TO AND YOU'RE HAVING A MANAGEMENT PROBLEM IN THAT REGARD. BUT WE SHOULDN'T BE PAYING FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO CLEAN UP AND DO THE WORK.

13

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: AND ALSO THOSE WHO ARE CLEANING SHOULD BE, IF IT'S THE M.A.C.C., THEY SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE MACK FOR MAINTENANCE RATHER THAN TO OTHER PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL. THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. YOU CANNOT PUT EVERYTHING IN THE M.A.C.C. IF IT'S APPLIED TO THE REMAINDER OF THE HOSPITAL IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE. ALL RIGHT.

20

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: LET ME ASK THE C.E.O., EITHER MR. FUJIOKA OR SHEILA, YOU AGREE THAT HE NOW HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SPEND MONEY UP TO THAT \$33 MILLION, CORRECT? I MEAN HE'S TRYING TO DRIVE THE PATRONAGE OF THE M.A.C.C. UP, THE 180,000, CORRECT?

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1 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE NOT TELLING HIM DON'T GO TO
4 180,000 BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT, YOU'RE SAYING
5 GO THERE AND WE'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY.

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7 **SHEILA SHIMA:** CORRECT. BUT THE ISSUE WOULD BE THE FULL AMOUNT
8 IN HIS BUDGET, THAT TOTAL AMOUNT MAY NOT BE-- HIS TOTAL COSTS
9 MAY NOT BE AT THAT LEVEL. I GUESS THE ONLY THING I'M TRYING TO
10 CLARIFY IS, THE EXISTING STAFF HE HAS IN PLACE NOW, WE HAVE
11 NOT ASKED HIM TO REDUCE THAT NUMBER OF STAFF BECAUSE WE
12 BELIEVE HE NEEDS TO HAVE THOSE FOLKS IN PLACE IN ORDER TO GET
13 TO THE TARGET NUMBER OF VISITS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. SO THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION IS YES,
16 THAT HE IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND AND HIRE AND DO WHATEVER HE
17 NEEDS TO DO AS THOUGH HE HAD THE \$33 MILLION.

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19 **SHEILA SHIMA:** CORRECT. OR SOME PORTION OF IT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HANG ON. BUT WE HAVEN'T GIVEN HIM THE 33
22 MILLION. IS THAT GOOD BUDGETING? TO TELL A DEPARTMENT HEAD
23 SPEND UP TO X, BUT WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GIVE YOU X MINUS 33
24 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOBODY TOLD HIM TO SPEND UP TO X.

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF YOU DON'T FEEL THAT IN FACT HE WILL NEED
4 THE FULL \$33 MILLION, WOULD IT BE REASONABLE TO TRANSFER THAT
5 MONEY RIGHT NOW? WE HAVE P.F.U.S THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE BUDGET.
6 UNTIL A DEPARTMENT HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR THE
7 TOTAL AMOUNT, WE HOLD SOME MONEY BACK. WHAT HE'S BEEN TOLD TO
8 DO--

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NAME ME ANOTHER CASE WHERE YOU HAVE A P.F.U.
11 WHERE YOU ARE WITHHOLDING MONEY FROM A DEPARTMENT FOR A
12 PROGRAM THAT IS ONGOING, NOT FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT BUT FOR A
13 PROGRAM THAT IS ONGOING. NAME ME ONE.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LET ME HELP WITH THIS. THE TARGET IS TO GET TO
16 180,000.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW OF ONE?

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I HAVE TO HAVE SOME HELP WITH THAT BECAUSE WE
21 DO HAVE-- IF YOU WANT, WE CAN GET SOME OF THAT INFORMATION FOR
22 YOU.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MADE A STATEMENT THAT IT'S NORMAL. I
25 JUST QUESTION IT.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS A PROVISIONAL FUNDING. WE HAVE
3 PROVISIONAL FUNDING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BUDGET.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS.

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7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE TOLD THIS DEPARTMENT TO GET TO A
8 CERTAIN VISIT LEVEL, THAT THEY'RE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THAT
9 VISIT LEVEL. HE'S TOLD YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY,
10 HE'S NOT GOING TO USE THE FULL 33. WOULD IT BE A PRUDENT MOVE
11 AT THIS POINT IN TIME, KNOWING HE'S NOT GOING TO USE THE FULL
12 33, TO IN FACT MOVE THAT MONEY WHEN WE HAVE A DEFICIT, TO MOVE
13 THAT MONEY INTO THE DEPARTMENT? PROBABLY NOT. WOULD IT BE A
14 BETTER MOVE ONCE WE HAVE CLARITY ON EXACTLY WHAT HE NEEDS? AND
15 YET WE STILL ENSURE HE HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO MEET HIS
16 CURRENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS. THAT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE WE'RE ONLY
17 2 1/2 MONTHS AWAY FROM THAT POINT IN TIME. I REALLY DON'T SEE
18 THE DOWN SIDES IN WAITING FOR 2 1/2 MONTHS IN IN FACT IT
19 DOESN'T IMPACT ANY OF HIS OPERATIONS, ANY OF HIS SERVICES. IF
20 IT DID, IF HE SAID , "WELL AS A CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MOVING THAT
21 MONEY TODAY I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SHUT DOWN SOME CLINICS," THEN
22 IT WOULD BE A FOOLISH THING TO DO.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO HE'S NOT GOING TO HAVE TO SHUT DOWN
25 CLINICS BECAUSE HE'S BEEN TOLD HE COULD SPEND UP TO \$33



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1 MILLION, THAT'S MY POINT. SO I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS,
2 WITHHOLDING IT IN THE P.F.U. IS EITHER MEANINGLESS BECAUSE
3 IT'S JUST AN ACCOUNTING THING, OR IT'S RECKLESS BECAUSE HE'S
4 GOING TO OVERSPEND HIS BUDGET BY 33 MILLION. IT'S ONE OR THE
5 OTHER.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOT BY JANUARY. ABSOLUTELY NOT BY JANUARY. AND
8 IF IN FACT HE DOESN'T NEED--

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, IT WON'T BE BY JANUARY BECAUSE THAT'S
11 ONLY SIX MONTHS INTO THE YEAR. BUT IF HE DOES OVERSPEND, BILL,
12 THEN HE'S GOING TO BE DIPPING INTO FEBRUARY AND MARCH'S MONEY
13 AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN HERE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND
14 SAYING YOU GOT TO BACKFILL THE MONEY THAT YOU SPENT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THAT'S WHAT HE HAS TO DO, IS COME IN JANUARY.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE COMING IN JANUARY TO DECISION TO MOVE
19 THE MONEY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I MADE MY POINT ADEQUATELY. I JUST
22 DON'T THINK WE DO THAT WITH ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, WITH ANY
23 OTHER PROGRAM. AND IF THERE IS ONE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.
24 WE DON'T DO THAT WITH-- I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER ONE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION ON THIS?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** MOVE IT.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY--

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THIS ITEM--

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. JANUARY
10 27TH, 2009.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. IF YOU HAVE
13 NO OBJECTION, I AM GOING TO GO ON TO ITEM 58. LET ME TELL YOU
14 HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CAN I SWEAR EVERYBODY IN?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ITEM 12.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. I NEED TO AMEND. IT IS A
23 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF. AND THIS
24 IS WITH REGARD TO THE 211 INFORMATION LINE. AND WE ASKED THEM
25 TO DEVELOP A PLAN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
3 SPEAK ON 12.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CAN SIT THERE. THERE ARE?

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S JULIA PUCHALT AND-- WELL, YOU'RE BOTH
8 IN FAVOR, RIGHT? JULIA AND MARIBEL, ARE YOU BOTH IN FAVOR?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. WE REVIEWED THIS MOTION WITH THEM. BASICALLY
11 IT IS AGAIN THE 211 INFORMATION LINE, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A
12 VERY EFFECTIVE JOB. AND THEY HAVE MONEY IN THEIR PUBLIC
13 INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, AND THE OUTREACH HAS WORKED OUT VERY
14 WELL. SO WHAT WE'RE ASKING THEM, BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION WITH
15 MANY OF THE FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED, CONSIDERING THE ECONOMY
16 TODAY, THE FIRES AND SO ON AND THE NEEDS WITH CHILDREN, I'M
17 TRYING NOT TO SUMMARIZE THE WHOLE MOTION, WE HAVE A COPY FOR
18 EACH OF YOU, WE ARE SAYING THAT WE REDIRECT THE REMAINING
19 \$179,000 OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO DIRECT SERVICES FOR
20 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING, FOOD AND FOOD VOUCHERS,
21 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES WHO CONTACT 211,
22 THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH 211 INFORMATION LINE
23 STAFF, THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY, THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO IDENTIFY THE OPTIMAL USE OF THE
25 REDIRECTED MONEY THAT INCLUDES A PLAN ON HOW THE TRANSITION OF



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1 THESE FAMILIES INTO A MORE STABLE ENVIRONMENT. AND WE'RE
2 ASKING THEM TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS. THAT'S OUR MOTION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
7 ORDERED. OKAY WE'RE NOW GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM 58. I WANT TO
8 TELL YOU HOW EXACTLY WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. FIRST, EVERYONE
9 WHO INTENDS TO BE SPEAKING, PLEASE STAND TO BE SWORN.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 58 AS WELL AS ON ITEM 59, IF YOU
12 PLAN ON TESTIFYING BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE
13 YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
14 BEFORE THIS BOARD DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,
15 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?
16 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. AND ON ITEM 58, IF I COULD READ
17 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
18 AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO
19 ESTABLISH THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT TO
20 ESTABLISH NEW DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
21 FOR OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION OPERATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
22 PORTION OF THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT
23 STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
24 RECEIVED BOTH IN FAVOR AND OPPOSITION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED IS
2 I'M GOING TO MAKE A SHORT STATEMENT AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A
3 PRESENTATION SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT IS BEFORE US.
4 THAT PRESENTATION BY THE STAFF WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 38
5 MINUTES. AFTER THAT WE WILL HEAR FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS
6 WHETHER THEY'RE PRO OR CON. AND THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THOSE
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN-- I THINK WE SHOULD HEAR FROM THOSE PEOPLE
8 WHO ARE OPPOSED. AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THOSE PEOPLE WHO
9 ARE IN FAVOR.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAME CHAIR, I SEE THAT YOU HAVE WELL OVER 100
12 TO 150 PEOPLE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WILL BE ABOUT FOUR HOURS OF PEOPLE, YES.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE COULD LIMIT THE TESTIMONY
17 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. WHAT WOULD BE REASONABLE? TO ONE MINUTE?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT MIGHT BE REASONABLE TO LIMIT, IF
20 WE HAVE THIS NUMBER OF PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN GET OUT BEFORE
21 TOO LATE TONIGHT. AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
22 ARE OPPOSED. AND THEN I WILL INTRODUCE THE MOTION, WHICH WILL
23 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY TESTIMONY THAT IS PRESENTED. ARE
24 ANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE ON THE HIGH RAIL OPPOSED? OR ARE THEY
25 ALL IN SUPPORT? PEOPLE HERE FOR HIGH RAIL? ARE YOU ALL IN



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1 SUPPORT? SOME ARE OPPOSED. ALL RIGHT. AT THIS TIME I WOULD
2 LIKE TO READ A STATEMENT JUST TO PUT THIS WHOLE THING IN
3 PERSPECTIVE AND THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THE STAFF. THE INGLEWOOD
4 OIL FIELD HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN BALDWIN HILLS MORE THAN 80
5 YEARS. FOR MUCH OF THAT TIME, THE OIL FIELD AND THE
6 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY COEXISTED IN RELATIVE HARMONY. IN RECENT
7 YEARS, HOWEVER, LOCAL RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING
8 ODORS, NOISE, VIBRATION AND VISUAL BLIGHT CAUSED BY THE
9 OPERATION. IN 2006, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES JOINED IN
10 INVESTIGATING RESIDENT COMPLAINTS. TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE
11 COUNTY TO STUDY THE OIL OPERATION, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT
12 MY URGING ADOPTED AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AS A DIRECT AND
13 NECESSARY RESPONSE TO THE RESIDENTS' CONCERN. THE INTERIM
14 ORDINANCE PLACED TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON OIL PRODUCTION
15 UNTIL AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS COULD BE PERFORMED AND
16 PERMANENT RESTRICTIONS ADOPTED. IN MAY 2007-- AND INCIDENTALLY
17 IF YOU HAVE THE BOARD LETTER, IT GOES INTO MORE DETAIL. THERE
18 WAS FIRST A VERY SHORT ORDINANCE PASSED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
19 TO PREVENT THE P.X.P. FROM FILING APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL
20 DRILLING. AND THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER ORDINANCE. BUT IN MAY
21 2007 WHEN THAT FIRST ORDINANCE TERMINATED, THAT MEASURE WAS
22 EXTENDED AND AMENDED TO PROHIBIT THE DRILLING OF NEW WELLS AND
23 THE DEEPENING OF EXISTING WELLS. THE MAXIMUM TWO-YEAR TERM OF
24 THE INTERIM ORDINANCE EXPIRED JUNE 2008. SINCE THAT TIME,
25 P.X.P., THE OPERATOR OF THE INGLEWOOD FIELD, HAS ENTERED INTO



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1 AN AGREEMENT TO VOLUNTARILY REFRAIN FROM DRILLING ANY WELLS,
2 AND UNTIL TODAY. AND I'D LIKE TO BE VERY CLEAR. THE REASON WE
3 ARE TAKING THIS UP TODAY. IF WE DO NOT PUT REGULATIONS IN
4 TODAY, THEN THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO TO THE STATE AND APPLY
5 FOR THEIR DRILLING AND TO START THAT DRILLING AGAIN. THAT'S
6 THE REASON WHY IT'S VERY URGENT THAT WE ACT NOW. NOW, MY
7 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN-- AND WE WILL GET SOMEONE
8 FROM P.X.P. TO SAY THEY WILL WAIT AN ADDITIONAL WEEK BEFORE
9 THEY FILE ANYTHING WITH D.O.G.G.R., WHICH IS THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 OIL AND GAS [GEOTHERMAL] RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 THAT HAS TOTAL JURISDICTION OVER DRILLING IN THE GROUND IN ANY
12 OIL FIELDS. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
13 DETERMINED IN ITS STUDY THAT A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE CALLED A
14 COMMUNITY STANDARD DISTRICT IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE MECHANISM
15 FOR FURTHER REGULATING INGLEWOOD FIELD. THE NEW C.S.D. WILL
16 DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF THE FIELD, ESTABLISH PERMANENT
17 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, OPERATING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS
18 FOR OIL OPERATIONS. IN 2006, WHEN RESIDENTS OF BALDWIN HILLS,
19 CULVER CITY AND OTHERS CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
20 INFORMATION TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE C.S.D., P.X.P.
21 AGREED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FORMATION OF A C.S.D.,
22 THEREBY MAKING P.X.P. RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING THE
23 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. AND P.X.P. AGREED TO FUND AN
24 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE AT THIS
25 POINT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN E.I.R. OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



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1 REPORT FOR ANY C.S.D. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS
2 THE FIRST TIME THAT THERE HAS BEEN THIS KIND OF REVIEW. THE
3 COUNTY SELECTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT WITH SIGNIFICANT
4 EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OIL PRODUCTION TO PREPARE THE
5 E.I.R., WHICH ANALYZED A DRAFT C.S.D. PREPARED BY P.X.P. AS
6 WELL AS POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM OIL FIELD OPERATIONS FOR THE
7 NEXT 20 YEARS, BASED ON P.X.P.'S ESTIMATES OF THE MAXIMUM
8 NUMBER OF WELLS IT WOULD DRILL OVER THAT PERIOD. THE E.I.R. IS
9 AN EXHAUSTIVE DOCUMENT AND IDENTIFIED NECESSARY MITIGATION
10 MEASURES TO REDUCE IMPACT FROM SUCH OPERATIONS AND THUS
11 RECOMMENDED MITIGATION MEASURES BEYOND THOSE SET FORTH IN
12 P.X.P.'S PROPOSED C.S.D. AS A RESULT OF THAT E.I.R. REVIEW
13 PROCESS, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE MADE BY THE COUNTY TO THE
14 C.S.D., ULTIMATELY RESULTING IN THE C.S.D. THAT CAME BEFORE
15 THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WAS RECOMMENDED BY THEM. AND THIS
16 I EMPHASIZE IS THE FIRST EVER COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
17 ANALYSIS OF AN ESTABLISHED OIL FIELD CONFORMING WITH THE
18 COUNTY GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND ZONING REGULATIONS AND MARKS
19 THE FIRST TIME AN E.I.R. HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR A C.S.D. AS THE
20 COUNTY DEVELOPED THE REVISED C.S.D., WE WERE FACED WITH
21 CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS. BECAUSE OIL OPERATIONS
22 HAVE BEEN ONGOING AT THE INGLEWOOD FIELD FOR MORE THAN 80
23 YEARS, P.X.P. HAS CERTAIN RIGHTS TO PRODUCE THE OIL AND GAS
24 RESOURCES AT THE FIELD, AND NEW ZONING REGULATIONS CANNOT
25 DIMINISH THOSE RIGHTS. MOREOVER, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,



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1 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
2 HAS EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER SUBSURFACE OIL AND GAS
3 ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH LOCAL REGULATION IS ALLOWED WITH REGARD
4 TO SURFACE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS LAND USE CONTROL AND
5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE COUNTY C.S.D. CANNOT CONFLICT
6 WITH THOSE EXCLUSIVE STATE REGULATIONS. FINALLY, MOST OF THE
7 FIELD IS NOT OWNED BY P.X.P., BUT REMAINS A COLLECTION OF
8 PRIVATELY OWNED PARCELS. P.X.P MAINTAINS LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH
9 THESE OWNERS THAT ALLOWS IT TO EXPLORE, DRILL AND PRODUCE OIL
10 AND GAS IN EXCHANGE FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS. BECAUSE THESE
11 PARCELS ARE PRIVATELY OWNED, THE C.S.D. CANNOT CONTROL THEIR
12 USE ONCE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED. THE COUNTY,
13 HOWEVER, IS PART OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY THAT OVER THE
14 LAST 15 YEARS HAS REQUIRED EASEMENT AND FEE INTERESTS OVER 600
15 ACRES IN THE BALDWIN HILLS. DESPITE THESE LIMITATIONS, I'M
16 COMMITTED TO THE BALDWIN HILLS C.S.D., WHICH CONTAINS THE MOST
17 STRINGENT OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND
18 ARGUABLY FOR THE STATE AND MAYBE FOR THE COUNTRY FOR AN
19 ESTABLISHED ON SHORE OR OFF SHORE OIL FIELD AND WILL ENSURE
20 THAT OIL OPERATIONS ARE PERFORMED IN THE SAFEST MANNER
21 POSSIBLE TO PROTECT SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. I'M VERY PROUD OF
22 THE FACT THAT TO DATE, SINCE APRIL 2007, COUNTY STAFF AND ITS
23 CONSULTANTS HAVE HELD 18 COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN BOTH LARGE
24 PUBLIC VENUES AND SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES. IN PEOPLE'S
25 HOMES, IN THEIR EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY AND RECEIVE



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1 COMMUNITY INPUT TO THE E.I.R. AND C.S.D. PROCESS. THEREFORE TO
2 ENSURE THE CONTINUED COMMUNITY INPUT, THE C.S.D. REQUIRES
3 FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL APPOINTED BY THE
4 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING OF THE COUNTY, COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF
5 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. I WILL CONTINUE-- I WILL READ IN
6 THE FINAL MOTION THAT I WILL BE MAKING AFTER WE HAVE HEARD ALL
7 OF THE TESTIMONY. BUT TO BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE STAFF, THE
8 PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS AND FIRST OF ALL THIS WENT TO
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING. BRUCE MCCLENDON INTRODUCED THE
10 C.S.D. AND HE'S GOING TO TELL US ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE
11 MASSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORT AND ALSO RUSS FRICANO WILL ALSO
12 GIVE US A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE OVERVIEW OF THE E.I.R.
13 PROCESS. MR. MCCLENDON. AND I THINK WE SHOULD SAY, YOU ARE A
14 PERSON WHO HAS YOUR EXPERTISE IN OIL AND GAS AS A BACKGROUND.
15

16 **BRUCE MCCLENDON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL MENTION THAT.
17 AGAIN FOR THE RECORD, MADAME CHAIR, MY NAME IS BRUCE
18 MCCLENDON. I'M THE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB GIVING THE OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS
20 THAT WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING AND HOW WE GOT HERE. I WANT TO JUST
21 THROW IN A FEW EXTRA DETAILS ALONG THE WAY. A COUPLE POINTS I
22 WANT TO MAKE OUT IS, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
23 C.S.D., THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, THE ORIGINAL DRAFT
24 WAS PREPARED BY THE APPLICANTS, BUT THE DRAFT THAT WE HAVE IN
25 FRONT OF YOU WAS DEVELOPED BY PLANNING STAFF WORKING WITH OUR



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1 CONSULTANT AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE WORK VERY
2 CLOSELY WITH THE CITIZENS TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO
3 REALLY BECOME A PART OF THE C.S.D. I WOULD SAY ONE OF THE
4 UNIQUE ASPECTS OF WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IS THE EMPOWERMENT OF
5 THE CITIZENS WHO LIVE OUT THERE THROUGH THESE SERIES OF
6 MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HELD WHERE WE'VE BASICALLY PUT THEM IN A
7 POSITION TO HELP CRAFT THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND
8 HELP THEM DEFEND AND PROTECT THEMSELVES. AND THAT'S REALLY
9 WHAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS WITH THE
10 INTERIM EMERGENCY ORDINANCES. IT'S BASICALLY BEEN A STOP GAP
11 MEASURE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM ANY ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES
12 OF CONTINUED DRILLING IN THE ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL
13 REGULATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO THE OUTREACH THAT WE HAD, THE
14 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HELD SIX PUBLIC HEARINGS, TWO OF
15 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAD OVER 950
16 CITIZENS THAT PARTICIPATED, THAT REGISTERED AND WERE IN
17 ATTENDANCE AT THOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT WE HELD. 169 PEOPLE
18 ACTUALLY GAVE TESTIMONY AT THE VARIOUS HEARINGS THAT WE'VE
19 HELD. IN ADDITION TO THE 18 COMMUNITY MEETINGS THAT THE CHAIR
20 MENTIONED, WE ALSO HELD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND MEETINGS
21 WITH GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS. IN TOTAL WE HELD OVER 35 MEETINGS
22 WITH INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THEIR GROUPS AS PART OF THIS OVERALL
23 PROCESS TO DEVELOP THIS C.S.D. OUR STRATEGY IN DEVELOPING THE
24 DISTRICT WAS VERY SIMPLE. WE BASICALLY TOOK THE BEST PRACTICES
25 FROM EVERY OTHER JURISDICTION WE WERE AWARE OF. WE CHERRY



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1 PICKED THOSE PRACTICES AND WE PUT THEM ALL INTO OUR DRAFT
2 ORDINANCE. SECONDLY, WE ADDED AND SUPPLEMENTED THAT WITH OUR
3 OWN ORIGINAL INNOVATIVE IDEAS WITH RESPECT TO THE PRACTICES
4 AND PROCEDURES THAT WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT WANT TO FOLLOW. THERE
5 IS NO QUESTION THAT OUR ORDINANCE AS IT EXISTS TODAY IS
6 UNMATCHED ANYWHERE IN THE STATE AND IN THE AREAS THAT I'M
7 FAMILIAR WITH, IN TEXAS AND FLORIDA IN PARTICULAR, I'M NOT
8 AWARE OF ANY GOVERNMENT, ANY JURISDICTION THAT'S GONE TO THE
9 EXTENT THAT WE HAVE AND DONE SOME OF THE THINGS AND REGULATES
10 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE. NOT EVEN AT THE STATE
11 LEVEL, MUCH LESS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. OUR C.S.D. ORDINANCE IN
12 TOTAL IS MORE RESTRICTIVE, MORE COMPREHENSIVE, MORE STRINGENT
13 AND MORE TRANSPARENT THAN ANY OF THE OTHER REGULATIONS OR
14 ORDINANCES THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW. NOW, THERE'S
15 ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE THAT I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE HERE
16 AND THAT WE'RE QUITE PROUD OF, AND THAT IS WITH RESPECT TO THE
17 MITIGATION MONITORING. THIS C.S.D. ORDINANCE ITSELF ACTUALLY
18 ESTABLISHES A NEW STANDARD FOR MITIGATION MONITORING IN LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE COUNTY WILL BE
20 PROACTIVE WITH RESPECT TO CODE ENFORCEMENT. IT WILL NO LONGER
21 BE A SITUATION WHERE YOU WAIT FOR A VIOLATION OR YOU WAIT FOR
22 A CITIZEN OR SOMEONE TO REPORT THE VIOLATION. THE ORDINANCE
23 PROVIDES THAT WILL BE AN OMBUDSMAN, THERE WILL BE PRESENCE AND
24 PEOPLE PROACTIVELY LOOKING FOR VIOLATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL
25 OF THE SAFE PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE C.S.D.



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1 ARE IN FACT FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANTS. AND THEN VERY QUICKLY
2 WITH RESPECT TO MY EXPERIENCE, I SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS
3 REGULATING OIL AND GAS, THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IN TEXAS. I
4 WAS PLANNING DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRAFFIC IN
5 GALVESTON, TEXAS. I WAS ACTUALLY THE PETROLEUM SUPERINTENDENT
6 IN THAT COMMUNITY. IT'S ONE OF THE HATS I WORE. AND THEN FOR
7 10 YEARS I WAS THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT
8 IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS. FORT WORTH IS KNOWN FOR BASICALLY THREE
9 THINGS. ONE, THE EXTRAORDINARY REVITALIZED DOWNTOWN, TWO A
10 VERY STRONG NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING
11 PROGRAM, AND, THREE, THEY PROBABLY LEAD THE COUNTRY IN THE
12 NUMBER OF OIL WELL PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS THAT ARE
13 ISSUED EACH YEAR. SO I HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN
14 PERMITTING, IN MANAGING AND INSPECTING, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
15 WITH RESPECT TO PETROLEUM EXTRACTION AND HYDROCARBON
16 EXTRACTION. WHAT I WILL SAY CATEGORICALLY, BASED UPON THE
17 EXPERIENCE THAT I'VE HAD IN TEXAS AND FLORIDA, THAT THIS IS
18 UNMATCHED, UNPARALLELED TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO
19 REGULATE THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
20 WILL BECOME THE GOLDEN STANDARD. WE WILL BECOME THE BENCHMARK
21 IN WHICH OTHER JURISDICTIONS WILL ASPIRE TO. THERE IS NO
22 QUESTION IN MY MIND D.O.G.G.R. WILL BE HERE LOOKING AT WHAT
23 WE'VE DONE AND HOW WE'VE DONE IT AS WELL AS THE OTHER
24 JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. THEY WILL
25 BE COMING HERE TO LEARN WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND HOW WE DID IT



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1 AND HOW WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE CITIZENS TO PROVIDE FOR
2 SAFE OPERATION AND SAFE OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY IN THE BALDWIN HILLS AREA IN THE INGLEWOOD FIELD. WITH
4 THAT INTRODUCTION NOW, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE INDIVIDUAL
5 WHO LED OUR TEAM, WHO PROVIDED THAT LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING
6 THE C.S.D. AND MANAGING THIS ENTIRE PROCESS, AND THAT'S DR.
7 RUSSELL FRICANO.

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9 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. GOOD
10 AFTERNOON. FOR THE RECORD, I AM RUSSELL FRICANO, SECTION HEAD
11 OF THE COMMUNITY STUDIES 1 SECTION OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I AM
12 GOING TO PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE BALDWIN HILLS
13 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY. THE
14 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, OR C.S.D., WAS DEVELOPED TO
15 RESPOND TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ALSO TO INTRODUCE
16 REGULATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE THE OIL FIELD COMPATIBLE WITH
17 SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE
18 EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT AIR QUALITY, PUBLIC HEALTH,
19 GEOTECHNICAL, SAFETY AND RISK UPSET, FIRE PREVENTION, NOISE,
20 VIBRATION AND VISUAL IMPACTS. AND THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH
21 THE OIL FIELD ARE VERY UNIQUE, SO UNIQUE THAT ZONING
22 REGULATIONS CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
23 DON'T COVER THEM. SO IN CASES LIKE THESE, WE DEVELOP A SPECIAL
24 SET OF SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.
25 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, OR C.S.D. AND THIS IS ALSO



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1 REFERRED TO AS AN OVERLAY ZONE BECAUSE WE ARE OVERLAYING
2 SPECIAL STANDARDS ON A ZONE OR A SPECIFIC AREA. AND THE
3 STANDARDS WERE DEVELOPED IN FOUR WAYS: FIRST, OUR RESEARCH IN
4 DIFFERENT ORDINANCES GOVERNING OIL WELL OPERATIONS; MITIGATION
5 MEASURES SPECIFIED IN THE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT;
6 CONSULTATION WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES; AND COMMUNITY INPUT,
7 PROVIDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, SEPARATE
8 MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND THE OPERATOR. THE
9 PROPOSED BALDWIN HILLS C.S.D. CONSISTS OF 11 SECTIONS. AND
10 BASICALLY THIS SECTIONS INCLUDE INTENT AND PURPOSE, THE
11 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. DEFINITIONS. YOU HAVE AREA-SPECIFIC
12 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.
13 STANDARDS FOR MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE. ADMINISTRATION,
14 PERMITTING, ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC OUTREACH AND TRANSITIONAL
15 PROVISIONS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS FOCUS ON THE KEY SECTIONS
16 OF THE C.S.D. WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN THE FOCUS OF MUCH PUBLIC
17 COMMENT AND DISCUSSION. FIRST, THE OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT
18 STANDARDS THIS SECTION CONTAINS REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO COVER
19 THE ISSUES EVALUATED IN THE E.I.R. AND ALSO ISSUES EXPRESSED
20 BY THE COMMUNITY. AND I'M JUST GOING TO GO THROUGH ISSUE BY
21 ISSUE, TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE MAIN ISSUES COVERED IN THIS
22 SECTION. FIRST AIR QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THE C.S.D.
23 REQUIRES CONTINUOUS AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND ALSO TESTING OF
24 ABANDONED WELLS. IT REQUIRES HIGHER STANDARDS FOR EMISSION
25 CONTROL DEVICES USED ON BOTH THE DRILL RIGS AND CONSTRUCTION



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1 EQUIPMENT ENGINES. THERE ARE DUST CONTROL MEASURES. ALSO
2 MONITORING OF OIL TANK PRESSURE AND VENTING. AND THERE'S ALSO
3 A PROGRAM FOR ODOR SUPPRESSION. FOR GEOTECHNICAL THERE IS
4 PERIODIC MONITOR OF GROUND MOVEMENT TO DETECT SUBSIDENCE, AND
5 THIS INCLUDES THE LATEST SATELLITE AND AN ACCELEROMETER. THERE
6 IS ALSO CONSULTATION WITH D.O.G.G.R. FOR THE CORRECTION OF ANY
7 VERIFIED IMPACTS. AND THERE'S ALSO A GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT
8 OF PERMANENT STRUCTURES. FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT AND RESPONSE,
9 THE OPERATOR HAS TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE
10 PLAN AND ALSO IS REQUIRED ANNUAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILLS AND
11 ALSO A COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. FOR FIRE
12 PROTECTION, THERE ARE FIRE PROTECTION AUDITS AND VARIOUS FIRE
13 PREVENTION MITIGATION MEASURES. FOR NOISE ATTENUATION THERE IS
14 A PROGRAM OF MEASURES TO REDUCE NOISE IMPACTS INCLUDING A
15 QUIET MODE OF OPERATION AT SPECIFIED HOURS OF THE DAY.
16 SETBACKS, THERE ARE SETBACKS SPECIFIED FOR DRILLING AND
17 REDRILLING OPERATIONS FROM DEVELOPED AREAS AND PUBLIC
18 ROADWAYS. VIBRATION CONTROL, THERE IS REQUIRED AN INSTALLATION
19 OF A NEW FLARING DEVICE THAT BETTER CONTROLS GAS EMISSIONS
20 THAT CAN CAUSE VIBRATION. AND THIS MEASURE ALSO IMPROVES AIR
21 QUALITY. FOR VISUAL IMPACTS, THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
22 REMOVAL OF UNUSED EQUIPMENT AND ALSO BEAUTIFICATION OF THE
23 DRILL SITES AND OTHER PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY WITH
24 LANDSCAPING. THE OPERATOR IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A LANDSCAPING
25 AND WELL PAD REVEGETATION PLAN. AND THERE'S ALSO REQUIREMENTS



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1 FOR THE PAINTING OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES. FOR WATER
2 QUALITY THERE ARE SPILL CONTAINMENT AND MONITORING OF GROUND
3 WATER QUALITY. ALSO PROVISIONS FOR ABANDONMENT AND SITE CLEAN
4 UP. THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS TO SUBMIT PLANS FOR WELL
5 ABANDONMENT AND SITE REMEDIATION. CONSIDERING MONITORING AND
6 COMPLIANCE, THE C.S.D. HAS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS THAT
7 ENSURE C.S.D. COMPLIANCE. THIS INCLUDES AN ENVIRONMENTAL
8 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND A SAFETY INSPECTION MAINTENANCE
9 AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM. THERE IS ALSO THE USE OF AN
10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR, AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS
11 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAT WILL ASSIST STAFF IN THE TECHNICAL
12 REVIEW OF REPORTS AND ALSO ON VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.
13 THERE'S ALSO REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE AUDITS, EMERGENCY
14 RESPONSE DRILLS, MONITORING FOR NOISE AND VIBRATIONS. THE
15 ADMINISTRATION ITEMS PORTION OF THE C.S.D. COVERS THE COSTS OF
16 IMPLEMENTING THE C.S.D. THE INDEMNIFICATION AND PROOF OF
17 INSURANCE AND USE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS. THERE ARE ALSO
18 PROVISIONS FOR THE C.S.D. TO UNDERGO A REVIEW EVERY FIVE
19 YEARS. THE C.S.D. ALSO ESTABLISHES A MULTIPLE AGENCY
20 COORDINATION COMMITTEE WHICH COORDINATES THE ACTIVITIES AND
21 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR
22 MONITORING OIL FIELD OPERATIONS. THESE INCLUDE BOTH COUNTY
23 AGENCIES AND AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY SUCH AS A.Q.M.D. FOR
24 PERMITTING, A DIRECTORS' REVIEW IS REQUIRED FOR NEW DRILLING
25 AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS FOR MAXIMUM OF 53 WELLS PER YEAR.



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1 AND THAT'S PROVIDED THE SUBJECT WELLS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY
2 APPROVED AS PART OF AN ANNUAL DRILLING PLAN. AND THIS PLAN
3 MUST COMPLY WITH DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE
4 C.S.D. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR WELLS DRILLED
5 IN EXCESS OF 53 WELLS PER YEAR, FOR THE STEAM PLANT, FOR WATER
6 TREATMENT AND WATER SOFTENING FACILITIES, FOR AN OIL HEATING
7 FACILITY AND INSULATION OF STORAGE TANKS WITH A CAPACITY OF
8 5,000 BARRELS OR GREATER. ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS REQUIRE
9 IMPOSITION OF FINES FOR VIOLATIONS RANGING FROM 1,000 TO
10 \$10,000 PER DAY FOR VIOLATION AND A DRAW DOWN ACCOUNT
11 ESTABLISHED FOR PAYMENT OF THE PENALTIES WHICH MUST BE
12 REPLENISHED. PUBLIC OUTREACH CONSISTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES,
13 SUCH AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED. THE C.S.D. REQUIRES THE
14 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL, OR C.A.P., WHICH
15 HOLDS SEMIANNUAL MEETINGS. AND THE OPERATOR IS ALSO REQUIRED
16 TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS. THE OPERATOR IS ALSO REQUIRED TO
17 SUBMIT TO THE COMMUNITY AN ANNUAL DRILLING PLAN FOR REVIEW AND
18 COMMENT AND FURTHER PROVISIONS REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
19 MANAGEMENT OF A WEBSITE TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON
20 OIL FIELD ACTIVITY AND ALSO AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER. FINALLY THE
21 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR THOSE
22 REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE CONDUCTED WITHIN 30 DAYS TO TWO
23 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF THE C.S.D.. AND THIS INCLUDES
24 SUBMITTALS OF PLANS, REPORTS AND OTHER MEASURES. THAT
25 CONCLUDES MY OVERVIEW OF THE C.S.D. AND ON THIS POINT I'D LIKE



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1 TO INTRODUCE THE BOARD TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, JOHN
2 PEARSON, OF THE MARINE RESOURCE SPECIALISTS. MR. PEARSON WILL
3 PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE E.I.R.

4

5 **JOHN PEARSON:** THANK YOU, RUSSELL. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN PEARSON AND I'M A
7 PRINCIPAL WITH M.R.S., WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT THAT
8 WAS HIRED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PREPARE THE BALDWIN
9 HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
10 REPORT. IT SEEMED LIKE A LONG TIME AGO, BUT ABOUT 20 MONTHS
11 AGO, WE STARTED THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROCESS. AND
12 AS PART OF THAT, WE CONDUCTED FOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND
13 TWO PUBLIC SCOPING HEARINGS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT. WE ALSO
14 DISTRIBUTED I THINK IT WAS OVER 300 COPIES OF A QUESTIONNAIRE
15 ABOUT ISSUES THAT THEY MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE OIL FIELD.
16 ALL OF THAT INFORMATION WAS TAKEN IN AND WAS USED TO DETERMINE
17 THE FINAL SCOPE OF THE E.I.R. AND THE E.I.R. ADDRESSED 15
18 DIFFERENT ISSUE AREAS. SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES THAT CAME OUT
19 OF THE PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS WAS NOISE FROM DRILLING
20 OPERATIONS, VIBRATION ASSOCIATED WITH DRILLING AND PRODUCTION,
21 AIR TOXIC EMISSIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH, ODORS FROM DRILLING AND
22 PRODUCTION OPERATIONS AND GROUND MOVEMENT DUE TO SUBSIDENCE
23 AND EARTHQUAKES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS CLEAR THAT CAME
24 OUT OF THE SCOPING HEARINGS WAS THAT THE PUBLIC REALLY WANTED
25 THE E.I.R. TO SERVE A NUMBER OF PURPOSES, WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT



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1 UNIQUE FOR AN E.I.R. THEY INCLUDED THEY REALLY WANTED TO
2 UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT WHAT WAS CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN THE OIL
3 FIELD. WHAT WERE THE OPERATIONS THAT WERE GOING ON? HOW MANY
4 WELLS WERE THERE? WHAT WAS THE PRODUCTION? THOSE TYPES OF
5 THINGS. THEY WANTED INFORMATION ON WHAT COULD HAPPEN AT THE
6 OIL FIELD OVER THE NEXT 10 TO 20 YEARS. THEY WANTED THE E.I.R.
7 TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED
8 WITH DRILLING AND PRODUCTION, BOTH THE CURRENT AS WELL AS
9 FUTURE. THEY WANTED MITIGATION MEASURES DEVELOPED THAT WOULD
10 REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THESE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. AND THEN THEY
11 WANTED THE E.I.R. TO EVALUATE THE ADEQUACY OF P.X.P.'S
12 PROPOSED C.S.D. TO SEE IF THAT PROPOSED C.S.D. WAS ADEQUATE IN
13 MITIGATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. AND THE LAST THING THE
14 E.I.R. HAD TO DO WAS TO DEVELOP A SET OF RECOMMENDATION THAT
15 COULD BE ADDED TO THE C.S.D. TO ENHANCE THE REGULATORY
16 FRAMEWORK AND TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. IN TERMS OF HOW
17 WE APPROACH THE E.I.R., AS BEEN STATED EARLIER, P.X.P., THE
18 APPLICANTS, SUBMITTED THEIR OWN VERSION OF A C.S.D. AND WHAT
19 WE DID IS WENT OUT AND COLLECTED AND CONDUCTED A NUMBER OF
20 FIELD STUDIES. WE DID NOISE MONITORING, VIBRATION MONITORING.
21 WE DID A LOT OF SOIL GAS VAPOR TESTING, BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS,
22 CULTURAL SURVEYS, TRAFFIC SURVEYS. IN ADDITION, AS WE WERE
23 DOING THE BASELINE SURVEYS, WE DEVELOPED A DETAILED
24 QUESTIONNAIRE THAT WE SUBMITTED TO P.X.P. TO COLLECT DATA ON
25 THE EXISTING OPERATION AS WELL AS WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED AT



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1 THE OIL FIELD OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. WE REVIEWED A LOT OF
2 DOCUMENTS. WE REVIEWED A LOT OF THE DATA THAT THEY SUBMIT TO
3 VARIOUS AGENCIES, INCLUDING D.O.G.G.R. AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR
4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. FROM ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WE
5 DEVELOPED A POTENTIAL FUTURE OIL SCENARIO AND THIS IS
6 BASICALLY WHAT MIGHT OCCUR OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. P.X.P. HAD
7 NOT APPLIED FOR ANY OF THAT DEVELOPMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT
8 THEY WILL EVER APPLY FOR ANY OF THAT. WE WERE LOOKING AT A
9 WORST CASE SCENARIO OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS TO ASSESS
10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. WE THEN ASSESSED THE ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACTS OF THE FUTURE OIL DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPED A SET OF
12 MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WOULD ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE
13 SEVERITY OF THESE IMPACTS. WE THEN LOOKED AT THE IMPACTS IN
14 THE MITIGATION MEASURES AND COMPARED THEM TO WHAT P.X.P. HAD
15 PROPOSED IN THEIR VERSION OF THE C.S.D. AND DETERMINED WHAT
16 ADDITIONAL MEASURES WOULD NEED TO BE ADDED TO THE P.X.P
17 .C.S.D. TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE
18 E.I.R. AND THAT'S WHAT LED TO THE COUNTY' VERSION OF THE
19 C.S.D. IN THE E.I.R., WE IDENTIFIED OVER 50 ENVIRONMENTAL
20 IMPACTS FROM THE OIL FIELD OPERATIONS. THESE WERE IMPACTS THAT
21 WERE RAISED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE SCOPING HEARING AS WELL AS
22 OTHER ONES THAT WE IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE E.I.R. PROCESS.
23 THERE WERE OVER 50 SPECIFIC MITIGATION MEASURES THAT IF
24 IMPLEMENTED WOULD ELIMINATE OR SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE
25 SEVERITY OF THE IDENTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. ONE OF THE



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1 UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT THIS PROCESS OF USING AN E.I.R. WITH A
2 C.S.D. IS THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS HAVE
3 BEEN PUT TOGETHER THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO THE OPERATIONS AT THE
4 INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. A LOT OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHO HAVE
5 DEVELOPED OIL REGULATIONS DO THEM FOR ALL OF THE OIL FIELDS IN
6 THEIR AREAS, SO THEY TEND TO BE MORE GENERAL IN NATURE AND NOT
7 FOCUSED ON A SPECIFIC OIL FIELD OPERATION. WITH THE BALDWIN
8 HILLS C.S.D., THE E.I.R. PROCESS ALLOWED FOR THE OIL FIELD
9 SPECIFIC DESIGN STANDARDS THAT MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES AT
11 THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. SOME EXAMPLES OF THESE MEASURES THAT
12 WERE AND ARE NOW INCLUDED IN THE C.S.D. UNDER NOISE, WE'VE
13 ESTABLISHED A VERY STRINGENT NOISE STANDARD FOR DRILLING THAT
14 WAS TAKEN FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS AND TORRANCE REGULATIONS,
15 WHICH ARE THE MOST STRINGENT THERE ARE IN THE SOUTH COAST.
16 VIBRATION, WE SET A VIBRATION LEVEL THAT IS BELOW WHAT CAN BE
17 PERCEIVED. AS RUSSELL MENTIONED, WE ALSO PUT A MEASURE IN THAT
18 REQUIRES THEM TO INSTALL A NEW FLARE. THE EXISTING FLARE HAS
19 CAUSED ISSUES WITH LOW LEVEL SOUND VIBRATION. WITH REGARD TO
20 AIR TOXICS, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF MEASURES THAT WERE
21 REQUIRED ON THE DRILL RIG INCLUDING USE TIER TWO ENGINES, USE
22 OF SECOND GENERATION DUAL CATALYSTS THAT REDUCE THE TOXIC
23 DIESEL EMISSIONS BY OVER 90 PERCENT. WE ALSO ESTABLISHED A
24 400-FOOT SETBACK FOR DRILL RIGS. IN THE AREA OF HEALTH RISK,
25 WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL THE MITIGATION, WE WERE ABLE TO ACTUALLY



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1 GET THE HEALTH RISK BELOW THE LEVEL THAT EXISTED FOR THE
2 CURRENT OPERATIONS WITHOUT DRILLING AND WELL BELOW THE AREA-
3 WIDE CANCER RISK THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE MATES 3 STUDY BY
4 THE SOUTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. WITH REGARD TO
5 ODORS, WE REVIEWED THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
6 DISTRICT ODOR COMPLAINTS. WE ALSO CONDUCTED A TECHNICAL REVIEW
7 OF OPERATIONS OF WHERE ODOR RELEASES COULD OCCUR AT THE
8 FACILITY. WE DID COMPUTER MODELING OF VARIOUS ODOR EVENTS.
9 SOME OF THE MITIGATION, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST ONE WE HAVE IS
10 THE USE OF A PORTABLE FLARE AND A MUD GAS SEPARATOR DURING
11 DRILLING. THIS IS THE EVENT-- THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD CONTROL AND
12 PREVENT THE EVENT THAT OCCURRED IN JANUARY OF 2006. THIS IS
13 OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY THAT WE'RE BRINGING ONTO THE ON SHORE, AS
14 FAR AS I KNOW THE ONLY PLACE THIS WILL BE USED IN AN ON SHORE
15 ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE OIL TANK PRESSURE SENSORS TO PREVENT
16 RELEASES FROM OIL TANKS. AND ODOR SUPPRESSANTS USED AT
17 BIOFARMS AS WELL AS DRILLING OPERATIONS AND AS RUSSELL
18 MENTIONED, ODOR MINIMIZATION PLAN, WHICH IS A REQUIREMENT-- OR
19 TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
20 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THE LASTS THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS A
21 LITTLE ABOUT THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS THE DRAFT E.I.R. WAS
22 ISSUED FOR A 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. ONCE THE DRAFT WAS
23 RELEASED WE CONDUCTED SIX NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS OR SOME PEOPLE
24 HAVE CALLED THEM COFFEE CLUTCHES. THESE ARE IN PEOPLE'S HOMES.
25 WE HAD TWO PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND TWO PLANNING COMMISSION



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1 HEARINGS TO TAKE COMMENTS ON THE E.I.R. WE ALSO HAD A NUMBER
2 OF INDIVIDUAL AND PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS
3 TO DISCUSS THE E.I.R. AND THE C.S.D.. WE RECEIVED OVER 2,000
4 COMMENTS ON THE E.I.R. AND WE RESPONDED TO WRITING TO EVERY
5 ONE OF THOSE COMMENTS AND MODIFIED THE E.I.R. AS NECESSARY TO
6 ADDRESS THOSE COMMENTS. THAT CONCLUDES MY FORMAL REMARKS. I
7 THINK AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO STEVE
8 BURGER TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

9

10 **STEVE BURGER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
11 NAME STEVE BURGER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'D
12 LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO BRIEFLY GO OVER THE FEATURES OF
13 THE C.S.D. THAT ADDRESSES SUBSIDENCE AND GROUND MOVEMENT.
14 CONTROL OF SUBSIDENCE IS ULTIMATELY REGULATED BY THE STATE
15 DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, OR D.O.G.G.R.
16 STATE LAW GIVES D.O.G.G.R. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULATE OIL
17 OPERATIONS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO LIFE,
18 HEALTH, PROPERTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS INCLUDES
19 OVERSIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL AND INJECTION RATES RELATIVE TO GROUND
20 MOVEMENT. IF THAT MOVEMENT HAS CAUSED OR CAN CAUSE DAMAGE.
21 REGARDING THE BALDWIN HILLS, WHAT HAS BEEN MISSING UP TO THIS
22 POINT IS ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
23 THE LATERAL AND VERTICAL GROUND MOVEMENT, AND IF THERE IS
24 MOVEMENT, ITS IMPACTS TO THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. THIS
25 ORDINANCE GIVES THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THE INFORMATION IT



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1 NEEDS TO BETTER REGULATE INJECTION RATES SO AS TO PREVENT
2 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. IT ALSO GIVES US AT THE COUNTY THE ABILITY
3 TO ACT AS WATCH DOGS, REVIEWING THE INFORMATION AND MAKING
4 SURE THAT D.O.G.G.R. TAKES APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN NECESSARY.
5 IN ADDITION, THIS INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC,
6 CREATING A TRANSPARENCY THAT UP TO THIS POINT HAS NOT EXISTED.
7 THE ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THIS WITH A FOUR PRONGED APPROACH.
8 NUMBER ONE, AN ACCUMULATED GROUND MOVEMENT STUDY WILL BE
9 REQUIRED THAT GATHERS HISTORICAL DATA, INCLUDING SATELLITE
10 IMAGERY, TO DETERMINE WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE PAST
11 RELATIVE TO GROUND MOVEMENT. THIS WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE DATA
12 AND ACT AS A BASELINE FOR FUTURE GROUND MOVEMENT MONITORING.
13 NUMBER TWO, A GROUND MOVEMENT MONITORING PLAN THAT IS
14 ACCEPTABLE TO THE D.O.G.G.R. AND THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED. THIS
15 WILL SET THE STAGE FOR ONGOING MEASUREMENTS OF GROUND
16 MOVEMENT, AND GIVE THE COUNTY AND THE STATE THE INFORMATION IT
17 NEEDS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT OF THESE OPERATIONS.
18 NUMBER THREE, REPORTS CORRELATED ANY REPORTED OR SUSPECTED
19 DAMAGE AS REQUIRED. THIS ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO MONITOR THE
20 IMPACTS OF THE OPERATIONS AND TO ALERT THE STATE OF ANY
21 CONCERNS SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. AND NUMBER
22 FOUR, ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH THE MULTIPLE
23 AGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE, OR M.A.C. THAT ALSO INCLUDES
24 D.O.G.G.R., BY THE WAY, AND THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO GET IT
25 THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL. THIS PROVIDES ONCE AGAIN



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1 FOR COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY AND GIVES ANY AND ALL INTERESTED
2 PARTIES ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. IN ADDITION THERE ARE
3 PROVISIONS IN THE C.S.D. THAT ADDRESS APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT
4 REGARDING GRADING, DRAINAGE, EROSION CONTROL, WATER QUALITY
5 AND GEOTECHNICAL AND SEISMIC REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURES. PUBLIC
6 WORKS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THESE ASPECTS AS WELL. AND IN
7 CONCLUSION, PUBLIC WORKS IS SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE C.S.D.
8 GIVES US. IT REQUIRES GATHERING MUCH NEEDED AND CRUCIAL
9 INFORMATION THAT WILL PROVE TO BE VERY USEFUL TO VERY MANY
10 PEOPLE AND ALLOWS THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS AT THE COUNTY AND THE
11 STATE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT. I WILL NOW HAND THE
12 MICROPHONE OVER TO MIKE MONTGOMERY THE COUNTY SENIOR GEOLOGIST
13 TO DISCUSS CONCERNS REGARDING EARTHQUAKES.

14

15 **MIKE MONTGOMERY:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
16 AND GENTLEMEN. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM REGIONAL
17 PLANNING, MY STAFF AND I HAVE REVIEWED THE ENVIRONMENTAL
18 DOCUMENTS AND THE PROPOSED BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS
19 DISTRICT. THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD WAS DISCOVERED IN 1924. AS A
20 RESULT OF DRILLING AND PUMPING OPERATIONS THE HYDROSTATIC
21 PRESSURES WITHIN THE RESERVOIR DECLINED RAPIDLY OVER THE NEXT
22 30 YEARS FROM 570 TO 50 POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH. THIS REDUCTION
23 IN HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE OPERATOR'S
24 ABILITY TO WITHDRAW FLUIDS FROM THE RESERVOIR AND ALSO CAUSED
25 SUBSIDENCE AND GROUND CRACKING IN THE AREA. IN 1954, OPERATORS



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1 OF THE FIELD BEGAN A FLOOD PROGRAM WHERE INJECTION WELLS
2 INTRODUCED WATER BACK INTO THE RESERVOIR TO INCREASE THE
3 HYDROSTATIC PRESSURES BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION AND ALSO
4 TO ASSIST IN OIL RECOVERY. THE PROGRAM NOT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN
5 ENHANCING OIL RECOVERY BUT ALSO HELPED TO MITIGATE THE ONGOING
6 SUBSIDENCE AND THE NUMBER OF GROUND CRACKINGS OBSERVED. OVER
7 THE NEXT 55 YEARS, THE PROGRAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY REINTRODUCED
8 FLUIDS INTO THE RESERVOIR WITHOUT TRIGGERING ANY SEISMIC
9 EVENTS. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT WATER FLOODING PROGRAM ONLY
10 REPLACES THE FLUIDS WITHDRAWN AND IS CAREFULLY MONITORED BY
11 D.O.G.G.R. IT DOES NOT ADD ADDITIONAL FLUIDS THAT INCREASE
12 PRESSURES. AGAIN, WATER FLOODING PRESSURES ARE CAREFULLY
13 MONITORED BY D.O.G.G.R. SO AS TO NOT HARM THE ENVIRONMENT.
14 EARTHQUAKES INDUCED BY FLUID INJECTIONS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED
15 IN ONLY THREE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. BASED UPON OUR
16 RESEARCH, TWO CONDITIONS WERE PRESENT THAT RESULTED IN
17 INCREASED SEISMIC ACTIVITY. ONE, HIGHER THAN NORMAL
18 HYDROSTATIC PRESSURES. AND, TWO, INJECTION OF FLUIDS INTO
19 LOCATIONS COINCIDENT WITH THE HYPOCENTER OF POTENTIAL
20 EARTHQUAKES. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE TWO CONDITIONS ARE NOT
21 PRESENT AT THIS LOCATION. FIRST, THE RESERVOIR PRESSURES ARE
22 CAREFULLY MONITORED TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT EXCEED HISTORIC
23 RESERVOIR PRESSURES. AND SECOND EARTHQUAKES IN SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA ARE GENERALLY INITIATE DEPTHS AT 10 KILOMETERS. IN
25 THIS OPERATION, WATER FLOODING IS PLANNED AT DEPTHS NO GREATER



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1 THAN 3 KILOMETERS. IN CONCLUSION WE CON CONCUR WITH D.O.G.G.R.
2 THAT THE ONGOING WATER FLOODING PROGRAM WILL NOT CAUSE
3 INCREASED SEISMIC ACTIVE IN THE AREA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **FRANK LEDESMA:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAME CHAIRMAN, THE BOARD. FOR
6 THE RECORD MY NAME IS FRANK JOSEPH LEDESMA, SPELLED L-E-D-E-S-
7 M-A. I WORK FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M A
8 FIRE CAPTAIN ASSIGNED TO THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION, WHICH
9 IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PREVENTION BUREAU. I'M THE
10 SUPERVISOR OVER THE PETROLEUM CHEMICAL UNIT OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
11 THE P.C.U. IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME AND THE REDUCTION OF
12 REDUNDANCY, I AM ALSO REPRESENTING THE CAL.A.R.P. UNIT. FOR
13 THE RECORD, THAT IS SPELLED CAPITAL C, LOWER CASE A, L,
14 CAPITAL A, R, P. THE CAL.A.R.P. UNIT IS PART OF THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION WHICH IS ALSO
16 PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PREVENTION BUREAU. CHAPTER 27 OF THE
17 2008 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE ADDRESSES GENERAL
18 PROVISIONS FORCE THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND MITIGATION OF
19 DANGEROUS CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE STORAGE, DISPENSING USE
20 AND HANDLING OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. CHAPTER 34 OF THE
21 SAME FIRE CODE ADDRESSES PREVENTION, CONTROL AND MITIGATION OF
22 DANGEROUS CONDITIONS RELATED TO STORAGE, USE, DISPENSING,
23 MIXING AND HANDLING OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS.
24 CHAPTER 38 ADDRESSES THE SAME MATTERS OF CONCERN WHEN THEY
25 APPLY TO LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES. WHEN BUSINESSES SUCH AS AN



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1 OIL FIELD, A PETROLEUM REFINERY, A SANITATION TREATMENT PLANT
2 OR A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATE WITHIN THE
3 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
4 DEPARTMENT, THOSE BUSINESSES SUBMIT VARIOUS DOCUMENTS TO BOTH
5 THE P.C.U. AND THE CAL.A.R.P. UNIT, SUPPORTING THEIR
6 COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTERS 27, 34, AND 38 OF THE FIRE CODE. THE
7 CAL.A.R.P. UNIT ADMINISTERS THE CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE
8 PREVENTION PROGRAM. IN DOING SO, THE CAL.A.R.P. STAFF COLLECTS
9 AND REVIEWS REVIEWS THE COMPANY'S RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN, THEY
10 CONDUCT FACILITY INSPECTIONS, THEY ACT AS CONSULTANTS TO THE
11 BUSINESS OWNER, THE OPERATOR AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE
12 P.C.U. ALSO REVIEWS AND COLLECTS VARIOUS DOCUMENTS FROM THE
13 BUSINESS OWNERS, OPERATORS OR THEIR AGENTS. THE P.C.U.'S
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FIRE CODE AS IT
15 RELATES TO STRUCTURES, PROCESSES, PREMISES AND THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT
17 AGAINST CONDITIONS THAT ARE HAZARDOUS TO LIFE, PROPERTY AND
18 THE PUBLIC WELFARE. ON MANY OCCASIONS, THE P.C.U. AND THE
19 CAL.A.R.P. UNIT COMBINE OUR RESOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE
20 COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CONSISTENT WITH
21 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GOOD PRACTICE FOR PROVIDING A REASONABLE
22 LEVEL OF LIFE SAFETY AND PROPERTY PROTECTION FROM THE HAZARDS
23 OF FIRE, EXPLOSION OR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IN NEW AND EXISTING
24 BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND PREMISES AND TO PROVIDE SAFETY TO
25 FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS DURING EMERGENCY



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1 OPERATIONS. SUCH HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH THE BUSINESS KNOWN TO
2 US AS P.X.P., THE BALDWIN HILLS C.S.D. AND THE DRAFT E.I.R.
3 MEMBERS OF BOTH THE P.C.U. AND THE CAL.A.R.P. UNIT HAVE
4 DONATED COUNTLESS HOURS, WE HAVE CONDUCTED INDIVIDUAL AND
5 JOINT SITE INSPECTIONS, REVIEWED COUNTLESS DOCUMENTS AND
6 ATTENDED NUMEROUS MEETINGS IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER. WE
7 REVIEWED THE C.S.D. AND DRAFT E.I.R. AND ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS
8 TO SUCH. WE PROVIDED OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMPANY, THE
9 CONSULTANTS AND TO REGIONAL PLANNING. THE RESULT OF THIS
10 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IS A SERIES OF FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
11 WHICH MEET AND EXCITED THOSE CURRENTLY IN PLACE FOR THE
12 AVERAGE OIL PRODUCING COMPANY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHOULD THE C.S.D. BE
14 ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, THE OPERATOR OF THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL
15 FIELDS WOULD BE REGULATED MORE LIKE A SMALL PETROLEUM REFINERY
16 INSTEAD OF AN OIL FIELD. THIS IN FACT WOULD BE MORE
17 RESTRICTIVE THAN IF THE C.S.D. WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED. NOW DR.
18 SIMON FROM HEALTH.

19

20 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD
21 MEMBERS. LET ME SNEAK IN HERE A LITTLE BIT. AS CAPTAIN LEDESMA
22 SAID, I'M FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I CONDUCT
23 CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY CONTROL, AND FOR THE RECORD, MY
24 NAME IS PAUL SIMON, S-I-M-O-N. WE WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THE
25 E.I.R. IN REGARDS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECTS OF THE C.S.D.



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1 AND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION AND OUR TOXICS
2 EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM DID REVIEW THE E.I.R. I'D LIKE TO MAKE
3 JUST FOUR QUICK POINTS. ONE IS THAT OUR STAFF FELT THAT IT WAS
4 A SOLID E.I.R. IT WAS COMPREHENSIVE AND IT FOLLOWED STANDARD
5 METHODOLOGIES. AND THE RESULTS IN TERMS OF AIR TOXICS
6 INDICATED THAT THE LEVEL OF RISK WAS NOT AT OR ABOVE THE
7 THRESHOLD THAT SHOULD RAISE CONCERN FOR THOSE THAT LIVE NEAR
8 THE OIL FIELD. SECOND POINT I'D LIKE TO MAKE, THOUGH, IS THAT
9 GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE OPERATION, THE FACT THAT THERE IS DENSE
10 RESIDENTIAL POPULATIONS IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE OIL FIELDS,
11 THERE IS A NEED FOR ONGOING VIGILANCE. AND I THINK THAT
12 VIGILANCE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE TESTIMONY YOU'VE HEARD SO
13 FAR. THIRD, WE WERE ASKED TO OPINE ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE OF
14 VALUE TO DO A DOOR-TO-DOOR HEALTH SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF THE
15 OIL FIELDS WERE ACTUALLY MAKING PEOPLE SICK. PARTICULAR
16 CONCERNS ABOUT CANCER AND RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS. AND WE DID
17 NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD USE OF RESOURCES OR THAT
18 IT WOULD YIELD INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AND THE
19 REASON IS THAT THE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT IS A MUCH, MUCH MORE
20 SENSITIVE METHOD FOR DETERMINING HEALTH RISK. THE LEVEL OF
21 RISK THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS SO LOW THAT YOU WOULD NEVER
22 BE ABLE TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF THE OIL FIELD IN A GENERAL
23 POPULATION SURVEY WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER FACTORS
24 INFLUENCING HEALTH STATUS. WITH THAT SAID, THOUGH, WE HAVE MET
25 WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, AND WE DO APPRECIATE THE LEVEL



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1 OF CONCERN. AND IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, WE'VE COME TO THE
2 CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO DO WHAT I'VE CALLED
3 THE COMMUNITY SURVEY. I WOULDN'T CALL IT A HEALTH STUDY. BUT A
4 COMMUNITY SURVEY THAT WOULD BE DONE PERHAPS A YEAR OR TWO INTO
5 THIS PERIOD OF THE C.S.D. THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSESS THE
6 IMPACTS OF THE OIL FIELDS ON THE NEIGHBORING POPULATIONS WITH
7 REGARD TO QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, ODORS, NOISE, VIBRATION. WE
8 COULD INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITIONS. WE'D
9 HAVE TO WORD THOSE HEALTH CONDITIONS VERY CAREFULLY SO THAT WE
10 COULD COMPARE THE RESULT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE
11 COUNTY FOR WHICH WE GET INFORMATION FROM OUR L.A. COUNTY
12 HEALTH SURVEY. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL BACKGROUND
13 INFORMATION TO ASSESS WHETHER THERE IS ONGOING IMPACTS OF THE
14 OIL FIELDS IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. BUT I WOULD UNDERSCORE
15 THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A DEFINITIVE SORT OF CAUSE AND EFFECT
16 TYPE OF HEALTH STUDY. AND AGAIN THE BEST WAY TO ASSESS HEALTH
17 RISK IS THROUGH THE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT WHICH WAS DONE AS
18 PART OF THE E.I.R. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT-- AND I
21 THINK THAT YOU HAVE CONCURRED WITH THIS-- THAT FROM OUR
22 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, WE WILL TAKE \$155,000, TRANSFER IT TO THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE A SURVEY IN OCTOBER
24 OF 2010 TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH ISSUES AND TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A
25 BASELINE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO COMPARE IN THE FUTURE. AND IF



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1 NO ONE WANTS ME TO PUT THAT MONEY IN, I WON'T. BUT I THINK
2 THAT IT'S A RESPONSIBLE THING IS TO PROVIDE THE MONEY TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. IT WILL BE
4 PUBLIC HEALTH. WILL IT GO TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR PUBLIC
5 HEALTH?

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7 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** PUBLIC HEALTH.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WILL GO TO PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT IT CAN BE
10 TRANSFERRED TO THEM NOW SO THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE
11 FOR THAT KIND OF A SURVEY. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

12

13 **ELAINE LEMKE:** MADAME CHAIR? I'M GOING TO COMPLETE THE STAFF
14 REPORT. MY NAME IS ELAINE LEMKE I'M PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNSEL
15 WHO HAS SAT AT THE COMMISSION FOR THE MAJORITY OF THESE
16 HEARINGS. AND THE ISSUES I WANTED TO ADDRESS TODAY IS THAT
17 DURING THE PROCESS, OUR OFFICE WAS ASKED ABOUT C.E.Q.A.
18 PROCEDURAL ISSUES, AMONG OTHER THINGS. THE KEY ONES IN THAT
19 REGARD WERE FIRST, THAT A LONGER PERIOD TO COMMENT ON THE
20 DRAFT E.I.R. WAS REQUIRED AND THEREFORE THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE
21 EXTENDED THAT COMMENT PERIOD. AND THE SECOND COMMENT WAS THAT
22 THE E.I.R MUST BE RECIRCULATED. ON THOSE ISSUES, WITH RESPECT
23 TO THE COMMENT PERIOD, THE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES PROVIDE THAT AN
24 E.I.R. REVIEW PERIOD SHALL BE AT LEAST 30 DAYS, MUST BE 45
25 DAYS, WHEN LIKE HERE THE E.I.R. WAS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE



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1 CLEARINGHOUSE, AND NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL
2 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE COUNTY SET A 60-DAY PERIOD, WHICH OBVIOUSLY
3 EXCEEDS THE 45 DAYS REQUIRED. AS TO RECIRCULATION,
4 RECIRCULATION OF A DRAFT E.I.R. IS ONLY REQUIRED IF
5 SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION IS ADDED TO THE E.I.R. AFTER
6 PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN OF ITS AVAILABILITY. IN HERE THE MAIN
7 ARGUMENT ASSERTING THAT RECIRCULATION WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE
8 NEW RECOMMENDED C.S.D. IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE
9 ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED FROM THE APPLICANT P.X.P., AND THEREFORE
10 THE PROJECT HAS CHANGED. OUR OFFICE DOES NOT AGREE THAT
11 MODIFYING THE C.S.D. IN THIS WAY QUALIFIES AS SIGNIFICANT NEW
12 INFORMATION. IN FACT, THAT THE C.S.D. RECOMMENDED BY THE
13 PLANNING COMMISSION INCLUDES MITIGATION MEASURES OVER AND
14 ABOVE THOSE SET FORTH IN THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED C.S.D.
15 REFLECTS THAT THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS WAS WORKING. IT IS NOT
16 UNUSUAL, AS WANTON HERE, TO MAKE CHANGES IN A PROJECT THAT
17 REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF AN ANALYSIS IN A
18 DRAFT E.I.R. THERE ARE ONLY LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES OR CHANGES
19 IDENTIFIED IN THE C.E.Q.A GUIDELINES THAT QUALIFY AS
20 SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION AND THAT THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING
21 A C.S.D. REVISED FROM THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO ADDRESS
22 ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE DRAFT E.I.R. DOES NOT FALL INTO ANY OF
23 THOSE CATEGORIES. IN OTHER ARGUMENTS REGARDING RECIRCULATION,
24 RELATED TO CLAIMS ABOUT OVERALL INADEQUACY OF THE E.I.R., IN



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1 OUR OPINION, THE DOCUMENT WILL WITHSTAND LEGAL CHALLENGES. I
2 THINK THAT CONCLUDES THE STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WHAT I WILL DO AT
5 THIS POINT IS I WILL START CALLING UP-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH--
6 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEN ALSO SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
7 INVOLVED AND THEN ULTIMATELY WILL GET TO THE MASSIVE NUMBER OF
8 PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE OPPOSED. BUT WE'LL DO THIS GROUP FIRST AND
9 THEN WE WILL GET TO THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED.
10 SOME OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE FOR, SOME ARE OPPOSED, SOME
11 HAVE NO POSITION. SO WE'LL HEAR FROM ALL OF THEM. BERNARD
12 PARKS, SCOTT MALSIN, WHO IS MAYOR OF CULVER CITY, COUNCILMAN
13 ARMENTA, FROM CITY OF CULVER CITY, COUNCILMAN SILBIGER, FROM
14 THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD.
15 COUNCILMAN O'LEARY, WE'RE GOING TO CALL YOU UP, ALSO. WE WOULD
16 ASK YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WE HAVE THIS NUMBER OF
17 PEOPLE WAITING TO SPEAK. ORDINARILY-- WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK
18 THAT YOU TRY TO KEEP WITHIN THE TWO MINUTES. ARE THE OTHER
19 COUNCIL PEOPLE HERE?

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21 **SCOTT MALSIN:** ACTUALLY, MR. O'LEARY AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO
22 THAT ARE LEFT. THE OTHER TWO COUNCILMEMBERS FROM CULVER CITY
23 HAD TO RETURN TO WORK.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. SAUNDRA DAVIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
2 COME FORWARD? SYLVIA CASTILLO? ALL RIGHT. YES, PLEASE, THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **SCOTT MALSIN:** MAY I HAVE A COUPLE OF MINUTES, PLEASE?

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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9 **SCOTT MALSIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SCOTT MALSIN. I'M THE
10 MAYOR OF CULVER CITY. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I APPLAUD YOU FOR
11 TAKING BOLD STEPS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO THE OPERATIONS
12 OF THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD, WHICH IN AGGREGATE CONSTITUTE
13 AN EXTREMELY INDUSTRIALIZED IN OUR HEAVILY POPULATED REGION,
14 ONE WHICH HAS OPERATED WITHOUT ADEQUATE REGULATION FOR
15 DECADES. IT IS CULVER CITY'S POSITION THAT THE PROCESS WHICH
16 HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT HAS BEEN FLAWED, THE DOCUMENT
17 UPON WHICH THE E.I.R. HAS BEEN BASED THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS
18 DISTRICT ORDINANCE ITSELF HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED
19 SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THE D.E.I.R. WAS ISSUED. WE BELIEVE THAT
20 THE D.E.I.R. NEEDS TO BE RECIRCULATED. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE
21 COUNTY DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE C.S.D., CULVER CITY
22 BELIEVES THAT THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT ISSUES NEED TO BE
23 ADDRESSED WITHIN IT. THE C.S.D. SHOULD REQUIRE CONSOLIDATION
24 OF OIL WELL DRILLING. ALL NEW WELLS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO A
25 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW PROCESS AND THERE SHOULD BE A LOWER CAP



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1 THAN THE ONE WHICH THE STAFF MENTIONED ON THE NUMBER OF WELLS
2 THAT CAN BE DRILLED ANNUALLY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
3 REVIEW. THERE ARE NUMEROUS IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES NOTED IN
4 THE ORDINANCE WHICH HAVE YET TO BE SPELLED OUT. THESE
5 GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED TO FOCUS ON ISSUES SUCH AS NOISE AND
6 DUST MITIGATION AND VAPOR MONITORING. MITIGATION PLANS AND
7 GUIDELINES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND/OR REVIEWED BY INDEPENDENT
8 EXPERTS. ONGOING INCREMENTAL CLEAN UP OF THE OIL FIELDS SHOULD
9 BE REQUIRED. THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF WELLS WHICH WERE
10 ABANDONED YEARS AGO WHEN STANDARDS WERE MUCH LESS STRINGENT
11 THAN THEY ARE TODAY AND MUCH LESS STRINGENT THAN THE RULES
12 THAT YOU MAY WELL BE ADOPTING SHORTLY. THERE SHOULD BE A PLAN
13 FOR THE EVENTUAL CONVERSION OF THE OIL FIELDS TO A NATURAL
14 STATE CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN. NOW IS THE
15 TIME TO REQUIRE THAT P.X.P. IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREPARE THE
16 WAY FOR THE CREATION OF THE GREAT PARK OUR COMMUNITY SO
17 DESPERATELY DESIRES AND DESERVES. [APPLAUSE.] JUST A LITTLE
18 BIT LEFT IF IT'S ALL RIGHT.

19
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CERTAINLY.

21
22 **SCOTT MALSIN:** POTENTIAL HEALTH IMPACTS FROM OIL DRILLING
23 OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE COMMUNITIES
24 SURROUNDING THE OIL FIELD. AS SUCH THERE NEEDS TO BE
25 PROVISIONS FOR PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS IN THOSE



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1 COMMUNITIES. OUR CONSTITUENTS DESERVE NOTHING LESS THAN THE
2 MOST STRINGENT STANDARDS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR
3 QUALITY ISSUES CONSIDERING THE SITUATION OF THESE OIL FIELDS
4 IN THE HEART OF OUR HEAVILY POPULATED REGION. ONE BASIC
5 QUESTION: ARE ALL OF THESE STRICTER NEW REGULATIONS INTENDED
6 TO APPLY RETROSPECTIVELY, THE FIRE SAFETY, THE AIR QUALITY
7 MEASURES? LASTLY I'D JUST LIKE TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT
8 CULVER CITY HAS SUBMITTED EXTENSIVE COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THIS
9 PROCESS ON THE D.E.I.R. ON AUGUST 19TH, ON THE C.S.D. ON
10 SEPTEMBER 10TH, OCTOBER 1ST, OCTOBER 8TH AND FINALLY TODAY ON
11 THE F.E.I.R. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **MEHAUL O'LEARY:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
16 CHRISTOPHER ARMENTA, AS HAS BEEN SAID ALREADY GARY SILBIGER
17 HAD TO LEAVE EARLIER AND SEND THEIR APOLOGIES. OBVIOUSLY
18 CULVER CITY BELIEVES THAT THE DRAFT E.I.R. SHOULD BE
19 RECIRCULATED. HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY DECIDES TO MOVE FORWARD
20 ON THIS, THE CONSOLIDATION OF OIL WELL DRILLING IS A CONCERN
21 OF OURS. THE NUMBER OF WELLS SHOULD BE CAPPED AT 15 PER YEAR.
22 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES OF OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS HAVE YET
23 TO BE DEVELOPED. I CAN SEE BY THE REPORT THAT YOU'RE WORKING
24 ON THAT, GOVERNING NOISE REDUCTION, DUST MITIGATION,
25 LANDSCAPING TO ADDRESS VISUAL IMPACTS. AND I THANK YOU FOR



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1 THAT. WE SUGGEST INDEPENDENT EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF OIL FIELD
2 REGULATION. WE LOOK FOR OVERSIGHT, OBVIOUSLY. THE POTENTIAL
3 HEALTH IMPACTS ARE OF A MAJOR CONCERN OF OURS. PERIODIC HEALTH
4 ASSESSMENTS IS SOMETHING I BELIEVE ALSO THAT YOU'RE WORKING
5 ON. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SURVEYS. CANCER
6 CLUSTERS ARE A THING THAT WE HAVE NOTICED IN THE BEVERLY HILLS
7 AREA. AND WE WOULD BE AFRAID THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD
8 HAPPEN OBVIOUSLY IN CULVER CITY, AND IT'S A MAJOR CONCERN OF
9 OURS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE ONGOING CLEAN UP OF THE
10 OIL FIELDS. AND THE PLAN OF EVENTUAL CONVERSION OF THE OIL
11 FIELDS TO ITS NATURAL STATE, CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S
12 GENERAL PLAN. OBVIOUSLY TARGETED CLOSURE DATES WOULD BE VERY
13 ACCEPTABLE TO US. AND OBVIOUSLY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SINCE THIS
14 IS PROBABLY THE LAST TIME I GET TO SPEAK TO YOU IN PUBLIC,
15 SINCE YOU ARE LEAVING OFFICE SOON, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU
16 THAT CULVER CITY ABSOLUTELY APPRECIATES WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR
17 THEM. I HAVEN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS IN CULVER CITY, BUT
18 YOU ARE A LEGEND FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. AND THIS IS
19 NOW THE TWILIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] YOU ARE WRITING THE BOOK OF YOUR
20 LEGACY AND THIS IS NOW THE FINAL CHAPTER. AND I HOPE IT IS A
21 HAPPY ENDING. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANKS VERY MUCH. AND WE WON'T HAVE ANY
24 APPLAUSE. I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR SIGNS. YOU HAVE YOUR YES, YOUR
25 NOS. YOU CAN DO THAT OR YOU CAN DO LIKE THIS. NO MORE



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1 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK BILL PIAZZA TO COME
2 FORWARD. DR. FRED MURRAY, FREDERICK MURRAY. EARL HUTCHINSON.
3 WOULD THEY PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SAUNDRA DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SAUNDRA DAVIS. BUT I
6 ALSO WOULD ASK THAT I BE ABLE TO READ WHAT MY OTHER ELECTED
7 BOARD MEMBER LEFT, AS WELL. SCOTT ZEIDMAN DURING THIS TIME?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS LONG AS IT'S SHORT, SURE, GO RIGHT
10 AHEAD.

11

12 **SAUNDRA DAVIS:** I'LL READ HIS FIRST. IT SAYS, "GOOD MORNING MY
13 NAME SCOTT ZEIDMAN AND I HAVE LIVED IN CULVER CITY PRETTY MUCH
14 MY ENTIRE LIFE. I IMAGINE THAT YOUR POSITION AS COUNTY
15 SUPERVISOR IS CHALLENGING AFTER ALL, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
16 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. MY POSITION AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE
18 CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT AS DIFFICULT AS
19 YOURS, BUT IT, TOO, HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE CHALLENGES. AS A MEMBER
20 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND
21 WELL-BEING OF THOUSANDS OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN AS WELL AS
22 IMPORTANTLY FOR OVER 6,500 CHILDREN. THESE ARE CHILDREN WITH
23 SMALL AND DEVELOPING BODIES, CHILDREN WHO ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE
24 TO ILLNESS THAN ADULTS, CHILDREN HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO
25 SCHOOL, AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO VOTE. MANY, IF NOT



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1 ALL OF THESE CHILDREN, ARE IN THE PROVERBIAL ZONE OF DANGER OF
2 ODOR EMISSIONS FROM THE OIL WELLS IF YOU ADOPT THE E.I.R. AND
3 C.S.D.. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU RECIRCULATE THE E.I.R. HOWEVER,
4 IF YOU ARE INCLINED TO, INSTEAD, TO APPROVE THE C.S.D., I
5 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO AMEND THE DRAFT C.S.D. AT PAGES 53 AND 54
6 TO ADDRESS TWO CATEGORIES OF ISSUES: THE QUANTITY OF WELLS AND
7 THE PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. NUMBER
8 ONE, AMEND SECTION H-1 TO LIMIT NEW DRILLING AND REDRILLING
9 APPROVED THROUGH A DIRECTORS' REVIEW MUST BE LIMITED TO NO
10 MORE THAN 20 WELLS PER YEAR AND NO MORE THAN A NET INCREASE OF
11 10 WELLS IN ANY ONE YEAR. AND NUMBER TWO, AMEND SECTION H-2 TO
12 ADD LANGUAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NEW
13 WELLS, INCLUDING ANY WELLS APPROVED PER DIRECTORS' REVIEW
14 PERMITS, SHALL BE LIMITED TO 48 TOTAL NEW WELLS PER YEAR AND A
15 NET INCREASE OF NO MORE THAN 22 NEW WELLS PER YEAR. THE HEALTH
16 OF OUR RESIDENTS, OUR VISITORS AND QUITE IMPORTANTLY THE
17 HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN IS IN YOUR HANDS. I URGE YOU TO ACT IN
18 THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR CHILDREN AND AMEND THE C.S.D. AS
19 REQUESTED." THAT WAS FROM SCOTT ZEIDMAN. THIS IS FROM MYSELF.
20 GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SAUNDRA DAVIS AND I AM ONE OF
21 CULVER CITY'S 10 ELECTED OFFICIALS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CULVER
22 CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND I RESIDE AT 5949 STONE VIEW DRIVE
23 IN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY. I LOOK OUT MY WINDOW AT THE OIL
24 FIELDS IN QUESTION. I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WAS
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE 6,500 STUDENTS IN



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1 THE CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I ALSO AM SPEAKING
2 FOR THE 700,000 STUDENTS IN THE L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
3 THE 19,000 STUDENTS IN THE INGLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOT TO
4 MENTION THOSE STUDENTS IN THE BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 WHO HAVE LED THEIR OWN FIGHT FOR LIFE. I COME TO YOU WITH
6 THOSE CHILDREN IN THE CULVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE
7 FOREFRONT OF MY CONCERN. I COME TO YOU WITH THE FUTURE OF MY
8 FAMILY AS A CONCERN. I COME TO YOU WITH THE FUTURE OF CULVER
9 CITY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE RESIDENTS OF BALDWIN HILLS VIEW
10 PARK, LADERA HEIGHTS AND OTHER SURROUNDING AREAS WHO WILL BE
11 AFFECTED BY YOUR DECISION HERE TODAY. I MENTION ADDITIONAL
12 CHILDREN IN AREAS TODAY BECAUSE RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE TOXINS
13 CAN TRAVEL AS FAR AWAY AS BAKERSFIELD. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY
14 WITH GREAT CONCERN. I CONTINUE TO BE AMAZED BY THE
15 DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE OIL
16 COMPANIES AND BIG BUSINESS CORPORATIONS WHILE SEEMINGLY
17 IGNORING THE GREATER GOOD OF THE PEOPLE, YOUR CONSTITUENTS. WE
18 THE PEOPLE HAVE VERY LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ABOUT OUR HEALTH, OUR
19 HOMES AND OUR OVERALL WELL-BEING. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE
20 COME AND SPOKEN ON THESE ISSUES. AND I FEEL THAT MY WORDS OF
21 CONCERN HAVE FALLEN ON SOMEWHAT DEAF EARS. THE POINTS I MAKE
22 HERE TODAY ARE POINTS WE'VE ALL MADE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE
23 ONLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE OUR HEALTH CONCERNS SERIOUSLY. WE ONLY
24 ASK THAT YOU TAKE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES SERIOUSLY. WE
25 ONLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS SERIOUSLY.



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1 WE ONLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE OUR SAFETY ISSUES SERIOUSLY. WE ONLY
2 ASK THAT YOU TAKE THE HISTORY OF CATASTROPHIC OCCURRENCES
3 SERIOUSLY. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW I COULD
4 LIVE WITH MYSELF IF THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED ME HAVE TO BEG FOR
5 MERCY AND I IGNORED THEIR PLEAS. WE THE PEOPLE ONLY ASK THAT,
6 NUMBER ONE, YOU REQUIRE A FULL COMPREHENSIVE AND INDEPENDENT
7 STUDY E.I.R. OF THE ACTUAL OIL FIELD LAND WITH ALL APPROPRIATE
8 AGENCIES PROVIDING DATA AND COMMENTS BEFORE ADOPTING ANY
9 POLICY ORDINANCE, C.S.D. RELATED TO OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN
10 THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD. THE KEY WORDS IN THIS REQUEST ARE
11 "COMPREHENSIVE" AND "INDEPENDENT." NUMBER TWO, THAT P.X.P. BE
12 ADEQUATELY INSURED FOR CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE, SUBSIDENCE,
13 TOXIC CLOUD, EXPLOSIVE FAILURE OF THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD.
14 AND NUMBER THREE TO SOLICIT A PLEDGE FROM D.O.G.G.R. NOT TO
15 PERMIT ANY NEW WELLS UNTIL THE C.S.D. IS RESOLVED. AND AGAIN
16 PLEASE CONSIDER THE FACT THAT WE THE PEOPLE HAVE SUPPORTED YOU
17 THROUGH YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE LEGACY YOU LEAVE
18 CAN BE A LEGACY OF GREATNESS OR A LEGACY OF DISDAIN. I THANK
19 YOU FOR THE TIME YOU'VE ALLOWED ME TO SPEAK AND MAY GOD BLESS
20 YOU IN YOUR DECISION TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE AND DO THE RIGHT
21 THING FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **JENNY WOOD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JENNY WOOD AND I'M A SENIOR
2 FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPEAKER KAREN BASS AND I'M GOING TO
3 READ A LETTER FROM THE SPEAKER TODAY. "DEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR
5 THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WITH THE
6 MODIFICATIONS PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY. FIRST AND FOREMOST I
7 APPLAUD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY
8 STAFF, P.X.P., THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE AS WELL AS
9 MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE
10 CREATION AND REVISION OF THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS
11 DISTRICT. THIS PROCESS AND COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP
12 REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS THE EXPANSION OF OIL DRILLING WITHIN
13 THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELDS WILL HELP ENSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
14 AND SAFETY AS WELL AS PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
15 RESOURCES IN THE BALDWIN HILLS AREA FOR DECADES TO COME.
16 FURTHERMORE, I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE GREATER BALDWIN
17 HILLS ALLIANCE AND ALL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE
18 VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO RESEARCH THE EFFECTS OF THE OIL
19 DRILLING, EFFECTIVELY EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND POLICY
20 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ORGANIZE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY.
21 THESE EFFORTS HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE GREATER
22 GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ULTIMATELY A MORE EFFECTIVE C.S.D.
23 AS SPEAKER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, AND A RESIDENT OF BALDWIN
24 VISTA, I SHARE MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS' CONCERNS REGARDING THE
25 IMPACT OF A HIGH NUMBER OF NEW WELLS IN AN URBAN AREA WITHOUT



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1 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE
2 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVISE THE C.S.D. IN TWO SPECIFIC
3 WAYS. FIRST, I SUPPORT DECREASING THE NUMBER OF WELL PERMITS
4 ALLOWED PER YEAR. THE CURRENT C.S.D. LIMITS THE OIL OPERATOR
5 TO 53 NEW AND REDRILLED WELLS PER YEAR THROUGH A DIRECTORS'
6 REVIEW PROCESS. OVER A 20-YEAR PERIOD. THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR
7 1,060 NEW WELLS WITHOUT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.
8 ADDITIONALLY, THE CURRENT OIL OPERATOR INDICATED THAT THE
9 ANNUAL NUMBER OF WELLS DRILLED IS REALISTICALLY FAR FEWER THAN
10 53. THEREFORE I ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
11 MODIFY THE C.S.D. TO REFLECT BOTH THE DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY
12 AND THE EXPRESSED INTENTIONS OF THE OIL OPERATOR BY DECREASING
13 THE NUMBER OF NEW WELL PERMITS ALLOWED PER YEAR. SECOND, THE
14 C.S.D. SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS NOTIFIED EACH
15 TIME NEW WELL PERMITS ARE APPLIED FOR AND A DECISION IS MADE.
16 THIS SHOULD INCLUDE NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL AS
17 WELL AS LOCAL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS. THIS ADDITION TO THE
18 C.S.D. WILL SIMPLY BUILD UPON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY
19 ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT.
20 AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 FOR DEMONSTRATING STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-
22 BEING OF LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS BY INITIATING THE C.S.D. IT IS
23 AN EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT SET OF REGULATIONS THAT WILL HAVE A
24 POSITIVE IMPLICATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND NATIONWIDE. I CAN
25 APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY RECOMMENDATIONS AND LOOK



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1 FORWARD TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE C.S.D. THANK YOU,
2 SPEAKER KAREN BASS."

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE IS A
5 DRILLING PLAN THAT'S REQUIRED THAT HAS TO BE SUBMITTED IN
6 TERMS OF PROPOSED DRILLING. WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'LL HAVE
7 RESPONSE TO ALL OF THE ISSUES BY THE EXPERTS AFTER EVERYONE
8 HAS TESTIFIED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH THOUGH FOR BEING HERE. I
9 APPRECIATE IT. AND THEN DR. FREDERICK MURPH. EARL HUTCHINSON,
10 OFARY HUTCHINSON, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE
11 YOUR NAME.

12

13 **BILL PIAZZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS BILL PIAZZA. HONORABLE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MADAME CHAIR, I WORK FOR THE OFFICE OF
15 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, LOS ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT.
16 FOR THE SAKE OF BREVITY AND KEEPING WITH THE TIME CONSTRAINTS
17 THE DISTRICT WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY
18 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT'S TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION AS THE
19 CREATION OF THE C.S.D. AND SUBSEQUENT EXPANSION OF OIL FIELD
20 OPERATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE E.I.R.'S ODOR EMISSION ANALYSIS
21 ACKNOWLEDGED THE DOWNWIND EXTENT OF PROCESS ODORS THROUGHOUT
22 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND SUMMARILY MITIGATED THEIR EXTENT WITH
23 A LAUNDRY LIST OF MITIGATION MEASURES. UNFORTUNATELY, NO
24 EMISSION DATA, DISPERSION MODEL FILES, NOTHING WAS PROVIDED TO
25 REVIEW, VALIDATE THE ANALYSIS OR QUANTIFY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF



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1 THE IDENTIFIED MITIGATION MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT PROCESS
2 ODORS WILL NOT AFFECT THE COMFORT AND REPOSE OF STUDENTS AND
3 STAFF ATTENDING WINDSOR HILLS MAGNET SCHOOL. THEREFORE THE
4 DISTRICT REQUESTS THAT YOU HOLD CERTIFICATION OF THE F.E.I.R.,
5 REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE AND ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW
6 THE TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
7 C.E.Q.A. WITHOUT SUCH CONSIDERATION, THE DISTRICT MUST OPPOSE
8 THE CREATION OF THE BALDWIN HILLS C.S.P. ALTHOUGH WE
9 APPRECIATE STAFF'S ASSURANCES, THERE IS LITTLE GUARANTEE THAT
10 THE PROPOSED STANDARDS AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES WILL BE
11 CONDUCTED IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING
12 COMMUNITY. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EARL HUTCHINSON. I SAW
15 HIM. ERIC BOYD, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR STATE SENATOR MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO ONE
17 MINUTE IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING.
18 WELL, YOU KNOW, I'M TRYING TO HOLD EVERYONE HERE. THIS IS THE
19 NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AND I KNOW EVERYONE DOESN'T MIND HOW LONG WE
20 STAY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT DOWN THE SPEAKERS. ALL
21 RIGHT, OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT HAPPENS?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY CAN START APPLYING FOR DRILLING
2 TOMORROW.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THIS IS THE LAST DAY.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. WE GOT A VOLUNTARY EXTENSION
7 OF THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TODAY. AND SO THERE'S NO
8 LIMITATIONS STARTING TOMORROW.

9

10 **DR. FREDERICK MURPH:** MY NAME IS DR. FREDERICK O. MURPH. I'M
11 THE SENIOR MINISTER OF BROOKINS COMMUNITY AFRICAN METHODIST
12 EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. I LIVE IN
13 THE LADERA AREA SO I'M DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE DECISION MADE
14 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR
15 BURKE FOR HER NUMBER OF YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND HER
16 COMMITMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DONE
17 ITS HOMEWORK IN TERMS OF COMING UP WITH INFORMATION IN TERMS
18 OF MAKING A GOOD DECISION. I'VE TALKED WITH THE PEOPLE AT
19 P.X.P., AND I HAVE TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO
20 THIS COMMUNITY. RATHER THAN A LOT OF COMPANIES COMING IN AS
21 THEY DO AND OFTEN TAKING FROM THE COMMUNITY, P.X.P. HAS
22 COMMITTED TO PUT MONEY INTO THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF
23 PROGRAMS, IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND IN TERMS OF
24 MAKING SURE THAT THESE OIL FIELDS DO NOT GIVE OFF TOXIC FUMES
25 AND IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND THEM. I'M ALSO AWARE, AFTER



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1 HAVING DONE MY HOMEWORK, THAT WHETHER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 DECIDES TO APPROVE THIS OR NOT, P.X.P. CAN STILL GO TO THE
3 STATE AND GET A LICENSE TO GO AHEAD AND DRILL, ANYWAY. BUT I
4 THINK IF WE WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND AS THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS, I THINK THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT
6 EVERYBODY CAN LIVE WITH. AND IF WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE
7 EFFORTS GOING ON IN THAT OIL FIELD, I THINK WE CAN COME UP
8 WITH SOMETHING THAT EVERYBODY CAN LIVE WITH. AND I HOPE WE CAN
9 DO THAT TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO ALSO CALL
12 UP ELAIN CHANG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM S.C.R.A.G.
13 [APPLAUSE.] IRMA MUNOZ, LARK GALLOWAY.

14

15 **ERIC BOYD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC BOYD,
16 DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR STATE SENATOR MARK RIDLEY- THOMAS. I'M
17 HERE TO REPRESENT THE SENATOR AND TO SUBMIT HIS COMMENTS FOR
18 THE RECORD. I WILL SAY THAT I WORE MY ONLY GREEN SUIT IN
19 SOLIDARITY TODAY WITH THE G.B.H.A. THESE ARE THE SENATORS'
20 COMMENTS. "I BEGIN BY COMMENDING THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
21 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE PAST YEAR, ESPECIALLY
22 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE
23 AND ALL OF ITS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE SIGNIFICANT
24 CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE MADE VIA THEIR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT
25 E.I.R., THEIR THOUSANDS OF MAN HOURS AND THEIR SUGGESTED



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1 REVISIONS OFFERED ON ALL FOUR VERSIONS OF THE C.S.D.. IT
2 SHOULD BE NOTED-- AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE
3 REMINDED-- THAT THE G.B.H.A. WAS THE FIRST TO SUBMIT A VERSION
4 OF THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT DOCUMENT.
5 THE G.B.H.A VERSION OFFERED RECOMMENDATION FOR THE HEALTH
6 CONSCIOUS AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OPERATION OF THE
7 INGLEWOOD BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD AND CONTINUES TO BE THE ONLY
8 C.S.D. DOCUMENT THAT CONSIDERS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BALDWIN
9 HILLS MASTER PLAN ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2002.
10 SOME OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE G.B.H.A. C.S.D. HAS CAUGHT THE
11 ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE OWN BOARD OF PLANNING
12 COMMISSIONERS, SO MUCH SO THAT IN THE FINAL VOTE ON THE
13 VERSION FOR C.S.D., HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
14 FIRST HEED THE G.B.H.A.'S CALL FOR HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AS WELL
15 AS OTHER G.B.H.A. PROVISIONS. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS OUTLINED IN
16 THE G.B.H.A.'S COMMUNITY DRIVEN C.S.D., CONCERNS RANGING FROM
17 THE SIMPLE GRAMMATICAL AND/OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS TO GLARING
18 DISCREPANCIES, SUCH AS THE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY BETWEEN THE
19 NUMBER OF NEW WELLS PER YEAR ALLOWABLE IN THE C.S.D.,
20 CURRENTLY 53, VERSUS 15 NEW WELLS ANNUALLY WHICH P.X.P.
21 DETAILS IN ITS OWN PUBLICLY DISTRIBUTED LITERATURE." I CAN SEE
22 MY TIME'S RUNNING SHORT, SO I'LL GIVE THE SENATOR'S CLOSING
23 REMARKS. HE STATES THAT, "THROUGHOUT THE TIME," AND IT'S BEEN
24 OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, HE'S BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS ISSUE
25 THROUGH TOWN HALLS AND A TOUR OF THE FIELD ITSELF, STAFF



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1 PARTICIPATION IN G.B.H.A. ET CETERA, "I'VE SEEN SOME
2 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF INCLUSIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF
3 THIS PROCESS; HOWEVER, IT IS ABUNDANTLY THAT YOUR, MY, OUR
4 CONSTITUENTS CONTINUE TO HARBOR GRAVE CONCERNS FOR THE HEALTH
5 OF THEIR FAMILIES, THE STABILITY OF THEIR PROPERTY, WATER AND
6 SOIL QUALITY AND OVERALL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED OIL FIELD
7 EXPANSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL HABITAT IN AND AROUND
8 THE FIELD UNLESS AND UNTIL SAID CONCERNS ARE SATISFACTORILY
9 ADDRESSED IN THE COLLECTIVE OPINION OF THE COMMUNITY, THIS
10 PROCESS, IN MY MIND, IS INCOMPLETE. AND THERE IS IMPORTANT
11 COLLABORATIVE WORK YET TO BE DONE. LET US NOT SQUANDER THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO GET IT RIGHT IN THE INTEREST OF CONVENIENCE OR
13 EXPEDIENCY."

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR
16 NAME.

17

18 **IRMA MUNOZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR BURKE. MY NAME IS IRMA MUNOZ
19 AND I'M A RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER IN BALDWIN VISTA AND THE
20 PRESIDENT, FOUNDER OF ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY ORGANIZATION CALLED
21 MUJERES DE LA TIERRA. I'VE HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY THAT WAS
22 GIVEN BY THE EXPERTS THIS MORNING. LET ME GIVE YOU MY
23 VIEWPOINT AS A HOMEOWNER AND SOMEONE WHO WALKS THE
24 NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE OIL WELLS AND THE PARK ALMOST EVERY DAY.
25 THE SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMENTS,



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1 PARTICULARLY BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL REALLY STIRRED ALL
2 SORTS OF EMOTIONS IN ME BECAUSE THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS
3 THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE KIDS WHERE I LIVE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD
4 SUFFER FROM ASTHMA. I GOT INVOLVED FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN TWO OF
5 MY NEIGHBORS, BOTH FEMALE, ONE WHO LIVED RIGHT ACROSS THE
6 STREET, ONE WHO LIVED RIGHT NEXT TO ME WHOSE PARENTS BUILT
7 THEIR HOMES, BOTH DIED OF CANCER BEFORE TURNING 60 YEARS OLD.
8 AND SO ALL I'VE ASKED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IS, CAN YOU TELL
9 ME IF THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT GOES ON IN THE OIL
10 WELLS AND THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY? IF YOU GO INTO MY
11 NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU WILL ALSO SEE THERE ARE A LOT OF HILLSIDES
12 HAVE FALLEN, A LOT OF CRACKED FOUNDATIONS. WE HAVE ONE
13 HOMEOWNER WHOSE KITCHEN HAS FALLEN THROUGH AND HAS HAD TO MAKE
14 NUMEROUS REPAIRS ON IT. AND SO ALL I'D ASKED FROM THE VERY
15 BEGINNING IS FOR A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, FOR PEOPLE TO GO
16 DOOR-TO-DOOR AND ASK: WHAT HEALTH ISSUES THEY HAVE, WHAT
17 PROBLEMS THEY'VE HAD WITH THEIR HOME AND THEIR FOUNDATIONS.
18 AND THE ANSWER WAS: "WE RAN OUT OF TIME. WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME
19 TO DO IT." IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP US TO DO THIS IN TWO YEARS.
20 IT WILL NOT HELP TO DO IT IN FIVE YEARS. I DON'T CARE
21 PARTICULARLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, I WANT TO
22 KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AND WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST,
23 BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO HELP US WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE.
24 FRANKLY IF THEY WANT TO START DRILLING OIL WELLS, LET THEM. I
25 THINK WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS TO REALLY REVIEW THE



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1 C.S.D.. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE CURRENT C.S.D., AND AS A MEMBER OF
2 THE PUBLIC I TAKE OFFENSE THAT ANY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AND
3 VOTED ON A DOCUMENT THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN FOR REVIEW AND FOR
4 STUDY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S ON THE INTERNET. [LAUGHTER.] IT
7 IS AVAILABLE TO YOU. WE WILL CERTAINLY MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THIS. I WANT
11 TO UNDERSTAND THE POSITION. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU WOULD
12 RATHER THAT THEY CONTINUE TO DRILL NEW WELLS UNLIMITED UNTIL
13 WE DECIDE WHAT THIS RIGHT STANDARD SHOULD BE?

14

15 **IRMA MUNOZ:** YES. BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT TOMORROW THEY'RE
16 GOING TO BE DRILLING NEW OIL WELLS. THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A
17 PROCESS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, THERE IS NO PROCESS. THEY JUST HAVE TO
20 APPLY TO THE STATE.

21

22 **IRMA MUNOZ:** WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS IF
23 THEY DRILLED HOW MANY OIL WELLS LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE
24 WITHOUT EVEN INFORMING US. THEY SUBMITTED NEGATIVE
25 DECLARATIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITHOUT INFORMING US.



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1 SO THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF OIL WELL DRILLING WITHOUT US BEING
2 INFORMED. MAYBE I'M CONFUSED ABOUT IT, BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR
3 FROM AN EXPERT. IF IT IS TRUE THAT TOMORROW IF YOU DON'T TAKE
4 ACTION TODAY THAT THEY CAN START OIL DRILLING--

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** APPLY TO THE STATE.

7

8 **IRMA MUNOZ:** I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY HAVE TO APPLY, AND IT'S
9 NOT A MATTER OF 24 HOURS THAT THEY GET AN ANSWER.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT MAY BE A FEW MORE DAYS THAN THAT.
12 THEY CAN RESPOND TO YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. PEARSON, WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLAIN IT?

17

18 **JOHN PEARSON:** MY NAME IS JOHN PEARSON. IN ORDER TO DRILL
19 WELLS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO D.O.G.G.R. FOR PERMITS.
20 D.O.G.G.R. CAN TAKE ANYWHERE FROM TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH TO
21 ISSUE THOSE PERMITS. THERE ARE OTHER CASES WHERE IT'S BEEN A
22 COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THEY'LL ISSUE THE PERMITS NEEDED TO DRILL.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHO HAS THE CONTROL AT THE STATE?

25



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1 **JOHN PEARSON:** DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL
2 RESOURCES.

3

4 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. PEARSON, DON'T THEY HAVE TO APPLY TO THE
5 COUNTY FIRST?

6

7 **JOHN PEARSON:** NO.

8

9 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THEY DON'T GO TO THE COUNTY FIRST FOR SIGN OFF?

10

11 **JOHN PEARSON:** UNDER THE CURRENT-- AND I KNOW SOMEBODY ELSE MAY
12 WANT TO TALK TO THIS-- THE CURRENT COUNTY PROCESS. BUT NO,
13 D.O.G.G.R. HAS TO ISSUE PERMITS. THEY HAVE TO ISSUE IT BEFORE
14 THE COUNTY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE INFORMATION THAT SOMEBODY DOESN'T
17 KNOW. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND. I WAS TOLD
18 THAT TODAY IS KIND OF THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE. BECAUSE
19 OTHERWISE--

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR THEM TO APPLY TO D.O.G.G.R.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. OTHERWISE THEY HAVE BY RIGHT
24 UNLIMITED NUMBERS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO GO TO THE STATE.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT.
4 NOW WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE.
5 BUT I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THAT FROM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
6 OF WHAT YOU INFORMED US, THIS IS ALMOST THE LAST DAY TO REALLY
7 GET THOSE STANDARDS IN IF THEY WANTED TO. I'M NOT SAYING THEY
8 WOULD, EITHER. THEY COULD START MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 25 NEW
9 WELLS TOMORROW.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I UNDERSTAND IT BECAUSE THIS IS NEW TO ME
12 THIS WHOLE D.O.G.G.R. PROCESS. IF THEY APPLIED AND GOT A
13 PERMIT, LET'S SAY THEY GOT A PERMIT IN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY,
14 IS THAT PERMIT REVOCABLE IF THE COUNTY WERE TO PASS A C.S.D.,
15 A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT? ONCE YOU GET IT IS--

16

17 **JOHN PEARSON:** THAT PERMIT FROM D.O.G.G.R. SAYS YOU HAVE A
18 RIGHT TO DRILL A WELL. UNDER THE C.S.D., THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
19 STEPS THAT THE APPLICANT OR P.X.P. WOULD NEED TO TAKE BEFORE
20 THE COUNTY WOULD ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE WELL. AND REALLY,
21 COUNTY'S ISSUING A LAND USE PERMIT.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION. SUPPOSE D.O.G.G.R.
24 ISSUED A PERMIT TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. AND THEN
25 IN THREE WEEKS OR SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, LET'S SAY IN A MONTH



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1 FROM NOW, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENACTS THE C.S.D., THE ONE
2 THAT IS BEFORE US TODAY FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, WHICH IS
3 MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT THE OIL COMPANY WOULD BE ENTITLED
4 TO APPLY TO D.O.G.G.R. FOR, MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT
5 D.O.G.G.R. WOULD GIVE THEM. D.O.G.G.R. WOULD JUST GIVE THEM
6 UNLIMITED RIGHTS, CORRECT?

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8 **JOHN PEARSON:** YOU HAVE TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR EACH WELL YOU
9 WANT TO DRILL.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY COULD APPLY FOR 10,000 WELLS. WHATEVER
12 THEY WANT.

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14 **JOHN PEARSON:** WHATEVER NUMBER YEAR.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE IS NO LIMIT ON WHAT THEY COULD APPLY
17 FOR.

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19 **JOHN PEARSON:** IF YOU'RE ASKING, I DO NOT KNOW UNDER D.O.G.G.R.
20 WHETHER THERE'S A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. IF THEY HAVEN'T USED
21 A PERMIT IN YEARS IS IT INVALID? I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO
22 THAT, HOW LONG THAT PERMIT'S GOOD FOR.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT'S THE QUESTION I'M REALLY ASKING, IS
25 IF THEY APPLY, IF NOTHING HAPPENED TODAY IF THEY APPLIED TODAY



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1 AND GOT IT IN TWO WEEKS, FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, SAY THEY
2 GOT A RIGHT TO DRILL 1,000 NEW WELLS, AND WHAT WE WERE PROPOSE
3 TOGETHER DO IS ONLY TO ALLOW 500 NEW WELLS, JUST PICKING
4 NUMBERS OUT OF THE AIR, SO THEY WOULD NOW HAVE A PERMIT FROM
5 D.O.G.G.R. ALLOWING THEM TO DILL 1,000 NEW WELLS. SUPPOSE IN
6 DECEMBER, JANUARY, NOVEMBER WHATEVER THE DATE THAT THE BOARD
7 ENACTED A C.S.D. THAT SAID 500 NEW WELLS, DOES THAT CAUSE THE
8 D.O.G.G.R. PERMIT TO GET REVOKED? OR IS THAT WHAT'S NOW
9 CONTROLLING? ARE WE GOING TO BE CONSTRAINED BY WHAT D.O.G.G.R.
10 DOES IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS OR WEEKS?

11

12 **ELAINE LEMKE:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK I CAN PROBABLY ANSWER THAT
13 BETTER BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A LEGAL QUESTION. IF D.O.G.G.R.
14 ISSUES A PERMIT, I THINK IN THIS CASE WE COULD PROBABLY
15 ANALYZE IT UNDER TRADITIONAL VESTING RULES, WHICH WOULD BE,
16 THEY WOULD NOT ONLY NEED TO HAVE THE PERMIT, THEN THEY WOULD
17 NEED TO TAKE STEPS FORWARD TO ACTING ON THAT PERMIT AND
18 ACTUALLY EITHER BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OR SPEND FUNDS TO ACT ON
19 THAT PERMIT FOR THAT RIGHT TO BE VESTED. IF THEY HAVEN'T DONE
20 THAT AND WE PASS THE C.S.D., THEN THE C.S.D. COULD BE APPLIED
21 TO THAT WELL AND WE COULD STOP IT. IF THEY HAVE TAKEN THOSE
22 STEPS, THEY COULD PROCEED WITH DRILLING THAT WELL.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. THIS IS YOUR STANDARD OIL REAL
25 ESTATE VESTING THING. SO NOW I WANT TO ASK YOU THE OIL EXPERT-



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1 - THAT'S THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN DESCRIBED TO ME. IF I GET A
2 PERMIT TO DRILL A WELL TODAY, REALISTICALLY HOW LONG DOES IT
3 TAKE ME TO GET, GO THROUGH THE LOGISTICS OF GETTING THE RIG UP
4 AND ALL THAT AND ACTUALLY GETTING OIL OF THE OF THE GROUND,
5 ASSUMING THERE'S OIL IN THE GROUND?

6

7 **JOHN PEARSON:** IF YOU HAVE A RIG UNDER CONTRACT, WHICH P.X.P.
8 HAS FIELDS IN BAKERSFIELD, THEY HAVE RIGS UNDER CONTRACT. IT'S
9 PROBABLY A WEEK TO GET THE RIG SET UP AND A WEEK TO DRILL THE
10 WELL AND THEN IT'S A WEEK TO COMPLETE THE WELL.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS IS GOING TO MOVE QUICKLY.

13

14 **JOHN PEARSON:** YEAH, THESE ARE QUICK WELLS. I MEAN, THESE
15 WELLS, TYPICALLY FOR THIS OIL FIELD, THESE WELLS TAKE A WEEK
16 OR 10 DAYS TO DRILL. THEN YOU HAVE A WEEK TO COMPLETE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. YOU ANSWERED.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WE ARE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF RIGS THAT
21 THEY CAN HAVE UNDER THE C.S.D. WE'RE LIMITING--

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK ANOTHER LEGAL QUESTION AND THEN
24 I'M DONE. HAVING HEARD THAT, IF I'M THE OIL DRILLER AND I GET



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1 A PERMIT FROM THESE GUYS TOMORROW AND WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO I
2 HAVE THE RIG UP, THAT WOULD BE PROBABLY VESTING, WOULDN'T IT?
3

4 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE VESTED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD
7 SEEM TO ME-- AND I JUST WANT TO BE CORRECTED IF I'M WRONG,
8 BECAUSE THIS IS NEW TO ME-- THAT IT IS A RIVER BOAT GAMBLE FOR
9 US NOT TO ACT IN SOME FASHION NOW BECAUSE IF WE DON'T AND HE
10 MOVES QUICKLY BEFORE WE WOULD ACT, HE COULD BE VESTED. THIS IS
11 NOT LIKE A SUBDIVISION WHERE A GUY IS GOING TO TAKE SIX MONTHS
12 TO A YEAR TO GET HIS ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING AND ALL THAT AND
13 YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO BREATHE. I DIDN'T REALIZE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHY WE HAD AN ORDINANCE TO STOP IT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND NOW. I DIDN'T
18 UNDERSTAND THE TIMING OF THIS. IS THAT A FAIR
19 CHARACTERIZATION? AM I CORRECT IN THAT? NOW WHICH BRINGS ME UP
20 TO REALLY THE LAST QUESTION. IF WE ACT TODAY, I ASSUME THAT
21 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO--

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE AN ASSURANCE
24 FROM P.X.P. THAT THEY WILL WAIT FOR ONE WEEK TO FILE THE
25 APPLICATION TO D.O.G.G.R.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO--

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND WE WILL BRING THEM UP. THEY HAVE
5 SAID TO ME THAT THEY WILL WAIT THE WEEK. BUT WE WILL GET THEM
6 ON THE RECORD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S WHY WE HAD AN EMERGENCY
11 ORDINANCE TO STOP THE DRILLING. LARK.

12

13 **LARK GALLOWAY:** YES. MY NAME IS LARK GALLOWAY GILLIAM. I'M A
14 RESIDENT OF THE VIEW PARK AREA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
15 COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL AND A PROUD MEMBER OF THE GREATER
16 BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE. I HAVE A TESTIMONY HERE THAT I THINK I
17 HAVE TO BYPASS. BUT I WANT TO REMIND US THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY,
18 AND SUPERVISOR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, YOU SAID WE'VE LIVED,
19 WE'VE COEXIST WELL WITH THE P.X.P. AND THE COMMUNITY AND
20 THAT'S NOT TRUE. WE HAVE THE COLLAPSE OF BALDWIN HILLS
21 RESERVOIR AND WE LOST FIVE PEOPLE. ON MY BLOCK WE LOST, MAYBE
22 SOME OF THESE NAMES WILL MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU. DR. KENNETH
23 NEAL, IN MY LIFE TIME, DR. LEONARD TURO, ATTORNEY ZO ROSS,
24 MISS VIOLA SORA AND MY MOTHER ALL DIED OF CANCER IN THAT
25 COMMUNITY AND WE NEVER UNDERSTOOD. WE WERE PROUD WHEN THE



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1 HOUSING COVENANTS CAME DOWN IN THE '60S AND WE WERE ABLE TO
2 MOVE THERE. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO COME BACK TO
3 BITE US. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO EXTEND 30 DAYS. SUPERVISOR, I'M
4 A LITTLE CONFUSED. I THOUGHT THE COUNTY DID HAVE A ROLE IN THE
5 PERMITTING PROCESS. SO THIS IS THROWING ME HERE. I FIND IT
6 DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT D.O.G.G.R. WOULD APPROVE THESE WELLS
7 GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT THERE'S AN E.I.R. OUTSTANDING
8 THAT INDICATES THAT THERE ARE RISKS THAT HAVE TO BE MITIGATED.
9 SO I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY IRRESPONSIBLE ON THE PART OF THE
10 STATE. AND I WISH THERE WAS SOMEONE HERE FROM D.O.G.G.R. TO
11 ADDRESS THIS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN DO IT IN 30 DAYS.
12 AND WE'RE ASKING YOU FOR THAT TIME SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS
13 ISSUES ABOUT THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF WELLS, THAT WE CAN
14 ADDRESS ISSUES AROUND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. WE BELIEVE THAT
15 THERE SHOULD BE A NET CAP AS DESCRIBED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,
16 CULVER CITY COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY, THAT WILL PROTECT THE
17 INTERESTS. WE CANNOT HAVE 1,000 WELLS. WE CAN'T HAVE 700 NEW
18 WELLS ON THIS OIL FIELD. THE EXPOSURE AND THE RISK IS TOO
19 GREAT. THE E.I.R. HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT AND WE'RE ASKING FOR
20 AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET IT RIGHT BECAUSE IT'S TAKEN US 84 YEARS.
21 WE THOUGHT WE WERE PROTECTED. IT HAS TAKEN US 84 YEARS TO GET
22 HERE TODAY. AND YOUR FAILURE TO ACT RESPONSIBLY UPON THE
23 REQUEST OF THIS COMMUNITY MAKES YOU COMPLICIT WITH THIS OIL
24 COMPANY IN KILLING PEOPLE LIKE THE FIVE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE
25 JUST NAMED. I WANT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE HERE



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1 TO STAND BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT GET A CHANCE. THESE ARE FOLKS
2 WHO COULDN'T TAKE OFF WORK LIKE P.X.P. AND WANTED YOU TO HAVE
3 THEIR MESSAGE OF CONCERN TODAY. I WISH I HAD MORE TIME.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. ELAIN CHANG.

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7 **DR. ELAIN CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS ELAIN CHANG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH
9 THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. I SIMPLY
10 WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY WORKING
11 WITH YOUR STAFF AND OUR AIR QUALITY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN
12 ADDRESSED AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR STAFF FOR MAKING
13 APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO OUR COMMENTS, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU WILL BE PART OF THE
16 INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES D.O.G.G.R., THAT WILL
17 HAVE FULL MONITORING. A.Q.M.D. WILL BE PART OF THIS GROUP.

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19 **DR. ELAIN CHANG:** WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO IMPLEMENT AND TO REVIEW. ALL RIGHT. WE
22 HAVE JOHN KUECHLE FROM GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE.
23 GRETCHEN HARDISON, SANDRA HAMLAT. MARCIA HANSCOM. WOULD YOU
24 ALL PLEASE COME FORWARD? JOHN KUECHLE, GRETCHEN HARDISON,
25 SANDRA HAMLAT, MARCIA HANSCOM. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.



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2 **JOHN KUECHLE:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN KUECHLE. I'M A RESIDENT OF
3 CULVER CITY AND A MEMBER OF THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS
4 ALLIANCE. I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO REDUCE THE
5 NUMBER OF WELLS, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT CONVERSATION ABOUT
6 THE D.O.G.G.R. SITUATION, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOME INPUT ON
7 THAT. SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS PUT TOGETHER A TELEPHONE
8 CONFERENCE CALL WITH HAL BOPP WHO IS THE HEAD OF D.O.G.G.R.
9 AND IN THAT CONVERSATION, HE TOLD US THAT BEFORE D.O.G.G.R.
10 WOULD CONSIDER ANY SORT OF PERMIT, THE APPLICANT HAD TO COME
11 UP TO THEM WITH A LAND USE PERMIT FROM THE RELEVANT LOCAL
12 ENTITY. IT IS TRUE THAT UNDER THE OLD PROCEDURE, THAT IS AN
13 OVER-THE-COUNTER PERMIT THAT IS GIVEN BY THE COUNTY, BUT IT IS
14 NOT SOMETHING THAT IS GIVEN IMMEDIATELY, IT TAKES SOME TIME TO
15 GET THAT PERMIT AND D.O.G.G.R. SAID IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER A
16 REQUEST. ALSO IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THEY WOULD RESPOND IN A WEEK
17 OR TWO. THE LAST REQUEST WAS THERE FOR SIX MONTHS WHILE THEY
18 CONSIDERED WHAT SORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WAS NECESSARY.
19 AND HE TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD REQUIRE A FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL
20 REVIEW IF NEW REQUESTS CAME UP TO THEM BEFORE THE COUNTY
21 CERTIFIED ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, ITS OWN E.I.R. THANK
22 YOU.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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1 **SANDRA HAMLAT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SANDRA HAMLAT AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE
3 ALLIANCE. TODAY I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER A DEADLINE FOR P.X.P.
4 TO PULL OUT OF THE BALDWIN HILLS AS WELL AS CONSOLIDATION OF
5 THE OIL WELLS IN CERTAIN AREAS AND LIMITING THE CONCENTRATION
6 OF WELLS IN OTHER AREAS THAT ARE CLOSE TO SENSITIVE RECEPTORS,
7 SUCH AS HOMES. THE E.I.R. CONSIDERED A 20-YEAR TIME HORIZON.
8 AND THEREFORE I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A DEADLINE THAT'S
9 ATTACHED TO THAT, WHETHER IT BE 20 YEARS OR 10 YEARS. AND THIS
10 COULD BE THEN ASSOCIATED WITH A TOTAL CAP ON WELLS. AS HAS
11 BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE, THERE WOULD BE-- THERE COULD BE A CAP
12 OF 20 NEW WELLS UNDER A DIRECTOR'S REVIEW WITH A NET INCREASE
13 OF 10 NEW WELLS. ADDITIONALLY I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER
14 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF WELLS UNDER A C.U.P. PROCESS TO 20 NEW
15 WELLS AND 10 NET. IN DOING SO, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE
16 ISLANDS OF OIL OPERATIONS SURROUNDED BY OPEN SPACE THAT WOULD
17 BUFFER THE COMMUNITY FROM THE OPERATIONS IN ADDITION TO
18 ALLOWING THE LAND TO REMEDIATE BEFORE IT COULD BE USED FOR ITS
19 NEXT AND HIGHEST USE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCILMAN BERNARD
22 PARKS HAS COME IN. WE'D LIKE TO ASK HIM TO COME FORWARD, TOO.
23 WE CALLED HIM EARLIER.

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1 **GRETCHEN HARDISON:** GRETCHEN HARDISON, CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
3 DEPARTMENT WAS DIRECTED BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL TO
4 REVIEW AND SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT E.I.R. AND RECENTLY
5 REQUESTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE FINAL E.I.R., AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE.

8

9 **GRETCHEN HARDISON:** GRETCHEN HARDISON WITH THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. WE APPRECIATE THE
11 COUNTY'S RESPONSES TO OUR COMMENTS AND THE ADDITIONAL
12 INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE DOCUMENT. I WOULD NOTE
13 JUST A FEW REMAINING THINGS. WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMUNITY
14 ADVISORY PANEL, IT'S IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY THE
15 RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PANEL SO THAT WE
16 CAN ENSURE MEANINGFUL INPUT TO THIS PROCESS AS IT MOVES
17 FORWARD. WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF NEW DRILLING SITES PER
18 YEAR, WE APPRECIATE THE ANNUAL DRILLING PLAN AND SUGGEST THAT
19 THE COUNTY HAVE A MECHANISM TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW
20 WELLS PER YEAR FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE
21 ENVIRONMENT AS THAT IS NEEDED. WITH RESPECT TO CAPPING OF OLD
22 WELLS, WE SUGGEST THAT THERE BE AN ADDITIONAL PLAN PREPARED TO
23 TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF INACTIVE WELLS ON THE SITE RIGHT
24 NOW AND ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR CAPPING AND ABANDONING THOSE.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **BERNARD PARKS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND TO THE HONORABLE
5 BOARD. I'M BERNARD PARKS, COUNCILMAN EIGHTH DISTRICT AND I
6 APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. WE HAD A FINANCE DAY TODAY AT CITY
7 COUNCIL. BUT LET ME JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP FOR
8 DEALING WITH THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
9 PLAN AND THE DRAFT E.I.R. THIS PROCESS HAS SPANNED OVER
10 SEVERAL YEARS IN THE MAKING AND IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. I WOULD
11 JUST ASK PERSONALLY AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACT WITH THE WISDOM
12 AND PRUDENCE THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AND
13 ITS CONSTITUENTS THAT ARE IMPACTED. MY OFFICE HAS WORKED WITH
14 A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES EVEN THOUGH THIS OIL FIELD IS
15 PRIMARILY WITHIN L.A. COUNTY BOUNDARIES. WE HAVE SEVERAL
16 ASSOCIATIONS IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT WITH BALDWIN HILLS, VIEW
17 PARK, WINDSOR HILLS, CULVER CITY, LADERA, ALSO THE BALDWIN
18 HILLS CONSERVANCY AND THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE AND
19 ALSO WEST L.A. AND I HAPPEN TO BE A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE
20 WINDSOR HILLS AREA. UNDER MY DIRECTION, L.A. CITY COUNCIL HAS
21 PASSED FOUR MOTIONS DIRECTING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO MOBILIZE AND
22 EXAMINE THE C.S.D. AND THE DRAFT E.I.R. OUR ENVIRONMENTAL
23 AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WHICH YOU JUST HEARD FROM HAS TAKEN THE
24 LEAD TO CREATE THE CITY'S POSITION IN THIS PROCESS ALONG WITH
25 THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT. AND WE



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1 ALSO BROUGHT IN A NUMBER OF STATE AGENCIES TO COMMENT ON THE
2 E.I.R. ONE OF THE CRITICAL DIRECTIVES THAT I HAVE ASKED OUR
3 CITY ATTORNEY TO EXPLORE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF WHETHER YOU CAN
4 LEGALLY CEASE OIL DRILLING IN THE OPERATION. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD
5 VERY CLEARLY THAT THIS ISSUE, FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY, THAT
6 THERE IS NO LEGAL OPTION AS FAR AS STOPPING DRILLING IN THIS
7 AREA. ANOTHER CENTRAL QUESTION WAS EXPLORED THROUGH OUR OFFICE
8 WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE IN DETERMINING WHETHER AN EXTENDED
9 PERIOD COULD BE AFFORDED IN THE PROCESS, AND WE WERE CLEARLY
10 ARTICULATED THE RESPONSE THAT THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR. SO WE HAVE
11 SPENT ALL OF OUR ENERGIES ATTEMPTING TO DEVOTE THE REMAINING
12 PART OF OUR TIME IN CREATING THE STRONGEST C.S.D. POSSIBLE.
13 THE CITY'S EFFORT IN THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE
14 INCLUSION OF THE COMMUNITY AND INPUT FROM A VARIETY OF PEOPLE.
15 THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION BY
16 LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE THE NOISE ISSUES, THE ODOR
17 ISSUES, THE HEALTH RISKS FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS, MONITORING
18 TOXIC POLLUTION EMISSIONS, DEEP DRILLING, FLARING, SANCTIONING
19 AND AUDITING. THE CITY'S EFFORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
20 COMMUNITY'S GUIDANCE HAS ALSO LED US TO MANY SIGNIFICANT
21 MITIGATION ISSUES. THE CAPPING OF THE NUMBER OF WELLS
22 PERMITTED PER YEAR, THE INCLUSION OF THE COMMUNITY REVIEW
23 PROCESS, THE CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE OIL FIELD CLEAN UP PROCESS,
24 INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE CONSIDERATION, IMPLEMENTATION OF
25 GUIDELINES AND PROVISIONS IN THE C.S.D., SANCTIONS FOR NON



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1 COMPLIANCE BY THE OIL FIELD OPERATOR, ABANDONMENT AND UNUSED
2 WELLS PLAN, CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE OF THE OIL
3 FIELD FOR PARK LAND. ALSO THE MEASUREMENT OF SUBSIDENCE BY THE
4 COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1976.
5 IT'S ALSO A REQUEST TO RE-ESTABLISH. ONE AREA THAT I BELIEVE
6 THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IS IN THE OVERSIGHT
7 OF THE PRIMARY REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT RELATE TO THE OIL
8 FIELD. IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE COUNTY HOLD THE FOLLOWING STATE
9 AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR DOING THEIR JOB. THE ONES THAT WE'VE
10 HAD CONTACT WITH ARE THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
11 AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL, CALIFORNIA AIR
12 RESOURCES BOARD, THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, THE
13 SOUTH COAST AIR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
14 OF CONSERVATION AND RELATED AGENCIES, CALIFORNIA GEOLOGICAL
15 SURVEY AND THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.
16 THOSE ARE THE DEPARTMENTS I BELIEVE WILL BE IN THE BEST
17 POSITION TO REGULATE AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THEM, AS WE
18 SAW RECENTLY WITH D.O.G.G.R., COMPLETE A REPORT WITH NO
19 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADDRESSED.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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23 **BERNARD PARKS:** OKAY. I RESPECTFULLY THANK YOU FOR THIS
24 OPPORTUNITY.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MARCIA HANSCOM WITH THE
4 COASTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION NETWORK AND BALLONA INSTITUTE.
5 I GUESS WHAT STUNS ME MOST ABOUT THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION IS
6 HOW DID WE GET FROM THE IDEA OF CREATING A VERY LARGE NATURE
7 AND RECREATION PARK AND DIMINISHING OIL DRILLING TO INCREASED
8 OIL DRILLING. IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS ECHOING THE IN ALICE IN
9 WONDERLAND UPSIDE DOWN POLICIES THAT ARE HAPPENING ON OUR
10 NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE. AND I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE RATIONAL,
11 EDUCATED AND ENLIGHTENED RESPONSE TO THIS. WE ARE NOT GOING TO
12 DRILL OUR WAY OUT OF THIS PROBLEM. NOW, OUR PRESIDENT GEORGE
13 BUSH DID THE DIAGNOSIS. HE SAID WE'RE ADDICTED TO OIL. AL GORE
14 HAS SUGGESTED THE PROGNOSIS. THE PLANET IS DYING. IF AN
15 ALCOHOLIC IS TOLD THAT THEY ARE DYING OF LIVER DISEASE, THE
16 RESPONSE IS NOT TO BREAK OUT THE TEQUILA AND WILD TURKEY.
17 [LAUGHTER.] WE HAVE GOT TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES. AND I WOULD
18 BEG YOU TO AT LEAST CONDITION THIS TO MAKE SURE THAT A
19 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PROFITS OR ANY MONEY THE COUNTY GETS
20 MUST BE INVESTED IN ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE FUEL TECHNOLOGY. THAT
21 HAS GOT TO BE OUR PRIORITY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH THAT.

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1 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** PLEASE CONSIDER THE IMPACTS TO THE BALLONA
2 CREEK ESTUARY, THE BALLONA WETLANDS AND SANTA MONICA BAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** KNOCK KNOCK, CAN YOU GET HER ATTENTION? I'M
7 SORRY. JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION. I HAVE A QUESTION.
8 SO WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO US?

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10 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** WELL, I THINK THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO APPROVE
11 THIS, ONE, THERE HAS TO BE A CAP.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND UNDER THIS ONE IT DOESN'T HAVE A CAP?

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15 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** WE SUPPORT THE LESSER NUMBER.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT UNDER THIS ONE IS THERE A CAP?

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19 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** WE SUPPORT THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE
20 CAP RECOMMENDATION.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHAT AMOUNT? WHAT IS THAT CAP AMOUNT?

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24 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** EXCUSE ME?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THE NUMBER?

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3 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** I BELIEVE IT'S 50 A YEAR. THAT'S ENTIRELY TOO
4 HIGH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ISN'T THAT INCLUDED HERE? THERE'S A CAP ON THIS
7 ONE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WILL COME UP WITH A CAP, TOO.

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11 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** AND WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND YOU HAVING A
12 CONDITION THAT SAYS THAT SOME PERCENTAGE OF THE REVENUES FROM
13 THIS HAS TO GO TOWARD ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECHNOLOGIES. WE'VE GOT
14 TO BE ADDRESSING THAT, NOT JUST CONTINUING TO DRILL.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SANDRA HAMLAT, MARCIA
19 HANSCOM AND KEN KUTCHER. DAVID MCNEILL, PLEASE COME FORWARD.
20 AS I CALL YOUR NAME. CARMEN BELL. JONATHAN LEONARD. PLEASE
21 COME FORWARD. IF YOU CAN'T HEAR ME, CARMEN BELL, JONATHAN
22 LEONARD, DAVID MCNEILL. WE CALLED KEN KUTCHER AND HE'S ALREADY
23 HERE WITH HIS GREEN ON.

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1 **KEN KUTCHER:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MY NAME'S KEN KUTCHER,
2 I'M A RESIDENT OF CULVER CITY. I'M GOING TO TAKE A DIVERSION
3 FROM MY PLANNED REMARKS. I HAVE SUBMITTED THREE LETTERS TO THE
4 SUPERVISORS YESTERDAY OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS. I WANT TO DEAL
5 WITH THE TIMING ISSUE THAT'S COME UP THIS AFTERNOON. AND IN
6 PARTICULAR I WANT TO POINT TO THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL
7 OPINION REGARDING D.O.G.G.R.'S OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH
8 C.E.Q.A. THIS TIES IN WITH MR. KUECHLE'S COMMENTS. IF THE OIL
9 OPERATOR DECIDES TO GO UP TO D.O.G.G.R. AND SEEK PERMITS,
10 UNLESS THE E.I.R. IS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY, D.O.G.G.R. IS
11 GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
12 BEFORE IT CAN ISSUE ANY PERMITS. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST
13 TIME. THEY PREPARED INITIAL STUDY NEGATIVE DECLARATION. WE
14 SUBMITTED EXTENSIVE COMMENTS AND FOR SIX MONTHS D.O.G.G.R.
15 TOOK NO ACTION WITH RESPECT TO PENDING PERMITS FOR THIS
16 OPERATOR FOR THIS OIL FIELD. SO THERE'S NO TIMING CONCERNS
17 THAT SHOULD PRESS YOU TO ACT TODAY. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR?

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND?

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1 **BRUCE MCLENDON:** YES, BEFORE KEN LEAVES, CAN WE ASK HIM TO
2 CLARIFY WHAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS FROM G.B.H.A. WITH RESPECT
3 TO THE CAP THAT THEY'VE BEEN ADVOCATING?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE COULD GET BACK TO THAT ON THE CAP.
6 BUT IN TERMS OF HE HAS MADE HIS STATEMENT AND WE ALL ARE
7 FAMILIAR WITH WHAT HAPPENED, THE DELAY IN D.O.G.G.R. AT THE
8 TIME TWO YEARS AGO OR ELSE WE WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD AN
9 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE. WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD IT. YOU REQUESTED
10 IT. YES.

11

12 **DAVID MCNEILL:** DAVID MCNEILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM THE
13 BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY. TODAY THE BOARD MUST PARSE THE
14 RESPONSIBILITIES OVERSIGHT TO THE AGENCIES WHO WILL SERVE THE
15 BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC. WADING THROUGH THE C.S.D. AND
16 THE E.I.R., THERE ARE PLENTY OF CLAUSES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN
17 REGULATIONS AND IMPROVE THE WAY OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN
18 THE BALDWIN HILLS. HOWEVER, ITEMS THAT NOW COME TO THE
19 FOREFRONT ARE NOT EASILY ADDRESSED. ACCURATE MAPPING AND THE
20 PLANNED WELLS FOR THE NEW WELLS AS WELL AS ACCURATE MAPPING OF
21 THE ABANDONED WELLS HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCED THUS FAR. INCLUDING
22 A PLAN FOR OIL LEASE RESTORATION, CLEANUP OF CONTAMINATED SOIL
23 AND PROPER REMOVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES IN A TIMELY
24 BASIS. LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF WELLS TO A FAIR DRILLING PLAN
25 THAT ACHIEVES A NET GAIN OF 10 WELLS PER YEAR UNDER DIRECTORS'



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1 REVIEW AND A NET GAIN OF 22 WELLS PER YEAR UNDER C.U.P. MUST
2 BE CONSIDERED. THESE ITEMS REMAIN UNRESOLVED OR MIRED IN
3 JURISDICTIONAL STALEMATE WITH REGARDS TO WHEN YOU CAN APPLY OR
4 HOW THEY CAN APPLY OR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. IN YOUR
5 DELIBERATIONS I ASKED THAT YOU CONSIDER THE COST OF
6 INVESTIGATING A CLEAN UP ALL CONTAMINATED SOIL, GROUND WATER,
7 AND/OR METHANE LEAKS AND ANY OTHER HISTORICAL LIABILITIES THAT
8 AWAIT THE FUTURE STEWARDS OF THE LAST LARGE OPEN SPACE IN THE
9 BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED. PROMPT ACTION ON PART OF THE OPERATOR
10 TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THOSE LIABILITIES IN TANDEM WITH THE
11 PURSUIT OF NEW OIL IS NOT UNREASONABLE, IT'S EXPECTED. AND
12 WITHOUT A TIMELINE OR STRATEGY TO EXIT, WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO
13 HAND OVER A PASS TO CREATE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES
14 UNTIL THE EXISTING LIABILITIES ARE UNCOVERED AND DEALT WITH IN
15 A TRANSPARENT AND FAIR MANNER, THAT ENSURES THE FUTURE OF THE
16 BALDWIN HILLS INCLUDES CLEAN SOIL, CLEAN WATER AND SAFE
17 COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS PARK LANDS.

18
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JONATHAN LEONARD AND CARMEN
20 BELL. AND WE HAD WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP E. KOBLER, HELEN PRSHA,
21 JOHN DUNLAP. WE'RE GOING TO START ON THIS LIST. YES, PLEASE.

22
23 **CARMEN BELL:** MY NAME IS CARMEN BELL. I LIVE IN CULVER CITY
24 SENIOR HOUSING WITH HUNDREDS RESIDENTS. I'M 85 YEARS OLD.
25 THANKS TO GOD, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE ENJOYING A CLEAR AIR.



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1 WE NEED YOUR PROTECTION BECAUSE A LOT OF SENIORS RESIDENTS
2 HAVE ASTHMA AND HEART CONDITION. WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE
3 HELP US TO LIVE ANOTHER MORE YEARS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU LIVE A LOT MORE
6 YEARS. JONATHAN LEONARD? E. KOBLER, HELEN PRSHA, JOHN DUNLAP,
7 PLEASE COME FORWARD. MR. LEONARD, WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?
8 AND THEN ALSO OPA YOUNG. WE'RE CALLING ALL THE OPPOSED NOW.
9 YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

10

11 **JONATHAN LEONARD:** JONATHAN LEONARD. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
12 COMMUNITY. GOING BACK TO THE BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR
13 COLLAPSING, I WAS ON DUTY AS A FIREFIGHTER AT THAT EVENT. AND
14 OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS I'VE LIVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ONE OF
15 THE THINGS THAT I NOTICED HERE THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT
16 ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE HOMEOWNERS. WHEN WE BOUGHT LAND IN
17 THE AREA, WE WERE DENIED THE MINERAL RIGHTS BASED ON THE FACT
18 THAT WE WAIVED THEN WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOMES. I KIND OF
19 LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED IN ALASKA. IF THIS MONEY'S BEEN MADE IN
20 THAT HILL, WHY NOT RETURN IT BACK TO THE COUNTY THE AMOUNT OF
21 MONEY THAT THEY PROFITED IN DRILLING OIL ON THAT HILL? IF YOU
22 LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE LAY OF THE LAND, THE ONLY
23 EARTHQUAKE, THE MAJOR PORTION OF DAMAGE ON AN EARTHQUAKE WAS
24 FROM FAIRFAX TO VERMONT. BETWEEN THAT AREA, THERE'S OIL WELLS
25 ON VERMONT, BUD LONG, ALONG THAT SAME PATH PRESIDENT STRAITS,



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1 WASHINGTON, ADAMS AND JEFFERSON. THE BUILDINGS COLLAPSED. THE
2 OLD SYNAGOGUE'S COLLAPSED. AND NOW WE'RE INTO A SITUATION
3 WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO TAKE MORE OIL OUT OF
4 THE HILL. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY?
5 BECAUSE OUR WATER TABLE, WE HAVE 7 OIL WELLS IN LOS ANGELES IN
6 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT SUPPLIES THE WATER FOR THE WHOLE
7 AREA. HOW MUCH POLLUTION IS GOING TO BE CREATED TO DESTROY OR
8 TO POISON THE WATER THAT WE DRINK? THAT IS BASICALLY MY
9 COMPLAINT IS THAT WHAT DO WE GET AS MINERAL RIGHTS AS CITIZENS
10 IN THE COMMUNITY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. E. KOBLER, JOHN DUNLAP.

13

14 **JOHN DUNLAP:** I'M JOHN DUNLAP.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HELEN PRSHA, OPA YOUNG, ROBERT GARCIA. MR.
17 GARCIA, YOU'RE COMING FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

18

19 **JOHN DUNLAP:** JOHN DUNLAP. I LIVE IN THE BALDWIN VISTA AREA.
20 I'VE BEEN THERE 13 YEARS. I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS,
21 LONG-TIME NEIGHBORS DIE OF CANCER. IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENTISTS
22 TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH HEALTH DAMAGE THE OIL WELLS ARE DOING
23 TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IF YOU REVIEW THE DEATH RECORDS OF THE
24 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU WILL FIND A LARGE
25 NUMBER OF THEM WHO HAVE DIED OF CANCER. AND I SURMISE IT HAS



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1 PROBABLY BEEN CAUSED BY THE VAPORS AND POLLUTANTS FROM THE OIL
2 FIELDS. I ALSO HAVE DAMAGE TO MY HOME. I HAVE CRACKS IN THE
3 WALLS, FOUNDATION DAMAGE AS WELL A NUMBER OF MY NEIGHBORS. I
4 WOULD INVITE THE COMMISSIONERS TO COME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND
5 VIEW THE DAMAGE DONE BY THEM SLOPE AND SLANT OIL DRILLING IN
6 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THERE IS A PROCESS FOR ALL
9 OF THOSE THINGS TO BE REVIEWED ON SUBSIDENCE. THOSE ARE IN THE
10 C.S.D..

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12 **JOHN DUNLAP MY QUESTION IS THE COUNTY OR THE P.X.P. GOING TO**
13 **PAY FOR THE DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY?**

14

15 **>>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THERE'S A PROCESS, FIRST OF ALL, TO
16 ESTABLISH THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER REASON FOR THE DAMAGE. AND
17 ALL OF THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAN TELL YOU EXACTLY.
18 WE'LL GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF HOW IT'S GOING TO WORK.

19

20 **JOHN DUNLAP:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT.

23

24 **JOHN DUNLAP:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD THAT RIGHT. BUT YOU HAVE
2 IT SPECIFICALLY UNDER THIS.

3

4 **JOHN DUNLAP:** WELL A LOT OF US DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR RIGHTS ARE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES MR. GARCIA, AND THEN HAZEL
7 STOREY, D.C., I THINK THAT'S DOROTHY DECAYETTE JEFF KESSLER.

8

9 **ROBERT GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ROBERT GARCIA, EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR AND COUNSEL OF THE CITY PROJECT, AND PROUD MEMBER OF
11 THE GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE. I HAVE ONE MINUTE, SO I
12 WILL BE BRIEF. ONE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A CAP ON THE NUMBER OF
13 WELLS. AND ON OCTOBER 20TH, MR. KUTCHER SUBMITTED A DETAILED
14 PROPOSAL FOR ONE, 20 NEW WELLS AND TWO, A NET INCREASE OF 10
15 WELLS, AND THREE, IF THERE'S ANYTHING ABOVE THAT, THERE HAS TO
16 BE A C.U.P. PROCESS. SECOND THE OIL FIELD CLEANUP MUST START
17 NOW NOT WHEN THE OIL FIELDS ARE DRIED UP. THIRD,
18 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES MUST BE PREPARED NOW. FOUR, THE
19 REGULATIONS MUST REFLECT A LONG TERM PLAN AND VISION FOR PARK
20 LAND. AND FINALLY WE DO CALL FOR THE RECIRCULATION OF THE
21 E.I.R. IT IS NOT ADEQUATE. IT UTTERLY IGNORES THE CIVIL RIGHTS
22 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES. AND I CONCUR WITH MR. KUTCHER.
23 THERE IS NO TIME PRESSURE. YOU SHOULDN'T LET P.X.P. BULLY YOU
24 INTO TAKING ACTION NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A HANDOUT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 WORK ON THIS.

3

4 **ROBERT GARCIA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO WE HAVE CALLED
7 PLEASE COME FORWARD? HAZEL STOREY, DOROTHY DECAYETTE, JEFF
8 KESSLER? GLORIA BAILEY. DEBRA WILEY. MARGRIT CHEESEBORO. ODIE
9 JOHNSON. PLEASE COME FORWARD. DIANE SHER. [INAUDIBLE]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES
12 I HAVE CALLED, PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **DOROTHY DECAYETTE:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, I'M DOROTHY DECAYETTE, I
15 WOULD LIKE TO YIELD MY POSITION TO ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.
16 BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. YOUR MINUTE WILL GO TO THEM.

19

20 **DOROTHY DECAYETTE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

21

22 **DEBORAH WILEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND I'M DEBORAH WILEY, I'D LIKE
23 TO YIELD MY ONE MINUTE TO GARY GLESS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOUR NAME IS?



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2 **ODIE JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS ODIE JOHNSON. MY
3 CONCERN, AND I LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF WINDSOR HILLS. AND I
4 HAD A MEMBER PASSED ALREADY. AND I THINK THERE WAS A LOT OF
5 SICKNESS FROM THE AREA THAT CAME FROM APPARENTLY OIL AND WHAT
6 HAVE YOU. I ALSO HAVE A PERSON IN MY HOUSEHOLD NOW THAT'S
7 DISABLED AND I AM REALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE HEART AND
8 THE KIDNEYS AND WHATEVER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **ODIE JOHNSON:** I ANTICIPATE YOU WORKING ON IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME, PLEASE. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

15

16 **MARGRIT CHEESEBORO:** MY NAME? MY NAME IS MARGRIT CHEESEBORO AND
17 I'M HERE, AND I PASSED OUT THIS COLORED PAPER THAT YOU JUST
18 GOT. AND I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT IT. THESE ARE THE
19 FIRST TWO-- THESE ARE TWO PAGES OUT OF THE E.I.R. AND THE
20 COLOR PAGE INDICATES THE CANCER RATE THAT IS PRODUCED IN 2005.
21 THIS WAS FROM THE E.I.R. THIS WAS P.X.P.'S MONEY PAYING FOR
22 IT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS ONE RIGHT HERE?

25



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1 **MARGRIT CHEESEBORO:** THAT'S THE ONE. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THE
2 BLUE AREA IS 1,200 TIMES THE CANCER RATE THAN WOULD BE
3 ACCEPTABLE BY ANY STANDARDS. AND THE WHITE IS OF COURSE GOOD
4 AIR. AND YOU CAN SEE IT'S NOT ONLY AFFECTING THE BALDWIN HILLS
5 PEOPLE. IT'S AFFECTING THE ENTIRE L.A. BASIN. AND THE SECOND
6 PAGE I HAVE IS THE POUNDS PER YEAR. THAT'S THE POISON THAT
7 THEY PUMP OUT. AND THAT WAS FROM 2006 AND 2007 FROM THE
8 EXISTING PUMPS. NOW, CAN YOU IMAGINE 1,000 MORE OIL WELLS? HOW
9 MUCH MORE POISON WE ARE FORCED TO BREATHE IN? THIS IS
10 INCREDIBLE THAT NOBODY HAS EVEN LOOKED AT THAT. AND THEN THE
11 NEXT TWO PAGES ARE BECAUSE I CANNOT TALK VERY LONG, THE NEXT
12 THE TWO PAGES ARE AN ADVERTISEMENT THAT WE GOT FROM SOME
13 INVESTMENT COMPANIES TO ENTICE US TO INVEST IN P.X.P. AND
14 OTHER OIL COMPANIES AND SEE HOW MUCH MONEY WE COULD MAKE WITH
15 TAX INCENTIVES. SO THAT JUST FROM DRILLING. CAN YOU IMAGINE?
16 THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THE WHOLE THING IS MONEY. IT IT'S
17 NOT TO GET OIL. IT'S JUST MONEY. AND THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE
18 PEOPLE BEING DYING. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT PEOPLE HAVING TO
19 BREATHE IN BAD AIR. NO, THEY DON'T. AND THEY WANT YOU TO THINK
20 THAT YOU HAVE NO TIME TO EXTEND THIS. LET ME TELL YOU THAT THE
21 GOVERNOR JUST SIGNED A BILL THAT INDUSTRIES CANNOT-- THEY HAVE
22 TO REDUCE BY 25 PERCENT THE CO2 EMISSIONS. AND THESE PEOPLE,
23 P.X.P., THEY ALREADY PRODUCE OVER 25 PERCENT MORE THAN IS
24 ALLOWED.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRYING TO SHUT IT
2 DOWN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

3

4 **DIANE SHER:** MY NAME IS DIANE SHER. I LIVE IN WESTCHESTER. I
5 ALWAYS GET MAILINGS TO COME TO THESE MEETINGS. I'M NOT REALLY
6 SURE WHY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS NOT ENGAGED BECAUSE I'M
7 CERTAINLY AFFECTED. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS FOR A
8 YEAR AND A HALF. I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT INGLEWOOD DEEP. WE
9 CAN SOLVE THIS BY EVERYBODY JUST PARKING THEIR CARS AND
10 STOPPING DRIVING AND JOINING MASS TRANSIT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **DIANE SHER:** BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR
15 INITIATING THIS PROCESS. THE E.I.R., I BELIEVE, IS THE FIRST
16 THAT'S BEEN DONE ON THE OIL FIELDS EVER. I AM NOW AN EDUCATED
17 CITIZEN. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO PASS THIS, SUBJECT TO
18 AMENDMENT OR SOMETHING, BECAUSE THIS CAN GO ON AND ON UNTIL
19 THE PAPER STACKS GROW AND GROW AND GROW. WELL, I GUESS I JUST
20 TRUST MY ELECTED OFFICIALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAZEL STOREY, JEFF
23 KESSLER AND GLORIA BAILEY.

24



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1 **HAZEL STOREY:** MY NAME IS HAZEL STORY AND I WOULD LIKE TO DEFER
2 MY TIME TO SOMEONE ELSE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **GLORIA BAILEY:** MY NAME IS GLORIA BAILEY AND I YIELD MY TIME TO
7 BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU. JEFF KESSLER, HAZEL
10 STOREY. DR. SUZANNE DEBENEDITIIS I THINK WE COMMUNICATED WITH
11 DELYNA DIOP, VINE HA THOMPSON. MARCELLA TRAMMELL. ELNOUS
12 LEWIS. RANDALL PAULIN. GWEN SHAFFER. MICHELLE WEINER. WE WANT
13 TO GET PEOPLE UP WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME. GARY GLESS. SHEILA
14 SMITH. AND GARY GLESS. I THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE. BILL SMITH, DO
15 YOU HEAR ME? MOLLY LEE WELINSKY?

16

17 **[INAUDIBLE.]**

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19 **>>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT PLEASE COME FORWARD.

20

21 **DR. SUZANNE DEBENEDITIIS:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO
22 KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN GIVE ME THEIR MINUTE, PLEASE? CAN WE
23 JUST STOP THE CLOCK LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO WANTS TO GIVE HER YOUR MINUTES? I HAVE
2 TO CALL YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU-- HE'S SAYING HE DOESN'T WANT TO
3 DO THAT. BUT IF THIS LADY WANTS TO GIVE HER YOURS? WELL WHEN
4 YOU'RE CALLED, YOU CAN GIVE IT TO HER. WE ALREADY CALLED YOU.
5 AND YOUR NAME IS? ELNOUS LEWIS IS GIVING YOU HERS. GO RIGHT
6 AHEAD.

7

8 **DR. SUZANNE DEBENEDITIIS:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, WE NEED TO
9 PUT IN STEP 1 AS THE FIRST STEP OF THE C.S.D., AND THAT'S TO
10 HAVE P.X.P. PUT UP ENOUGH REAL MONEY TO COVER CATASTROPHIC
11 EARTHQUAKE. CONTRARY TO THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY'VE KIND OF
12 SKEWED, AND I CAN GET DICK MEEHAN TO VALIDATE THAT WHO THEY
13 QUOTE BUT, THEN THEY TURN AND SAY HIS STEP'S INSIGNIFICANT.
14 THE TYPE OF DRILLING CAN BRING ON THE BIG ONE AND YET THERE'S
15 NO MONEY FOR IT. SO I'M ASKING THAT BE STEP ONE. AND STEP TWO
16 BE THAT ALL THE PROVISIONS, THE MONITORING, THE AIR QUALITY,
17 HAS TO BE IN FIRST SO WE AVOID A THING LIKE THE FUMIGATION
18 THAT WE SUFFERED TWO YEARS AGO. I'M DR. SUZANNE DEBENEDITIIS
19 AT THE TIME, I LIVE IN CULVER CREST. THERE IS LACK OF
20 TRANSPARENCY ALSO IN THE PROCESS. COMMISSIONER BELLAMY INVITED
21 US TO BE PART OF IT. I WAS PERSONALLY DISINVITED, AND I'M A
22 SOCIAL ETHICIST DOCTOR AT U.S.C. I DON'T KNOW WHY EXCEPT THAT
23 I ASK QUESTIONS SUCH AS THESE, WHICH WILL GO TO THE STATE
24 ATTORNEY GENERAL IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT CHOOSE TO ADDRESS
25 THEM. WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF THE CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE



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1 INDUCED BY ENHANCED RECOVERY DRILLING? WHO IS FISCALLY
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP AND RESULTING DAMAGES TO HUMAN LIFE
3 AND PROPERTY? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE OPERATOR DECLARES IN ITS
4 S.C.C. REPORT IT DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY AND COULD GO
5 BANKRUPT? WHO PAYS IF THEY'RE LEGALLY PERMITTED BY COUNTY
6 ORDINANCE AS THE C.S.D. TO DO THIS, GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY HAS
7 INDEMNIFIED ITSELF IN IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM THESE DAMAGES?
8 AND WOULD THIS ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR BANKRUPT INSURANCE
9 CARRIERS SO THEY BECOME INEFFECTIVE AND CANNOT MAKE ALL THE
10 COVERAGE PAYOUTS TO THEIR INSURED PROPERTY AND HOMEOWNERS? AND
11 WHAT ARE THE COSTS IF THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO BEAR GIVEN THE
12 SCENARIO? I PRAY AND BEG THAT THESE GET ADDRESSED IN THE WEEK,
13 THE MONTH, WHATEVER TIME WE HAVE SO WE HAVE A GOOD STRONG
14 C.S.D.. AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON IT.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE WILL HAVE THOSE. IF YOU
18 LEAVE THIS, WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU GET THE RESPONSES. I DON'T
19 KNOW WHETHER WE CAN DO MUCH MORE THAN THE PRESIDENT, THAN THE
20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID ON THE INSURANCE COMPANIES. WE'RE NOT
21 GOING TO HAVE 500 MILLION TO PUT BEHIND THEM.

22

23 **DR. SUZANNE DEBENEDITIIS:** RIGHT, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO TAKE
24 THE PREVENTIVE PROACTIVE STEPS SO IT'S A TRUE LEGACY TO YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE SHOULD HAVE CATHERINE
3 LAWS, ELIZABETH KERMAN RUTH CRAFT STARTING UP. STATE YOUR
4 NAME.

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6 **MOLLY LEE WELINSKY:** WHO GOES FIRST?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN GO FIRST.

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10 **MOLLY LEE WELINSKY:** OH ME. I'M MOLLY LEE WELINSKY. I LIVE IN
11 CULVER CITY IN TARA HILL. I AM VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THREE
12 DEMOCRATIC CLUBS INCLUDING THE CULVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB.
13 AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I WAS WOKEN UP BY 2006 WHEN THEY PUT SOME
14 STUFF IN THE AIR AND IT MADE ME, YOU KNOW, IT MADE ME GO TO
15 THE BATHROOM. SO ANYWAY. [LAUGHTER.] I WANT TO PUT UP-- I WANT
16 TO SAY THAT THERE ARE 436 ACTIVE WELLS PUMPING 24/7 AND 1,600
17 HOLES IN THE PROPERTY. CAN THIS GROUND TAKE MORE PRESSURE FROM
18 1,000 WELLS? AND SPEAKING OF 1,000 WELLS, I HAVE THIS THING
19 FROM P.X.P. WHERE IT SAYS HERE, "MYTH NUMBER 1 P.X.P. IS
20 PROPOSING AN EXPANSION OF 1,000 NEW WELLS, MORE THAN 50 PER
21 YEAR IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS. IN FACT, P.X.P. HAS NO PLANS,
22 APPLICATIONS OR PERMITS FOR 1,000 WELLS. P.X.P. ESTIMATES ON
23 AVERAGE 15 TO 20 NEW WELLS OPERATING EACH YEAR WITH 7 TO 8
24 WELLS CLOSING EACH YEAR." HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I HAVE.

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3 **MOLLY LEE WELINSKY:** OKAY. SO IT SEEMS TO ME IF THAT'S ALL
4 THEY'RE TELLING US THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO, WHY
5 ARE WE GIVING THEM 53? [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **MOLLY LEE WELINSKY:** AND JUST ONE OTHER THING. I READ WHAT YOU
10 GAVE US AND ON PAGE 7 OF 9, IT SAYS "THREE CONSIDERATIONS.
11 CONSIDER REQUIRING REVISED HEALTH RISK PLAN. CONSIDER
12 REQUIRING MONITORS ALONG THE FAULT LINE TO MONITOR FOR
13 MIGRATING GASES AMONG THE FAULT LINES. AND CONSIDER
14 ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR SUBSIDENCE RELATED COMPLAINTS."
15 SO PLEASE CONSIDER IT TODAY. ADD IT TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S IN THERE. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE READING
18 FROM IS WHAT IT PROVIDES. THANK YOU. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR
19 NAME.

20

21 **SHEILA SMITH:** GOOD EVENING. I'M SHEILA SMITH. AND I WANT TO
22 ASK YOU WHAT KIND OF AMERICA ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? ARE YOU
23 LOOKING FOR A POLLUTED AMERICA? OR A GREEN AMERICA? IT IS
24 REALLY-- IT SAYS THE MEASURE OF ALL OF US AND IT IS HOW WE ARE
25 DEFINING OURSELVES BY HOW WE RESPOND TO CHALLENGES. THERE ARE



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1 THOSE OF US WHO ARE FORWARD THINKING WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT
2 AMERICA MUST DO CITIES AND COUNTIES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE
3 LEGACY AND THE HEALTH FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. AND WE ARE
4 WILLING TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE. AND THAT IS WHY PRECISELY WE
5 ARE LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AT FRANKLY WHO WE VOTE FOR AND WHO
6 WE HAVE IN OFFICE BECAUSE WE DO WANT PEOPLE WHO CAN FACE A
7 CHALLENGE. I KNOW THIS IS EXTREMELY HARD FOR ALL OF YOU. I
8 KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THOSE FIELDS OR IN
9 THIS AREA 80 YEARS AGO. WE ARE DIFFERENT PEOPLE. BUT WE ARE
10 JUST AS COMMITTED TO OUR HEALTH AND LEGACY FOR ALL OF US.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MORE SO. THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **BILL SMITH:** BILLY SMITH I'M A RETIRED STATIONARY ENGINEER.
15 I'VE SEEN THE RESULTS OF BAD OIL MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION. I
16 TALKED TO SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO ARE STILL IN THE BUSINESS,
17 AND THEY GAVE ME THIS FOLDER FROM THE SOUTH COAST MANAGEMENT
18 WHO CONTROLS THE POLLUTION AND MONITORS THE POLLUTION IN SOUTH
19 BAY AREA. IT'S QUITE EXTENSIVE. IT'S WRITTEN BY A REAL EXPERT
20 ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO BRING THE EMISSIONS DOWN IN OUR
21 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WE'VE BEEN BOTHERED WITH TOXIC GAS, OIL
22 SMELLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN THERE. I'VE
23 BEEN THERE 33 YEARS. AND YOU'VE GOT TO REALIZE WE HAVE FOUR
24 SCHOOLS IN THE AREA OF WHERE THESE OIL WELLS ARE DRILLED.
25 ANOTHER 1,000 OIL WELLS WOULD BE DEVASTATING. I TALKED TO A



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1 PERSON AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE OF
2 THESE WELLS CATCH ON FIRE AND HE SAID THE CLOSEST PERSON THAT
3 COULD HANDLE IT WOULD BE THE HAZ.MAT. PEOPLE 20 MILES AWAY.
4 AND I WOULD SAY IN 20 MINUTES THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BE
5 ON FIRE. AND I NOTICE OVER IN THE OIL WELL THERE'S A LOT OF
6 BRUSH, DRIED BRUSH AND BIG TANKS OF TOXIC FUEL THAT WOULD BE
7 DEVASTATING TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS FOR OUR
8 KIDS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND THE PEOPLE YOU REFERRED TO
11 WILL BE PART OF THE MONITORING TEAM. THE PEOPLE YOU'RE
12 REFERRING TO THAT YOU HELD THAT UP, THEY'RE GOING TO BE PART
13 OF THE MONITORING TEAM. MULTI AGENCY MONITORING TEAM THAT THEY
14 WILL BE THERE INVOLVED.

15

16 **BILL SMITH:** I HAVE ONE COMPANY THAT WAS DEALING IN THE OIL
17 BUSINESS. IT'S HIGHEST TOXIC WASTE IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY
18 OWN THE SUPERFUND CLEAN UP AND IT'S BEEN EMPTY FOR 12, 14 TO
19 15 YEARS. AND WE DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN IN OUR
20 NEIGHBORHOOD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **BILL SMITH:** I'D LIKE TO LEAVE THIS WITH YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE. THANK YOU. YES, PLEASE STATE
2 YOUR NAME AND THEN MR. HUTCHINSON.

3

4 **GARY GLESS:** MY NAME IS GARY GLESS. I'M THE WINDSOR HILLS
5 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. I'M HERE RESPECTFULLY
6 REQUESTING THAT THIS DECISION BE OVERHELD FOR COMMENT. I'VE
7 GIVEN YOU INFORMATION HERE THAT I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER.
8 FIRST IS THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL STUDY. IT STATES THAT LUBRICATING
9 FAULTS WITH WATER AND SOME OTHER SUBSTANCE INJECTING HIGH
10 PRESSURE FLUIDS DEEP INTO THE GROUND IS KNOWN TO CAUSE
11 EARTHQUAKES. THIS WOULD BE A DANGEROUS PURSUIT IN ANY
12 POPULATED AREA. ONE MIGHT BE TRIGGERING A DAMAGING EARTHQUAKE.
13 SECONDLY I'VE RECEIVED PAPERWORK JUST THIS SATURDAY FROM THE
14 ESTEEMED INDEPENDENT EXPERT, DICK MEEHAN AND DOUGLAS HAMILTON,
15 WHO YOU'VE USED-- WHO DID THE ROSS HAMILTON EXPLOSION PAPER,
16 AND HAS BEEN REFERRED TO IN THE STUDIES OF THE C.S.D. IN
17 LETTERS. THAT STATES, "EARTHQUAKES MAY BE TRIGGERED BY THE OIL
18 FIELD OPERATIONS IN THIS SETTING, AND A POTENTIAL OF EXTREME
19 PUBLIC HAZARDS ARE INVOLVED BASED ON THE WORK TO DATE, WE
20 AGREE THAT THE CONCLUSION WHICH WAS ADVANCED TO THE COUNTY BY
21 THE APPLICANTS, THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL
22 CONCERNS IN RESPECT TO TO GEOLOGICAL HAZARDS, IS NOT
23 CONSISTENT TO THE FACTS OR AS FAR AS I CAN SEE BY THE E.I.R.
24 ITSELF. THIS IS BY RICHARD L. MEEHAN, THE CONSULTING PROFESSOR
25 OF BLOOM EARTHQUAKE CENTER IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY. I HERE ALSO



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1 HAVE THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES OF COMMUNITY LEADERS,
2 ORGANIZATIONS AND THOUSANDS OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHO ALL
3 REQUIRE A FULL COMPREHENSIVE AND INDEPENDENT STUD OF THE
4 E.I.R., OF THE ACTUAL OIL FIELD AND THE LAND WITH ALL OF THE
5 APPROPRIATE AGENCIES PROVIDING DATA AND COMMENT BEFORE
6 ADOPTING ANY POLICY, ORDINANCE, C.S.D. RELATED OIL AND GAS,
7 OPERATIONS IN THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD. SECONDLY, THAT
8 P.X.P. ADEQUATELY ENSUE--

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, SOMEONE GAVE HIM A MINUTE EXTRA.

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12 **GARY GLESS:** I ACTUALLY RECEIVED TWO EXTRA MINUTES.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WE'RE LETTING YOU GO ON.

15

16 **GARY GLESS:** -- THE P.X.P BE ADEQUATELY ENSUED FOR CATASTROPHIC
17 EARTHQUAKES, SUBSIDENCE, TOXIC CLOUD, EXPLOSION, FAILURE IN
18 THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD. AND TO SOLICIT A PLEDGE FROM
19 D.O.G.G.R. NOT TO PERMIT ANY NEW WELLS UNTIL THE C.S.D. IS
20 RESOLVED. FURTHERMORE, OUR HOMES ARE CRACKING, OUR WALLS AND
21 FOUNDATIONS. IT IS TURNING OUR COMMUNITY INTO AN UNMARKETABLE
22 AREA. OUR LIVES AND OUR HOMES ARE BEING DESTROYED. THE E.I.R.
23 HAS BECOME AN E.I.R. ON A SET OF POLICIES INSTEAD OF ON THE
24 LAND. LET'S HAVE ALL THE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES THAT HAVE ASKED
25 TIME TO STUDY THE FIELD TO DO SO. LET'S NOT LET THE PROFITS OF



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1 P.X.P. BEFORE THE PEOPLE. WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY LAWSUITS IN
2 TODAY'S ECONOMY. TRUST ME, WHEN P.X.P. WILL NOT ALLOW THE
3 COUNTY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES OR REVISIONS IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT
4 A LEGAL BATTLE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

7

8 **GARY GLESS:** I HAD AN EXTRA MINUTE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAD TWO MINUTES EXTRA. GO AHEAD. GO
11 RIGHT AHEAD. PLEASE FINISH.

12

13 **GARY GLESS:** LET THEM VEST INTO ONE MORE WELL SO WE CAN DO ALL
14 THE STUDIES RIGHT, OKAY. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE
15 DECLARATION THAT YOU DO NOT PUT THIS ON THE FAST TRACK TO
16 DISASTER AND HAVE IT HELD OVER.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CATHERINE LAWS,
19 ELIZABETH KERMAN AND RUTH CRAFT. NATALIE BURKELEY, DAVID
20 KERMAN, CLAIR CHISHOLM, ROSALIE KIRSCH, NINA MOSBY, FELECIA
21 RICHARD, PRONOUNCED RISHART. THEY'RE COMING FORWARD. ANNETTE
22 ROSS. FRAN BAKER, DR. MAKALANI KIKONGO. [INAUDIBLE.] OKAY.
23 BETTY GRAVES. OKAY. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BETTY GRAVES, EDITH SEIGEL, IDELE
3 STAPHOLTZ, GRANVILLE BEALS. ALL RIGHT. YES. MR. HUTCHINS,
4 PLEASE GO FORWARD. OH, YOU WANT THE LADY TO GO FIRST, OR ARE
5 YOU GOING FIRST?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** SHE'S GOING TO YIELD ONE MINUTE.

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9 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY MINUTE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WERE GOING TO GIVE YOU MORE
12 THAN ONE ANYONE ANYHOW. LISA ZENON, TAMA WILLS, YOSHIKO PLAIR,
13 ANDREA LEDE, ROGER MAXWELL, VALENA DISMUKES, MARGARET THOMAS.
14 FAYE WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE IF THEY-- ALL RIGHT.
15 PLEASE. YES, HE'S GOING TO HAVE THREE MINUTES. ALL RIGHT.
16 EVERYONE COME FORWARD AND YOU'LL GET TO SPEAK. HAVE A SEAT,
17 SIR. HAVE A SEAT.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. HUTCHINSON, PLEASE GO
22 FORWARD.

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24 **EARL HUTCHINSON:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
25 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALWAYS A PLEASURE. IN THIS CASE,



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1 IT'S NOT A PLEASURE. OF COURSE A PLEASURE TO SEE THE WORKINGS
2 OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT GREET YOU AND SEE HOW THINGS ARE
3 HAPPENING IN THE COUNTY, BUT WHEN I SAY IT'S NOT A PLEASURE,
4 I'M WEARING A DIFFERENT HAT TODAY, EVEN THOUGH I SIGNED UP AS
5 PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY URBAN ROUND TABLE WHICH IS, AS YOU
6 WELL KNOW, OUR PUBLIC ADVOCACY GROUP. I'M A HOMEOWNER TODAY
7 AND I'M SPEAKING AS A HOMEOWNER. I HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR
8 OVER 20 YEARS, AND I HAVE WATCHED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS OIL
9 FIELD FOR 20 YEARS. NOW, FOR THE FIRST 15 YEARS, I LIVE ON
10 LABRAYA, WINDSOR HILLS. FOR THE FIRST 15 YEARS, NOT A PROBLEM.
11 IT WAS A SMALL, SLEEPY, FAMILY, SEVERAL FAMILY-OWNED
12 OPERATIONS, NO PROBLEMS. THEY WERE GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS.
13 THEY LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY, THEY WORKED THERE, MANY OF THEM
14 ACTUALLY DID LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, WORKED THERE, AND THERE
15 WAS NOT A REAL PROBLEM. ALL THE THINGS THAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY
16 ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, ALL THE THINGS WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE
17 NOISE, ALL OF THE THINGS WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE VIBRATIONS, ALL
18 THE THINGS WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE POLLUTANTS AND CONTAMINATION,
19 THAT WAS NOT A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR MOST OF THAT TIME. 2002,
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE, YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH, WE SAW A CHANGE.
21 I SAW A CHANGE PERSONALLY. I BEGAN TO SEE SOMETHING IN MY
22 HOUSE, NAMELY CRACKS. WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? WE HAD
23 GEOLOGISTS THAT CAME OUT, WE HAD SOIL EXPERTS THAT CAME OUT.
24 THEY COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT UNTIL ONE DAY WE FIGURED OUT
25 SOMETHING. A NEW COMPANY HAS NOW BOUGHT INTO WHAT USED TO BE



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1 STOCKER RESOURCES, NAMELY P.X.P. A LOT OF DRILLING GOING ON.
2 WE'RE SEEING NEW THINGS. WE'RE SMELLING THINGS THAT WE DIDN'T
3 SMELL BEFORE. WE'RE ALSO HEARING THINGS THAT WE DIDN'T HEAR
4 BEFORE AND WE'RE ALSO EXPERIENCING SOUND VIBRATIONS THAT WERE
5 ACTUALLY BREAKING APART NOT ONLY MY HOUSE BUT ALSO THE HOUSES
6 OF NEIGHBORS AROUND THERE. NOW A LOT OF THIS IS NOT ADDRESSED
7 IN THE PLAN THAT'S BEEN PUT FORTH. HOWEVER, I CAN TELL YOU
8 FROM A FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE POINT OF VIEW, WE FEEL IT UP
9 THERE. ALSO, DOZENS AND DOZENS OF OTHER HOMEOWNERS BEGAN TO
10 SEE AND SAY THE SAME THING. WE'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH OUR
11 HOUSE, WE'RE SEEING THE CRACKS, WE SMELL THE STUFF IN THE AIR.
12 WE'RE EXPERIENCING THE NOISE FACTOR, AND WE'RE ALSO SEEING
13 BASICALLY WHAT HAS BECOME A TOXIC DUMP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
14 P.X.P., WHAT USED TO BE STOCKER RESOURCES. IT'S AFFECTING
15 EVERYBODY NOT ONLY ON MY BLOCK, SURROUNDING BLOCKS, BUT IN THE
16 AREA. SO WHAT ARE WE TO DO? NEEDLESS TO SAY, A LOT OF THE
17 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS GOT TOGETHER AND, OF COURSE, OVER THE
18 LAST YEAR AND A HALF YOU CERTAINLY WITNESSED THE HEARINGS,
19 YOU'VE CERTAINLY WITNESSED AND HEARD THE TESTIMONY, YOU'VE
20 HEARD IT TODAY, YOU'VE SEEN THE PETITIONS. I HAVE TO SAY THIS,
21 WHEN YOU HAVE SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU CAN'T IGNORE THOUSANDS, LITERALLY
23 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED THESE PETITIONS THAT HAVE
24 EXPERIENCED THE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR HOMES, THAT WERE CERTAINLY
25 AWARE OF THE HAZARDS OVER THERE AND AFFECTED BY IT. YOU CAN'T



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1 IGNORE THAT. WE OFTEN HEAR THIS TERM, RUSH TO JUDGMENT. I
2 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IN THIS CASE, WHAT'S A FEW MORE WEEKS,
3 WHAT'S EVEN A FEW MORE MONTHS WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING WITH THE
4 LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPACTED IN THIS COMMUNITY
5 AND YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM EVERYBODY THAT'S MARCHED UP HERE
6 ABOUT THE HAZARDS. WHAT IS A FEW MORE WEEKS? A LITTLE BIT OF
7 DELAY, STEP BACK, GET SOME MORE INDEPENDENT-- THERE ARE A
8 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WILL TESTIFY ABOUT THE INADEQUACIES OF
9 THE E.I.R.. LET'S HEAR FROM THEM, BECAUSE THEY'RE WILLING TO
10 TESTIFY AND THEY'RE WILLING TO PUT THEIR NAME ON A DOCUMENT
11 THAT SAYS THAT THIS IS NOT ADEQUATE, WHAT YOU HAVE HERE, AND I
12 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. DO NOT, DO NOT IGNORE OF THE WILL OF THE
13 PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU HEAR THEM HERE TODAY, YOU SEE THEM HERE
14 TODAY AND MANY WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY HAVE SIGNED THOSE
15 PETITIONS. THEY ARE CONCERNED. SUPERVISOR BURKE, THESE ARE
16 YOUR NEIGHBORS. THESE ARE RESIDENTS. THESE ARE HOMEOWNERS.
17 THESE ARE TENANTS THAT LIVE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, SO WE ARE
18 IMPLORING YOU, WE'RE PLEADING WITH YOU, TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE
19 TIME. DON'T RUSH TO JUDGMENT. DELAY IT A LITTLE BIT MORE.
20 FURTHER STUDY IS STILL NEEDED, IT'S STILL DEMANDED. THAT IS
21 THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE
22 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A PROVISION, OFARY HAS SOME
25 SUPERVISION IN THERE, SINCE WE HAVE TO DO THIS, SINCE YOU CALL



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1 US EVERY WEEK. OKAY. YES. AND THEN WE WANT TO CALL MAURICE
2 WASHINGTON, PHYLLIS KOSSOFF, MARCIA JAMES. OKAY. PLEASE START.

3

4 **RANDALL PAULIN:** MY NAME IS RANDALL PAULIN AND I WAS CALLED A
5 LITTLE EARLIER. I BELIEVE I MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN A MINUTE OR
6 TWO BY OTHERS, BUT I WILL BE BRIEF. I'M A RESIDENT OF ARCH
7 CREST DRIVE IN WINDSOR HILLS. I MOVED MY SMALL FAMILY THERE A
8 SHORT TIME AGO AND DISCOVERED THIS ACTIVITY, AND THE CONCERN
9 THAT I WANT TO EXPRESS HERE IS THAT THIS IS NOT JUST AN-- IT'S
10 NOT JUST MORE OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON. THERE'S A CHANGE OF
11 CHARACTER IN THE TYPE OF EXPLORATION BEING DONE. IT'S MORE
12 INVASIVE, IT REACHES FURTHER OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS, IT
13 HAS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER BEHAVIOR, AND THE MONITORING HAS TO
14 BE DONE FARTHER OUT AS WELL. THERE'S NO-- I HAVEN'T HEARD, NOT
15 MUCH, IN THE WAY OF CLEAR DISCUSSION ON HOW THIS NEW TYPE OF
16 PRESSURE INJECTION AND EVERYTHING ELSE AFFECTS THE SUBSIDENCE
17 AND UPLIFT AND ANY OTHER POSSIBLE MATERIAL COMING OUT OF THE
18 GROUND, INCLUDING OTHER TYPES OF GASES AND SUCH IN THE GREATER
19 NEIGHBORHOOD, STANDING UP TO TWO TO THREE MILES OUT FROM THE
20 FIELD, SO I WANTED TO EXPRESS THAT THAT IS A CONCERN.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL ASK A RESPONSE TO THAT.

23

24 **RANDALL PAULIN:** PARDON?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL ASK FOR A RESPONSE. THANK YOU. WOULD
2 YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SEAT? YES, PLEASE.

3

4 **FRAN BAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS FRAN BAKER AND I'M A RESIDENT OF
5 BALDWIN VISTA. I'VE LIVED THERE FOR OTHER 40 YEARS. I SAW THE
6 DAM BREAK BECAUSE WE USED TO PLAY AROUND THERE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SAW IT BREAK, TOO.

9

10 **FRAN BAKER:** WE USED TO HANG OUT IN THE OIL FIELDS. THERE WAS
11 ABOUT 25 TO 30 OF US CHILDREN THAT WOULD ALWAYS RUN AROUND AND
12 PLAY TOGETHER, AND AS WE'RE ALL COMING BACK HOME TO TAKE CARE
13 OF OUR PARENTS, THERE'S NOT SOMETHING THAT'S NOT WRONG WITH
14 ANY OF US. WE HAVE NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS,
15 CANCER. I'M CLAIMING THAT I'M A FOURTH-TIME CANCER SURVIVOR
16 ALREADY, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH EACH ONE OF MY
17 GENERATION THAT GREW UP IN BALDWIN HILLS, SO ANY STUDY THAT
18 COMES IS GOING TO BE COMING FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN. THEY NEED TO
19 SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GENERATION THAT GREW UP THERE AND THAT
20 YOU SEE RUN AROUND THE WELLS AND PLAY IN THE DAMS AND JUST,
21 YOU KNOW, ASK US. WE'RE THE STUDY. WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO
22 US.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M NOT SURE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT. THE DAM
25 IS NOW THE KENNETH HAHN RECREATIONAL PARK, THE AREA WHERE THE



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1 DAM ACTUALLY BROKE IS THE ONE THAT WE CALL THE OLYMPIC AREA.

2 IT'S NOW KENNY HAHN PARK.

3

4 **FRAN BAKER:** RIGHT. AND ON DECEMBER 14TH OF THIS YEAR, IT'S
5 GOING TO BE 45 YEARS, AND IT BROKE, IF A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T
6 REMEMBER, BECAUSE THERE WAS WATER BEING PUMPED, BECAUSE OF THE
7 OIL WELLS. IT DAMAGED IT, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT
8 WE'RE ACTUALLY A MAN MADE HILL. WE WERE FLAT GROUND, DIRT WAS
9 BROUGHT IN TO MAKE THESE HILLS. WE'RE NOT ROCK, WE'RE NOT
10 GRANITE. WE ARE A MAN MADE HILL, SO THAT'S HOW COME WE HAVE A
11 LOT OF MOVEMENT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **GRANVILLE BEALS:** I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT A KIND LADY HAS YIELDED
16 ME A MINUTE OF HER TIME. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GRANVILLE
17 BEALS. I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LADERA HEIGHTS, AND
18 PIGGYBACKING ON SOME OF THE COMMENTS PEOPLE HAVE MADE, I WOULD
19 LIKE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS VISUAL BLIGHTS,
20 BESIDES THE OBVIOUS VISUAL BLIGHT THAT THE OIL FIELDS ARE TO
21 ONE OF THE LAST GREAT OPEN SPACES IN ANY URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN
22 OUR COUNTRY, AND THE OBVIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THEY HAVE ON
23 THE AIR AND SOIL QUALITY OF THE AREA, THERE ARE MANY OTHER
24 CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE REGARDING THEM, AND I'M ONLY GOING TO
25 SPEAK TO ONE RIGHT NOW, THE INTEGRITY OF THE GEOLOGY WHICH



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1 SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF HOMES, BUSINESSES AND APARTMENT
2 COMPLEXES IN THE AREA, WHICH IS BEING CONTINUALLY COMPROMISED
3 BY THE DRILLING THAT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND CONTINUES AS
4 WE'RE SPEAKING RIGHT NOW. IN PARTICULAR, IT GIVES-- WE LIVE IN
5 A SEISMICALLY ACTIVE AND ABSOLUTELY UNPREDICTABLE, VOLATILE
6 AREA AND THAT THIS IS A PROPOSAL, I WOULD CONTEND, SOMEWHAT
7 RECKLESS IN NATURE IN THAT THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF TENS
8 OF THOUSANDS OF SURROUNDING RESIDENTS WOULD BE PASSED OFF AS
9 PART OF THE-- AND THIS IS, QUOTE, "UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE OIL PRODUCTION
11 OPERATIONS AT THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD," UNQUOTE. I SEE THIS AS
12 A GIANT SINKHOLE IN THE MAKING, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE IGNORING
13 RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNIQUES AND DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION IN
14 FAVOR OF EXPANDING DRILLING IN OUR AREA THAT ALWAYS SUFFERS
15 FROM THE PRESENCE OF THESE OIL FIELDS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST,
16 AND ALTHOUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A C.S.D., ALBEIT IT A LITTLE
17 TOO LATE, I HAVE TO SAY, IS A GOOD CONCEPT FOR ESTABLISHING
18 OPERATING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE FOR THE SAFETY
19 AND OPTIMAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE
20 SURROUNDING AREA, THIS PROPOSAL IS A BREEDING GROUND FOR
21 LOOPHOLES AND CONTINUANCES AND IS SERIOUSLY SLANTED TO
22 P.X.P.'S INTERESTS ONLY, AND INSTEAD OF MONITORING DEVICES
23 INSTALLED ON VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, HOW NICE, HOW ABOUT
24 INSTALLING DEVICES THAT, UPON DETECTION POTENTIAL ACCELERATION
25 OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES, GAS, ET CETERA, ABOUT TO BE RELEASED INTO



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1 OUR AREA, THAT THERE BE ALTERNATIVE DEVICES INSTALLED THAT
2 WOULD SHUT DOWN THE EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE POTENTIALLY
3 VIOLATING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS BEFORE ANY RELEASE, AND
4 THEREBY ELIMINATE TOXIC ADMISSION AND THE NEEDS FOR THESE
5 MONITORING DEVICES ON THEIR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. SHOW US SOME
6 LOVE, NOT LOVE CANAL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARCIA JAMES, NEIL
9 RUBENSTEIN, ROBERT MCNAMARA.

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11 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, SHE'S ALREADY SPOKEN SO IT'S TOO LATE
14 NOW, BUT YOU CAN TAKE IT TO HER, YES. ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE
15 ALREADY SPOKEN ONCE. THANK YOU. I KNOW, BUT, YEAH, HE CAN COME
16 UP AND SPEAK OR GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE, BUT YOU'VE ALREADY
17 SPOKEN AND PEOPLE GAVE YOU ADDITIONAL TIME.

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19 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WE HAVE REVEREND FRAN
22 TAYLOR, DR. KENDALL PRICE, EUNICE RIDGILL. WE ASK YOU TO COME
23 FORWARD. YES. I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO STAND UP SO LONG.

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25 **MARCIA JAMES:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU JUST YIELDED YOUR TIME? OKAY. AND YOUR
3 NAME WAS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND WHO DID YOU YIELD TO?

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5 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND WHO DID YOU
8 YIELD TO? OKAY, ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR
9 NAME.

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11 **MARCIA JAMES:** I'M MARCIA JAMES AND I LIVE IN THE BALDWIN HILLS
12 AREA IN CLOVERDALE, AND WE LOST HALF OF OUR HILL BECAUSE OF
13 THE DRILLING BACK WHEN WE HAD THE VERY THE HEAVY RAINS IN THE
14 '80S. BUT MY GREATEST CONCERN RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THE CONCERN
15 OF SAFETY AND HEALTH HAS BEEN REALLY TALKED ABOUT A LOT AND I
16 THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THAT. MY REAL CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS HOW
17 MANY SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO US. SUPERVISOR BURKE,
18 YOU'VE BEEN HERE THE ENTIRE TIME, BUT HOW WILL THE OTHER FOUR
19 MEMBERS KNOW WHAT OUR CONCERNS IF THEY'RE NOT HEAR TO HEAR
20 THEM?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS RIGHT OVER HERE
23 AND THESE TWO SUPERVISORS ARE RIGHT HERE, AND ONE IS MISSING.

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1 **MARCIA JAMES:** DO THEY GET A RECORDING OF WHAT WE'RE SAYING?
2 HOW WILL THEY KNOW HOW WE REALLY FEEL?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY'RE LISTENING NOW.

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6 **MARCIA JAMES:** NO, BUT SOMETIMES YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE HERE.
7 THAT'S MY POINT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY TIME THEY ARE-- THEY HAVE TO BE IN THIS
10 AREA-- THEY ARE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM, BUT IN THE
11 BATHROOM--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE HAVE MICROPHONES IN THE BATHROOM.

14

15 **MARCIA JAMES:** OKAY. THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. I WAS CONCERNED
16 ABOUT THAT, AS A FORMER TEACHER, HOW DOES THIS DEMOCRACY WORK,
17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MICROPHONES IN THE BATH ROOMS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SHOULD SAY WE HAVE SPEAKERS IN THE
21 BATHROOM, NOT MICROPHONES. [LAUGHTER.]

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SPEAKERS IN THE BATHROOM. AND NEIL
24 RUBENSTEIN, ROBERT MCNAMARA, REVEREND FRAN TAYLOR. KENDALL
25 PRICE. EUNICE RIDGILL.



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2 **ROBERT MCNAMARA:** MY NAME IS ROBERT MCNAMARA. I LIVE IN CULVER
3 CITY. MOST OF WHAT I HAVE TO SAY HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID. A FEW
4 THINGS SAID DURING THE TAG TEAM PRESENTATION HERE I WANTED TO
5 MAKE A NOTE OF. I HEARD REFERENCE TO MASSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH
6 EFFORTS, 169 PEOPLE GIVING TESTIMONY, 300 QUESTIONNAIRES
7 PASSED OUT, NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. THE PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY HAVE
8 ONLY A VAGUE AWARENESS OF WHAT'S GOING ON. HOW MANY TENS OF
9 THOUSANDS NEED TO SHOW UP ON YOUR DOORSTEP, SUPERVISOR BURKE,
10 TO GET THIS KNOWN TO YOU, HOW OBJECTIONABLE THIS IS. THIS
11 E.I.R. IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE DOCUMENT. IT MUST BE RECIRCULATED.
12 THERE IS NO RUSH, AS SOMEONE ALREADY SAID, D.O.G.G.R. IS NOT
13 GOING TO APPROVE THIS WITHOUT THE COUNTY INPUT, BECAUSE 20,
14 30, 40 YEARS FROM NOW WHEN OIL CONSUMPTION IS NOT THE FOCUS OF
15 OUR ECONOMY, THE REASON WE GO TO WAR AND A SOURCE OF
16 ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, WHAT ARE OUR GRANDCHILDREN GOING TO
17 SAY WHEN THEY LOOK BACK AND SEE, WE SAID THROUGH THIS OIL
18 COMPANY, A THOUSAND MORE WELLS IN OUR BACKYARD, SURE, COME ON.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **ROGER MAXWELL:** YOU CALLED MY NAME EARLIER. IT'S ROGER MAXWELL.
23 I LIVE IN CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
24 THE BOARD, I'M AGAINST THE E.I.R. AND THE C.S.D. AS IT'S
25 CURRENTLY PRESENTED. I THINK IT'S FLAWED. THE ORIGINAL ONE DID



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1 NOT EVEN MENTION THE MASSIVE GAS LEAK IN JANUARY 2006, WASN'T
2 EVEN REPORTED IN THAT REPORT. I THINK AT THIS TIME WE NEED A
3 WISE DECISION, NOT NECESSARILY A SMART DECISION. YOU'RE ALL
4 SMART, BUT WE NEED SOME WISDOM HERE ON THIS. THE INGLEWOOD OIL
5 FIELD DOES, IN FACT, NEED TO BE UNMATCHED AS FAR AS ITS E.I.R.
6 AND THE C.S.D.. IT NEEDS TO HAVE HIGH DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS.
7 IT NEEDS TO HAVE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR 2008 RATHER THAN THE
8 COBBLED ORDINANCE THAT EXISTED SINCE 1924. I'D LIKE TO BRING
9 UP A POINT REGARDING CULVER CITY DOG PARK, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE
10 RIGHT NEXT TO THE P.X.P. DRILLING, AND IT ALSO HAS THREE OIL
11 WELLS WITHIN 50 METERS OF IT, ONE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET.
12 LAST WEEK, A WATER MAIN BROKE UP ON THE P.X.P. PROPERTY, AND
13 IT FLOODED OUT THE DOG PARK, WHICH IS RIGHT BELOW IT. IT TOOK
14 SOME PERIOD OF TIME TO REPAIR THOSE CONDITIONS. THAT WAS
15 WATER. THAT WAS NOT OIL. AGAIN, THE THREE OIL WELLS ARE WITHIN
16 50 METERS OF THE DOG PARK. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE E.I.R.
17 NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IT'S NOT COMPLETED AT ALL. AGAIN,
18 WE NEED A WISE VOTE AND NOT A SMART VOTE. THERE WERE SMART
19 VOTES WHEN THE D.M.V. EXPERTS STATED THEY WOULD NEVER NEED
20 MORE THAN THREE LETTERS AND THREE NUMBERS ON THE CALIFORNIA
21 LICENSE PLATES. THE TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS IN THE PAST TORE UP
22 THE STREET RAILS, STREET CAR RAILS FROM POMONA TO LONG BEACH
23 TO LOS ANGELES.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **ROGER MAXWELL:** THOSE WERE EXPERTS TESTIFYING.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **ROGER MAXWELL:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY SPOKEN ONCE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THE TIME WAS DEFERRED TO THE ALLIANCE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, ARE YOU-- YOU'RE THE ALLIANCE, SPEAKING
13 FOR THE ALLIANCE? OKAY.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ORDINARILY--

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19 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** --WE DON'T DO THAT. ALL RIGHT. YES. PLEASE
22 STATE YOUR NAME.

23

24 **REV. FRAN TAYLOR:** I'M REVEREND FRAN TAYLOR. I'M A RESIDENT OF
25 BALDWIN HILLS AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY PARENTS WHO ARE IN



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1 THEIR MID- 90S, THEY'VE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE BALDWIN HILLS
2 AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS. THEY'VE ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE
3 IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL. I'M SPEAKING REALLY TO WHAT HAS BEEN
4 SAID BEFORE IN TERMS OF WHAT DO WE GET OUT OF IT AND I WOULD
5 LIKE FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE
6 COMMUNITY DOING SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO DO,
7 AND SO WHAT I'M PROPOSING IS A -- TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A
8 FIDUCIARY FUND DERIVED PRINCIPALLY FROM THE P.X.P. DRILLING
9 COMPANY AND OWNERS OF THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. THE FORMATION
10 OF THIS TRUST SHALL BE NAMED FOR FRANK AND KERRY JONES WHO
11 HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE BALDWIN HILLS ESTATES FOR 45 YEARS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IF YOU
14 WILL PASS THAT ON, WE WILL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

15

16 **REV. FRAN TAYLOR:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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20 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR ENERGY.
21 KEEP THIS THING GOING. DEMOCRACY IS A WONDERFUL THING, AND
22 APPRECIATE THE PATIENCE OF THE MANY PEOPLE OUT HERE WHO HAVE
23 THE OTHER SIDE TO SPEAK TO. BUT ANYWAY, THIS IS A REMARKABLE
24 EXPERIENCE. I'M GLAD TO BE HERE. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I LIVE
25 IN CULVER CREST, LIVED THERE FOR 35 YEARS. MY WIFE AND I ARE



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1 BOTH CANCER SURVIVORS. I'M NOT GOING TO BLAME THAT ON THE OIL
2 COMPANIES, BUT NO ONE IN OUR FAMILY HAS HAD CANCER, AND WE
3 DON'T KNOW WHERE WE GOT IT FROM, SO WE JUST WHETHER IT MAY
4 HAVING SOME EFFECT. I THINK TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE GROUND, I
5 HAVE NOT SEEN THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE STATUS
6 OF OUR GROUND UP ON THAT HILL. I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT. NOW MAYBE
7 IT'S ALL BEEN DONE, I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE WIDELY CIRCULATED
8 BECAUSE IF I CAN SEE THAT, I MIGHT SAY, "OH, WE'RE IN GREAT
9 SHAPE OR MAYBE WE'RE NOT IN GRATE SHAPE." GREAT SHAPE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO DETERMINE THAT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD. LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. AND FINALLY, THERE'S A
14 LINE OR TWO IN THE REPORT BY BRUCE MCCLENDON WHICH SAYS THIS:
15 "THE REMAINING UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ASSOCIATED
16 WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE OIL PRODUCTION ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN
17 REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL," AND HERE'S THE LINE, "AND ARE
18 OUTWEIGHED BY SPECIFIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
19 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SPECIFIC HEALTH
20 AND SAFETY BENEFITS, I'VE NOT SEEN ANY SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
21 BENEFITS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE SEEN NO BENEFITS. I THINK
22 THE WORST THING THE COUNTY COULD DO IS TO ADD TO THE QUESTION
23 OF-- IT'S NOT GOING TO COST US ANYTHING. HERE'S THE FISCAL
24 IMPACT. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY
25 SIGNIFICANT NEW COSTS, BUT WHAT ARE THE PAYOFFS. WHAT IS THE



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1 COUNTY GETTING? I KNOW WE ARE, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY THING I
2 THINK THAT CAN JUSTIFY GOING INTO THIS, SO ANYWAY, SOMETIMES I
3 WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT THE COUNTY IS GETTING OUT OF IT, WHICH
4 MEANS WHAT WE ARE GETTING OUT OF IT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE HOPING NOT TO HAVE ANY
7 LAWSUITS BECAUSE WE TACKLE IT FIRST. ALL RIGHT. YES. NEIL
8 RUBENSTEIN, DR. KENDALL PRICE, EUNICE RIDGILL, DEON-- DR. DEAN
9 NIELSON PRICE, MARTI CONNOLLY, RONALD WOODS, DAMIAN NAGAMI,
10 TIM GABRIEL, MARK JAY SALKIN ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE COME
11 FORWARD. SCOTT ZELLMAN, JEFF COOPER, MARTIN SCHLAGETTER, JAMES
12 ALAMILLO. ALL RIGHT. AS SOON AS YOU GET UP HERE, WE CAN START.
13 AND DAMIEN GOODMAN, YOU'RE COMING UP VERY SOON, RIGHT AFTER
14 KATHY KNIGHT AND PATRICIA MCPHERSON.

15

16 **KEN KUTCHER:** THANK YOU, KEN KUTCHER. I APPRECIATE AND THANK
17 THE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE FOR THE DEFERRED TIME FOR THIS. I
18 WANTED TO ADDRESS THE NUMBER OF WELLS THAT THE GREATER BALDWIN
19 HILLS ALLIANCE IS RECOMMENDING FOR THE C.S.D.. THESE DEAL WITH
20 PROVISIONS THAT APPEAR ON PAGES 53 AND 54 OF THE DRAFT
21 ORDINANCE, THEY'RE IN SECTIONS H.1, H.2 LITTLE A. WITH RESPECT
22 TO H.1, WHICH DEALS WITH THE DIRECTOR'S REVIEW PERMIT,
23 P.X.P.'S OWN LITERATURE INDICATES THAT THEY ANTICIPATE 15 TO
24 20 WELLS PER YEAR. THE PROVISION IS PRESENTLY DRAFTED SAYS 53.
25 53 SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A MAXIMUM OF 20 WELLS PER YEAR.



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1 P.X.P.'S LITERATURE ALSO INDICATES THAT THEY WOULD BE
2 ABANDONING AT THE RATE OF 7 TO 8 WELLS PER YEAR AND THEREFORE
3 THERE SHOULD BE A NET INCREASE OF NO GREATER THAN 10 WELLS IN
4 ANY ONE YEAR. SO THAT WOULD BE OUR CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO
5 SECTION H.1, TO CROSS OUT 53, REPLACE IT WITH 20 AND TO ADD AT
6 THE END OF THE SENTENCE, AND A NET INCREASE OF NO MORE THAN 10
7 WELLS IN ANY ONE YEAR. WITH RESPECT TO H.2, WHICH IS THE
8 PROVISION DEALING WITH THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS.
9 HERE IS WHERE THE NUMBER SHOULD COME FROM THE E.I.R.. THE
10 NUMBER THAT APPEARS IN THE C.S.D. SAYS 53. THAT'S THE WRONG
11 NUMBER. THAT NUMBER, 53 PER YEAR, ACCOUNTS FOR ALSO WELLS THAT
12 ARE IN CULVER CITY. IF YOU NET THOSE OUT, YOU END UP WITH AN
13 AVERAGE OF 48 PER YEAR. SO THAT'S 48 PER YEAR IN THE COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES. THE E.I.R. ALSO MAKES ASSUMPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
15 RATES OF ABANDONMENT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO USE THIS IN
18 CULVER CITY.

19

20 **KEN KUTCHER:** AND SO WHEN YOU DISCOUNT THE AVERAGE ABANDONMENT,
21 BECAUSE D.O.G.G.R. SAYS YOU CAN'T CONTROL ABANDONMENT, YOU
22 CAN'T MANDATE IT, SO YOU NEED TO LOOK AT NET NUMBER. THE NET
23 NUMBER, BECAUSE THE ABANDONMENT RATE IS 26 A YEAR, THE NET
24 NUMBER OUT OF 48 WOULD BE 22 A YEAR. SO WE SUGGEST THAT THE



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1 C.U.P. PROCESS ALLOW UP TO 48 NEW WELLS PER YEAR WITH NO MORE
2 THAN 22 NET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 HELP AND YOUR SERVICES.

6

7 **DR. DEON PRICE:** I'M DR. DEON NIELSON PRICE, I LIVE IN CULVER
8 CREST, AND I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE WORK THAT HAS
9 BEEN DONE FOR THE FUTURE. I THINK THAT WE HAVE-- IT WOULD BE
10 VERY IRRESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 TO GO FORWARD WITH FUTURE PLANS FOR FUTURE DRILLING OF ANY
12 SORT WITHOUT HAVING THOSE STUDIES DONE THAT WERE MENTIONED
13 THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A GROUND STUDY, THAT THERE IS GOING
14 TO BE A HEALTH STUDY. THOSE NEED TO BE DONE BEFORE ANYTHING
15 GOES FORWARD. LIKE MY HUSBAND MENTIONED, WE'RE BOTH CANCER
16 SURVIVORS. WHEN WE MOVED TO CULVER CITY, WE KNEW IT WAS AN
17 UNSTABLE HILLSIDE BECAUSE THE HOUSE THAT WE BOUGHT HAS A POLE
18 IN IT, A METAL POLE THAT GOES THROUGH THE-- RIGHT THROUGH THE
19 MIDDLE OF THE HOUSE AS THE STABILIZER IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE
20 BECAUSE WE DO LIVE ON A FAULT. SINCE THEN, THERE HAS BEEN THE
21 NORTH PROJECT, WHICH GOES AROUND OUR HOUSE ON BOTH SIDES DEEP
22 IN THE EARTH, THERE HAS BEEN HILL SLIDES, MAJOR LANDSLIDES
23 THAT HAVE COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND SEVERAL HOMES, AND SO
24 WE THINK THESE STUDIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THERE'S TIME FRAMES. IF YOU
2 LOOK AT THE C.S.D., THERE'S A TIME FRAME OF WHEN THESE HAVE TO
3 GET IN AND THE MOST IS LIKE 180 DAYS FOR ALL OF THEM TO BE
4 COMPLETED. ALL RIGHT. STATE YOUR NAME AND THEN I'M GOING TO
5 CALL YOU.

6

7 **MARK SALKIN:** MY NAME IS MARK SALKIN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
8 NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CULVER CREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION,
9 REPRESENTING 525 HOMEOWNERS. I THINK THE ONE THING THAT KIND
10 OF ASTOUNDS ME TODAY IS THAT WE ARE WITNESSING AN ALREADY DONE
11 DECISION IN THE BEST TRADITION OF WHAT IS NOW GOING ON IN
12 WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO. FRANKLY, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND I
13 HAVE RESPECTED YOU FOR MANY YEARS, I SEE YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE
14 UP YOUR MIND, AND I WISH THAT THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HERE
15 WOULD NOT REPEAT THE CONVENIENCE, THE EASINESS, THE MISGUIDED
16 LISTENING TO EXPERTS THAT GOES ON IN WASHINGTON THAT LED US TO
17 OUR CURRENT DEBACLE. WE HAVE THE SAME THING GOING ON IN
18 SACRAMENTO TODAY WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO PROGNOSTICATE
19 BUDGETS THAT THEY KNOW THEY CANNOT MEET. WE DIG OURSELVES
20 DEEPER INTO THESE HOLES AS A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE, AND FOR
21 THE VESTED INTEREST OF MONEY. PARTIES. PLEASE RESPECT US.
22 DON'T LEAVE BEHIND A MESS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, LET ME SAY TO YOU THAT MANY OF THE
25 PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE, THAT WE HAVE MET WITH, WE'VE



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1 NEGOTIATED WITH, WE WORK WITH, WE'VE MADE CHANGES IN ORDER TO
2 MEET THEIR CONCERNS. WHEN YOU SAY-- IT WAS NOT JUST HAVING THE
3 MEETING. YOU REMEMBER WE STARTED OUT WITH ONE C.S.D., WE HAD
4 AN E.I.R., WE THEN HAD A NEW C.S.D. THAT WAS MADE AS A
5 RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS ON THE E.I.R. AND THE FIRST C.S.D. WE
6 THEN HAVE THIS C.S.D. BEFORE US. THIS HAS BEEN A TWO-YEAR
7 PROCESS, AND BELIEVE ME, INPUT-- MANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE
8 TESTIFIED ONE WAY. WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THEM AND TRYING TO
9 TAKE THEIR-- AND HAVE CHANGED THIS TO MEET SOME OF THEIR
10 CONCERNS. TODAY, THEY HAVE TO RESPOND, AND I RESPECT THE FACT
11 THAT THEY HAVE A CONSTITUENCY AND THEY HAVE TO SAY WHATEVER IS
12 NECESSARY TO KEEP THAT CONSTITUENCY HAPPY, BUT WE HAVE ALSO
13 SPENT TREMENDOUS TIME RESPONDING TO THEIR CONCERNS.

14

15 **MARK SALKIN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU'RE OPERATING FROM A FEAR OF
16 LAWSUITS, FEAR OF MAKING A MISTAKE. THE MISTAKE YOU'RE GOING
17 TO MAKE IS NOT ALLOWING THE COMMUNITY'S WISHES TO BE HEARD IN
18 LIGHT OF THE LEGACY YOU WISH TO LEAVE BEHIND.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, STATE
21 YOUR NAME. NO, YOU STATE YOUR NAME FIRST, THE LADY IN THE
22 CENTER.

23

24 **KATHY KNIGHT:** MY NAME IS KATHY KNIGHT. I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA.
25 I DROVE OVER HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES IN THE BALDWIN



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1 HILLS. I SAW NEWS PROGRAMS ALL WEEKEND ON CHANNEL 4, 5 AND 7
2 ABOUT HOW CONCERNED THESE FAMILIES ARE. I SAW THE CHILDREN AND
3 I GOT REALLY CONCERNED. I WAS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ADOPTIONS FOR 4 1/2 YEARS, I WAS IN
5 CHARGE OF MY CLIENTS' HEALTH AND SAFETY TO PROTECT THEM. I
6 WANT TO PROTECT THESE CHILDREN IN THE BALDWIN HILLS AND THEIR
7 FAMILIES ALSO FOR THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY. YOU CAN PLEASE DO A
8 FULL E.I.R. ON THIS PROJECT. YOU CAN DO IT. IT WAS DONE
9 NEARBY--

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DID IN THE E.I.R..

12

13 **KATHY KNIGHT:** WHAT?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DID AN E.I.R.

16

17 **KATHY KNIGHT:** THEY WANT MORE DISCLOSURE ON THE SITUATION
18 CURRENTLY. PLEASE DO THAT. ALSO, HOW FAR IS THE SLANT DRILLING
19 GOING TO GO? I WANT TO KNOW THAT. AND ALSO HAVE YOU COMPLIED
20 WITH S.B.-18 AND CONSULTED WITH THE LOCAL TRIBE ON THIS
21 POLICY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE WILL BE
24 ARCHAEOLOGISTS ON STAFF ON SITE AT ALL TIMES AT ANY TIME
25 THERE'S A DIG.



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2 **KATHY KNIGHT:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE CONSULTED WITH THE TRIBE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. WE'LL CHECK TO SEE IF WE'VE
5 CONSULTED WITH THE TRIBE, BUT CERTAINLY WE WILL. MR. SACHS.
6 DAMIEN GOODMAN, MICHAEL BAUER.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** VERY QUICKLY. ARNOLD SACHS. JUST TO REVIEW, WHEN
9 BEVERLY HILLS HAD A PROBLEM WITH DRILLING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL,
10 THE PROCEDURE THAT WAS FOLLOWED, I'D HOPED THAT THE COUNTY
11 WOULD USE IT AS A BACK-- A BINDING FOR WHATEVER PROCEDURE
12 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW. IF IT WAS FOUND THAT IT WAS
13 NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS IN BEVERLY HILLS TO DRILL, MAINTAIN
14 OIL WELLS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK THAT
15 IT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR THEM TO MAINTAIN THE OIL FIELD
16 IN BALDWIN HILLS. IT'S JUST THE LOCATION OF-- THAT'S THE
17 MATTER HERE. IT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DELANEY SMITH. I'M SORRY. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

20

21 **JEANETTE VOSBURG:** I'M JEANETTE VOSBURG AND PATRICIA MCPHERSON
22 HAS CEDED HER TIME TO ME AND THEN I'LL CEDE MY TIME TO HER. IS
23 THAT OKAY?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE SWITCHING POSITIONS?



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2 **JEANETTE VOSBURG:** IT'S THE IN ORDER IN WHICH WE WANT TO

3 PRESENT. ON JUNE 27TH, 2006, THE COUNTY ADOPTED THE EMERGENCY

4 ORDINANCE FINDING P.X.P.'S OIL GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS, A

5 CURRENT AND IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY

6 AND WELFARE, AND THUS HALTED FURTHER DRILLING OPERATIONS. THIS

7 HALT CAME AS A RESULT OF P.X.P.'S ENVIRONMENTAL HARM CAUSED

8 BY-- FROM MULTIPLE 2006 P.X.P. DRILLING ACTIVITIES AND

9 INCIDENTS THAT CAUSED CLOUDS OF TOXINS TO BLANKET THE

10 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY CAUSING PUBLIC OUTCRY AND PANIC. BURKE

11 THEN PLEDGED TO PREPARE AN E.I.R., NOT AN E.I.R. OF THE C.S.D.

12 BUT AN E.I.R. TO ASSESS THE EFFECTS OF EXISTING AND FUTURE

13 PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. BURKE

14 AND THE COUNTY BROKE THAT PLEDGE BY INSIDIOUSLY SWITCHING THE

15 PROMISED E.I.R. ON P.X.P. OPERATIONS TO AN E.I.R. DONE ON

16 P.X.P. C.S.D. POLICY, A POLICY CREATED FOR A SITE THAT IS

17 STILL UNSTUDIED, UNKNOWN. BURKE HAS HELPED P.X.P. TO AVOID

18 MEANINGFUL SCRUTINY AND FULL DISCLOSURE. THE COUNTY STILL HAS

19 THE OPPORTUNITY AND LEGAL RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE PROMISED E.I.R.

20 ON THE OIL FIELD. THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

21 STATES THAT AN E.I.R. IS REQUIRED FOR ANY PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

22 THAT HAS REASONABLE POSSIBILITY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

23 ON THE ENVIRONMENT. P.X.P.'S PROJECT AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN

24 ONGOING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE C.S.D.'S



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1 E.I.R. TO BE ACTIVITIES TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF CAUSING
2 ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
5 THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** MY NAME IS JAMES ALAMILLO. I'M WITH HEAL THE
8 BAY. I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ON INADEQUACY AND INCOMPLETENESS
9 OF THE CURRENT E.I.R. BEFORE YOU, OF WHICH THE C.S.D. IS BASED
10 ON AND I'M REALLY URGING YOU TO RECIRCULATE THAT DOCUMENT. FOR
11 EXAMPLE, WITH RESPECT TO WATER RESOURCES. THERE'S NO DATA IN
12 THE E.I.R. REGARDING SURFACE STORM WATER POLLUTION. THERE'S NO
13 FLOW RATES, THERE'S NO POLLUTANT LOADINGS, AND IN POLLUTANT
14 LOADINGS,, YOU NEED SURFACE FLOWS, YOU NEED CONCENTRATION
15 LEVELS. THERE'S NO DISCUSSION ON THAT. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO
16 COMPLY WITH T.M.D.L.S, TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS ASSOCIATED
17 WITH BALLONA CREEK? ALSO, THERE'S NOTHING IN THE E.I.R. THAT
18 DEALS WITH THE POLICIES THAT YOU GUYS EVEN ADOPTED. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, TWO MONTHS AGO, YOU INITIATED THROUGH A RESOLUTION
20 THAT WE WERE IN A DROUGHT AND REQUIRED STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS
21 TO CUT BACK ON POTABLE WATER CONSUMPTION. YET IN THIS
22 DOCUMENT, P.X.P. PLANS TO EXPAND THEIR POTABLE WATER
23 CONSUMPTION BY 75 PERCENT WITH NO DISCUSSION ABOUT WATER
24 REUSE, WATER RECLAMATION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THOSE
2 RULES.

3
4 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** IT'S NOT IN THE DOCUMENT.

5
6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S SUBJECT TO COUNTY ORDINANCES. PLEASE
7 STATE YOUR NAME. MR. GOODMAN, DO YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD?
8 YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE YOUR EMOTIONAL STATEMENT. WE EXPECT YOUR
9 SPEECH EACH TIME. COME HAVE A SEAT.

10

11 **DAMON NAGAMI:** THANK YOU. DAMON NAGAMI WITH THE NATURAL
12 RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. WE SUPPORT THE GREATER BALDWIN
13 HILLS ALLIANCE AND OPPOSE THE C.S.D. IN ITS CURRENT FORM. FOUR
14 QUICK POINTS. FIRST THE C.S.D. DOES NOT MEET COMMUNITY
15 STANDARDS. CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. SECOND,
16 WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF TALK ABOUT LET'S JUST AMEND IT, PASS IT
17 NOW AND AMEND IT. IT MAY NOT BE SO EASY TO AMEND THE C.S.D.
18 LATER. THE AREA COVERED BY THE C.S.D. HAS NO RESIDENTS, SO
19 MAYBE ONLY THE COUNTY OR P.X.P. WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROPOSE
20 CHANGES, SO WHY NOT GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME? THIRD, THE
21 SKY'S NOT GOING TO FALL IF THE C.S.D. IS NOT APPROVED NOW.
22 D.O.G.G.R. STILL HAS TO COMPLY WITH C.E.Q.A., SO THERE ARE NO
23 TIMING CONCERNS HERE. FOURTH, THE E.I.R. IS FLAWED. IT
24 VIOLATES C.E.Q.A. AND NEEDS TO BE REVISED AND RECIRCULATED. AS
25 A RESULT OF RUSHING THROUGH THIS PROCESS, THIS E.I.R. WILL NOT



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1 WITHSTAND LEGAL SCRUTINY. THIS IS A TWO-YEAR PROCESS? WHAT'S
2 ANOTHER COUPLE OF MONTHS WHEN IT COMES TO THE COMMUNITY'S
3 HEALTH AND SAFETY? WE ASK YOU TO DIRECT COUNTY STAFF TO REVISE
4 AND RECIRCULATE THE E.I.R. AND REVISIT THE COMMUNITY'S
5 REMAINING COMMENTS TO ENSURE C.S.D. REFLECTS THE CONSENSUS
6 COMMUNITY VIEW.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CLINT SIMMONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION? HE MADE A
11 STATEMENT. CAN I ASK THE ATTORNEY A QUESTION?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COUNTY COUNSEL. THE STATEMENT WAS JUST MADE
16 THAT D.O.G.G.R. HAS TO COMPLY WITH C.E.Q.A.. WELL, EVERYBODY
17 HAS TO COMPLY WITH C.E.Q.A., BUT MY QUESTION AND THE
18 IMPLICATION WAS D.O.G.G.R. WOULD HAVE TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL
19 IMPACT REPORT. WOULD THEY HAVE TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
20 REPORT?

21

22 **ELAINE LEMKE:** THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO AN INITIAL STUDY
23 AND DETERMINE WHAT SORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS THEY WOULD
24 HAVE TO DO. THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THAT. THEY DID A NEGATIVE
25 DECLARATION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD CONCLUDE IN THE



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1 FUTURE BUT MY ASSUMPTION IS THEY WOULD DO A NEGATIVE
2 DECLARATION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WOULD THEY DO A NEGATIVE DECLARATION?

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6 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I DON'T REMEMBER THE SPECIFIC TIME FRAME ON
7 THAT. I THINK IT WAS SHORTLY ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE URGENCY
8 ORDINANCE WAS PASSED.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO RELATIVELY RECENTLY.

11

12 **ELAINE LEMKE:** YES.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN WAS IT? BUT WE'VE DONE THE E.I.R.
15 THOUGH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I THINK THE QUESTION IS, IF WE DID
18 NOTHING, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. IF WE DID NOTHING, AND THESE-- THE
19 OIL COMPANY WENT TO THE STATE AND APPLIED FOR THEIR OIL
20 DRILLING, WHATEVER D.O.G.G.R. GIVES, OIL DRILLING PERMITS, DO
21 YOU BELIEVE THAT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH NEGATIVE
22 DECLARATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A CERTIFIED E.I.R. FROM US?

23



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1 **ELAINE LEMKE:** IT'S AN EXISTING OIL FIELD WITH OPERATIONS. WHAT
2 THE COURT WOULD HOLD, I DON'T KNOW. I THINK THAT THEY WOULD
3 HAVE A STRONG ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY WERE DRILLING UP UNTIL WE PASSED THE
6 URGENCY ORDINANCE. NO, THEY'RE NOT DRILLING NOW BECAUSE WE
7 HAVE A MORATORIUM, BUT UP TO THE TIME WE ACTUALLY PASSED THE
8 MORATORIUM, THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE TESTIFYING ABOUT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

13

14 **DR. DELANEY SMITH:** I'M DR. DELANEY SMITH, PHYSICIAN AND LONG-
15 TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF THE COMMUNITY AND I REPRESENT ALSO THE
16 BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE. JUST IN LOOKING AT THEIR LITERATURE,
17 P.X.P. HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 1992, WHICH MEANS IT APPEARS
18 THAT BACK IN 2001, THEY WERE OPERATING AS THE LA JOLLA
19 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. AND I WAS PRESENT AT THAT TIME AND I
20 OFFERED DOCUMENTATION BASED UPON STUDIES THAT CAME OUT IN THE
21 1950S THAT THOSE WHO LIVE AROUND THE AREA OF THE INGLEWOOD OIL
22 FIELD HAD AN INCREASED INCIDENCE OF ALL TYPES OF CANCERS, THAT
23 WAS FOUR TIMES THAN THAT OF THE SURROUNDING AREAS. IT WAS MY
24 UNDERSTANDING AT THAT TIME THAT THEY DID WITHIN A FEW DAYS
25 THEREAFTER WITHDRAW THEIR APPLICATION AND THEY SAID THAT THEY



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1 WERE GOING TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL FUTURE EXPANSION PROJECTS AT
2 THAT TIME. AS IT TURNS OUT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK ANY FURTHER
3 THAN THEIR DRAFT, PAGE 4.3, PAGE 19, THEY LIST-- THERE'S A
4 LIST OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND THE-- AS IT TURNS OUT, ABOUT A
5 THIRD OF THOSE, NEARLY A HALF, ARE CARCINOGENS SUCH AS
6 BENZENE, TOLUENE, XYLENE, AND THEIR DERIVATIVES. LOOK AT ANY
7 STANDARD BOOKS OF TOXICOLOGY AND YOU'LL FIND THAT THOSE ARE
8 CANCER-PRODUCING AGENTS. MORE DISTURBING, THE REPORT FAILS TO
9 MENTION THE FACT THAT THERE'S NO MENTION OF NITROUS OXIDE. I
10 HAVE AN ARTICLE FROM THE "L.A. TIMES" FROM JUNE 22ND OF 2001
11 WHEREBY MR. RUSCH, I BELIEVE HIS NAME IS SPELLED R-U-S-C-H. HE
12 TOLD THE "TIMES" THAT ON OCCASIONS, THEY HAD OF ADMISSIONS OF
13 NITROUS OXIDE, BUT AS MUCH AS OVER 300 TONS A YEAR OF NITROUS
14 OXIDE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE. I HAVE THE ARTICLE WITH ME,
15 IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, AND IT'S JUST CURIOUS TO ME THAT NITROUS
16 OXIDE APPEARS NOWHERE ON THEIR LIST OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES. YET
17 AT THAT TIME, THEY SAID THEY WOULD DUMP OVER 300 TONS INTO THE
18 AIR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
21 WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

22

23 **DR. DELANEY SMITH:** I ALSO REPRESENT THE BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE
24 AND SO I HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE JUST GAVE THE BALDWIN HILLS THE EXTRA
2 TIME.

3
4 **DR. DELANEY SMITH:** BUT THERE ARE EXTRA PEOPLE OUT THERE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD, AND THEN WE HAVE TWO OTHER
7 PEOPLE.

8
9 **DR. DELANEY SMITH:** OKAY. MY CONCERN IS REALLY THE PERCEPTION
10 THAT DEALS WITH NEW PERMITS, IT'S MY POSITION AND I THINK OUR
11 POSITION SHOULD BE REALLY GIVEN THE HEALTH RISKS, THAT THERE
12 SHOULD BE A DISMANTLEMENT SCHEDULE AS OPPOSED TO NEW PERMITS.
13 WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD TAKING DOWN WHAT'S
14 GOING UP THERE, NOT HOW WE CAN CREATE MORE, GIVE THE
15 CIRCUMSTANCES. AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK TO THE CUL-DE-
16 SAC OF 5400 WEATHERFORD DRIVE. THERE'S A VACANT LOT NOW WHERE
17 THERE USED TO BE A HOUSE. THE CITY TORE THE HOUSE DOWN BECAUSE
18 IT WAS MOVING TO THE STREET AT A RATE OF 12 INCHES PER YEAR,
19 SO THE HOUSE WAS DEMOLISHED. THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS. BY
20 PUTTING STEAM AND WATER INTO THE GROUND, THERE'S A
21 LIQUEFACTION PROCESS. WHEN YOU HEAR EARTHQUAKE, DON'T THINK OF
22 THE TRADITIONAL EARTHQUAKE. SEISMIC ACTIVITY, AND THERE'S
23 VERTICAL, LATERAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY, THERE'S A LOT OF THAT
24 THAT'S GOING ON IN AN AREA THAT'S ACCOUNTING FOR THE CRACKS
25 AND SO WHEN YOU HEAR SEISMIC, WE SHOULDN'T THINK OF



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1 NECESSARILY WHAT WE THINK OF AN EARTHQUAKE, BUT THE WORD JUST
2 MEANS THE MOVEMENT OF THE SURFACE OIL, AND THERE'S AN AWFUL
3 LOT OF THAT GOING ON AND THERE SHOULD BE A FUND CREATED, A
4 HEALTHCARE FUND, A FUNERAL FUND PERHAPS AS WELL AS A FUND FOR
5 THE HOMEOWNERS TO START THOSE REPAIRS, TO START TO COVER THOSE
6 REPAIRS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS GOING TO BE A PROCESS FOR
9 COMPLAINTS AND FOR A REVIEW OF ANY DAMAGE.

10

11 **DR. DELANEY SMITH:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANGUS ALEXANDER AND JEANETTE
14 VOSBURG. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **MICHAEL BAUER.:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL BAUER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
17 THE CULVER CREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND JEFF KESSLER.

20

21 **MICHAEL BAUER:** AND I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT WHEN YOUR
22 DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF EXPERTS WERE UP HERE, THAT IT WOULD
23 FLASHBACK ALL SUMMER, THE WASHINGTON ECONOMIC GURUS TELLING US
24 HOW GOOD THE ECONOMY STILL IS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO
25 ATTENTION WHAT'S ETCHED UP ON YOUR WALL HERE. IT SAYS "THE



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1 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE
2 SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH." IF YOU WERE TO REMOVE THE
3 PEOPLE FROM THIS AUDITORIUM THAT WERE PAID HERE BY P.X.P. TO
4 BE HERE TODAY, I THINK WHAT YOU WOULD BE LEFT ARE PEOPLE WHO
5 WERE OPPOSED TO THIS CURRENT ACTIVITY THAT THIS BOARD SEEMS TO
6 BE HEADED TOWARD IN APPROVING. I WANT TO QUICKLY SAY THAT I
7 DON'T LIKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEING A NEIGHBORHOOD OF LABORATORY
8 RATS, WHICH SOUNDS LIKE WHAT DR. PAUL SIMON UP HERE SUGGESTED,
9 THAT IN OCTOBER 2010, THERE'S GOING TO BE A REVIEW OF THE
10 HEALTH RISKS AND THEY WILL ASSESS AT THAT TIME WHAT HAS
11 HAPPENED HISTORICALLY. I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO SIT HERE AND
12 PROVE THAT THE OIL IS CAUSING THIS PROBLEM. I WOULD LIKE TO
13 PREVENT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR
16 NAME.

17

18 **DAMIEN GOODMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, DAMIEN GOODMAN SPEAKING FOR
19 MYSELF. P.X.P. IS A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM, DAKOTA
20 COMMUNICATIONS, IS NOTORIOUS FOR BUSING IN PEOPLE THEY PAY OFF
21 THE STREET TO PROVIDE THE APPEARANCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR
22 PROJECTS THAT LACK COMMUNITY SUPPORT. IT WAS A TACTIC
23 HIGHLIGHTED IN THEIR P.R. STRATEGY MEMOS REGARDING A HOME
24 DEPOT IN THE VALLEY THAT WAS OPPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY AND
25 LEAKED TO THE MEDIA. LET ME READ EXCERPTS FROM THE MEMO. FOR



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1 \$17,000 QUOTE, UNQUOTE :RECRUITERS AND ORGANIZERS WOULD BE
2 BUSED IN TO A HEARING, FOOD PROVIDED AND THEY WOULD SPEAK IN
3 SUPPORT OF THE HOME DEPOT." SIMPLY, DAKOTA COMMUNICATIONS,
4 P.X.P.'S PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS PULLED PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS
5 TO ACT AS PROPS AND CLEANED UP THOSE THAT CAN COMPLETE A
6 SENTENCE, SAYING THEY SUPPORT THE PROJECT. WITH TACTICS SO
7 DECEPTIVE-- AND THEY'VE DONE IT TODAY, THEY'VE DONE IT IN THE
8 PUBLIC HEARINGS-- WITH TACTICS SO DECEPTIVE, HOW CAN ANYONE
9 BELIEVE A WORD P.X.P. SAYS? BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE
10 SMARTER THAN THIS. DON'T FALL VICTIM TO THESE ABHORRENT,
11 UNETHICAL, MANIPULATING TACTICS, TO THESE CROOKED OIL MEN.
12 REJECT THIS OIL COMPANY'S GIVE-AWAY AND CANCER CAUSER. SEND
13 THESE FRAUDS BACK TO THEIR DIRTY WELLS IN HOME DEPOT PARKING
14 LOTS, LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITIES, RECOGNIZE ELECTED LEADERS WHO
15 ARE ALL OPPOSED TO THIS AND WANT AN INDEPENDENT, HONEST
16 E.I.R.. AND THANK YOU, MA'AM. I AM PASSIONATE. I'M SURE IT'S
17 THE TYPE OF PASSION YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG AND ACTING
18 WITH MORE CLARITY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST SAY ONE
21 THING TO YOU. YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE ALSO
22 LANDOWNERS BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN
23 THIS FOR PROBABLY FINANCIAL REASONS BECAUSE THEY DO RECEIVE
24 ROYALTIES, AND WE HAVE SAID TO THEM, DON'T BRING ALL THOSE
25 PEOPLE. SOMETIMES WE GET A STACK OF CARDS LIKE THIS FROM



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1 PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING, WE DON'T WANT YOU TO LIMIT THE DRILLING
2 BECAUSE WE DEPEND ON IT FOR OUR LIVELIHOOD, SO I UNDERSTAND
3 THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST.

4

5 **DAMIEN GOODMAN:** I WOULD AGREE, BUT WHEN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
6 COUNCIL'S, WHEN YOUR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, THESE ELECTED
7 BODIES ALL SPEAK ON ONE ISSUE AND THEN CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ARE
8 PICKED OFF THE STREET AND SPEAK WITH ANOTHER, YOU HAVE TO TAKE
9 THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T ANYONE WAS PICKED OFF THE STREET.

12

13 **DAMIEN GOODMAN:** WELL, THEN ASK THE PEOPLE WHO COME IN SUPPORT,
14 THE PEOPLE ON THAT SIDE OF THE ROOM WHO DIDN'T STAND UP, AND
15 ARE NOT SPEAKING TODAY, BUT INSTEAD OF PROPS FOR P.X.P.,
16 WHETHER THEY WERE PAID TO BE HERE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DAMIEN.

19

20 **DAMIEN GOODMAN:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SIR?

23

24 **ANGUS ALEXANDER:** NAME'S ANGUS ALEXANDER. I'M A RESIDENT OF
25 CULVER CITY. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY



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1 RESTORATION COMMISSION GOVERNING BOARD. I'M HERE TODAY
2 FOLLOWING YOUR DIRECTIONS AND ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 2 WHICH
3 STATES IN ITEM NUMBER 2 THAT THE OIL OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED
4 IN A SAFE MANNER AND ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING USES.
5 CONGRESS IDENTIFIED SANTA MONICA BAY AS ONE OF 28 NATIONAL
6 ESTUARIES. IN SEPTEMBER 2008, CONGRESS AGREED TO OFFSHORE OIL
7 DRILLING GREATER THAN 50 MILES WITHIN THE COASTLINE. THE
8 REASON WHY THEY HAVE 50 MILES IS TO ENABLE CLEAN-UP CREWS IN
9 ORDER TO MITIGATE THE EFFORT BEFORE IT CAME ONSHORE. THIS OIL
10 FIELD IS ONLY FOUR MILES FROM THE SHORELINE AND IS WITHIN THE
11 WATERSHED OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY, THE NATIONAL ESTUARY. ON
12 MARCH 22ND, 2008, THE THIRD INCIDENT WHICH RELEASED CRUDE OIL
13 INTO THE CULVER CITY STORM DRAINS WHICH IS SUBJECTING CULVER
14 CITY TO A 10,000-DOLLAR A DAY VIOLATION BY THE N.P.D.S.
15 PERMITS FOR VIOLATING STORM WATER PERMIT USE IS IN EFFECT
16 HERE. THE E.I.R. STATES THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ONE OIL SPILL
17 EVERY 5,200 YEARS, YET SINCE MARCH 22ND, THEY'VE HAD THREE. MY
18 ISSUE'S ABOUT CLEAN WATER AND DOING THE RIGHT THING. I DON'T
19 FEEL THE E.I.R. IS SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT US ALL. PLEASE
20 RECIRCULATE IT, PLEASE LET YOUR DEPARTMENTS ANSWER THOSE
21 QUESTIONS.

22
23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR
24 NAME, SIR.



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1 **JEFF KESSLER:** MY NAME IS JEFF KESSLER I LIVED IN THE WINDSOR
2 HILL AREA FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS. AND I JUST HAVE A QUESTION,
3 ESPECIALLY TO YVONNE BURKE AND THE REST OF THEM, THE BOARD
4 HERE. THIS IS VERY INVASIVE. WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING SLANT
5 DRILLING, AND IT'S IS BEING DONE IN A VERY POPULATED PART OF
6 THE COUNTRY WITH A MILLION PEOPLE AROUND HERE. MY QUESTION TO
7 YOU IS, HAS THIS BEEN DONE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY WITH
8 SO MANY PEOPLE?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BEVERLY HILLS.

11

12 **JEFF KESSLER:** BEVERLY HILLS? OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB ALSO.

15

16 **JEFF KESSLER:** OKAY. MY UNDERSTANDING IS BEVERLY HILLS, THAT
17 HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN AND PEOPLE HAVE-- THERE'S A BOOK--

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT HASN'T BEEN SHUT DOWN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S STILL GOING ON.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAS NOT BEEN SHUT DOWN.

24



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1 **JEFF KESSLER:** BUT NOT TO THE LEVEL THAT IT'S BEING DONE HERE
2 IN BALDWIN HILLS, NOT TO ANY OF THAT LEVEL. OKAY, YES, IT'S
3 BEING DONE IN BEVERLY HILLS, BUT IS THERE ANY BEEN STUDIED--

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU LOOK, THERE'S A LIST OF-- THERE'S A
6 MAP SHOWING THE SIZE OF ALL OF THE OIL DRILLING THAT GOES ON
7 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS PART OF THE C.S.D., IF YOU LOOK AT
8 IT, AND THIS IS ONE THAT'S SIZABLE, BUT NOT AS BIG AS MANY OF
9 THE OTHERS.

10

11 **JEFF KESSLER:** BUT THIS IS THE BIGGEST ONE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, IT'S NOT THE BIGGEST ONE. TAKE A LOOK
14 AT THE MAP OF ALL OF THEM.

15

16 **JEFF KESSLER:** CAN YOU NAME ME ONE THAT'S BEEN DONE BIGGER THAN
17 THIS?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU BEEN TO LONG BEACH? [LAUGHTER AND
20 APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **JEFF KESSLER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WON'T GO INTO ALL THE OTHERS, BUT THEY'RE
25 ALL SHOWN. OKAY. YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK THAT RATHER THAN CALL



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1 ON-- I'M GOING TO ASK ALL THE PEOPLE IN SUPPORT TO PLEASE
2 STAND. IN FAVOR OF IT, PLEASE STAND. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOT HAVE CLAPPING, BUT--
5 WAIT A MINUTE. LET ME SAY THIS. [INTERJECTIONS.]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WAIT A MINUTE. LET ME SAY THIS. ONE
8 OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK I WANT TO SAY, I DON'T THINK I WANT
9 TO CALL ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN FAVOR, BUT SOME PEOPLE WHO
10 NEED TO RESPOND, THEY CAN COME UP. FOR INSTANCE, ROD HENLEY,
11 LADERA, CREST, CHARLES MOORE, IF YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD AND
12 RESPOND. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO SAY IS THE IMPRESSION HAS
13 BEEN GIVEN THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN CULVER CITY WHO IS FOR
14 THIS, EVERYBODY IS OPPOSED. CULVER CITY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN
15 ORDINANCE THAT GOES FORWARD. MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE
16 ARE PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE AN INTEREST. MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
17 THE COMMUNITY WORK IN THAT OIL FIELD. THERE'S NO QUESTION
18 ABOUT IT. I SEE SOME OF THE HANDS OVER THERE AND THEY LIVE IN
19 THE AREA AND THEY WORK IN THE FIELD. I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO
20 SEE THEM AT VARIOUS TIMES, SO IF THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT WANT
21 TO COME FORWARD, I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US TO HAVE A
22 RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE
23 PEOPLE.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S TRUE. YOU WERE OUT OF THE ROOM WHEN
3 THAT HAPPENED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF THE ROOM,
6 PLEASE COME UP AND SPEAK. WHY DON'T YOU COME UP.

7

8 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PATRICIA MCPHERSON,
9 I'M PRESIDENT OF GRASSROOTS COALITION. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN
10 OIL AND GAS FIELDS OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS INCLUDING LITIGATION
11 WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATIONS IN THE PLAYA DEL RAY
12 OIL FIELD WHERE WE DID GET AN E.I.R. AND WE DID GET A HEALTH
13 RISK ASSESSMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A
14 BOTCHED TWO YEARS OF THIS PROCESS BECAUSE IT STARTS AND STOPS.
15 YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO SAY, SUPERVISOR BURKE, THAT YOU ARE
16 GOING TO DETERMINE THIS, GOING TO DETERMINE THAT. THAT'S A
17 VIOLATION OF C.E.Q.A.. YOU CANNOT DO FUTURE STUDIES FOR THE
18 APPROVAL OF AN E.I.R. THAT STUDY HAS TO HAVE ALREADY BEEN
19 DONE, SUCH AS THE SUBSIDENCE STUDY, A STUDY OF THE FIELD
20 ITSELF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DONE. YOU PLEDGED, AND I'M QUOTING
21 "TO PREPARE AN E.I.R., TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVE EXISTING AND
22 FUTURE PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES."
23 THAT HAS YET TO OCCUR. THAT IS WHY ALL OF THESE GROUPS ARE
24 SAYING THAT YOU HAVE A FLAWED E.I.R.. INSTEAD WHAT YOU
25 SWITCHED IT TO WAS AN E.I.R. AND POLICY WHICH GAVE YOU A



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1 SUPERFLUOUS VIEW OF THE FIELD. THE DIFFERENCE, FOR INSTANCE,
2 JUST BY WAY OF AN EXAMPLE, WAS KEN KUTCHER HAD TO DO PUBLIC
3 RECORD ACT REQUEST, WHICH IS A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TYPE
4 OF REQUEST UNDER THE STATE, TO GET THE INFORMATION OF WHAT
5 HAPPENED IN THOSE TOXIC INCIDENTS IN 2006. THAT IS THE ONLY
6 REASON WHY WE AS THE PUBLIC NOW KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED.
7 YOUR PROCESS, YOUR SO-CALLED E.I.R. ON A POLICY DID NOT
8 PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO KNOW WHAT
9 WE'RE DEALING WITH IN ORDER TO HAVE A POLICY. YOUR FEAR
10 TECHNIQUE OF TELLING PEOPLE THAT D.O.G.G.R. IS GOING TO GO
11 AHEAD IS FALSE. THERE IS ANOTHER AGENCY, A FEDERAL AGENCY WHO
12 IS ALSO INVOLVED IN UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL. THEY'VE
13 MONITORED D.O.G.G.R. YOU'VE EXCLUDED THEM, YOU SAID YOURSELF
14 THAT D.O.G.G.R. WAS EXCLUSIVE AND YET--

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** D.O.G.G.R. IS GOING TO BE A PART OF THIS
17 PROCESS. I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU. YOUR TIME HAS
18 EXPIRED. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** --DOES MONITOR D.O.G.G.R. YOU'RE CUTTING
21 ME OFF BECAUSE I--

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND LET ME SAY
24 THIS, THAT D.O.G.G.R. WILL BE A PART OF THE MULTI-AGENCY
25 PORTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE--
7 WHO ARE IN SUPPORT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD. IF NOT, I'D
8 LIKE TO ASK THAT, FIRST OF ALL, JOHN PEARSON, WOULD YOU START
9 OFF AND RESPOND TO SOME OF THOSE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED
10 AND WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE C.S.D.. I'M ALSO TO ALSO ASK ROGAN
11 LEE, AND CHARLES MOORE AND STEVE RUSCH TO COME UP BECAUSE WE
12 NEED TO GET STATEMENTS FROM THEM IN TERMS OF THE TIME FRAME. I
13 THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A GEOLOGIST HERE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN THEY ALSO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WHETHER
16 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF
17 SUBSIDENCE?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. WHILE YOU'RE HERE, THOUGH, I THINK
20 THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO GET ON THE RECORD IS
21 THAT THIS DOESN'T-- THIS COMES BACK NEXT WEEK. WE NEED SOME
22 ASSURANCE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FILE ANY KIND OF
23 APPLICATION WITH D.O.G.G.R. BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT WEEK.

24



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1 **STEVE RUSCH:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
2 STEVE RUSCH. I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
3 SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR PLAINS EXPLORATION
4 PRODUCTION COMPANY, OR P.X.P., AS WE CALL IT, AND WE HAVE
5 EVERY INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH YOUR REQUEST THAT WE DELAY A
6 WEEK PENDING THE APPROVAL OF THIS C.S.D. AND IF NECESSARY,
7 UPON APPROVAL OF C.S.D. NEXT WEEK, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO
8 DEFER AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS BEFORE ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT
9 WHICH I BELIEVE ARE NOVEMBER 28.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DO WE MAKE THAT BINDING?

12

13 **ELAINE LEMKE:** WE COULD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH P.X.P.. WE
14 COULD PROBABLY PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER FAIRLY QUICKLY. BUT HE'S
15 RIGHT. THE ORDINANCE, EVEN IF APPROVED, WON'T GO INTO EFFECT
16 FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS. ANY AGREEMENT YOU WOULD NEED WOULD HAVE
17 TO BE LONGER THAN THAT, THE WEEK.

18

19 **STEVE RUSCH:** AND THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A LETTER
22 AGREEMENT. CAN WE HAVE COUNSEL PREPARE THAT?

23

24 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I CAN DO THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
2 SUBSIDENCE? DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MAY, BUT STICK AROUND.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE WHOLE
7 ISSUE IN TERMS OF--

8

9 **STEVE BURGER:** YES. STEVE BURGER WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND MIKE
10 MONTGOMERY ALSO AVAILABLE IF THERE'S ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I'VE
11 BEEN LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS REGARDING SUBSIDENCE AND DAMAGE
12 TO HOMES. HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO IT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
13 PROCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE ALL KIND OF SADDLED WITH
14 RIGHT HERE NOW, IS AS YOU PROBABLY ALL KNOW, HILLSIDE AREAS,
15 WHETHER THEY'RE ASSOCIATED WITH OIL FIELD OR NOT HAVE
16 HISTORIES OF CRACKING. THERE'S AN OLD ENGINEER'S SAYING, "ALL
17 SLABS CRACK." WITHOUT THE INFORMATION THAT THE C.S.D. GIVES
18 US, THERE'S REALLY NO WAY TO CONCLUSIVELY KNOW WHAT'S
19 HAPPENING OUT THERE. AND THE MONITORING THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR
20 IS VERY COMPREHENSIVE. FROM A GEOLOGIC STANDPOINT, IT'S
21 ESSENTIALLY REAL TIME MONITORING. AS THEY PRODUCE AND AS THEY
22 INJECT, WE ARE GOING TO BE ASKING FOR INFORMATION THAT
23 ASSESSES WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE GROUND OUT THERE AND
24 ASSESSES ANY DAMAGE CLAIMS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS. THIS IS
25 GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, THAT THE STATE'S



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1 LOOKING AT AND THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT. SO
2 REALLY I THINK MY ANSWER TO THE COMMUNITY IS THIS C.S.D. GIVES
3 US THE INFORMATION THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING THEM, NEED TO KNOW
4 WHAT GOING ON OUT HERE, AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT SUBSIDENCE? DOES THE
7 E.I.R. ADDRESS SUBSIDENCE?

8

9 **JOHN PEARSON:** YES, THE E.I.R. IN THE GEOLOGY SECTION ADDRESSES
10 SUBSIDENCE. THERE'S A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DAM AND THE SOME OF
11 THE STATE REPORTS THAT CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS
12 LIKELY OIL OPERATIONS THAT LED TO THAT FAILURE AND THERE HAS
13 BEEN SUBSTANTIAL SUBSIDENCE, AND I THINK THEY WOULD AGREE OVER
14 TIME THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL SUBSIDENCE AND THAT IS ALL
15 DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT. AFTER THE DAM FAILURE, COUNTY
16 PUBLIC WORKS WAS CHARTERED WITH ACTUALLY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, I
17 THINK IT WAS, TO ASSESS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE SUBSIDENCE
18 OUT THERE AND I THINK IT WAS IN '74, THEY FOUND NONE. IN '76,
19 IT STOPPED, AND THEN A PERIOD WHERE THERE WASN'T A LOT OF DATA
20 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE'S BEEN ADDITIONAL SUBSIDENCE, BUT
21 IN EARLY 2000, THE U.S.G.S., PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
22 USING THEIR L.I.D.A.R., WHICH IS THEIR LASER-BASED SATELLITE
23 SYSTEMS THAT THEY USED THROUGHOUT THE L.A. BASIN FOR LOOKING
24 AT SUBSIDENCE AND UPLIFT, HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE AREA IN THE
25 BALDWIN HILLS AND THIS IS ALL DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT, AND



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1 WHAT THAT SHOWED IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME UPLIFT, SLIGHT
2 UPLIFT, NOT SUBSIDENCE, BUT THE REVERSE, UPLIFT. I THINK IT
3 WAS AROUND 6 MILLIMETERS THAT THEY HAD DETECTED IN PORTIONS OF
4 THE BALDWIN HILLS OIL FIELD, AND THAT IS ALL DISCUSSED IN THE
5 DOCUMENT. THE PLAN THAT THE--

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 6 MILLIMETERS OF
8 UPLIFT?

9

10 **JOHN PEARSON:** WELL, LET ME JUST GIVE YOU A POINT OF REFERENCE.
11 WE DID A LOT OF TALKING. SUPERVISOR BURKE MENTIONED THE LONG
12 BEACH AND THE WILMINGTON OIL FIELD. THEY'VE HAD PROBABLY THE
13 LONGEST EXPOSURE TO SUBSIDENCE AND CONTROLLING OF SUBSIDENCE
14 OF ANYBODY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HAS
15 HAD A DIVISION THAT DEALS WITH THIS, THEY MONITOR ON A REGULAR
16 BASIS FOR SUBSIDENCE, THEY ADJUST, WORK WITH THE OPERATOR TO
17 ADJUST INJECTION AND FLUID RATES AND THEY ALLOW--

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANSWER MY QUESTION. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE
20 OF IT, JUST IN THE INTEREST OF TIME.

21

22 **JOHN PEARSON:** TO US, THAT WAS NOT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER. THAT
23 DOESN'T MEAN GOING DOWN THE ROAD THAT IT WAS GOING TO THEN BE
24 SIGNIFICANT. WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY IS, LONG BEACH USES 6/10
25 OF AN INCH IN ANY GIVEN QUARTER AS BEING WHAT WOULD THEN



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1 REQUIRE THEM TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO PRODUCTION AND INJECTION
2 RATES, AND THAT'S LESS THAN THAT, SO, YOU KNOW, WE DID NOT
3 VIEW THAT THAT WAS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER IN TERMS OF SUBSIDENCE
4 OR UPLIFT FROM THE E.I.R. BUT THAT COULD CHANGE AS YOU MOVE
5 FORWARD, AND THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM
6 SIMILAR TO WHAT LONG BEACH HAS DONE, AND WHAT WE RECOMMENDED
7 AND WHAT'S IN THE C.S.D. IS NOT JUST MONITORING OF SUBSIDENCE
8 IN THE OIL FIELD BUT MONITORING THE OIL FIELD AS WELL AS THE
9 SURROUNDING AREAS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE UPLIFT, THERE'S AN OLD ENGINEERING
12 TERM I'M FAMILIAR WITH, "WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN." DOES
13 THE UPLIFT, IS THERE A REACTION AT SOME POINT? IS THAT THE
14 SIGNIFICANCE OF AN UPLIFT? DOESN'T STAY UPLIFTED, DOES IT?

15

16 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** IT'S A RESULT OF THE BALANCING WITH THE
17 WITHDRAWALS, WITH THE INJECTIONS. IF YOU INJECT A LITTLE TOO
18 MUCH, IT GOES UP. IF YOU DON'T INJECT ENOUGH, IT GOES DOWN.
19 THAT'S WHERE THE D.O.G.G.R.'S EXPERTISE LIES, AND THAT'S WHAT
20 THEY'VE BEEN DOING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE
23 ISSUE OF SUBSIDENCE AND RELATED ISSUES GIVE YOU A ROAD MAP OF
24 WHAT TO DO UNDER EACH SCENARIO, UNDER EACH CIRCUMSTANCE?

25



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1 **JOHN PEARSON:** WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROVIDES MITIGATION THAT SAYS
2 YOU GO OUT AND ESTABLISH A BASELINE AND THEN ON AN ANNUAL
3 BASIS, YOU MEASURE AND IF YOU REACH A CERTAIN TRIGGER, THEN
4 YOU HAVE TO DO THIS, THIS AND THIS, AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN--

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THIS, THIS OR THIS--

7

8 **JOHN PEARSON:** IS D.O.G.G.R. TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS INTO
9 PRODUCTION AND WITHDRAWAL RATES. THAT'S HOW YOU BASICALLY
10 CONTROL SUBSIDENCE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO DOES THE ANNUAL ANALYSIS? IS IT DONE BY
13 THE OIL COMPANY, BY D.O.G.G.R., BY THE COUNTY?

14

15 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** THE OIL COMPANY WILL LIKELY HIRE A CONSULTANT
16 TO DO THE WORK. WE WILL REVIEW THE WORK AS WELL AS D.O.G.G.R..

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS "WE"?

19

20 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PUBLIC WORKS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DO THAT NOW?

23

24 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** NO, WE DO NOT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT BECAUSE THERE'S NO COMMUNITY
2 STANDARDS DISTRICT THERE?

3

4 **CALVIN HOLLIS:** THAT'S PART OF THE REASON. WE DON'T HAVE THE
5 LEGAL AUTHORITY TO GO AND TAKE OUR OWN MEASUREMENTS AND
6 CURRENTLY THIS C.S.D. ALSO PROVIDES FUNDING TO REVIEW THIS AND
7 KEEP A WATCHDOG OVER THIS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT, WHAT
10 RIGHT DO WE HAVE TO IMPOSE IT NOW, THE C.S.D. NOW, AND WHAT
11 OBLIGATION DO THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH IT? MAYBE THAT'S A
12 LEGAL QUESTION.

13

14 **ELAINE LEMKE:** WE'RE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND THE COUNTY
15 HAS A RIGHT TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS.
16 I'M SURE P.X.P. WOULD TAKE SOME DIFFERENCE WITH THAT. YOU'VE
17 KIND OF AVOIDED THE DISPUTE AS TO WHO WOULD BE RIGHT OVER THAT
18 BECAUSE THEY'VE AGREED TO GO FORWARD WITH THE C.S.D. PROCESS.
19 BUT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO CHANGE OUR ZONING CODE AND INSTALL
20 STANDARDS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE GRANDFATHERED. THEY
23 HAVE AN EXISTING OIL FIELD. WE CAN'T SHUT THEM DOWN LEGALLY,
24 CAN WE?

25



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1 **ELAINE LEMKE:** IF WE WERE TO PASS THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO
2 CHANGE IT TO PROHIBIT OIL, THE OIL OPERATIONS, THEN THEY WOULD
3 BE PROCEEDING UNDER OUR NON-CONFORMING STATUTES WHICH GIVE
4 THEM A PERIOD OF TIME TO CONTINUE THEIR OPERATIONS. FRANKLY I
5 HADN'T DONE THAT ANALYSIS AS TO HOW LONG. I BELIEVE IT'S FOR A
6 SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'VE GOT NONCONFORMING USES ALL OVER THE
9 PLACE THAT HAVE BEEN NONCONFORMING FOR DECADES. I GUESS MY
10 QUESTION THEN IS, DO WE NEED-- ASSUMING THIS IS APPROVED IN
11 SOME ITERATION, THAT A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IS
12 APPROVED, ARE THEY-- ARE WE BELIEVING THAT THE LAW REQUIRES
13 THEM TO COMPLY OR ARE WE ALSO GOING TO GET THEM TO AGREE TO
14 COMPLY? IS THERE SOME BASIS UPON WHICH WE CAN CONTRACT WITH
15 THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE C.S.D.?

16

17 **ELAINE LEMKE:** WELL, WITH THE ZONING CODE PASSED, THEY'LL
18 EITHER HAVE TO COMPLY WITH IT OR THEY'LL HAVE TO CHALLENGE IT.
19 IF THEY DON'T CHALLENGE IT, THE ZONING CODE WILL BE IN PLACE,
20 AND THEY'LL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE C.S.D. AFFECT IN ANY WAY WHAT THEY
23 ARE DOING NOW IN THE WAY OF PUMPING OIL OUT OF THE GROUND?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT SETS UP A NUMBER OF MEASURES AND
2 MACHINERY THAT HAS TO BE BROUGHT IN IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT
3 THERE IS SAFETY AND MR. PEARSON CAN GO THROUGH SOME OF THOSE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. QUICKLY.

6

7 **JOHN PEARSON:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN THE C.S.D.,
8 THAT WHETHER THEY DRILL ANOTHER WELL OR NOT, THEY WOULD HAVE
9 TO IMPLEMENT THAT WOULD AFFECT THEIR CURRENT OPERATIONS TO
10 INCREASE LEVELS OF SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND REDUCE AIR
11 EMISSIONS. THE WAY THE C.S.D. IS WRITTEN, WHETHER THEY DRILLED
12 ANOTHER WELL OR NOT, IF THAT GOT ADOPTED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO
13 IMPLEMENT THOSE AND IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR CURRENT OPERATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LET ME ASK YOU FROM THE OIL COMPANY,
16 WHAT IS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

17

18 **STEVE RUSCH:** STEVE RUSCH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. RUSCH, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE
21 CONDITIONS OF THE C.S.D. AS PROPOSED AT THIS POINT?

22

23 **STEVE RUSCH:** ABSOLUTELY.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS IT YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOU INTEND TO
2 COMPLY WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE C.S.D. AS IS NOW
3 PROPOSED?

4

5 **STEVE RUSCH:** ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WOULD NOT CHALLENGE THIS LEGALLY IN
8 COURT?

9

10 **STEVE RUSCH:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT FORM THE C.S.D. IS GOING TO BE
11 APPROVED IN, THE C.S.D. THAT'S BEFORE US, I'M VERY FAMILIAR
12 WITH IT, THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS WE HAD ABOUT IT BUT IF
13 THOSE ARE--

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT.
16 ASSUMING THAT ONCE WE GET TO THAT POINT AND YOU KNOW-- AND YOU
17 NOD YOUR HEAD AFFIRMATIVELY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONDITIONS,
18 YOUR TESTIMONY WOULD BE AT THAT POINT THAT YOU WOULD NOT-- AND
19 YOU WOULD-- WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO SOME KIND OF
20 LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH US THAT WOULD COMMIT YOU TO COMPLYING
21 WITH THOSE PROVISIONS AND AGREEING NOT TO CHALLENGE THE C.S.D.
22 IN COURT? ASSUMING YOU AGREE WITH IT.

23

24 **STEVE RUSCH:** YES. WE STARTED THE PROCESS WITH THE SECOND
25 DISTRICT OVER TWO YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME WHEN WE ENTERED INTO



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1 SOME VOLUNTARY MORATORIUMS, MY GOAL WAS TO END UP WITH A WIN-
2 WIN SOLUTION THAT DIDN'T END UP IN COURT, AND SO IT'S FULLY
3 OUR INTENT AT THE END, IF THE C.S.D. IS ACCEPTABLE TO US, THAT
4 WE WILL ABIDE BY IT, ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ARE WE BEING ASKED TODAY OR WILL IT BE
7 NEXT WEEK TO ACTUALLY CERTIFY THE E.I.R.?

8

9 **ELAINE LEMKE:** IF THE INTENT IS TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE NEXT
10 WEEK, I THINK TODAY WE SHOULD CERTIFY THE E.I.R.. THAT HAS TO
11 HAPPEN BEFORE YOU APPROVE THE C.S.D..

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. COULD IT BE NEXT WEEK THAT WE APPROVE
14 THE-- CERTIFY THE E.I.R. AND THEN SUBSEQUENT TO THAT ON THE
15 SAME DAY, THE NEXT ITEM WOULD BE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE?

16

17 **ELAINE LEMKE:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF WE DID THAT
20 BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO-- JUST LIKE TO DO THAT. UNLESS THERE'S A
21 REASON NOT TO.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I'M ASKING TO DO IT
24 TODAY IS BECAUSE I DO HAVE THIS WHOLE ISSUE IN TERMS OF WHAT
25 THEY WILL DO IN TERMS OF APPLYING.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT I SAID. WHAT I
3 SAID WAS ASSUMING IT ALL GOES ACCORDING TO-- IT'S UNEVENTFUL,
4 THAT WE WOULD HAVE THIS E.I.R. BEFORE US THE NEXT WEEK TO
5 CERTIFY AND WE WOULD THEN HAVE THE ORDINANCE, YOU COULD
6 INSTRUCT THEM TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE-- COULD YOU INSTRUCT AN
7 ORDINANCE BE DRAFTED WITH WHATEVER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN
8 GLEANED BY THE BOARD AT THIS POINT WITHOUT CERTIFYING THE
9 E.I.R.?

10

11 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR, IF YOU TOOK A VOTE TODAY
12 INDICATING YOUR INTENT TO APPROVE IT NEXT WEEK, THEN YOU
13 SHOULD CERTIFY THE E.I.R. TODAY. IF YOU JUST BROUGHT THIS BACK
14 NEXT WEEK AND THE MOTION AT THAT TIME WAS TO APPROVE IT, YOU
15 COULD DO IT AT THE SAME TIME. MY RECOMMENDATION--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT THE LEGAL REASON WOULD
18 BE-- WHAT THE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE IS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN WE PUT IT OVER ANOTHER WEEK.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT ASKING FOR IT TO BE PUT OVER ANOTHER
23 WEEK.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. IT TAKES A WEEK TO BE
2 APPROVED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW, WELL THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND
5 OUT, WHETHER IT DOES. I HEAR YOU.

6

7 **ELAINE LEMKE:** YOU KNOW, THE BEST REASON I CAN GIVE YOU FOR
8 THAT IS, WE'VE BEEN CHALLENGED ON THAT BEFORE AND CRITICIZED
9 IN DOING IT IN THE SAME DAY. BECAUSE AN INDICATION OF AN
10 INTENT TO APPROVE HAS BEEN ARGUED BY SOME THAT THAT REALLY
11 ISN'T FACT TANTAMOUNT TO APPROVAL AND IF YOU DO THAT YOU HAVE
12 TO HAVE A CERTIFIED E.I.R.. THAT'S THE ARGUMENT THERE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE COULD HAVE SAT THROUGH THE LAST THREE
15 HOURS OF THIS HEARING AND ASSUMED A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT WHERE
16 WE ALL ARE. SOME PEOPLE ASSERTED IT, AND IT JUST--

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR MY MOTION FIRST?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN HEAR MY MOTION.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU DO, ONE OTHER QUESTION TO THE
2 LAWYER, AND THAT IS-- I THINK IT JUST SLIPPED MY MIND. I'LL
3 ASK IT AFTERWARDS. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT WE'LL HOLD OFF PASSING
6 IT OUT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO READ THE MOTION AND
11 WE'LL PASS IT OUT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE
12 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE F.E.I.R. PREPARED FOR THE
13 BALDWIN HILLS C.S.D., CERTIFY THAT IT HAS REVIEWED AND
14 CONSIDERED THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE
15 F.E.I.R., CERTIFY THAT F.E.I.R. HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN
16 COMPLIANCE WITH C.E.Q.A. C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES AND COUNTY
17 C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES AND REFLECT THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF
18 THE BOARD AS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROPOSED
19 C.S.D., DETERMINE THAT THE MITIGATION MEASURES REQUIRED BY THE
20 C.S.D. ARE THE ONLY MITIGATION MEASURES THAT ARE FEASIBLE,
21 DETERMINE THAT THE REMAINING UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
22 OF CONTINUING OPERATION AT THE OIL FIELD WILL BE REDUCED TO
23 THE EXTENT POSSIBLE BY THE C.S.D. AND ARE OUTWEIGHED BY SOCIAL
24 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE C.S.D. AND
25 ADOPT THE FINDING OF FACTS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING



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1 CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE C.S.D.. DO YOU HAVE OVERRIDING
2 CONSIDERATIONS? A COPY OF IT? DO YOU HAVE A COPY?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE
7 COUNTY COUNSEL AND REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE THE
8 FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BALDWIN
9 HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND SUBMIT THE REVISED
10 ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION
11 ON OCTOBER 28TH. ADD A PROVISION SO THAT THE NUMBER OF NEW
12 WELLS DRILLED DURING THE FIRST YEAR SHALL BE LIMITED TO 24.
13 ADD A PROVISION CAPPING THE TOTALS NUMBER OF NEWLY DRILLED
14 WELLS OVER THE 20 YEARS TO 600 WELLS FOR AN AVERAGE OF 30
15 WELLS PER YEAR. REVISE THE PROVISION ON THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
16 WELLS BEING DRILLED OR REDRILLED IN ONE YEAR UNDER THE
17 DIRECTOR'S REVIEW PROCEEDINGS TO 53 WITH A MAXIMUM OF 45 FOR
18 DRILLING NEW WELLS AND REMAINING WELLS THAT ANNUAL TOTAL
19 LIMITED TO REDRILLING OF EXISTING WELLS. I'D LIKE TO ALSO JUST
20 MAKE A COMMENT. P.X.P. AVERAGES 7 TO 8 ABANDONED WELLS PER
21 YEAR, SO THAT WILL END UP, IF IT CONTINUES AT THAT LEVEL OF AN
22 INCREASE OF 20 WELLS TO THE NET NUMBER OF WELLS. ADD A
23 PROVISION TO PREVENT OVERCONCENTRATION IN ANY ONE YEAR OF
24 DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN ANY ONE AREA IF LOCATED NEAR A
25 DEVELOPED AREA, AND A DEVELOPED AREA IS DEFINED IN THE C.S.D..



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1 THE C.S.D. NOW REQUIRES PUBLIC WELLS TO REFER TO D.O.G.G.R.
2 THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS BY P.X.P. WHICH ARE REQUIRED
3 WHEN COMPLAINTS ARE MADE BY THE PUBLIC OR PUBLIC ENTITIES
4 ABOUT DAMAGE TO THEIR PROPERTIES POTENTIALLY CAUSED BY
5 SUBSIDENCE AND P.X.P. CONCURS WITH THAT ASSERTION. THAT
6 PROVISION SHALL BE CHANGED TO REQUIRE PUBLIC WORKS TO FORWARD
7 TO D.O.G.G.R. ANY CONCERNS PUBLIC WORKS HAS ABOUT SUBSIDENCE
8 CAUSING DAMAGE, REGARDLESS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE P.X.P.
9 REPORT INVESTIGATING SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE CLAIMS. THUS THE
10 PROCESS WILL BE THE PUBLIC SUBMITS A CLAIM OF DAMAGE TO
11 P.X.P., WHICH IS THEN RIDER TO INVESTIGATE THOSE CLAIMS,
12 PREPARE A REPORT AND SUBMIT THAT REPORT TO PUBLIC WORKS.
13 PUBLIC WORKS WILL ANALYZE P.X.P.'S REPORT. IF EITHER P.X.P.
14 CONCURS THAT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY OIL FIELD OPERATIONS OR IF
15 PUBLIC WORKS BELIEVES THAT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY OIL FIELD
16 OPERATIONS, EVEN WHEN P.X.P. DISAGREES, THEN PUBLIC WORKS WILL
17 SUBMIT ITS CONCERNS TO D.O.G.G.R. WHICH HAS JURISDICTION TO
18 REQUIRE P.X.P. TO TAKE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGE. INCLUDE
19 THAT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
20 REGARDING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE C.S.D. EXCEPT LEAVE IN A
21 PROVISION THAT ALLOWS FOR TIME TO CURE THE VIOLATION. INCLUDE
22 A MODIFICATION PROCEDURE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN OTHER
23 CONCLUSIONS. C.S.D. THIS C.S.D. INCLUDES A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL
24 REQUIREMENTS. MANY OF THESE ARE NOT IN WIDE USE, AND MAY BE
25 UNTESTED OR WHICH MAY BECOME OUTDATED. THUS, THE C.S.D. SHOULD



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1 INCLUDE A PROCEDURE TO MODIFY PROVISIONS WHERE NECESSARY, ADD
2 A PROVISION TO C.S.D. THAT REQUIRES REGIONAL PLANNING TO
3 DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE C.S.D. THAT ADDRESSES
4 THE REQUIREMENT THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN EACH OF THE PLANS
5 THAT ARE PREPARED BY THE OPERATOR AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY.
6 THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC PLANNED
7 ITEMS BEING NECESSARY BY THE E.I.R. TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL
8 IMPACTS TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT, IN THOSE CASES WHERE IMPACT
9 CAN BE SO REDUCED, REQUIRE A UNIFORM TIME FRAME FOR REVIEW OF
10 PLANS NEEDED PRIOR TO NEW DRILLING. THE TIME FRAME FOR THE
11 DIRECTOR TO REVIEW THE AIR MONITORING PLAN SHALL MATCH THE 45-
12 DAY REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE ANNUAL DRILLING, REDRILLING AND WELL
13 ABANDONMENT AND WELL PAD RESTORATION PLAN. REQUIRE SHUT DOWN
14 OF OPERATIONS FOR EXCEEDING-- EXCEDANCE (SIC) OF HYDROGEN
15 SULFIDE AND HYDROCARBON THRESHOLDS UNLESS SHUT DOWN WOULD
16 CREATE A SAFETY HAZARD. REQUIRE THE OPERATOR TO CONDUCT THE
17 INITIAL COMMUNITY MEETING WITHIN 180 DAYS INSTEAD OF THE
18 CURRENT 60-DAY REQUIREMENT. 60 DAYS IS TOO SOON FOR A REPORT
19 BACK TO THE COMMUNITY ON ALL THE IMPORTANT WORK THE ORDINANCE
20 WILL REQUIRE IN THE FIRST YEAR. THE COMMUNITY DESERVES A FULL
21 UPDATE IN 180 DAYS. ALLOW THE EXISTING GAS PLANT FLARE TO
22 REMAIN ON SITE AS BACK UP IF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
23 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, A.Q.M.D., DETERMINES IT MAY STAY. THE
24 C.S.D. REQUIRES NEW GAS FLARE, ESTIMATED COST \$2 MILLION, TO
25 MITIGATE VIBRATION IMPACTS AND THAT HAVE BEEN SO DISTRESSING



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1 FOR THE COMMUNITY. IT MAY HOWEVER BE BENEFICIAL TO KEEP THE
2 EXISTING FLARE AS BACK UP AND A.Q.M.D. REVIEW AND PERMITTING
3 OF THE NEW FLARE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THE EXISTING FLARE CAN
4 STAY. THE C.S.D. ESTABLISHES A MULTIPLE AGENCY COORDINATING
5 COMMITTEE TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE
6 COUNTY AND OTHER AGENCIES WITH REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF THE OIL
7 FIELD. MEMBERS OF THE M.A.C. WILL INCLUDE REGIONAL PLANNING,
8 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
9 PUBLIC HEALTH. ALSO S.C.A.Q.M.D., REGIONAL WATER BOARD,
10 D.O.G.G.R. AND CULVER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITED TO
11 APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR AGENCIES AS A MEMBER OF THE
12 M.A.C. THE M.A.C PROCESS COMBINED WITH REQUIREMENT FOR ON SITE
13 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR, WILL PROVIDE THE
14 STRONGEST ASSURANCE TO THE COUNTY ON AN ONGOING BASIS IF THE
15 OIL FIELD COMPLIES WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS,
16 RULES AND REGULATIONS. THIS ONGOING REVIEW PROVIDES THE SAME
17 OR BETTER OVERSIGHT AS THE FIVE-YEAR THIRD-PARTY AUDIT TO BE
18 PAID FOR BY THE OPERATOR THAT WAS RIDER BY THE COMMISSION
19 RECOMMENDED IN THE C.S.D.. THUS THAT AUDIT PROVISION SHOULD BE
20 REMOVED FROM THE C.S.D. THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE
21 COUNTY'S REVIEW TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE C.S.D.
22 PROVISIONS. THE C.S.D. SHOULD ALLOW ALTERNATIVES FOR
23 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ENGINE TECHNOLOGY THAT REDUCES THE AIR
24 IMPACT EMISSIONS TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT. THE C.S.D. REQUIRES
25 THE INSTALLATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY ON OFF-ROAD DIESEL



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1 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND DRILL RIG ENGINES TO REDUCE AIR
2 EMISSIONS. THE C.S.D. SHOULD INCLUDE A THIRD ALTERNATIVE TO
3 ALLOW FOR OTHER OPTIONS THAT RESULT IN LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT
4 IMPACT TO AIR QUALITY AND TO ALLOW FOR TECHNOLOGICAL
5 ADVANCEMENT. IMPLEMENT THE NEW CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN
6 DESIGNED BY ARCHITECTS OF THE BALDWIN HILLS MASTER PLAN TO BE
7 COMPLETED IN PHASES OVER A 2 TO 5-YEAR PERIOD. PROPOSE WELL BY
8 WELL LANDSCAPING PLAN AND C.S.D. IS CURRENTLY NOT THE IDEAL
9 APPROACH. INSTEAD THE OPERATOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT
10 THE OIL FIELD SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING PLAN DESIGNED BY THE
11 ARCHITECT FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS PARK MASTER PLAN. THE C.S.D.
12 INCLUDED IN THE BOARD PACKET INADVERTENTLY DELETED A SECTION
13 ON THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.
14 THAT SECTION SHOULD BE REINSERTED INTO THE C.S.D.. INCLUDE A
15 SINGLE UNIFORM PROCESS FOR RECORDING COMPLAINTS. ONE NEW
16 SECTION IS CREATED TO PRESCRIBE A UNIFORM PROCESS FOR
17 REPORTING COMPLAINTS. D.O.G.G.R. HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT HAS
18 THE EXCLUSIVE REGULATORY PROVINCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A WELL
19 SHOULD BE ABANDONED AND THE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE
20 PROVISION REGARDING HEARINGS ON ULTIMATE SHUT DOWN OF THE
21 FACILITY WHEN DAILY PRODUCTION IS REDUCED TO A CERTAIN LEVEL.
22 IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COUNTY WILL INTERFACE WITH D.O.G.G.R.
23 THROUGH THE M.A.C. AND WILL UTILIZE AUTHORITY CREATED BY THE
24 C.S.D. TO REVIEW ALL IDLE WELLS AND REPORT TO D.O.G.G.R. ANY
25 WELLS THE COUNTY BELIEVES MAY MEET D.O.G.G.R.'S CRITERIA FOR



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1 ABANDONMENT. THE WELL ABANDONMENT PROVISION OF THE C.S.D. WAS
2 MODIFIED AT THE COMMISSION LEVEL. PROVISION REGARDING
3 CONSIDERATION OF FACILITIES SHUT DOWN WHEN PRODUCTION
4 DECREASES TO A CERTAIN LEVEL SHOULD BE CHANGED TO REQUIRE
5 HEARING WHEN OUTPUT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 630 BARRELS PER DAY
6 RATHER THAN 2,000 BARRELS PER DAY TO ADDRESS D.O.G.G.R.'S
7 CONCERN. ADD THE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS IN THE PERIODIC REVIEW
8 SECTION OF THE C.S.D. TO INCLUDE AT THE OPTION OF THE COUNTY
9 THE PUBLIC SURVEY ON VARIOUS QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES SIMILAR TO
10 THE SURVEY MY OFFICE IS FUNDING. ELIMINATE REDUNDANT
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT STORAGE. OIL FIELD WOULD BE
12 REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH COUNTY CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR
13 STORAGE WHICH WERE RESTATED IN THE C.S.D. REQUIRE PUBLIC
14 REVIEW OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER REPORTS. THE C.S.D. SHOULD
15 INCLUDE A PROVISION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER MAKES
16 AVAILABLE ITS REPORTS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF DRAWDOWN
17 ACCOUNTS, ESTABLISHED TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE.
18 ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS SAYING TO YOU WAS THAT THEY HAVE TO
19 IMMEDIATELY DEPOSIT \$500,000 IN ORDER FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS
20 TO BE FUNDED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS ON THIS? MR.
23 RUSCH, AS I UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL, IT WOULD BE AN AVERAGE OF
24 30 NEW WELLS A YEAR? IS THAT WHAT IT IS? BUT ON ANY GIVEN
25 YEAR, IT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 53?



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2 **STEVE RUSCH:** CORRECT. THAT'S THE WAY I READ THIS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE WAY I HEARD IT, BUT WHAT I HAD
5 THOUGHT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, IT'S MY FAULT, I'M NOT BLAMING
6 ANYBODY ELSE, THE CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD WITH COMMUNITY FOLKS
7 AND MY STAFF HAS HAD WITH COMMUNITY FOLKS AND OTHERS WAS THAT
8 I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD BE 30 NEW. IT'S AN
9 AVERAGE OF 30 NEW, BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN-- YOU CAN
10 HAVE 10 IN ONE YEAR, 50 IN ANOTHER YEAR AND IT AVERAGES 30.

11

12 **STEVE RUSCH:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 45. 45 NEW, BUT REDRILLING OF 50.

15

16 **STEVE RUSCH:** THERE'S TWO CATEGORIES OF WELLS. AS I READ THIS
17 MOTION, IT WOULD BE A CAP AT 53 OF WHICH 45 COULD BE NEW
18 HOLES, BASICALLY NEW WELLS. THE OTHER BALANCE WOULD BE WHAT WE
19 CALL REDRILL WHERE YOU GO INTO AN EXISTING WELL AND REDO IT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO HOW DOES THE AVERAGE OF 30 WORK OUT?

22

23 **STEVE RUSCH:** WE WENT FROM 1,065 TO 600, ACCORDING TO THIS
24 MOTION, DIVIDED BY 20.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 20 YEARS.

2

3 **STEVE RUSCH:** IS 30 WELLS AVERAGE PER YEAR.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF YOU LOAD UP IN THE FIRST FEW YEARS
6 WITH 53 EACH YEAR, THEN IN THE OUT YEARS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE
7 NEXT TO NOTHING.

8

9 **STEVE RUSCH:** OF COURSE THE FIRST YEAR COMMITMENT IN THIS
10 MOTION IS 24. SO THE 24-- A CAP OF 24 IN 2009, SO A SLOW RAMP-
11 UP AND CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT WE CAN FIND 53 WELLS TO DRILL
12 ECONOMICALLY, THEN THAT COULD HAPPEN IN 2010 AND CONTINUE ON.
13 ONE COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE ABOUT THAT IS THAT THE E.I.R.
14 ACTUALLY MITIGATES ON A PEAK DAY OR PEAK YEAR 85 WELLS, THE
15 E.I.R. TOXIC SURVEY THAT WAS DONE CONFIRMED 53 WELLS A YEAR
16 WAS SATISFACTORY. IT WENT BELOW THE LEVELS, BUT IT COULD GO AS
17 HIGH AS 65. SO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE IN MY MIND, WE JUST
18 FUNDED A \$2 MILLION E.I.R. THAT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO MITIGATE
19 IN THIS HUNDRED-PAGE DOCUMENT PEAK CONDITIONS AND THIS MOTION
20 IS ACTUALLY LIMITING US GREATLY FROM WHAT WE'RE BEING REQUIRED
21 TO MITIGATE. IN ESSENCE, ALL OTHER OIL FIELDS IN CALIFORNIA,
22 I'M SURE THERE'S MANY IN YOUR DISTRICTS, THEY HAVE NO
23 REGULATIONS-- THE REGULATION THEY OPERATE UNDER IS TITLE 22,
24 WHICH WE WERE CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER SO, WHAT WE'RE
25 AGREEING TO IN THE HUNDRED PAGES AND THEN AS MODIFIED BY THIS



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1 MOTION, IS SIGNIFICANT. I MEAN, IT IS THE MOST STRINGENT
2 REGULATION IN THE U.S., BECAUSE WE OPERATE OFFSHORE U.S., WE
3 OPERATE ONSHORE U.S.. THIS IS SOMETHING TO STAND PROUD OF.
4 I'VE HEARD A LOT OF COMMENT TODAY ABOUT THE IMPACTS WHICH ARE
5 ADDRESSED IN THE E.I.R. THAT YOUR STAFF VERY ADEQUATELY
6 REVIEWED, AN E.I.R. THAT THEY PREPARED, P.X.P. DIDN'T PREPARE.
7 WE STARTED OUT WITH A 26-PAGE C.S.D. PROPOSAL. IT GOT
8 MODIFIED, AS WE EXPECTED, BY THE CONDITIONS OF THE E.I.R.
9 WHICH I THINK IT GREW TO 39 PAGES, AND AFTER SIX PUBLIC
10 HEARINGS AND MULTITUDES OF MEETINGS WITH THE PUBLIC, IT'S
11 GROWN TO 100 PAGES, AND I'VE STUCK BY THE PROCESS, I BELIEVE
12 IN THE PROCESS, AND WE'RE HERE TODAY WITH A WITH A MOTION--
13 I'D HAVE TO READ IT AGAIN-- WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THE
14 C.S.D. BEFORE YOU THAT, AS I DISCUSSED WITH YOU, IF I READ
15 THROUGH IT AGAIN, THAT THE ANSWER BE "YES," WE WOULD COMMIT TO
16 ABIDE BY THE C.S.D. AS MODIFIED BY THIS MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO JUST ASK A QUESTION OF THE
19 ATTORNEYS HERE FOR A SECOND. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A C.S.D. IS
20 A ZONING ACTION. CORRECT? IT'S A ZONING ORDINANCE?

21

22 **ELAINE LEMKE:** YES, IT'S A ZONING ORDINANCE

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND A YEAR FROM NOW OR FIVE YEARS FROM NOW,
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDES IT WANTS TO AMEND THIS
3 ORDINANCE IN SOME FASHION. CAN IT DO SO?

4

5 **ELAINE LEMKE:** IT WOULD AMEND IT THE SAME WAY IT AMENDS ANY
6 OTHER ZONING ORDINANCE. YES, IT COULD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

9

10 **ELAINE LEMKE:** UPON YOUR BOARD'S ACTION, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE
11 REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY THE COMMISSION AND THE BOARD. IT'S NOT
14 EASY TO DO ANY MORE THAN IT'S BEEN EASY TO GET TO THIS POINT,
15 BUT IT'S DOABLE. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE ALL OUGHT TO BE
16 AWARE OF, I WANTED TO BE AWARE OF IS THAT THIS IS NOT IN
17 CONCRETE FOR ALL TIME THAT IT DOESN'T HANDCUFF FUTURE BOARDS
18 OF SUPERVISORS IF THEY SHOULD DECIDE THEY WANT TO MAKE A
19 MODIFICATION OF SOME SORT OR THEY DISCOVER SOME NEXUS BETWEEN
20 THIS AND A DISEASE. I MEAN, WHATEVER.

21

22 **STEVE RUSCH:** IF I COULD MENTION ONE THING, TOO, SUPERVISOR, IS
23 THERE'S-- I THINK THERE'S OVER 30 PLANS THAT P.X.P. IS GOING
24 TO BE REQUIRED TO PUT TOGETHER, TO PREPARE. FOR INSTANCE, AN
25 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN WHICH INCORPORATES AN



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR, AS WAS SAID, A PROACTIVE TYPE OF
2 ORDINANCE TO OVERSEE MY OPERATIONS, OUR OPERATIONS, AND THAT
3 OVERSIGHT AND THOSE PLANS CREATE, AGAIN, ONE OF THE MOST
4 SIGNIFICANT ORDINANCES EVER ACHIEVED. AND THE ONE POINT THAT I
5 WAS GOING TO MAKE WAS THAT THERE IS A PERIODIC REVIEW. IN
6 ADDITION TO THE NORMAL BOARD ABILITY TO CHANGE ORDINANCES, AS
7 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS, THERE'S ACTUALLY A PERIODIC REVIEW EVERY
8 FIVE YEARS TO REVIEW ALL THE CONTENTS OF THE C.S.D. AND
9 ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE STANDARDS IN HERE ARE ADEQUATELY
10 MITIGATING THE IMPACTS. SO IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE NORMAL
11 COURSE OF THINGS, WE HAVE A 5-YEAR PERIODIC REVIEW, WE HAVE
12 ANNUAL MEETINGS, WE HAVE COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL, ANNUAL
13 NEWSLETTERS, AND THIS WILL BE--

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS. I WAS GOING TO RAISE THE
16 ISSUE ABOUT THE 5-YEAR ANNUAL REVIEW BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT A
17 SHORTER PERIOD WOULD-- MIGHT BE MORE RATIONAL, TO WAIT FOR
18 FIVE YEARS UNTIL YOU GET TO THAT POINT, BUT WOULD YOU HAVE AN
19 OBJECTION TO A TWO-YEAR REVIEW?

20

21 **STEVE RUSCH:** THERE'S ALREADY A PROVISION THAT SHOULD THERE BE
22 ISSUES, WHICH IS WHAT I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE PREDICATED ON,
23 NOT JUST AN ARBITRARY NUMBER, THAT IF THERE ARE MATERIAL
24 VIOLATIONS, THAT IT COULD BE NEXT YEAR, THE YEAR AFTER, SO
25 WE'RE STICKING WITH THE FIVE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU HAVE AN ARBITRARY NUMBER, WHICH IS
3 FIVE, AND I'M ASKING YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT OBJECTION
4 TO HAVING THAT ARBITRARY NUMBER BE 2 OR 2 1/2?

5

6 **STEVE RUSCH:** YES, I THINK IT'S TOO SHORT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY IS IT TOO SHORT?

9

10 **STEVE RUSCH:** BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT'S GOING TO TAKE
11 TO GET OUR PLANS-- WE HAVE BETWEEN 180 DAYS AND 360, OR, SOME
12 CASES, TWO YEARS, SO WE'RE GOING TO BE TWO YEARS INTO IT
13 BEFORE WE EVEN KNOW HOW THE PLANS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED SO,
14 IT'S FIVE YEARS REALISTICALLY BEFORE YOU HAVE SOME HISTORY
15 BEHIND YOU ON IMPLEMENTING THE 30 PLANS AND THE 50 ACTION
16 ITEMS I HAVE TO DO. SO IT'S MORE OF A PRACTICAL RATHER THAN
17 JUST ARBITRARY, IN MY MIND BECAUSE YOU ALLOW DATA TO BE
18 GATHERED, THE PROCESSES TO WORK, THE PROCESSES TO BE REVISED
19 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AGAIN,
20 TO GET ALL THESE PLANS APPROVED, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME
21 TIME-- THIS IS THE FIRST ORDINANCE LIKE THIS IN THE NUMBER OF
22 PLANS INVOLVED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S NOT THE FIRST ORDINANCE WITH
25 CONDITIONS. WE DO THIS ALL THE TIME, AND WE DON'T DO A VERY



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1 GOOD JOB OF IT, BUT MOST CITIES DO A MUCH BETTER JOB, BECAUSE
2 THEY ARE HELD MORE DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE BY THEIR
3 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEIR SMALLER JURISDICTIONS, SO THEY DON'T
4 FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. I HONESTLY BELIEVE, MR. RUSCH, THAT
5 MAYBE TWO YEARS IS TOO SHORT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE. I DON'T
6 THINK IT'S THAT SHORT OF AN ONGOING BASIS, BUT MAYBE THREE
7 YEARS, THE FIRST THREE YEARS IT WOULD BE THE BENCHMARK AND
8 THEN EVERY 2 1/2 YEARS THEREAFTER. I JUST DON'T SEE, AND I
9 DON'T KNOW WHAT CONSTITUTES THE REVIEW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT A
10 REVIEW MEANS. IS IT ONE MEETING? IS THERE A BUNCH OF
11 CONSULTANTS HIRED TO SEE? IS ANY TOM, DICK OR HARRY WHO
12 COMPLAINS ABOUT SOMETHING, IS THAT A REVIEW? WHAT IS THE
13 REVIEW? GO AHEAD, MR. PEARSON.

14

15 **JOHN PEARSON:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S ON ITEM 7, THE PERIODIC REVIEW.
16 THERE IS A LIST OF REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND IT TALKS ABOUT THAT
17 EACH REVIEW SHALL INCLUDE A REPORT BY HEARING OFFICER
18 DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR WHICH SHALL BE PREPARED AFTER
19 PUBLIC NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE
20 REPORT WILL INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE
21 EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS SECTION AND WILL REVIEW AND CONSIDER
22 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, OPERATIONAL RECORDS AND ANY OTHER ISSUES
23 RELATED TO OIL OPERATION, AND IT GOES ON AND ON ABOUT MEETING
24 WITH THE C.A.P. AT PART OF THAT REVIEW PROCESS. BUT THE OTHER
25 THING I WANTED TO RAISE OUT IS, THERE IS A PROVISION FOR EARLY



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1 REVIEWS. IT SAYS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR, REVIEWS OF
2 THIS SECTION MAY BE CONDUCTED MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE
3 YEARS. WITHOUT LIMITING SUCH DISCRETION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL
4 CONSIDER WHETHER AN EARLY REVIEW SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IF MORE
5 THAN THREE MATERIAL VIOLATIONS OCCUR WITHIN ANY 12-MONTH
6 PERIOD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO SUGGEST THAT A THREE-YEAR-- I
9 THINK THAT'S A-- I THINK IT'S JUST A CONFIDENCE-BUILDING KIND
10 OF THING. IF I WAS A RESIDENT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, I WOULD
11 BE-- YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO HAVE A MORE FREQUENT PERIODIC-- I
12 THINK A THREE-YEAR-- EVERY THREE-YEAR REVIEW OR ANALYSIS OF
13 THIS KIND DOES NOT SOUND UNREASONABLE. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
14 CAN ALWAYS RAISE IT. ANY COUNTY SUPERVISOR CAN ALWAYS RAISE
15 IT. ANY CITY CAN START A REVOCATION PROCEEDING, I GUESS. I
16 DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS WITH THE C.S.D., BUT CERTAINLY IF IT
17 WAS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IT COULD INITIATE SOMETHING, BUT
18 I THINK SOME KIND OF A FORMALIZED PROCESS, I WOULD ENCOURAGE
19 YOU TO CONSIDER A THREE-YEAR. SECOND TO LAST THING I WANT TO
20 SAY, MADAME CHAIR, IS I'D LIKE TO TO AMEND YOUR MOTION TO
21 INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT THEY WOULD AGREE, AS MR. RUSCH HAS
22 AGREED, ASSUMING AFTER IT'S ALL DONE THAT HE STILL AGREES
23 BASED ON THE CONDITIONS THAT HE WILL NOT APPLY-- HE WILL NOT
24 APPLY FOR A PERMIT FROM D.O.G.G.R. UNTIL AFTER THE E.I.R.--
25 I'M SORRY, UNTIL AFTER THE C.S.D. IS EFFECTIVE, WHICH WOULD BE



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1 30 DAYS AFTER WE ACT-- IF WE ACT NEXT WEEK. SECONDLY, THAT HE
2 WOULD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY AS A CONDITION
3 OF ALL OF THIS, THAT HE WILL COMPLY WITH THE C.S.D. AND NOT
4 SUE US, NOT CHALLENGE THE C.S.D., AND THAT HE WILL NOT FOLLOW
5 AN APPLICATION WITH D.O.G.G.R. UNTIL AFTER THE C.S.D. IS IN
6 EFFECT AND UNTIL THEY HAVE SIGNED SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON THE
7 BROADER ISSUE. ASSUMING YOU WOULD AGREE TO ALL THE PROVISIONS
8 OF THE-- ALL THE CONDITIONS HERE, I WOULD SAY THAT WHEN YOU
9 COME BACK NEXT WEEK, THAT YOU COME BACK WITH THOSE KINDS OF
10 AGREEMENTS. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE FIVE YEARS BE MODIFIED TO
11 THREE YEARS ON THE REVIEW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ACCEPT THAT. DO YOU HAVE
14 QUESTIONS?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S FINE. BUT MR. BURGER, I HAVE A QUESTION
17 FOR YOU. ON THIS, YOU CAPPED IT AT 600 WELLS OVER THE NEXT 30
18 YEARS.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 20 YEARS. AVERAGE OF 30 WELLS, AVERAGE OF
21 30 WELLS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, RIGHT. DOES THIS RETIRE
24 ANY WELLS AT ALL?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WHAT I SAID, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
2 THEY ABANDON APPROXIMATELY 9 WELLS WHICH IS HISTORICALLY WHAT
3 THEY DO ABOUT NINE WELLS PER YEAR.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT'S NOT IN THIS

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY D.O.G.G.R., I HAVE THE
8 LETTER, THAT THEY HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER
9 ABANDONMENT. WHEN WE WERE PUTTING THAT IN, THEY OBJECTED TO
10 THAT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE STATE SAYS THEY HAVE TOTAL
15 JURISDICTION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY? CAN'T WE MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THEM? WHY
18 SHOULD THEY HAVE JURISDICTION OVER IT? FOR EVERY ONE THEY PUT
19 UP, THEY MIGHT RETIRE SOME.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THEY CAN INDICATE WHAT THEIR
22 INTENTION IS IN TERMS OF RETIREMENT.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND DO YOU ABANDON WELLS? IS THAT WHAT YOU DO? IS
2 THAT HOW YOU DO IT, OR DO YOU RETIRE THEM? IS THAT A TERM THAT
3 MAYBE GOES ON IN THE LANGUAGE, YOU ABANDON A WELL?

4

5 **STEVE RUSCH:** WE CALL IT P&A, OR PLUG AND ABANDONMENT, IS A
6 DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL RESERVES.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE CANNOT CREATE ANY. WHY NOT?

9

10 **STEVE RUSCH:** I DEFER TO COUNSEL.

11

12 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I'VE ACTUALLY TOOK A LOOK AT D.O.G.G.R.'S LETTER
13 AND I CONCUR WITH THEIR CONCLUSIONS, THAT THEY HAVE
14 JURISDICTION OVER ABANDONMENT OF WELLS. WE CANNOT DIRECT
15 P.X.P. TO ABANDON A CERTAIN NUMBER OF WELLS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY WOULD THEY HAVE THAT JURISDICTION AND WE
18 WOULD HAVE THE JURISDICTION TO DECIDE IF WE COULD MAKE--
19 CREATE MORE WELLS?

20

21 **ELAINE LEMKE:** IT'S UNDER THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. BASICALLY,
22 THE WAY THE JURISDICTION HAS DIVIDED IT IS THAT WITH RESPECT
23 TO WHAT HAPPENS UNDERGROUND AND HOW A WELL IS DRILLED AND HOW
24 IT'S ABANDONED, THAT THAT JURISDICTION FALLS SOLELY WITH
25 D.O.G.G.R..



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A PROCESS OF ABANDONMENT. IT DOESN'T DEAL
3 WITH A NUMBER.

4

5 **ELAINE LEMKE:** AND D.O.G.G.R.'S DECISION ON THAT IS THAT IF YOU
6 SOMEHOW TRY TO REQUIRE ABANDONMENTS THROUGH SOME OTHER FORM,
7 THAT THAT'S AN END RUN AROUND THE STATE, THE STATE'S
8 DELEGATION OF THE AUTHORITY TO THEM AS HAVING JURISDICTION
9 OVER THAT PROCESS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE REALLY DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION IN TERMS
12 OF THE NEW WELLS, BUT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SET A PROCESS
13 AND-- BUT ON ABANDONMENT, YOU SEE THE LETTER THERE, YOU CAN
14 TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, SO YOU'RE
17 SAYING ON AVERAGE, ON AVERAGE THEY RETIRE ABOUT NINE WELLS A
18 YEAR. IS THAT --

19

20 **STEVE RUSCH:** 7 TO 8 ON AVERAGE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON AVERAGE, 7.

23

24 **STEVE RUSCH:** 7 TO 8, CORRECT. ONE POINT ON WELL ABANDONMENTS
25 IS TYPICALLY YOU ABANDON A WELL, IT'S SO COSTLY TO FIX THE



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1 MECHANICAL PROBLEM THAT IT HAS OR TO REDRILL THE WELL THAT YOU
2 PLUG AND ABANDONMENT. HOWEVER, HAVING A RESERVE OF WELLS THAT
3 WE CALL IDLE, WHICH THERE'S A WHOLE DEFINITION OF IDLE WELLS,
4 TO TAP, TO DRILL INTO RATHER THAN CREATING A NEW WELL, YOU
5 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NEW HOLES, NEW DISTURBANCES THAT YOU NEED
6 TO MAKE. A COMMENT ON THE 53 AND THE 45 AND THE CAP NUMBERS
7 ARE, 30-YEAR AVERAGES IS THE LESS WELLS WE CAN DRILL A YEAR,
8 THE LONGER IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO RETIRE THE OIL FIELD, SO
9 THERE'S TWO _____. BUT WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT-- WE DEFER TO
10 D.O.G.G.R. ON THE P&AS AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY IS
11 PART OF THE ANNUAL DRILLING PLAN WE WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT IS, AS
12 YOU'RE SAYING, WHAT IS OUR PLANS FOR ABANDONING THE WELL,
13 WHERE, HOW, HOW ARE WE GOING TO CONSOLIDATE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S GOING TO BE DRAWN UP IN THE NEXT YEAR.

16

17 **STEVE RUSCH:** THAT'S EVERY YEAR WE HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL
18 DRILLING PLAN WHICH I BELIEVE WILL ADDRESS WHAT YOU'RE GETTING
19 AT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND EVERY NEW WELL IS GOING TO HAVE THE WHOLE NEW
22 MITIGATION ASPECTS OF IT AS FAR AS TECHNOLOGY AND THINGS OF
23 THAT SORT. RIGHT?

24



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1 **STEVE RUSCH:** PART OF THE C.S.D. IS APPLYING THE TECHNOLOGY
2 THAT'S OUTLINED IN IT, YES.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND IF THERE'S NEW TECHNOLOGY, THEY WOULD
5 HAVE TO TAKE THE NEW TECHNOLOGY AS >FAR AS AIR EMISSIONS.

6

7 **STEVE RUSCH:** RIGHT. WE'RE USING THE STATE OF THE ART AIR
8 EMISSIONS ON EQUIPMENT THAT ONLY BY VIRTUE HAS BECOME A C.S.D.
9 WILL NEED TO COMPLY WITH. IF I MAY, I STILL TAKE EXCEPTION TO
10 THE THREE YEARS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, BECAUSE I JUST DON'T
11 THINK IT'S PRACTICAL AT THIS POINT, HAVING GONE THROUGH THESE
12 PERMITS AND OTHER JURISDICTION WHERE IT TAKES-- WE'VE GOT 30
13 PLANS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RUN THROUGH. WE HAVE AN
14 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE PLANS THAT HAS TO BE DEVELOPED,
15 AND I BELIEVE THAT FOR THE FIVE YEARS IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO
16 GET US THROUGH THAT PERIOD, THAT SHAKEOUT PERIOD, AND I DO NOT
17 BELIEVE-- BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE ARE IN PERPETUAL REVIEW BY THE
18 TIME YOU DO THE STUDY, GET IT BEFORE THE PLANNING DIRECTOR,
19 IT'S JUST NOT A LONG ENOUGH TIME FRAME. WITH ALL THE OTHER
20 THINGS THAT ARE IN THIS DOCUMENT, WITH THE OVERSIGHT, WITH THE
21 ENFORCEMENT, MANDATORY FI-- THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND ON,
22 WE'LL KNOW IF THERE'S AN ISSUE LONG BEFORE FIVE YEARS COMES
23 UP, GUARANTEE, AND LIKE YOU SAY, YOU ALREADY HAVE THE ABILITY
24 AS A BOARD TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS. THERE'S GOING TO
2 BE A HEALTH ASSESSMENT DONE. IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, YES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE DONE? IN THE
7 FIRST 18 MONTHS? ANYBODY KNOW? OCTOBER 2010? THAT'S TWO YEARS
8 FROM NOW. THAT'S WHEN IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DONE. SO WHEN DOES IT COMMENCE? HOW LONG
13 DOES IT TAKE TO DO A HEALTH ASSESSMENT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE CHOICE YOU HAVE. RIGHT? YOU CAN MAKE
18 IT TIGHTER NOW?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THAT?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** (OFF-MIC.) .

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT? IS IT A
25 TELEPHONE SURVEY? WHAT IS THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THERE'S THE ASSESSMENT THAT'S BEEN
3 MADE IN TERMS OF THE E.I.R. BUT WHAT WAS REQUESTED WAS A
4 SURVEY OF THE COMMUNITY TO DETERMINE HEALTH ISSUES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SEE. SO JUST A SURVEY OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE
7 IN THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE OIL FIELDS.

8

9 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I THINK DR. SIMON CAN--

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

12

13 **DR. NEIL SIMON:** WHAT I HAD COSTED OUT WAS A TELEPHONE SURVEY
14 THAT WOULD BE DONE AND THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR A LARGE ENOUGH
15 SAMPLE, A THOUSAND, AND IT WOULD BE A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE SO
16 THAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE SOMEWHAT REFLECTIVE OF HOW THE
17 GENERAL COMMUNITY FEELS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE SURVEY? YOU CALL
20 SOMEBODY UP. I SAY "HELLO," AND WHAT DO YOU SAY? "HOW ARE YOU
21 FEELING?: I DON'T MEAN TO BE FACETIOUS, BUT WHAT ARE YOU
22 ASKING ME?

23

24 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** I THINK THAT WE WOULD WANT TO TALK WITH THE
25 C.A.P. AND WITH OTHERS ABOUT WHAT THE CONTENT COULD BE. WE



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1 HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY. MY PRIORITIES WOULD BE TO ASSESS THINGS
2 LIKE NOISE AND ODORS AND PEOPLE'S LEVELS OF CONCERN ABOUT THE
3 OPERATIONS, PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS OF THE LEVEL OF
4 COMMUNICATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT A HEALTH ASSESSMENT.

7

8 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** I'VE NOT CALLED IT A HEALTH STUDY. IN THE
9 MOTION IT'S CALLED A QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY. WE WOULD INCLUDE
10 SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH, BUT I JUST WANT TO CAUTION PEOPLE
11 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET HEALTH STATISTICS THAT THEN WILL
12 ALLOW US TO ATTRIBUTE CERTAIN ILLNESSES TO THE OPERATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT CLARIFIES IT. BUT A QUALITY OF
15 LIFE STUDY-- IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT QUALITY OF LIFE
16 STUDY DONE BY OCTOBER 2010, TWO YEARS FROM NOW, THEN I DON'T
17 UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULDN'T AGREE TO A TWO-YEAR. LET THAT BE
18 THE TRIGGER, OR LET'S SAY IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE 5-YEAR
19 REVIEW? YOU HAVE YOUR 5-YEAR REVIEW, BUT LET'S SAY THAT ON OR
20 BEFORE OCTOBER 10TH-- OCTOBER 2010, THAT THIS QUALITY OF LIFE
21 SURVEY SHOULD BE DONE AS A CONDITION OF THIS THING AND THAT
22 THAT REPORT BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THAT
23 TIME, AND HAVE A-- THE NEXT SUPERVISOR--

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** (OFF-MIC.) .



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'M TRYING TO FIND MIDDLE GROUND. HE DOESN'T WANT TO DO THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW AND I THINK I UNDERSTAND, AFTER LISTENING TO WHAT IT IS, IT IS EXTENSIVE AND MAYBE TWO OR THREE YEARS IS TOO-- IS TOO MUCH OF A STRETCH, BUT IF I LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, I WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BRING THAT ISSUE HERE FOR FIVE YEARS. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COMING, OR MAYBE THEY DO KNOW WHAT'S COMING. NONE OF US KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S COMING, SO IF YOU GIVE THEM SOME VEHICLE AND GIVE US-- I SPEAK FOR MYSELF, I WANT A VEHICLE TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS THIS IN A SHORTER PERIOD THAN FIVE YEARS, MAYBE THIS IS THE WAY THE QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY COMES TO US AND WE CAN HAVE A STATUS HEARING OF SORTS.

15

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: AND YOU WOULD WANT THAT TO COME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SURVEY, AFTER THE ASSESSMENT?

18

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: LET'S SAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY, BUT IN NO CASE LATER THAN DECEMBER 2010.

21

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WAIT. DECEMBER 2010.

23

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT'S WHAT MR. BULKY JUST SAID, IN 2010 IT WILL BE COMPLETED, SO I'M GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 60 DAYS.

25



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2 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** LET ME JUST CLARIFY, WHAT I HAD HEARD, WHAT I
3 WAS TOLD WAS THAT WE WOULD INITIATE THE SURVEY IN OCTOBER 2010
4 BECAUSE THE FUNDING WOULD BE PUT INTO OUR 2010--

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CAN PUT-- THE FUNDING CAN BE AVAILABLE
7 FOR ANY DATE THAT YOU WANT TO START.

8

9 **DR. PAUL SIMON:** I WAS JUST TOLD BY OUR CONTRACTOR THAT IT
10 WOULD BE A THREE TO FOUR-MONTH PROCESS COLLECTING THE DATA AND
11 THEN ANALYZING THE DATA.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD HEARD THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE
14 COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS, SO MAYBE PUTTING ALL THIS
15 MISINFORMATION TOGETHER, I THINK WE HAVE A PLAN. MAYBE THE
16 IDEA WAS THAT IT WOULD COMMENCE IN 18 MONTHS AND IT WOULD BE
17 DONE WITHIN 24 MONTHS AND I THINK THAT GIVES THEM PLENTY OF
18 TIME

19

20 **STEVE RUSCH:** AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE IT AS IT IS.

23

24 **STEVE RUSCH:** GO AHEAD. TO ME, THE SIMPLER SOLUTION, THERE'S
25 SOMETHING THE DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE TO DO, BUT IF YOU MAKE IT NO



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1 SOONER THAN THREE YEARS, THEN IF THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON THAT
2 THREE YEARS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO EVERYBODY THAT'S INVOLVED IN
3 THIS PROCESS, THEN MAYBE IT'S THE 3 1/2 YEARS, FOUR YEARS,
4 FIVE, I DON'T KNOW. JUST AS A WAY TO ADDRESS YOUR ISSUE OF
5 SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT SOONER BUT OFFER SOME LATITUDE THAT IF
6 WE END UP IN A SITUATION THREE YEARS FROM NOW AND WE DON'T
7 HAVE ENOUGH DATA TO MAKE A COLLECTIVE ASSESSMENT--

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE. LET ME JUST ASK YOU THE
10 QUESTION. DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING THE QUALITY OF
11 LIFE ASSESSMENT DONE BY OCTOBER 2010, COMMENCED 18 MONTHS FROM
12 NOW AND COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 2010 AND HAVING IT BROUGHT TO THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 60 DAYS THEREAFTER FOR A HEARING,
14 FOR A REPORT? I WOULDN'T CALL IT A HEARING. A REPORT TO THE
15 BOARD.

16

17 **STEVE RUSCH:** WHICH HEALTH SURVEY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TALKING ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY.
20 THE ONE HE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT.

21

22 **STEVE RUSCH:** WHICH IS THE ONE THAT COUNTY AGREED TO DO OR--

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE COUNTY AGREED TO DO.

25



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1 **STEVE RUSCH:** I'M NOT SURE I CAN TELL THE COUNTY WHAT TO DO ON
2 THAT HEALTH SURVEY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COME BACK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER IT'S
7 COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 2010.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE. SO THAT WOULD--

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THREE MONTHS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD COMMENCE IN 18 MONTHS. YOU'D HAVE
14 TO GET IT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE END OF NOVEMBER,
15 BEGINNING OF DECEMBER 2010. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
16 IT'S ESSENTIALLY TWO YEARS FROM NOW PLUS A COUPLE OF MONTHS ON
17 THE QUALITY OF LIFE. IT GIVES EVERYBODY SOMETHING TO BE POINT
18 TO, EVERYBODY WILL HAVE ALL THEIR ANECDOTAL AND OTHER
19 INFORMATION, AND IF THERE'S SOME BIG ISSUE, THAT WILL BE THE
20 TIME THAT IT WILL GET HEARD, AND THEN YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM
21 THERE, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO WAIT FIVE YEARS.
22 OKAY. SO I WOULD ASK--

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S YOUR AMENDMENT?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ONE OF THEM.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHAT'S THE OTHER?

4

5 **STEVE RUSCH:** TAKE BACK THE FIVE YEARS?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID NO SOONER THAN THREE YEARS, OKAY,
8 SO--

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO SOONER THAN--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE TOTAL REVIEW, AND THAT WOULD BE AT
13 THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, I WOULD THINK.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S ALSO A PERSON WHO IS GOING TO BE
16 APPOINTED, AN INDEPENDENT MONITOR TO MONITOR ALL OF THIS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WE ARE TALKING NOW ABOUT THAT ONE
19 REVIEW. WE DON'T HAVE TO DRAFT THE ACTUAL WORDING NOW, WE'LL
20 HAVE THAT NEXT WEEK, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA. STUPID QUESTION OF
21 ME TO ASK YOU, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

22

23 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I THINK I DO. I WAS GOING TO ASK BEFORE WE MOVED
24 ON THIS TO HAVE IT RESTATED SO THAT, UNLESS THE CLERK HAS--

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WOULD BE A
2 QUALITY OF LIFE ASSESSMENT THAT WOULD BE COMMENCED OCTOBER
3 2010--

4
5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, COMMENCED 18 MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE
6 DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, SO THAT WOULD BE ABOUT MAY OF 2010.

7
8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD WITHIN
9 60 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE REPORT, AND IN NO EVENT LATER
10 THAN --

11
12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DECEMBER 1ST OF 2010.

13
14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT?

15
16 **ELAINE LEMKE:** NOW I'VE GOT IT.

17
18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE SECOND THING IS THAT THE REVIEW,
19 THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW THAT IS NOW A FIVE-YEAR DEAL WOULD
20 HAPPEN NO SOONER THAN THREE YEARS. NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT
21 WOULD TRIGGER IT, WHETHER IT WOULD BE THE DIRECTOR OR-- DO YOU
22 HAVE ANY IDEAS?

23



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1 **ELAINE LEMKE:** MY SUGGESTION IS IF YOU WANT ONE TO OCCUR, NOT
2 ONLY TO SAY NO SOONER THAN THREE YEARS, BUT NO LATER THAN-- NO
3 LATER THAN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THAT. BUT IT WOULD BE
6 THE COUNTY'S CALL, NOT THE OIL COMPANY'S CALL. AND THEN THE
7 OTHER TWO, DID YOU GET THE CONDITIONS THAT MRS. BURKE IS OKAY
8 WITH, THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO LIVE BY THE C.S.D., THAT THEY
9 WOULD NOT SUE US AND CHALLENGE THE C.S.D. AND THAT THEY WOULD
10 AGREE BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT WEEK NOT TO APPLY TO D.O.G.G.R.
11 UNTIL THIS THING IS EFFECTIVE.

12

13 **ELAINE LEMKE:** I UNDERSTAND.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT I MOVE IT. DO WE HAVE
18 A SECOND? SECONDED? IS THERE OBJECTION? NO OBJECTION? SO
19 ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY I THINK IT'S ONLY
20 APPROPRIATE THAT I TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE MULTITUDE OF
21 PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO BRING THE C.S.D. EFFORTS TO
22 FRUITION. FIRST I NEED TO THANK OUR PLANNING STAFF, DR.
23 RUSSELL FRICANO, HIS SUPERVISOR, ROSE HAMILTON, AND THEIR
24 STAFF, SUSANNAH FRANKLE ROGAN, ELIZABETH SINCLAIR, VERONICA
25 SYRAZONIAN AND PAUL MCCARTHY. THEN THERE'S JOHN PEARSON AND



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1 HIS STAFF, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT HE HAS SPENT HOURS AND HOURS
2 AND HOURS WORKING ON THIS. HE IS A RENOWNED EXPERT, HE'S
3 WORKED ON SANTA BARBARA, HE'S WORKED ON ALL THE OFFSHORE, HE'S
4 WORKED ON ALL THE NUCLEAR PLANTS AND WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
5 HIS EXPERTISE AND THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEND THIS KIND
6 OF TIME AND WORK ON THIS. I HOPE THAT YOU'RE COMMITTED THAT
7 YOU MIGHT STAY AROUND AND KEEP LOOKING AT IT. I ALSO WANT TO
8 THANK THE STAFF OF PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
9 COUNTY COUNSEL, ELAINE, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
10 COUNTLESS HOURS THAT YOU PUT IN. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY
11 RECOGNIZES HOW MANY HOURS IT HAS TAKEN TO PUT THIS TOGETHER,
12 AND ADDITIONALLY I WANT TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO THE
13 COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE
14 GREATER BALDWIN HILLS ALLIANCE, WHO HAS SPENT HOURS ALSO. KEN
15 KUTCHER AND JOHN KUECHLE, BOTH OF WHOM SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS
16 REVIEWING DOCUMENTS, MEETING WITH STAFF AND SUBMITTING
17 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I WANT TO THANK MIKE BULKY OF MY STAFF
18 FOR ALL OF HIS HOURS AND TIME AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
19 WORKING WITH US THAT, IN THE LONG RUN, IT'S GOING TO BE BETTER
20 FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **STEVE RUSCH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A LACERA SET
25 MATTER THAT WAS SET FOR 11:00 THIS MORNING.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE DO THE PROP 1-A? NUMBER 3?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 3, WHAT DO WE HAVE ON THAT?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAD FOUR PEOPLE THAT HAD SIGNED UP.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 3. COULD WE
9 HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP? VALARIE MARTINEZ, DAN
10 TEMPELIS, ARNOLD SACHS, TIM GABRIEL AND DAMIEN GOODMAN. PLEASE
11 COME FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM IS THIS ON?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS ON THE--

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HOW MANY MINUTES PER SPEAKER?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'VE WAITED SO LONG, TWO MINUTES PER
20 PERSON. WHAT DID I DO WITH IT? YOU HAVE MY E.I.R.. I GAVE
21 GLORIA MY D.O.G.G.R. LETTER. MY E.I.R. IS NOT IN THERE? WAIT A
22 MINUTE. WHAT DID I DO WITH IT? OH, HERE IT IS. PLEASE STATE
23 YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **VALARIE MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS VALARIE
2 MARTINEZ AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED
3 RAIL AUTHORITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
4 ADDRESS YOU. THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM IS, MIND YOU, WE'RE
5 MISSING A COUPLE OF PEOPLE SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO CONSOLIDATE
6 A FEW DIFFERENT. I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND AND I NOW FEEL THAT I'M
7 AN EXPERT ON OIL DRILLING, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE HIGH
8 SPEED RAIL IS STATEWIDE 800-MILE SYSTEM THAT IS STEEL-ON-STEEL
9 TRAVELING AT SPEEDS OF 220 MILES PER HOUR AT ITS GREATEST
10 SPEEDS. IT WILL CONNECT THE CITY'S URBAN CENTERS INCLUDING SAN
11 FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, RIVERSIDE, SAN DIEGO AND
12 ORANGE COUNTY. THE FINANCIAL PLAN THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO
13 HELP PAY FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL SYSTEM INCLUDES PROPOSITION
14 1-A WHICH IS ON THE BALLOT. THE RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU
15 ADDRESSES PROPOSITION 1-A. THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM IS THE
16 ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE CALIFORNIA NEEDS TO JUMP-START OUR
17 ECONOMY. AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON THE IMPACT OF THE CALIFORNIA
18 HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
19 PROJECT WILL BE AN IMMEDIATE STIMULUS TO THE ECONOMY AND ADD 2
20 TO 4 PERCENT TO THE REGION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH NOW AND INTO THE
21 FUTURE. THE INCREASE ALONE WILL BE MORE THAN THE ENTIRE G.D.P.
22 OF 20 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES AND WILL LAST THROUGHOUT THE
23 OPERATING LIFETIME OF THE H.S.R. SYSTEM. THE PROJECT'S
24 REGIONAL ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE
25 OUTLINED IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY, UNLOCKING THE



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1 GRIDLOCK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, THE
2 LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HIGH SPEED RAIL. BY DR. PHILLIP
3 ROMERO DEAN, A PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT CAL. STATE L.A.. DR.
4 ROMERO'S FINDINGS ILLUSTRATE THE POTENTIAL REGIONAL IMPACT OF
5 PROP 1-A ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING TO
6 START CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM AS A NEW
7 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE TO EXPANDING FREEWAYS AND AIRPORTS.
8 NOT ONLY WILL THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM ENHANCE MOBILITY, IT
9 WILL ALSO INFUSE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO THE ECONOMY WHICH
10 WILL BE FELT AT EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE REGION. THE CALIFORNIA
11 HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT WILL PUT L.A.'S CONSTRUCTION
12 INDUSTRY, THE CORE OF OUR CURRENT RECESSION BACK TO WORK.
13 WHAT'S MORE, BY TAKING THOUSANDS OF CARS OFF L.A. HIGHWAYS IT
14 WILL ELIMINATE A MAJOR HANDICAP TO OUR COMPETITIVENESS AND
15 ATTRACT GREEN EMPLOYERS WITH JOBS FOR DECADES TO COME.
16 SPECIFICALLY THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE AN
17 INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOMES EQUAL TO MORE \$800 PER FAMILY OF
18 FOUR BY 2020. IT WILL REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT BY ONE TO TWO
19 PERCENT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER, IN FACT, THERE IS A SYSTEM, IN
20 FACT, THIS IS ON TOP OF WHATEVER ELSE IS HAPPENING. SPECIFIC
21 TO L.A. COUNTY WILL ADD \$348 MILLION PER YEAR TO L.A. COUNTY
22 TAX REVENUES, AGAIN BY 2020, 626 MILLION BY 2035. IN TERMS OF
23 JOBS, JUST VERY QUICKLY, TO PLAN, DESIGN AND BUILD THE 800-
24 MILE NETWORK WILL CREATE AS MANY AS 160,000 NEW JOBS
25 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, MORE THAN 400,000 ADDITIONAL PERMANENT



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1 JOBS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CREATED AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH
2 THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BRING. I'M PRIMARILY HERE TO ANSWER
3 QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS? THANK YOU. I'M
6 SUPPORTING IT. ARNOLD SACHS.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. THERE WAS QUITE A PRESENTATION.
9 \$9 BILLION YOU WANT TO SPEND ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL FOR THE COUNTY
10 OF L.A., THAT'S A QUARTER OF WHAT THE PROPOSITION R WOULD
11 RAISE. COUNTY OF L.A. TAKING THOUSANDS OF CARS OFF THE
12 STREETS, YOU CAN'T GET A COMPLETED RAIL SYSTEM DONE IN L.A.,
13 BLUE LINE WAS NEVER COMPLETED, ALTHOUGH IT'S UNDER A NEW NAME.
14 THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL BLUE
15 LINE SEGMENT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BUILT 28 YEARS AGO. THE RED
16 LINE IS AN 800-MILE SEGMENT SYSTEM FOR THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL. WE
17 CAN'T GET SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT MILES OUT TO SANTA MONICA, EVEN
18 WITH THE NEW INFLUX OF PROPOSITION R FUNDING, IF IT'S PASSED,
19 WILL BE ONLY GO TO WESTWOOD, SO YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A HIGH-
20 SPEED RAIL LINE THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THAT'S
21 DISNEYLAND TALKING. IT'S JUST BASED ON WHAT WE SEE HERE. YOU
22 DON'T EVEN HAVE TO DREAM ABOUT IT. YOU'VE GOT THE REALITY
23 HERE. BLUE LINE NOT FINISHED, GOLD LINE NOT FINISHED,
24 EXTENSION NOT FINISHED, RED LINE NOT FINISHED, PURPLE LINE NOT
25 FINISHED, EXPO LINE, MAYBE, AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE-- IT WOULD



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1 BE NICE TO DREAM IT, BUT IF YOU HAD SOMETHING COMPLETED, THEN
2 YOU COULD SAY, :YOU KNOW WHAT, FOLKS, WE DID THIS AND IT
3 WORKED.: YOU HAVE NOTHING COMPLETED. THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN
4 POINT TO AND SAY IN L.A. COUNTY, EVEN THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR
5 WASN'T COMPLETED. YOU GO TO THE PORT OF LONG BEACH, IT STOPS
6 SHORT OF NORTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. NOTHING IS COMPLETED.
7 THE DREAM, I'D VOTE FOR PROP R, BUT I WOULD SAY NO, NOT WITH
8 THE FIVE OF YOU SITTING HERE, IT CAN'T HAPPEN. NOT WITH THIS
9 LEADERSHIP. IT'S 28, 30 YEARS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS
10 LEADERSHIP. JUST CAN'T HAPPEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
11 YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SORRY
14 THAT YOU HAD TO WAIT SO LONG. AND TELL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO
15 WAITED A LONG TIME. THANK YOU. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
16 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT.
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU HAVE YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIC.)

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN WE'LL DO
22 THE SET MATTER. I MOVE--

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE A SET MATTER?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT 11:00.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, THAT WE
4 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEVI STUBS, LEAD SINGER OF THE
5 LEGENDARY MOTOWN GROUP, THE FOUR TOPS WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
6 AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS
7 WIFE OF 48 YEARS, CLINEICE, AND FIVE CHILDREN ALONG WITH A
8 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND WILHELMINA JOYCE COLEMAN,
9 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 17TH. SHE
10 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND FLETCHER COLEMAN, HER
11 DAUGHTER ANNETTE DURHAM, TWO SONS, GREGORY AND RANDY COLEMAN
12 ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND VICKY DEJOS CEDRO,
13 SISTER-IN-LAW OF L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE ADRIENNE
14 HAMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 11TH, 2008. AT THE AGE OF 59.
15 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND JOSE CEDRO, HER
16 CHILDREN, BECK AND JOEY AND SISTER-IN-LAW ADRIENNE HAMENT,
17 ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND JACK TENNER, A
18 RETIRED L.A. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER
19 13TH AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS INVOLVED IN MANY OF THE CITY'S
20 CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLES OVER THE LAST 60 YEARS INCLUDING
21 FIGHTING RESTRICTIVE HOUSING COVENANTS IN THE '40S, AND I HAVE
22 A VERY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR ALL THE YEARS HE HELPED
23 ME. I STARTED MY CAMPAIGN IN HIS LIVING ROOM. WE TALKED A LOT
24 ABOUT PEOPLE STARTING CAMPAIGNS IN LIVING ROOMS. MINE WAS
25 STARTED IN JACK TENNER'S, WHO HELPED ME RAISE THE MONEY TO GET



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1 STARTED, AND WHO WROTE MY SPEECHES FOR ALL OF THE IMPORTANT
2 THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN MY LIFE, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
3 WIFE, GEORGEANNE, AND HIS SON SCOTT, HIS DAUGHTER MONICA AND
4 BROTHER ALVIN ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HE
5 WAS INDEED STALWART. AND I THINK SOMEONE DID RANDALL LEE. DID
6 YOU DO RANDALL LEE? ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED. WE WILL NOW HAVE
7 THE SET ITEM. LACERA. I HOPE YOU WENT TO LUNCH. ARE THERE
8 OTHER PEOPLE HERE ON 59? THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE
9 AND I'M SORRY.

10

11 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** IT REAFFIRMS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS BOARD
12 HAS A VERY BROAD SET OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN GOVERNING OUR
13 COUNTY SO, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 GREG RADEMAKER. I'M THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR LACERA,
15 AND MY COLLEAGUE WHO'S JOINING ME IS LISA MAZZOCCO, OUR CHIEF
16 INVESTMENT OFFICER. AT THE OCTOBER 7TH, 2008 MEETING, THE
17 BOARD REQUESTED A REPORT FROM LACERA ON THE COUNTY FINANCIAL
18 RETIREMENT SYSTEM GIVING THE ONGOING FINANCIAL CRISIS AND
19 POTENTIAL DOUBLE EXPOSURE TO EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU FOR THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS BOARD ON THESE VERY SERIOUS
21 MATTERS. FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH LACERA, LACERA
22 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE RETIREMENT PLAN ON BEHALF
23 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 150,000 ACTIVE AND RETIRED
24 PARTICIPANTS AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. AT YOUR ON THE 7TH,
25 2008 MEETING, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR PROVIDED A



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1 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS ON THE
2 COUNTY TREASURY. ATTACHED TO THE TREASURE'S REPORT WAS A
3 MEMORANDUM FROM THE LACERA C.I.O. TO THE LACERA BOARD OF
4 INVESTMENTS THAT RAISED QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS WITH YOUR
5 BOARD. THIS ATTACHED MEMORANDUM WAS VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION
6 WITH REGARD TO JUST A COUPLE OF FINANCIAL COMPANIES, NAMELY
7 A.I.G., LEHMAN AND MERRILL LYNCH. I BELIEVE IT WAS SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY WHO ACTUALLY STATED THAT THE BROADER INVESTMENT
9 MARKET IS A GREATER CONCERN TO LACERA IN THE FUNDING OF
10 RETIREMENT BENEFITS. BEFORE MISS MAZZOCCO SPEAKS TO THE
11 BROADER ISSUES FACING LACERA INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO IN THIS
12 FINANCIAL CRISIS, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS WHAT I CALL TWO
13 BOTTOM LINE QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE OCTOBER 7TH MEETING.
14 FIRST, MS. BURKE'S QUESTION REGARDING LACERA'S ABILITY TO PAY
15 BENEFITS TO RETIREES AND THOSE ABOUT TO RETIRE. YES, LACERA
16 HAS THE ABILITY TO PAY RETIREMENT BENEFITS, TO PAY THE
17 PROMISED RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO OUR PLANNED PARTICIPANTS.
18 LACERA REMAINS A WELL FUNDED RETIREMENT PLAN ABLE TO MEET ITS
19 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS. THAT'S THE VERY GOOD NEWS. THE SECOND
20 QUESTION, WHAT IS THE EXPECTED IMPACT TO THE EMPLOYER
21 CONTRIBUTION RATE? THIS IS WHERE THE CONVERSATION TAKES A
22 LITTLE BIT MORE SERIOUS TURN. THE LATEST ACTUARIAL REPORT
23 COMMUNICATED TO YOUR BOARD IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR SHOWS THE
24 RETIREMENT FUNDED STATUS INCREASING FROM 90.5 PERCENT TO 93.8
25 PERCENT. THE PLANNED ACTUARY IS WORKING ON THE CURRENT



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1 VALUATION AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2008 THAT BE USED FOR THE
2 EMPLOYERS' FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 CONTRIBUTION RATES. WE
3 ESTIMATE THE FUNDED STATUS WILL INCREASE APPROXIMATELY TO 95
4 PERCENT. THIS SEEMS A LITTLE BIT COUNTER INTUITIVE WITH
5 REGARDS TO THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS BUT THE ANSWER COMES
6 FROM ACTUALLY THE ACTUAL RATE-SETTING PROCESS. THE ACTUAL
7 PROCESS DELAYS RECOGNIZING LACERA PORTFOLIO GAINS AND LOSSES
8 OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE EMPLOYER
9 STABLE CONTRIBUTION RATES. IT'S THE HOPE THAT THE SHORT-TERM
10 MARKET FLUCTUATIONS WILL BALANCE OUT OVER THIS TIME TO PROVIDE
11 A MORE STABLE INVESTMENT MARKET RETURN. MR. FUJIOKA CORRECTLY
12 STATED DURING OUR OCTOBER 7TH, 2008 MEETING THAT STRONG LACERA
13 INVESTMENT RETURNS FROM 2006/2007, WHICH WERE 13.2 PERCENT AND
14 19.1 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY ARE GOING TO OFFSET RECOGNIZING A
15 PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 INVESTMENT LOSS THAT LACERA
16 EXPERIENCED NEGATIVE 1.4 PERCENT AS SUCH, THE LACERA ACTUARY
17 ESTIMATES THE EMPLOYER RATE WILL ACTUALLY DECREASE THE
18 PHYSICAL YEAR 2009/2010 BY LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT
19 OF PAYROLL OR ABOUT \$25 MILLION. HOWEVER, THE DEFERRED
20 INVESTMENT LOSSES FROM FISCAL YEAR 2008 WILL BE RECOGNIZED
21 OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO EVALUATIONS AND WILL ACROSS THE
22 EMPLOYER COST BY APPROXIMATELY 2 PERCENT OF PAYROLL, OR ABOUT
23 \$120 MILLION PER YEAR BY THE YEAR 2011, 2012. WHAT IS
24 UNCERTAIN IS THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO RESULTS EIGHT MONTHS
25 FROM NOW WHEN WE TAKE THE NEXT FINANCIAL PICTURE, THE NEXT



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1 SNAPSHOT WHEN WE DO OUR EVALUATION FOR THE JUNE 30TH, 2009
2 EVALUATION. NOW WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT LACERA'S ASSET VALUES
3 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008 EQUALS THE ASSET VALUE THAT WE WILL
4 HAVE ON JUNE 30TH, 2009, WE EXPECT THE UNFUNDED CONTRIBUTION
5 TO INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT OF PAYROLL, OR BY ABOUT
6 \$300 MILLION BY THE YEAR 2010, 2011. ASSUMING THE MARKETS
7 STABILIZE IN FUTURE YEARS, THE 2009 LOSS WILL INCREASE THE
8 U.A.L. PAYMENTS BY THE EMPLOYERS DURING THE NEXT TWO
9 EVALUATIONS TO APPROXIMATELY 11 PERCENT OF PAYROLL. THIS WILL
10 RAISE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE 9-FIGURE NUMBER MR.
11 YAROSLAVSKY REFERRED TO AT THE OCTOBER 7TH MEETING. THE
12 EMPLOYER COST FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2008, WERE
13 APPROXIMATELY 790 MILLION. PROJECTING THE JUNE 30, 2008
14 VALUES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO APPROACH \$1 BILLION PER YEAR DURING
15 FISCAL YEAR 2010. EXCUSE ME?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TOTAL COST.

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19 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** YES, TOTAL COST.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT. WHAT IS THE
22 INCREMENTAL-- A BILLION TOTAL AND HOW MUCH MORE THAN-- WHAT'S
23 THE INCREASE?

24



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1 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** CURRENTLY THE NORMAL COST PAID BY THE
2 EMPLOYER IS 10.16 PERCENT AND THE PROJECTED U.A.L. INCREASE IS
3 1.83 PERCENT. LOOKING OUT THE NUMBER OF YEARS WE SEE IN 2011,
4 2012, ASSUMING THE SAME NORMAL COST OF 10.16, THE U.A.L.
5 PAYMENT CAN GO UP TO 8.63 PERCENT AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR UP TO
6 10.83 PERCENT, SO IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS, WE'RE LOOKING AT A 10
7 PERCENT COST ON A LET'S SAY PAYROLL REMAINS LEVEL OF 6
8 BILLION, A LITTLE OVER 6 BILLION, TO ABOUT 600 MILLION AND THE
9 U.A.L. COST WOULD EQUAL THAT OF ABOUT 600 MILLION, SO LOOKING
10 OUT AT 2012, 2013, THAT'S ABOUT \$1.2 BILLION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO THE INCREMENTAL INCREASE IS?

13

14 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** ABOUT \$600 MILLION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO US, THE EMPLOYER.

17

18 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** TO THE EMPLOYER, BASED ON THE PROJECTED
19 CURRENT JUNE 30TH, 2008 MARKET VALUE ASSUMING THAT THE MARKET
20 STAYS WHERE IT IS EIGHT MONTHS FROM NOW. THESE PROJECTIONS ARE
21 SPECULATIVE. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THEY'RE WITHIN A REASONABLE
22 SET OF OUTCOMES. UNDER THE SCENARIO, LACERA WOULD REMAIN A
23 WELL FUNDED PLAN WITH A FUNDING RATIO OF APPROXIMATELY 80 TO
24 85 PERCENT. HOWEVER, THE EMPLOYER COST, AS WE JUST DISCUSSED,
25 WOULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS FINANCIAL



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1 CRISIS. WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL FOR DOUBLE EXPOSURE TO
2 EMPLOYEES, THE ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN
3 THE RETIREMENT PLAN WILL NOT HAVE THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS
4 INCREASED OR DECREASED DUE TO THE OVERALL INVESTMENT MARKET
5 DECLINE. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS PERSIST,
6 IT IS POSSIBLE THE RETIREMENT PLAN WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO
7 ADJUST LONG-TERM FINANCIAL OUTLOOK BY LOWERING THE 7 3/4
8 EXPECTED LONG TERM RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.
9 THIS ACTION WOULD INCREASE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION
10 RATES. I WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE OR ASK
11 MY COLLEAGUE, MISS MAZZOCCO TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL CRISIS
12 IMPACT ON THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN COPY OF THAT?

15

16 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** YES, I DO.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAKE SURE THAT WE GET A COPY OF THAT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE SHOULD GET A COPY. NOW, I THOUGHT THAT
21 YOU WERE AT-- ACTUARILY SOUND AT 8 1/2. IT'S 7-3/4?

22

23 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** WE HAVE-- YES. OUR LONG-TERM INVESTMENT
24 PORTFOLIO RETURN WAS ADJUSTED 2005 TO 7 3/4 PERCENT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WE ENTERED OUR LAST GO AROUND DIP IN
2 THE ECONOMY AND MARKET SEVERAL YEARS AGO, EARLY PART OF THE
3 DECADE, HOW DID THAT DIP COMPARE TO WHAT YOU ANTICIPATE THIS
4 DIP TO BE IN REAL DOLLARS?

5

6 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** WELL, WHEN WE HAD THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN
7 2002, 2003, OUR INVESTMENT RETURNS DECREASED. DO YOU HAVE THAT
8 FIGURE IN FRONT OF YOU, LISA?

9

10 **LISA MAZZOCCO:** FISCAL YEAR 2001. FIRST, I'M LISA MAZZOCCO AND
11 I'M THE C.I.O. GOOD AFTERNOON. THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 WE WERE
12 DOWN NEGATIVE 7.1, AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002, NEGATIVE 6.9
13 PERCENT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES THAT COMPARE? REMIND ME AGAIN, WHAT
16 IS IT NOW?

17

18 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** CURRENTLY I ESTIMATE WE'RE DOWN BY ABOUT 9.5
19 PERCENT. IF I LOOK TO SEE WHERE WE WERE AS OF JUNE 30TH TO
20 WHERE WE CAME TO SEPTEMBER 30TH. SO FOR THOSE TWO YEARS I
21 WOULD SAY WE ACTUALLY HAD A GREATER DECREASE IN VALUE, BUT AS
22 WE KNOW THE MARKETS ARE VOLATILE AND WE STILL HAVE EIGHT
23 MONTHS TO GO WHICH MAY EITHER BE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE OR
24 FURTHER NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE TO JUNE 30TH, 2009.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU CALCULATE THE LOSSES NOW, IS THAT
2 BASED ON THE FULL IMPACT OF THE LOSSES WE'VE SEEN IN THE
3 MARKET IN THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS?

4

5 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** FROM JUNE 30TH, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH,
6 2008.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS IT OCTOBER THAT IT REALLY TOOK A DIVE?
9 WHEN DID IT GO DOWN A THOUSAND POINTS?

10

11 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** THE MARKETS HAVE DECREASED ANOTHER
12 APPROXIMATELY 14 PERCENT SINCE OCTOBER 1ST.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF YOU THROW THAT INTO THE MIX, WHAT DOES
15 THAT DO TO YOUR PERCENTAGE LOSS?

16

17 **LISA MAZZOCCO:** WE WOULD BE DOWN ANOTHER 7 PERCENT ON THE
18 PORTFOLIO LEVEL IN TERMS OF DOLLARS, I WOULDN'T KNOW. WE WOULD
19 THEORETICALLY BE DOWN ANOTHER 7 PERCENT IN THE PORTFOLIO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANOTHER 7 PERCENT?

22

23 **LISA MAZZOCCO:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON TOP OF 9 PERCENT. SO 16 PERCENT?



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2 **LISA MAZZOCCO:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT 16 PERCENT, WHAT
5 HAPPENED IN 2001/2002 IS NOT AS EXTREME AS THIS. 16 PERCENT
6 TODAY IN TERMS OF VALUE AND IMPACT ON OUR SYSTEM ARE MUCH MORE
7 SIGNIFICANT.

8

9 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** IT'S MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN IT WAS IN
10 2001/2002.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS BY JUNE.

13

14 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. BUT WE DO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN
17 OCTOBER SO FAR. HE HASN'T FACTORED THAT INTO IT BECAUSE
18 OCTOBER ISN'T DONE YET.

19

20 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT HE IS TAKING A SNAPSHOT NOW, ASSUMING THAT
23 IT'S MORE OF A FLATLINE PROJECTION, ASSUMING IT STAYS AT THIS
24 LEVEL. BACK IN 2002, YOU GAVE US THE PERCENTAGES, HOW ABOUT



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1 THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS? WAS THERE A SIMILARITY IN THE INCREASE IN
2 OUR CONTRIBUTION?

3

4 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** I BELIEVE I HAVE SOME OF THAT INFORMATION, IF
5 YOU'LL BEAR WITH ME FOR JUST ONE SECOND. FOLLOWING THE
6 DOWNTURN, AGAIN, THE ASSETS ARE SMOOTH OVER A PERIOD OF TIME
7 WHERE THE ACTUARY TRIES TO SMOOTH IN THE EXPERIENCE, SO THEY
8 DON'T LET YOU RECOGNIZE THE GAIN RIGHT AWAY AND THEY DON'T LET
9 YOU RECOGNIZE ALL THE PAIN RIGHT AWAY. THERE WAS NO U.A.L.
10 CONTRIBUTION FROM 1994 THROUGH 2001, BUT WITH THE MARKET
11 DOWNTURN, WE INCREASED THE U.A.L. CONTRIBUTION UP TO
12 APPROXIMATELY 6 1/2 PERCENT IN 2004, AND THEN IT BEGAN TO
13 DECREASE AS THE MARKET REBOUNDED. SO IN 2005, THAT U.A.L.
14 PAYMENT WAS DOWN TO 3.3 PERCENT OF PAYROLL, FALLING TO 3.49
15 PERCENT OF PAYROLL IN 2006, 2.24 PERCENT CURRENTLY AND IS
16 PROJECTED TO GO DOWN TO 1.83 IN THE COMING YEAR, BUT AS WE
17 SAID WITH THE MARKET LOSSES IT'S GOING TO START TO CLIMB BACK
18 UP AGAIN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** U.A.L. STANDS FOR?

21

22 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** EXCUSE ME, THAT'S THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL
23 ACCRUED LIABILITY.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE TALKING NINE FIGURES, YOU SAID YOU'RE
2 TALKING AROUND 600 MILLION?

3

4 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY TODAY'S ASSUMPTIONS.

7

8 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** YES, YOUR CURRENT ONGOING COSTS, THE ACTUARY
9 ESTIMATES WILL BE WILL 10 PERCENT OF YOUR PAYROLL.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PAYROLL IS 6 BILLION.

12

13 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** RIGHT. AND IF THE CURRENT COST GOES THROUGH
14 THE ACTUARIAL SMOOTHING PROCESS, IT COULD RAISE THE U.A.L. UP
15 ANOTHER 11 PERCENT, SO DOUBLING THE COUNTY'S COST.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO REFRESH OUR MEMORY, HOW DO WE MAKE
18 UP THE--WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THAT HAPPENS? IS IT THE COUNTY'S
19 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE?

20

21 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** IT'S THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND IT.
22 IF IT'S NOT DOABLE IN ONE YEAR, IT'S BASICALLY LIKE A 30-YEAR
23 MORTGAGE. WHAT THEY DO IS, THE ACTUARY RECOGNIZES THAT THERE'S
24 A SHORTFALL AND THEY PROVIDE A FUNDING PLAN TO BRING THE FUND
25 BACK UP TO 100 PERCENT FUNDING.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THROUGH WHAT PERIOD OF TIME?

3

4 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** 30 YEARS CURRENTLY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE BEFORE, REMEMBER, WE HAD TO DO IT
7 IN FIVE YEARS. REMEMBER THAT?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT SURE. MAKE SURE HE GETS A COPY OF
10 YOUR PRESENTATION.

11

12 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** WE'LL BE CERTAIN TO DO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND GOOD LUCK. I HOPE
15 THINGS TURN AROUND.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GREGG, ONE LAST COMMENT-- OR QUESTION. ON
18 THAT 30-YEAR DEAL, THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT YOURS.
19 CORRECT? NOT THE RETIREMENT QUANTITIES BUT OURS?

20

21 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** I'M SORRY. CAN YOU RESTATE THAT?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE FUNDING OF THE DIFFERENCE, IS THAT
24 OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

25



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1 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** YES. THE ACTUARY WILL ACTUALLY INCLUDE THAT
2 INTO THE ACTUARIAL RATES THAT ARE PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD FOR
3 ADOPTION, SO THOSE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THOSE ACTUARIAL
4 EVALUATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO EXISTING EMPLOYEES HAVE THEIR
7 CONTRIBUTION RATES INCREASED AS WELL? DO THE EXISTING
8 EMPLOYEES, DO I AS AN EMPLOYEE HAVE MY RATES-- MY RATES HAVE
9 GONE UP.

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11 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** THE EMPLOYEE RATES WILL BE IMPACTED BY
12 LONGEVITY, IF EMPLOYEES LIVE LONGER, THEIR RATES WILL GO UP.
13 IF THE EARNINGS ASSUMPTION THAT WE DISCUSSED IS 7-3/4, IF THAT
14 CHANGES UP OR DOWN, THAT WILL DRIVE THE EMPLOYEE RATES UP OR
15 DOWN AND ALSO THE SALARY ASSUMPTION. IF WE BELIEVE THAT THE
16 EMPLOYEES WOULD BE MAKING MORE MONEY, THAT COULD CHANGE THE
17 RATES. THERE WERE SOME CHANGES WHEN WE DID THE 2007 ACTUARIAL
18 INVESTIGATION STUDY WHERE THEY CHANGED SOME OF THE SALARY
19 ASSUMPTIONS WHICH CHANGED THE EMPLOYEE RATES.

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S A RECENT CHANGE, TOO.

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23 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** YES. THAT ONE IS FROM THE ASSUMPTION CHANGE.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS.



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2 **GREGG RADEMAKER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, WE WOULD NOT PAY ANY MORE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 59.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 59, AND IF I COULD JUST READ THE SHORT
11 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING TO APPROVE THE
12 ALLOCATION OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS CASA DOMINGUEZ L.P. IN THE
13 AMOUNT UP TO \$832,311 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND
14 PERMANENT FINANCING COSTS FOR THE CASA DOMINGUEZ APARTMENTS
15 LOCATED AT 15787 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
16 COMMUNITY AT EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ IN THE CITY OF COMPTON.
17 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO
18 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAS ANYONE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THERE IS NOT.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE IT.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TO CLOSE THE HEARING?

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

4 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, AND THEN MOVE-- THE HEARING IS

5 CLOSED. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT

6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN WE HAVE ITEM 53, WHICH WAS A

9 REPORT BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ON A BUDGET MATTER.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT?

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS A 4-VOTE MATTER.

14

15 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LARI SHEEHAN

16 WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THIS IS A PUBLIC WORKS ITEM

17 BUT IT DOES INCLUDE A BUDGET MATTER BECAUSE IT IS MOVING \$6.7

18 MILLION WHICH-- FROM P.F.U. TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR

19 THE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUN-OFF PROGRAM IN UNINCORPORATED

20 AREAS AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THAT AMOUNT. PLUS

21 THERE ARE SOME CONTRACTUAL ITEMS THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS

22 DEPARTMENT CAN SPEAK TO WHICH WILL ACTUALLY ENCUMBER THE FUNDS

23 THAT ARE BEING MOVED PLUS FUNDS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN THE

24 PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET. HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND MR. MARK

25 PASTRELLA--



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS? MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
3 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THANK YOU.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT HAPPENED BEFORE WE GOT HERE. OH, YOU
10 WERE HERE?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL SHERMAN, ELIZABETH ARENAS, FRANK GUY
15 AND KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR
16 NAME.

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18 **ELIZABETH ARENAS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH
19 ARENAS AND I HAVE BEEN A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENT HEALTH
20 SPECIALIST SINCE 1993. UNFORTUNATELY, MY WHOLE DEPARTMENT WAS
21 HERE BUT BECAUSE THE DAY WAS VERY LONG, SOME OF THEM LEFT AND
22 SOME OF THE LOYAL PARTNERS ARE HERE WITH US. WE ARE PART OF A
23 MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM OF HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS TRAINED
24 BY THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE MEDICAID C.M.S. TO CONDUCT
25 INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE AND SOME HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN THE



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1 COUNTY SUCH AS SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, ACUTE CARE
2 HOSPITALS, DIALYSIS CENTERS, AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS AND
3 THE CLINIC FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED. OUR ROLE IS TO
4 SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC BY
5 ENFORCING LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AND
6 REGULATIONS. WE PERFORM COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS AND TAKE
7 CORRECTIVE ACTION WHEN IDENTIFIED VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES GO
8 UNCORRECTED. SUPERVISORS, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO BRING TO YOUR
9 ATTENTION A GROWING ISSUE IN OUR DIVISION. WE HAVE OBSERVED AT
10 THE REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS ARE BEING
11 DELIBERATELY LIMITED FROM PERFORMING OUR FULL SCOPE OF DUTIES.
12 OUR ROLE IS VITAL, PROTECTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE
13 OF THE PUBLIC, IT'S ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PATIENTS
14 ARE CARED FOR, THE FOOD, THE WATER, LAUNDRY AND HEALTHCARE
15 SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY I RECEIVED A COMPLAINT FROM A
16 VERY WELL KNOWN, WELL FUNDED HOSPITAL ABOUT MAGGOTS COMING OUT
17 OF THE PATIENT'S MOUTH. THESE PATIENTS WERE IN A COMA AND HAD
18 TO KEEP THEIR MOUTH OPEN TO BREATHE. FLIES ENTERED THE
19 HOSPITAL AND LAID EGGS IN THE PATIENT'S MOUTH. WHEN I
20 INTERVIEWED THE STAFF, THEIR ANSWER WAS, "MAYBE FAMILY MEMBER
21 BROUGHT THE FLY IN WITH THEM." THIS FLOOR THAT I WENT TO WAS
22 ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOOR. THE FACILITY STAFF HAD NO WAY
23 TO REMOVE THE FLIES. WHEN WE ENTERED-- WHEN WE GO INTO THE
24 FACILITY, AND BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE, WE
25 IDENTIFY HOW FLIES WERE ENTERING THE HOSPITALS SUCH AS NO FLY



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1 EXCLUSION DEVICES. IT IS A GRUESOME EXAMPLE BUT THE POINT IS
2 YOU HAVE TO PROTECT PATIENTS BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE WILL PROTECT
3 THEM AND YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THEM IN ALL WAYS, INCLUDING THEIR
4 ENVIRONMENTS. THAT IS OUR ROLE. WHEN OUR SCOPE OF DUTIES ARE
5 BEING LIMITED WHEN WE DO NOT HAVE STAFF TO DO THE WORK, WHO
6 WILL SAFEGUARD THE PATIENTS? DURING OUR SURVEY PROCESS, WE
7 HAVE TO INSPECT EVERYTHING. ON A ROUTINE FIRE INSPECTION,
8 WHICH I JUST DID LAST WEEK, I ENTERED THE SKILLED NURSING
9 LAUNDRY AREA AND I NOTICED HOW DIRTY EVERYTHING WAS, THE WALLS
10 AND CEILING WERE DIRTY, MOLDY, THE PAINT AND PLASTER WERE
11 PEELING. THESE ARE FROM PATIENTS THAT USE ADULT DIAPERS, THEY
12 SOIL THEIR LINENS, THEY HAVE DIABETES, THEY HAVE ALL THESE
13 ILLNESSES AND EVERYTHING THROWN INTO ONE MACHINE, SO THE
14 NURSING HOME HAD-- THE NURSING HOME HAS NOT BEEN INSPECTED BY
15 REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS FOR THE LAST FEW
16 YEARS. WHEN I RETURNED TO MY OFFICE, I SPOKE TO MY SUPERVISOR
17 AND EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT I DID NOT FEEL RIGHT AND I HAD TO
18 ASK PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE BECAUSE MY INITIAL JOB
19 WAS TO JUST EVALUATE THE LIFE SAFETY PORTION OF IT. BECAUSE OF
20 THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PATIENT,
21 STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS, I WAS ALLOWED TO WRITE IT UP. AT
22 ANOTHER MAJOR HOSPITAL, THE MAIN SEWER LINES GOT PLUGGED AND
23 RAW SEWAGE ENTERED THE ENTIRE BASEMENT AND INTO THE MAIN
24 KITCHEN, CAFETERIA AND TREATMENT AREAS. DOCTORS, COOKS AND THE
25 PATIENT WERE GOING ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS THINKING THAT



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1 EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. DUE TO OUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE, WE
2 WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE HOSPITAL STAFF AND THEY WERE ABLE
3 TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM. WHEN WE
4 IDENTIFY HEALTHCARE ISSUES, THE FACILITY IS MANDATED TO
5 PROVIDE A LONG-TERM PERMANENT SOLUTION TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS.
6 BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE TOTAL
7 ENVIRONMENT OF HEALTH FACILITIES SUCH AS ACUTE HOSPITALS TO
8 AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS, WE HAVE THE BACKGROUND TO ONLY
9 APPROVE A REALISTIC PLAN OF CARE. SUPERVISORS, WE ARE ALL
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE
11 PUBLIC. IT TAKES A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM TO DO THIS WORK.
12 IT'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES CARE, IT IS THE ENVIRONMENT, THE
13 VERMIN CONTROL, THE FOOD, LAUNDRY, WALLS, AIR CONDITIONING,
14 PIPING, ELECTRICITY, EVERYTHING.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
17 I GAVE YOU ADDITIONAL TIME BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WAITED SO LONG.
18 WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **DEBORAH BERNAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DEBORAH BERNAL. I'M A
21 REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, STARTED IN THE
22 COUNTY IN 1982 AS A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
23 SPECIALIST, ENFORCING INVESTIGATING HOUSING AND RELATED
24 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, EVALUATING THE DIETARY PRACTICES OF
25 EMPLOYEES, INFECTION CONTROLS, BUILDING AND HEALTH SAFETY. IN



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1 1987, I WAS PROMOTED TO A HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATOR WITH THE
2 HEALTH FACILITIES DIVISION. THAT JOB POSTING WAS THE SELECTION
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH EVALUATOR WAS EITHER AN R.E.H.S. OR AN
4 R.N. BOTH SHARED THE SAME JOB DESCRIPTION. I HAVE CONDUCTED
5 WORK FOR THIS DIVISION FOR 22 YEARS AS A HEALTH FACILITY
6 EVALUATOR AND YOU CAN SAY THAT I'M AN EXPERT IN MY FIELD,
7 HIGHLY SKILLED, HIGHLY TRAINED. I HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE WITH
8 R.N.S AS A TEAM, CONDUCTING SURVEYS OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
9 IN A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH. MY ROLE AS A TEAM MEMBER AND
10 TEAM LEADER INVOLVE ASSIGNING WORK TASKS TO R.N.S, R.E.H.S OF
11 A SAMPLE OF RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE SKILLED NURSING
12 FACILITY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THERE ARE 24 SAMPLE RESIDENTS AND
13 THERE ARE THREE TEAM MEMBERS, EACH MEMBER WILL GET EIGHT
14 RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THEIR CARE, INTERVIEW THE RESIDENTS AND
15 FAMILY MEMBERS AND STAFF AND CONDUCT RECORD-- CLINICAL RECORD
16 REVIEWS AS WELL AS DOCUMENT REVIEWS OF POLICIES AND
17 PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE OTHER TASKS ASSIGNED, SUCH
18 AS DIETARY SERVICES AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING SAFETY
19 AND LIFE SAFETY. EACH DAY WE MEET AS A TEAM TO DISCUSS OUR
20 FINDINGS, FOCUS ON SPECIFIC IDENTIFIED CONCERNS, CONSIDER
21 IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY SITUATION AS OUR FINDINGS BUILD. R.E.H.S.S
22 MYSELF, AS WELL AS THE REST OF US HERE, REVIEW CLINICAL
23 RECORDS TO ENSURE CARE THAT IS ORDERED BY THE PHYSICIANS IS
24 BEING RENDERED TO THE PATIENTS. WE ALSO REVIEW THE POLICIES
25 AND FACILITY DOCUMENTS. WE CONDUCT ALSO COMPLAINT



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1 INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING PATIENT ABUSE, QUALITY OF CARE
2 ISSUES, NEGLECT SUCH AS FALLS, SHORTAGES OF STAFF ISSUES. WE
3 ALSO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PERSON, SUCH AS THEIR MEDICAL CARE,
4 MENTAL STATUS, WE LOOK AT PATIENT AS WELL AS STAFF EDUCATION,
5 WE OBSERVE THE CARE, WE INTERVIEW THE RESIDENTS, WE DO RECORD
6 REVIEWS. I CAN'T EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH. THAT IS OUR SURVEY
7 PROCESS. WE ALSO DO AUTOPSY-- REVIEW OF AUTOPSY REPORTS FOR
8 PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED IN FACILITIES AND THIS COULD TAKE WEEKS
9 OR MONTHS BEFORE WE GET THOSE REPORTS BEFORE WE CAN COMPLETE
10 OUR INVESTIGATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH
11 R.E.H.S.S AT THIS TIME TO GET THE JOB DONE. THE COUNTY HAD
12 2,600 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND THERE ARE ONLY 120 OF US
13 HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS. THE POPULATION IS GROWING IN THE
14 COUNTY AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF FACILITIES CONTINUES TO GROW
15 AND THE COUNTY, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS NOT HIRED HEALTH FACILITY
16 EVALUATORS, REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS SINCE
17 2000, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS SHORTAGE OF STAFF, THERE IS
18 A BACKLOG OF HEALTH INSPECTIONS AND COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
21 YES. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

22
23 **FRANK GUY:** MADAME CHAIRPERSON, AND ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS.
24 SUPERVISOR, I'M FRANK GUY. I'M A HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATOR,
25 AND I'M AT THE FERGUSON COMPLEX, BUT AND MY JURISDICTION



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1 COVERS THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'VE BEEN AN
2 EVALUATOR FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS. ONE OF THE POINTS I WANTED TO
3 MAKE IS THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT HIRED RESIDENT ENVIRONMENTAL
4 HEALTH SPECIALISTS SINCE 2000 AND THERE HAS BEEN AN ATTRITION
5 OF R.E.H.S.S FAR AS NOT HIRE RESIDENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
6 SPECIALISTS AS HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS, AND ONE OF THE
7 DUTIES OF THE HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS DIVISION IS TO ENSURE
8 THAT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PROVIDE PROPER CARE TO PATIENTS AND
9 ENSURE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY. HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS ARE
10 CERTIFIED, ARE TESTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH
11 MEDICARE MEDI-CAL TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO DO THE FULL
12 SCOPE OF THEIR JOBS, SO ALL HEALTH EVALUATORS WITH R.E.H.S.
13 BACKGROUND ARE CERTIFIED DUE TO FULL SCOPE OF THE JOB. THE
14 COUNTY HAS BEEN BEHIND IN THEIR SURVEY PROCESS, AND THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY GOING ON. THEY'VE BEEN
16 RELYING UPON OVERTIME, ROUTINE USE OF OVERTIME, AND
17 SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS TO GO OUT AND DO INSPECTIONS OF
18 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. THIS IS THE JOB OF THE BASED EMPLOYEE.
19 THE VISION HAS INDICATED RECENTLY THAT THEY INTEND TO LIMIT
20 THE DUTIES OF THE R.E.H.S. WHO-- HEALTH FACILITY EVALUATORS
21 WHO ARE R.E.H.S., AND WE SEE THIS ATTEMPT TO DIMINISH OUR ROLE
22 AS A BAD POLICY, AND IT'S OUR HOPE THAT THIS BOARD, THE BOARD
23 OF SUPERVISORS, WILL LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND WORK WITH US,
24 BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MAKE FISCAL SENSE THAT YOU ARE PHYSICALLY
25 RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE THE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CAPABLE OF



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1 DOING THE JOB, WHO ARE TRAINED TO DO THE JOB, WHO HAVE
2 KNOWLEDGE AND YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO TURN AROUND AND LIMIT
3 THEIR ABILITIES, OR LIMIT THEIR ROLES AS RELATES TO THEIR JOB,
4 ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT WHERE WE'RE NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE, OR
5 WE'RE BEHIND IN THE SURVEYS. IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES,
6 THERE'S USUALLY A ONCE A YEAR-- OR ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS THAT
7 THESE FACILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE SURVEYED. HOWEVER, A FEW
8 YEARS AGO, THEY INCREASED TO A 15-MONTH OPENING ONLY TO-- ONLY
9 TO WHERE WE WOULDN'T COME IN EVERY DECEMBER ON A PARTICULAR
10 FACILITY. NOW ALL THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ARE NOT
11 INSPECTED WITHIN A 12-MONTH GAP BUT THEY ARE PUSHING AGAINST
12 THAT 15-MONTH GAP WHERE THEY HAD TO TAKE RESOURCES FROM
13 INDIVIDUALS OUT FROM ONE PARTICULAR LOCATION TO SURVEY FOR
14 DIFFERENT DISTRICT OFFICE. AGAIN, IF WE'RE HAVING THIS KIND OF
15 PROBLEMS MEETING OUR CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, WHY
16 ARE WE LIMITING OUR-- PROPOSED TO LIMIT THOSE DUTIES BY HEALTH
17 FACILITIES, REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO ASK
20 THE C.A.O. TO RESPOND AFTER I FINISH AND WE HEAR FROM
21 EVERYONE. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

22

23 **KATHLEEN AUSTRIA:** KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, TREASURER OF S.E.I.U. 721
24 AND CHAIR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH POLICY. THIS IS
25 THE PROBLEM. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS INTENDED TO USE



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1 ONE DISCIPLINE, WHICH IS REGISTERED NURSES, TO DO HEALTH
2 FACILITY SURVEYS WHEN, IN FACT, C.M.S., THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
3 SAYS THIS IS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY JOB AND IT LISTS 13
4 DIFFERENT POSITIONS THAT CAN DO THIS JOB PLUS IT GIVES YOU
5 FLEXIBILITY TO HIRE MORE. SO THE PROBLEM IS, WHY ARE WE USING
6 ONE POSITION THAT IS HARD TO FILL WHEN WE SHOULD BE USING MANY
7 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES TO DO THIS JOB? WE'RE BEHIND ON DOING
8 INSPECTIONS. YOU'VE HEARD SOME OF THE PROBLEMS AND HOW AWFUL
9 IT IS FOR THE PATIENTS THAT LIVE IN THIS COUNTY, BECAUSE THEY
10 REMAIN IN UNINSPECTED FACILITIES AND, IN FACT, WE NEED TO MAKE
11 THIS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY JOB, WE NEED TO HIRE AND MAXIMIZE
12 THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES. THEY HAVEN'T HIRED R.E.H.S.S SINCE
13 2000 BECAUSE THEY INTENDED TO RED TAG THEM. WE WORKED LAST
14 YEAR. THEY FINALLY JUST OPENED UP THE JOB SO THEY WOULD HIRE
15 R.E.H.S.S. NO ONE HAS BEEN HIRED. WITH THE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS
16 THAT ARE IN PLACE AND THE FACT THAT PATIENTS ARE IN FACILITIES
17 THAT REMAIN UNINSPECTED, WE WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE
18 BUDGET AND TO GO AHEAD AND HIRE AND MAKE THIS A MULTI-
19 DISCIPLINARY POSITION ONCE AGAIN. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT
20 WILL TELL YOU THAT THE STATE IS REQUIRING THAT. THERE IN FACT
21 HAS BEEN NO POLICY IN PLACE AT THE STATE SINCE 2000 THAT SAID
22 IT SHOULD BE NURSES ONLY AND THEY MAY HAVE CONTRACTED WITH THE
23 STATE AT THIS POINT TO DO THAT AND SAY WE SHOULD HIRE NURSES
24 ONLY. AGAIN, IF THAT'S THE CASE AND WE THINK YOU SHOULD GO
25 BACK TO THE STATE AND NEGOTIATE BECAUSE THERE WAS A STATE



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1 AUDIT THAT SAID, REALLY, CALIFORNIA, YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE
2 IF YOU'RE JUST USING ONE DISCIPLINE ONLY. AND SO, AGAIN, WE
3 THINK YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO THE STATE AND WORK THIS OUT AND,
4 AGAIN, PUT OUR PATIENTS FIRST AND THAT'S WHAT WE ASK. MAKE
5 SURE THAT PATIENTS GET-- THE NURSING HOMES AND OTHER
6 FACILITIES ARE INSPECTED IN A TIMELY WAY, WORK WITH THE STATE
7 TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHT POLICIES ARE IN PLACE AND IN
8 COMPLIANCE WITH C.M.S. RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD
11 SIGNED UP FOR THIS? ELIZABETH ARENAS SPOKE ALREADY. RIGHT?
12 YES. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. C.A.O., YOU MAY GO BACK AND
13 I'M GOING TO CALL WILL SHERMAN, DAMIEN GOODMAN, EDGARDO RIVAS
14 FRATTI

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SUPERVISOR, ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE, IT IS A
17 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUE. I'LL PROVIDE AN UPDATE AT OUR
18 MEETING NEXT WEEK.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WE'LL HAVE AN UPDATE NEXT WEEK ON THE
21 ISSUE. IT'S A LABOR ISSUE.

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S A LABOR ISSUE, SO I'LL PROVIDE AN UPDATE
24 IN OUR CLOSED SESSION NEXT WEEK.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS, LENGANJI CHASE SIAME AND
2 REVEREND TILLMAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD EVENING. ARNOLD SACHS OF SHOULD BE A QUIET
5 MEETING AT THE M.T.A. BOARD THIS WEEK AS YOU ALL WAIT FOR THE
6 ELECTION TO OCCUR. BUT AS I MENTIONED IN COMMENT ABOUT THE
7 HIGH SPEED RAIL SYSTEM, \$9 BILLION, YOU'RE ALL FOR IT, BUT
8 FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY, THREE OF YOU ARE AGAINST IT. WHAT
9 BENEFITS, USING YOUR LOGIC, THAT HALF CENT SALES TAX WILL ONLY
10 BENEFIT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE. WHAT LOGIC DO YOU USE
11 TO ALLOW HIGH-SPEED RAIL? IT ONLY WOULD BENEFIT A SMALL
12 PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE. 90 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY OF L.A. WOULD
13 BE AFFECTED BY THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL, IF THAT LOW AMOUNT, BUT
14 YOU'RE ALL FOR IT. AGAIN, AS I MENTIONED, ANY PROJECTS BASED
15 ON YOUR TRACK RECORD, ANY PROJECTS, ANY FUNDING THAT COULD
16 POSSIBLY BE USED, THERE'S NO-- THERE'S NO LISTING OF PROJECTS
17 FOR THE PROPOSITION 1-H FUNDING THAT WAS JUST PASSED. WE JUST
18 GOT SOME MONEY IN FOR WIDENING THE 405 FREEWAY AND YOU'RE
19 GOING TO DO A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM OVER THE-- NOT IN THIS
20 WORLD. MAYBE ON MARS, BUT NOT IN THIS WORLD. TWO SOURCES OF
21 FUNDING, TWO DIFFERENT PROJECTS. WE'VE SEEN THAT HAPPEN HOW
22 MANY TIMES? HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE HAD A PROJECT START, HOW
23 MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN COMPLETED? WE DID THIS, TOO. BLUE LINE,
24 OUT. RED LINE, OUT. PURPLE LINE, OUT. GOLD LINE, OUT. UNTIL
25 THERE'S A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE SEATS THAT ARE OCCUPIED NOW,



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1 CAN'T GIVE ANY MORE FUNDING TO THE M.T.A. BECAUSE THIS IS
2 WHERE THE ACTION HAPPENS, THIS IS THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S NOT KEEPING TRACK, BUT YOUR TIME HAS
5 EXPIRED.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, IT'S HERE. 51 SECONDS. SORRY, MA'AM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY FOR EVERYONE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOME OF US HAVE VERY SHORT NERVES. HAVE YOU
14 EVER HEARD THAT, MY LAST NERVE? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU STILL HAVE ANOTHER COUPLE OF MEETINGS. I'LL
17 CLOSE. BOTH KNOW I'M PROBLEM R NOT BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED IT,
18 BECAUSE WITH THE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE, NOTHING WILL GET
19 ACCOMPLISHED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REVEREND TILLMAN.

22

23 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.
24 SUPERVISOR, ESPECIALLY MY SUPERVISOR, I'M GOING TO BE BRIEF
25 BECAUSE I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO GET ON YOUR LAST NERVE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOT A PLEASANT THING. [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE
5 AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ONCE AGAIN. I'M GOING
6 TO DEVIATE FROM MY NORMAL PRESENTATION, I'M GOING TO ASK THE
7 SUPERVISOR TO CONSIDER HAVING-- EACH SUPERVISOR HAVING A
8 WORKSHOP IN THEIR DISTRICT. I WENT TO UPLAND JUST RECENTLY AND
9 THEY HAD A FORECLOSURE PREVENTION SEMINAR AND I WAS REALLY
10 TOUCHED BY WHAT I SAW AND WHAT WAS GOING ON AND ALSO WHAT I'VE
11 BEEN READING IN THE NEWSPAPER RECENTLY ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO
12 ARE IN SUCH DISTRESS ABOUT FORECLOSURE, COMMITTING SUICIDE, ET
13 CETERA, AND I THOUGHT MAYBE I'LL TELL MY SUPERVISOR AND ONE OF
14 THEM MIGHT BE TOUCHED ENOUGH TO HAVE SOMETHING SIMILAR
15 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY SO WE CAN DO LIKE PREPARATION FOR THIS
16 GROUND SWELL THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AND MAYBE SOMEONE
17 MIGHT BE SPARED, THERE MIGHT BE A POSITIVE THING OUT OF IT,
18 BUT FAIR MARKET CAN TAKE PLACE. THEN BACK TO MY AGENDA, AS YOU
19 KNOW, I'M THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET. THEY
20 HAVE ACCEPTED THEIR ROLE OF MOVING ON, BUT THERE STILL IS SOME
21 HOUSECLEANING THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT, AND ONE OF THE
22 HOUSECLEANING ITEMS IS HOW DID THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
23 SUPERVISOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR
24 MARKET, BECAUSE ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THE ATTORNEY AGREED TO
25 CLOSE THE MARKET WAS THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE AN OCCUPANCY



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1 CERTIFICATE AND THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, HOW CAN YOU BE
2 OPERATING A SUPERMARKET FOR TWO YEARS AND NOT HAVE AN
3 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE? SO I HAVE TO ASK THE SUPERVISOR THAT
4 QUESTION, HOW CAN THE PUBLIC WORKS HAVE NO OCCUPANCY
5 CERTIFICATE? IT BEGS THE QUESTION. THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS
6 WHY THEY CLOSED THE MARKET DOWN. THERE WAS OTHER REASONS AS
7 WELL, BUT THAT WAS ONE OF MY REASONS. WE'VE TALKED TO THE
8 DIRECTOR AND HE HASN'T GIVEN US A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION, SO
9 MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BE FLUSHED OUT, AND WHEN
10 I'VE HEARD TODAY THERE'S SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED
11 ABOUT HOW THE WEAK CITIZENS ARE TREATED IN THIS SOCIETY, AND
12 THAT'S A DEMONSTRATION OF HOW THIS SOCIETY IS OPERATING.
13 PRESIDENT BUSH ISSUED A DIRECTIVE JUST RECENTLY ASKING THAT WE
14 TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, AND OUR VICE
15 PRESIDENT HOPEFUL, PALIN, SAID RECENTLY THAT A MEASURE OF
16 SOCIETY IS HOW YOU TREAT THE WEAKER LINK. EACH CITIZEN TAKES
17 COURAGE TO COME UP HERE AND SPEAK AND GIVE YOU THEIR THOUGHTS
18 AND IDEAS AND THEY'RE WEAK AND YOU'RE POWERFUL. AND WE'RE
19 ASKING THAT YOU TREAT US WITH RESPECT AND LISTEN TO WHAT WE
20 HAVE TO SAY, AND THEN YOU ACT ACCORDINGLY. AND WITH THAT, I
21 HAVE NINE SECONDS, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. HAVE A
22 GOOD EVENING.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, ON ITEM C.S.-1, C.S.-2 AND
25 C.S.-3, IF WE COULD CONTINUE THOSE ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 28TH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES OUR ITEMS.

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