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[There was no reportable action as a result of the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. IF I COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND CARLTON RHODEN, SENIOR MINISTER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY JOE ROMO, SERVICE OFFICER WITH THE CULVER CITY AMVETS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? REVEREND?

REV. CARLTON RHODEN: HOLY ONE, WE GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY INTENT ON DOING GOOD WORK. WE SEEK TO REPRESENT FAIRLY AND WELL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN US THIS TASK. ALMIGHTY, MAY WE BECOME AT ALL TIMES BOTH NOW AND FOREVER A PROTECTER FOR THOSE WITHOUT PROTECTION, A GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY, A SHIP FOR THOSE WITH OCEANS TO CROSS, A BRIDGE FOR THOSE WITH RIVERS TO CROSS, A SANCTUARY FOR THOSE IN DANGER, A LAMP FOR THOSE WITHOUT LIGHT, A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR THOSE WHO LACK SHELTER, AND A SERVANT TO ALL IN NEED. MAY OUR EFFORTS BE BLESSED WITH INSIGHT, GUIDED BY UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM. WE SEEK TO SERVE WITH RESPECT FOR ALL. MAY OUR PERSONAL FAITHS GIVE US STRENGTH TO ACT HONESTLY AND WELL. REMIND US THAT WE

MEET TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, TO USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY AND WELL, TO REPRESENT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FAIRLY, TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD. WE RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PAST AND TO THE FUTURE AND THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY AS TRUSTED SERVANTS WE SEEK BLESSINGS ON OUR DELIBERATIONS AND ON OUR EFFORTS HERE TODAY. MAY WE ACT WISELY AND WELL. BLESS US, ALMIGHTY. SHALOM AND AMEN.

JOE ROMO: PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEARTS AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO SOME AND PRESENT TO OTHERS THE REVEREND CARLTON RHODEN WHO SERVES AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES. AND HE HAS DONE SO SINCE 2006. THIS IS A CONGREGATION WITH A HISTORY OF 130 YEARS. PASTOR RHODEN IS A GRADUATE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY OF THE WEST IN BERKELEY AND UPON HIS GRADUATION HE RECEIVED THE J. ALFRED SMITH, SENIOR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MINISTRY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH. DURING HIS TIME IN THE BAY AREA, HE WAS ACTIVE WITH OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE NATION FOR HIS WORK IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND THE WORK OF EMPOWERMENT. HE IS MARRIED TO NICKY, AND THEY HAVE

TWO CHILDREN. AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PASTOR RHODEN, THAT WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOCATION TODAY AND WE WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JOE ROMO. HE RESIDES IN MONTEREY PARK AND IN IS A SERVICE OFFICER WITH AMVETS POST IN CULVER CITY. HE IS SEEING THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN COMING BACK FROM IRAQ. HE HAS SERVED AS STAFF SERGEANT WENT THE ALPHA TEAM, AIR FORCE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN 1970 TO 1974 IN VIETNAM. HIS IMPRESSIVE DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE U.S. AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD WITH THREE CLUSTERS, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND A VIETNAM SERVICE RIBBON WITH TWO BRONZE STARS. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US HERE, BUT ALSO YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. IF I COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON THESE ITEMS, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD

OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ITEM NO. 10 THROUGH 13 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 14 THROUGH 21. ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 10TH, 2010.

SUP. KNABE: TENTH?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES. ON ITEM NO. 20, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 3RD, 2010. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 22, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 23-A.

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

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 23-B, THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON PAGE 14, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-3, WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

SUP. KNABE: CS-3?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES. THAT WAS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PREPTATIONS THIS MORNING? AND OF COURSE YOURS IS NOT HERE TODAY. SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ONE OF MY HONOREES IS NOT HERE YET BUT LET ME BRING UP ANNIE WONG AND COMMIT HER FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AS SERVING AS MY COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES, RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO, SHE RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. SHE CURRENTLY PRACTICES LAW IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AS A MEMBER, SHE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ON CHANGES IN IMPROVING OUR JUDICIAL MINISTRATION AND REDUCE CASELOADS AND DELAYS. AND IN ADDITION TO HER SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION, SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR, PHI ALPHA DELTA, THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHINESE LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: LITTLE KATIE, WHO IS A LONG HAIR DOCKSY CHIHUAHUA AND SOMEBODY ELSE, MAYBE. HOW ARE YOU DOING? SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S 10 MONTHS OLD. YOU CAN ADOPT HER BY CALLING 562-728-4644. VERY LOVEABLE. LITTLE FRENCH IN HER. HOW ABOUT IT MARK, HUH? OKAY. WE'LL GIVE IT TO ZEV, THEN. I HAD ONE MORE COMMISSIONER BUT HE HASN'T ARRIVED YET.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. VERY GOOD. EACH YEAR, OUR BOARD JOINS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH." THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "A CHANCE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE." AND TODAY THE BOARD IS PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS THEY PREPARE TO KICK OFF ANOTHER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT OF ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. JOINING US TODAY IS OUR DIRECTOR, STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DAVENPORT, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY RITA FIGUEROA AND MEMBERS OF OTHER STAFF, I GUESS THEY'RE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE. THEY'RE OUT THERE VERY PROUDLY TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] THIS DEPARTMENT, OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS THE LARGEST LOCALLY ADMINISTERED CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY IN THE NATION. WE PROVIDE TIMELY, ACCURATE AND RESPONSIBLE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, WHICH IN TURN IMPROVES THE LIFE AND THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. OUR DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS MANAGE OVER 414,000, AMAZING NUMBER OF CASES, EACH YEAR AND APPROXIMATELY OVER $470 MILLION IN CHILD SUPPORT IS COLLECTED ANNUALLY. THE DEPARTMENT HAS EFFECTIVELY STREAMLINED AND ENHANCED ITS CASE MANAGEMENT PROCESS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COLLECTED FUND, WHICH GREATLY AIDS CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO WE SERVE. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION RATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. AND DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, A ROBUST COUNTY-WIDE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE

COUNTY'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THIS DEPARTMENT AND ITS TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS. ANY OF US WHO RECEIVED THOSE PHONE CALLS FROM ANGUISHED PARENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS REALLY HAVE TO REFER THEM OVER TO THIS DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE BEEN SO PROUD HOW THIS DEPARTMENT HAS TRULY ENHANCED ITS EFFECTIVENESS ON A REGULAR BASIS. ALSO, MANY OF THOSE PARENTS WHO SOMETIMES ARE OVERCHARGED, WHO ARE EQUALLY AS UPSET, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK OF ALL THE PROFESSIONALS AT THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF ITS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] IF WE COULD PUT THE MIC BACK, I WOULD LIKE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, SHARE A COUPLE WORDS FOR US.

STEVEN GOLIGHTLY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, AUGUST IS THE TRADITIONAL MONTH THAT WE ATTEMPT TO GO THE EXTRA MILE, IF YOU WILL, TO GET THE WORD OUT IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO THOSE WHO PERHAPS ARE WATCHING THIS BROADCAST TO SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE, AND THAT IS IF YOUR SITUATION IS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST MONTH, TWO MONTHS, YEAR BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY, IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR JOB, IF YOU'VE

BEEN -- YOUR HOURS HAVE BEEN CUT BACK, COME AND TALK TO US. CALL US. LET US SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE AN APPROPRIATE MODIFICATION TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER THAT'S IN PLACE. YOU CAN COME INTO ANY OF OUR OFFICES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, PALMDALE, ENCINO, WEST COVINA, COMMERCE, SOUTH L.A., AND TORRANCE. OR YOU CAN CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 866-901-3212. LET US SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU. WE CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU CALL US AND COME IN. THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED MY EXECUTIVE STAFF WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. TWO OTHER MEMBERS, DAVID KILGORE AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY LAST WEEK, HE'S OFF. AND LAURIE CRUISE IS ON VACATION. WITH ME THIS MORNING, MY COLLEAGUES ARE MEMBERS OF OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF AND I'M VERY PROUD TO SAY MEMBERS OF OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM, SUPERVISOR, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SEE A BOARD MEETING, SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR HARD WORK AND OUR OTHER 1,600 COLLEAGUES WHO AREN'T HERE THIS MORNING, THEY WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE SERVICE EXCELLENCE THAT YOU SPOKE SO KINDLY OF A FEW MOMENTS AGO. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS WONDERFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: LET ME ALSO COMMEND STEVEN AND THE DEPARTMENT. YOU'VE DONE A SUPERB JOB SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN AT THE TIME WAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARCETTI WHEN EVERYTHING WAS HELL,

AND YOU BROKE-- YOU BROKE OUT OF THAT LOGJAM. YOU BROUGHT ORDER AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT SO EVERY SUPERVISOR TODAY USED TO RECEIVE MORE MAIL HERE ON THIS ISSUE. VERY, VERY RARELY RECEIVES AN EMAIL OR LETTER, AND WHEN WE DO, IT'S RESOLVED, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE THANK FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN HELPED BECAUSE OF YOUR ACTION AND DIRECT ACTION INTERVENTION, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THE PEOPLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: CONGRATULATIONS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WE THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND MAY I CALL FORWARD A DELEGATION WHO DISTINGUISHES ITSELF BY HELPING HANDS DAY. THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS AND IT'S OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS MORMONS HELPING HANDS DAY. THEY SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THEM HERE TO RECEIVE THIS PRESENTATION. AND IT HAPPENS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AND THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 370 VOLUNTEERS WORKED WITH PARKS AND RECREATION TO REHABILITATE THREE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS, SPECIFICALLY JESSE OWENS PARK, ENTERPRISE PARK AND MAGIC JOHNSON RECREATION AREA. THESE FACILITIES ARE AMONG THE

SECOND DISTRICT'S MOST HIGHLY UTILIZED PARKS, SERVING LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS EACH MONTH. AND SO THE SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENTS USE THESE PARKS FOR SWIMMING, GOLF, SPORTS, EXERCISE, FISHING, FAMILY EVENTS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE MORMON HELPING HANDS DAY DELEGATION, SPEARHEADED BY THOSE WHO ARE HERE TODAY, STEVEN ADAMS, REX STEVENS AND NINA ANDREWS SHURTLIFF, PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY $2,700 IN MATERIALS AND SAVED THE COUNTY NEARLY $13,000 IN STAFF TIME. SO ANY TIME WE CAN SAVE MONEY THROUGH THE GENEROSITY AND BENEVOLENCE, YOU MIGHT SAY, OF OTHERS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT DESERVES OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE GROUP USED APPROXIMATELY 300 GALLONS OF PAINT TO REJUVENATE CURBS, RETAINING WALLS, WROUGHT IRON FENCES, PICNIC SHELTERS, PLAYGROUNDS, DOORS, A FULL GYMNASIUM, THEY DID IT ALL. AND THEY ALSO PLANTED VARIOUS TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUND COVER THROUGHOUT THE FACILITIES TO ENHANCE THE PARK'S GREEN SPACE. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT PARKS AND RECREATION WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN COMPLETING THESE PROJECTS, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE JOINED US TO JUST TAKE A STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION, AS WELL. JOE MENDOZA, WHO IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DWIGHT LECRAW, THE CRAFTS FACILITY MANAGER, BOB GONZALES, REGIONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, MIGUEL VASQUEZ, ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, KENYA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

SUPERVISOR, AND RODOLFO GAERE, WHO IS A PLUMBER. WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE? [APPLAUSE.] SO THIS CREATES SENSE OF COMMUNITY, IT CREATES A SENSE OF PRIDE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, IN OUR PARKS, IN OUR RECREATIONAL SPACE AND WE SIMPLY WISH TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CONSTITUENTS FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY BEYOND. AND WE THANK YOU, MOST HEARTILY ON THIS DAY FOR THE WORK THAT HAS HAPPENED, FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT, MORMON HELPING HANDS DAY. ONCE AGAIN, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR SPIRIT OF GIVING. [APPLAUSE.]

NINA ANDREWS-SHURTLIFF: THANK YOU FOR THIS. IT IS TRULY AN HONOR. I WANT TO THANK DEPUTY DIRECTOR JOE MENDOZA FOR NOMINATING US FOR THIS WONDERFUL AWARD. BOTH THE BUSINESS WORLD AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEER WORLD, EACH JOB HAS A CERTAIN REQUIREMENT THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE DONE PROPERLY. THIS AWARD REALLY BELONGS TO JOE MENDOZA, BOB GONZALES AND DWIGHT LECRAW AND THEIR EXCELLENT STAFF, ALONG WITH THE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. WHEN I CONTACTED THESE GOOD MEN, ALL I HAD TO OFFER WAS PROMISES OF HUNDREDS OF HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS AND A VISION OF BEAUTIFYING THREE PARKS IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. THEY HAD FAITH IN ME AND DID A TREMENDOUS JOB WORKING WITH US SIDE BY SIDE TO MAKE THE MORMON HELPING HANDS DAY OF SERVICE A GREAT SUCCESS. ON A STATEWIDE BASIS, THIS

PAST MAY 8, OUR CHURCH HAD APPROXIMATELY 70,000 WORKERS PARTNER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS TO BEAUTIFY CALIFORNIA'S STATE, REGIONAL AND CITY PARKS. OUR EFFORTS AT JESSE OWENS, MAGIC JOHNSON AND ENTERPRISE PARKS HERE IN LOS ANGELES ON MAY 8TH WAS JUST A SMALL PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, WE ARE THE FOURTH LARGEST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECOND LARGEST CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION IN CALIFORNIA. AS A CHURCH, WE BELIEVE IN FOCUSING OUR ENERGIES ON UPLIFTING THE BURDENS OF OTHERS. WE SERVE THOSE IN NEED WORLDWIDE WITHOUT RESPECT TO RACE, NATIONALITY OR RELIGION. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH MANY LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE RED CROSS, SALVATION ARMY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES. IT IS VERY HUMBLING TO BE A MEMBER OF A CHURCH THAT HAS DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 330 MILLION PALLETS OF FOOD, MEDICINES, EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING IN 167 COUNTRIES OFTEN IN CONCERT WITH OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. OUR CHURCH BELIEVES IN WORKING WITH THOSE TO EMPOWER ALL PEOPLE, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, TO VOLUNTEER AND TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. TODAY, COMMUNITIES ARE BUILT UPON AND DEPENDENT UPON VOLUNTEERS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR EXAMPLE WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO BE INVOLVED WITH TAKING PRIDE IN THE APPEARANCE OF THEIR LOCAL PARKS, FINDING WAYS TO BUILD UP THEIR COMMUNITIES BY

VOLUNTEERING. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, WHICH ARE VERY DIVERSE AND MANY, THE MOTIVATION BEHIND OUR EFFORTS IS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST'S EXAMPLE TO SERVE, TO BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS BY HELPING TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE, ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES FOR LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. IF ANYONE HERE THIS DAY HAS A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH US IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL OFFICIALS OF THE L.D.S. CHURCH IN YOUR AREA. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, PLEASE CHOOSE TO BE A VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

RUSS GUINEY: ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, RICHARD, THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH OF JUDGE JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY DATES AND THE MORMON HELPING HANDS PROJECT. TO HAVE 370 PEOPLE DESCEND ON THESE PARKS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR OUR STAFF AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR THE PATRONS OF THESE VERY BUSY PARKS, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL ALWAYS WELCOME YOU BACK. AND AS RICHARD SAID, IT WAS A LOT OF FUN. SO WE'LL HOPE YOU COME BACK AND HELP MAKE OUR PARKS EVEN BETTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

SUP. MOLINA: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. AND YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS A HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR THE APPROPRIATION SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE MR. E.T. SNELL IF HE'D JOIN US AND ARNOLD SACHS.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 1.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THIS IS ITEM NO. 1. YOU DECIDED NOT TO? MR. SNELL, YOU'RE ON.

E. SNELL: HOW ARE YOU DOING? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE L.A. DAYS. BOY, WE FOUGHT THAT LIQUOR STORE GOING IN DOWN THERE, REMEMBER THAT ?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. SNELL, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS THE BOARD? AND YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, SIR.

E. SNELL: GLORIA, COME ON, MAN. I I CAN SAY HI TO MY _____. MAN, WE GO WAY BACK. MAN, THERE YOU GO STARTING ON US AGAIN, MAN. IS THIS ONE NOW? OR S-1?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 1.

E. SNELL: YOU ALREADY GOT ME DOWN. I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED AND YOU GOT 40 SECONDS ON MY TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU'VE BEEN TALKING. THE MINUTE YOU OPENED YOUR MOUTH, IT STARTED.

E. SNELL: GLORIA, MUZZLE IT, MAN. GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK, MAN. I DON'T WANT TO START THIS OVER AGAIN. YOU GOT THAT LITTLE SKUNK THING GOING AND YOU'RE ALL ABOUT THAT AND A BAG OF CHIPS. WELL I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ALL THAT. YOU KNOW, FIRST OFF YOU NEED TO RELEASE THAT 70 YEAR OLD INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY FINE. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, IT'S BEEN A

LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING BEFORE YOU. I USED TO COME HERE IN A CLOWN COSTUME. REMEMBER, GLORIA, CLOWN ON THE TOWN?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: RAINBOW WIG AND ALL.

E. SNELL: THANK YOU, THANK YOU. AND THE T.V. SHOW IS GOING BACK ON THE AIRWAYS, TOO. YOU REMEMBER LEONARD SHAPIRO WHEN YOU HAD US SPEAKING ON THE BROWN ACT DOWN THERE IN SACRAMENTO? YOU ASKED TO US GO SPEAK? BUT I SAW THAT THING ON FULL DISCLOSURE. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE A 360-DEGREE TURN ON THE BROWN ACT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE, RIGHT? HELLO? OKAY, THANK YOU. THIS IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. WELL, YOU KNOW, I CAN SPEAK ON THAT, HAVING BEEN PUT IN PRISON BY YOUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT ON PHONY CHARGES, WHICH I TOOK A POLYGRAPH ON THAT AND IT'S AVAILABLE ONLINE AT HESPERIA STAR DOT COM E.T. SNELL TERRORIST. I TOOK THE POLYGRAPH TO SHOW DEMERJIAN PUT ME IN PRISON ON PHONY CHARGES. SO I SHOULD HOPE THAT I WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS THAT I THINK YOU GUYS SHOULD REALIZE THAT IN THIS COUNTRY, BETWEEN 2.3 MILLION AND 2.4 MILLION AMERICANS ARE BEHIND BARS. ROUGHLY 1 IN EVERY 100 ADULTS. YOU KNOW, AND THE COST OF PRISONERS RANGE FROM 18,000, MISSISSIPPI TO GOOD OLD CALIFORNIA 50 GRAND. DUDE, I DON'T KNOW, IT MUST BE THEM GOLD

PLATED DENTURES THEY'RE GIVING ALL THOSE SENIORS UP THERE. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE MONEY THAT WE'RE ALLOCATING TO THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE LOCKING UP A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE THAT ARE COMPLETELY HARMLESS. YOU KNOW, LIKE TODAY I WAS TALKING TO THE LADY THAT DOES THAT MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN, THE PARENTS THAT OWE MONEY. AND NOW THERE'S NO JOBS. SO NOW WE'RE TAKING A WHOLE BUNCH OF MORE PEOPLE'S LICENSES. AND I WISH YOU WOULDN'T START MY TIME, MAN, YOU KNOW, YOU GOT THIS, YOU KNOW, DON'T START MY TIME UNTIL I START TALKING. YOU ATE ME OUT OF 40 SECONDS, MAN. BUT I KNOW HOW YOU ARE WITH THE BROWN ACT. YOU'VE DONE THAT 360, FULL DISCLOSURE SHOWED THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO SAY TIME'S UP, GLORIA? CAN I HEAR IT?

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

E.T. SNELL: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 2, PLEASE.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION TO REVISE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FEES. THERE IS

NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. THERE IS ONE SPEAKER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MR. SACHS.

ARNOLD SACHS: GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I COULD APPRECIATE THE FACT YOU'RE NICKEL AND DIMING BUSINESS COMMUNITY OVER THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME INCREASE, BUT MY QUESTION IS: WHAT ABOUT RAISING THE PENALTY ON BUSINESSES THAT PUT IN PHONY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENTS AND FALSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENTS? AND IS THERE A PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR WHISTLE BLOWERS WHEN THEY FINE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONE OR ENTERED INTO THOSE KIND OF IF I CAN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENTS THAT DON'T HOLD UP, THAT AREN'T LEGAL, THAT FALSIFY THE FACTS, THAT DON'T INCLUDE THE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION THAT IS REQUIRED WITH THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT? HOW ABOUT INCREASING THOSE PENALTIES IN ADDITION? I'M SURE THAT IT'S SOME KIND OF MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION OR INFRACTION. AND HOW ABOUT A WHISTLE BLOWER PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY BECOME AWARE WHO THEY CAN REPORT THOSE TO? BECAUSE I DO RECALL THAT SOMEBODY IN CITY COUNCIL AT A MEETING MENTIONED A BUSINESS THAT WAS-- THE D.A. WAS, THE CITY'S ATTORNEY WAS DEALING WITH, AND THEY CLAIMED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING THAT THAT PARTICULAR BUSINESS HAD NOT FILED A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT IN L.A. COUNTY AS THEY REQUIRED, NOR WERE THEY REGISTERED IN THE STATE, WITH THE

STATE OF SACRAMENTO. SO BEWARE OF THAT. THE COMPANY MAY NOT FILE IN THE COUNTY, BUT IF THEY FILE IN THE CAPITAL OF SACRAMENTO, THEN THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. SACHS. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 3.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS A HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-'10 WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF DESIGNATED PARCELS, MOST OF WHICH ARE UNIMPROVED. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED AND I BELIEVE THERE IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, MR. SNELL, YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM, AS WELL. IF YOU'D QUICKLY COME HERE, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. ON ITEM 3, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING OF THE CONFIRMATION OF THE 2009-'10 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COSTS TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF IMPROVED PARCELS. AGAIN, NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER. THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED, AND THERE IS A PUBLIC SPEAKER.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. SNELL? (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, MR. SNELL. (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, MR. SNELL.

E. SNELL: WOW, I GOT THAT AT THE SARAH PALIN SEARCHLIGHT. UNLESS YOU GUYS WANT YOUR PICTURES IN LITTLE COMMENTS ABOUT YOU, YOU BETTER STRAIGHTEN UP. ANYWAY, OKAY, YOU'VE ALREADY STARTED MY TIME, BOY, YOU AND FREE SPEECH, GLORIA. YOU JUST PUT A MUZZLE ON EVERYBODY, MAN. OKAY. WE'RE ON THIS CAN YOU GIVE ME A SECOND? CAN YOU STOP THE CLOCK TO GIVE ME A SECOND TO GET MY NOTES, GLORIA?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ITEM NO. 4, MR. SNELL.

E. SNELL: OH, MAN, WELL WE CAN JUST SIT UP HERE AND HAVE US A GOOD OLD TIME. THIS IS ABOUT LIENS, RIGHT? PUTTING LIENS ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO, THAT WAS ITEM 3. ACTUALLY, THIS IS ALSO A LIEN ITEM.

E. SNELL: YEAH, IT'S A LIEN ITEM. LIKE WHAT THEY DO IS LIKE THIS ONE LADY, MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHAT THEY DID IS SHE HAD A WATER BILL BACK IN VIRGINIA, $368. THEY CLOCKED IT UP TO 1500 AND THEY SOLD HER HOUSE. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR WHOLE LIEN, I KNOW YOUR TAX SALE LIEN THING. BOY, I MEAN MR. KNABE THERE MUST BE, WHAT, 2,000 PEOPLE A YEAR THAT THEY SELL PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES SAYING THEY CAN'T FIND THEM. SO, YOU KNOW, YOUR WHOLE PROCESS OF HOW YOU FIND PEOPLE IS A BIG FARCE. AND IT'S BASICALLY STEALING PEOPLE'S PROPERTY. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE SOMEBODY'S HOUSE BECAUSE THEY OWE MONEY ON A WEED ABATEMENT. BOY, YOU GUYS ARE REALLY LISTENING TODAY. I CAN SEE WE REALLY NEED TO GET SOME ATTENTION. SUPERVISORS, I DROVE ALL THE WAY FROM BARSTOW, SO I WOULD APPRECIATE IF I COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. IT'S KIND OF SAD THAT WE HAVE THIS LIEN PROCESS. AND YOU KNOW WITH SPOKIO AND NET DETECTIVE AND SOME OF THESE OTHER DIFFERENT DEVICES, WE STILL CAN'T FIND THESE PEOPLE. THE COUNTY CAN'T, ANYWAY. AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DON'T-- THANK

YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR AT LEAST LISTENING. I DROVE A LONG WAY DOWN HERE, $20 TO PARK, OH MY GOD, YOU GUYS. I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DON'T MOVE THIS MEETING SOMEWHERE ELSE AND THE WHOLE THING, THIS WHOLE COUNTY BUILDING SOMETHING WHERE ELSE. YOU GOT PEOPLE OUT HERE PAYING 120 BUCKS, EMPLOYEES A MONTH TO PARK. I MEAN, YOU KNOW THE WHOLE PARKING, IF THE PUBLIC WANTS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THIS COUNTY, YOU KNOW, I DON'T SEE WHY AND YOU COULD SELL THIS PLACE AND MAKE JUST ABOUT SOLVE YOUR BUDGET CRISIS. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S GOT TO BE RIGHT DOWNTOWN HERE. IT COULD BE IN THE OUTSKIRTS SOMEWHERE AND YOU COULD REALLY GET INTO SERVICING THE PUBLIC. BUT I'M CONCERNED WITH THE LIEN PROCESS, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT JOBS, YOU KNOW. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IS THERE ANYTHING IN PLACE THAT'S GOING TO TRY TO HELP PEOPLE IN THESE HARD-PRESSED ECONOMIC TIMES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THEIR PROPERTY AND SELL IT FOR A WEED ABATEMENT? OF COURSE THE COUNTY'S BEEN STEALING PEOPLE'S PROPERTY FOR YEARS. I FOLLOW THOSE TAX SALES AND IT'S REALLY SAD WHAT YOU GUYS DO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. SNELL. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 5.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2010-'11 FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT RATE OF THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-'11. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU SAID THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: I BELIEVE SO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

CARLOS RUIZ: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS CARLOS RUIZ AND I'M AN ASSISTANT DIVISION ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL. AND IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY

IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE REPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THERE ARE NOT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THERE ARE NOT ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD ON ITEM NO. 6. I'M CALLING ITEM NO. 7.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THIS IS A COMBINED HEARING ON PROJECT NO. 04-075-(5) WHICH INCLUDES LAND USE AND ZONING MATTERS IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WITH FINDINGS OF FACT AND OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN THE SAND CANYON ZONE DISTRICT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, PETITIONED BY PARDEE HOMES THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THERE IS A REPORT?

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES.

ALEJANDRINA BALDWIN: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS ALEJANDRINA BALDWIN AND I'M A PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY DENNIS HUNTER FROM PUBLIC WORKS, AS WELL. PROJECT NO. 04-075 IS A PROPOSAL BY PARDEE HOMES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 1,260 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS ON 2,173 GROSS ACRES LOCATED WEST OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND SOUTH OF VASQUEZ CANYON ROAD. THE PROJECT ALSO FEATURES AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOT, 25 OPEN SPACE LOTS, 10 PARK LOTS, INCLUDING ONE 12-ACRE PUBLIC PARK, A CLASS II BIKE LANE, HIKING TRAILS, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, IF A SALE WITH A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT-- WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. ON MARCH 24TH, 2010, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THIS PROJECT ALONG WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT, DENSITY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT, GRADING OF 41.6 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF CUT AND FILL, GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SKYLINE RANCH ROAD, A TEMPORARY MATERIALS PROCESSING FACILITY, AN OAK TREE PERMIT TO REMOVE ONE OAK TREE. A HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT CASE TO REVIEW THE REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS. TO DELETE CRUZAN MESA ROAD AND REALIGN WHITES CANYON ROAD TO BE NAMED SKYLINE RANCH ROAD. THE DELETION OF CRUZAN MESA ROAD WILL VOID FUTURE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE PROPOSED CRUZAN MESA, VERNAL POOLS, SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA AND THE REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD WILL INCREASE CONDUCTIVITY

BETWEEN WHITES CANYON ROAD AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. THE PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE 1,770 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, WHICH IS ABOUT 81 PERCENT OF THE PROJECT SITE. 1,409 ACRES OF THIS OPEN SPACE IS PROPOSED WITHIN LOT NO. 1293 AND INCLUDES A MERGER OF THE UNDERLYING RECORDED TRACT MAPS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TO CREATE 200 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS WHICH WILL NOT BE DEVELOPED. AT TIME OF APPROVAL, TWO ISSUES REMAINED, WHICH SINCE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS RECEIVED THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION REGARDING OUTSIDE EASEMENTS. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE NET REVENUE COLLECTED FROM FILMING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THIS PROJECT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE LOT 1293. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INCLUDING A MITIGATION MONITORING REPORT PROGRAM AND FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WERE CERTIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT TO VISUAL QUALITY, CUMULATIVE TRAFFIC, NOISE, AIR QUALITY, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. COUNTY STAFF IS RECOMMENDING TWO ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD AT THIS TIME. FIRST CONDITION IS: OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED. CONSTRUCT OFFSITE A.C. PAVINGS TO INCLUDE A TRAVEL LANE, BIKE LANE, BUFFER, CURB AND GUTTER ADJACENT TO BIKE LANE AND SIDEWALKS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON SKYLINE RANCH ROAD JOINING TO PLUM CANYON ROAD. THE

IMPROVEMENTS WILL CONFORM TO THE LATEST APPROVAL I.E.C. ALIGNMENT P-270 TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC WORKS. BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF THE 301ST UNIT IN PHASE 1, THE REMAINING IMPROVEMENTS, AS SHOWN ON THE APPROVAL TYPICAL SECTIONS LABELED TRACT 60922 STREET CROSS SECTIONS REVISED MARCH 3RD, 2010, WILL BE COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC WORKS. CONDITION NO. 2 READS: CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SKYLINE RANCH ROAD AT THE SCHOOL IS REQUIRED. THE BRIDGE WILL BE BONDED FOR UPON THE RECORDATION OF THE FIRST PHYSICAL UNIT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF SKYLINE RANCH ROAD AND COMPLETED ALONG WITH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OF THE FIRST UNIT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE ALL TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS CONCLUDES REGIONAL PLANNING'S PRESENTATION AND STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

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

SUP. ANTONOVICH: COULD I FIRST ASK ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW FOR THIS? DOES THIS PROJECT MEET THOSE STATE REQUIREMENTS?

DENNIS HUNTER: YES, IT DOES, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND WHO PREPARED THAT WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT?

DENNIS HUNTER: THE SANTA CLARITA WATER DIVISION OF CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND UNDER STATE LAW, IS THIS THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

DENNIS HUNTER: YES, IT IS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IN THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT, WHERE DID CASTAIC LAKE WATER CONCLUDE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR THE PROJECT?

DENNIS HUNTER: THEY CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS A SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT DURING NORMAL, SINGLE DRY AND MULTIPLE-DRY YEARS OVER THE NEXT 20-YEAR PERIOD.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND DID YOU REVIEW THAT ASSESSMENT?

DENNIS HERNER: YES, I DID, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND IN YOUR OPINION, DOES THIS ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THOSE DEMANDS AND WATER SUPPLY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROJECT?

DENNIS HUNTER: YES, IT DOES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IN YOUR OPINION, DOES THIS ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT ARE COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL 610 AND C.E.Q.A. REGARDING THE DEMAND FOR WATER AND THE SUPPLY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROJECT?

DENNIS HUNTER: IT'S MY OPINION THAT IT DOES, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND WHAT AGENCY IS THE WATER PURVEYOR? AND HAVE THEY PROVIDED A WELL SERVE LETTER OR OTHERWISE CONFIRMED WATER AVAILABILITY FOR THE PROJECT?

DENNIS HUNTER: THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT SERVES AS THEIR LETTER OF WATER AVAILABILITY AND THEIR PROJECT'S CONDITION TO PROVIDE A WELL SERVE LETTER PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF THE FINAL MAP.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 14, 15--17 SPEAKERS. 14 IN FAVOR AND VARIOUS OPPOSED. SO, AGAIN, I'M GOING TO CALL FOLKS UP IF YOU'D COME UP AND JOIN US. LET'S BEGIN WITH CHARLES MOORE. ALLEN FERDMAN, SHARON SORENSON, AND ROB THOMSON. AGAIN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE THREE MINUTES. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES ALLOCATED TO YOU. MR. MOORE, IF YOU'D BEGIN.

CHARLES MOORE: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHARLES MOORE. IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO SIMPLY INTRODUCE JIM BIZZELLE FROM PARDEE HOMES. OF COURSE WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AS WELL.

JIM BIZZELLE: YES, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JIM BIZZELLE VICE PRESIDENT OF PARDEE HOMES. PARDEE HOMES HAS BEEN BUILDING HOMES OUT IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SINCE THE 1970S, AND WE HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1921, SERVING THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME AND THANK COUNTY STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT AND EFFORT IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. SKYLINE RANCH IS A WELL-PLANNED OUT COMMUNITY THAT STAFF DID A GREAT PRESENTATION ON. SO I NEED NOT SAY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I SUPPORT ALL OF THE REVISED CONDITIONS AND THE PRIOR CONDITIONS AND REQUEST YOUR

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF OUR E.I.R. AND CERTIFY IT. I HAVE MY TEAM HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SIR, ARE YOU MR. FERDMAN? SIR?

ALAN FERDMAN: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ARE YOU MR. FERDMAN?

ALAN FERDMAN: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY, GOOD.

ALAN FERDMAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALAN FERDMAN, I'M A 45-YEAR RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY AND A CHAIR OF THE CANYON COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME AN INDIVIDUAL CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A DEVELOPMENT A GOOD DEVELOPMENT"? MY ANSWER THEN REMAINS AS IT IS TODAY: GOOD DEVELOPMENTS ARE PROJECTS WHICH SATISFY COMMUNITY NEEDS, MEET COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ITS NEIGHBORS. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT EARLY AND CONTINUAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS PARAMOUNT IN MAKING THAT VISION A REALITY. OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, I HAVE WATCHED PROJECTS SUCH AS SKYLINE RANCH SEEK OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BEFORE, DURING THE FORMAL PLANNING PROCESS. THOSE DEVELOPERS

UNDERSTAND MITIGATING COMMUNITY CONCERNS EARLY AND THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST AS WELL AS THE PROJECT'S NEIGHBORS. FOR THIS PROJECT, PARDEE TOOK A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS WERE ANSWERED AND MITIGATED. THEY CAME TO THE CANYON COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDED AN INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THEY FELT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BLEND WITH OUR COMMUNITY. PARDEE HOMES HAS PRESENTED THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT TO OUR GROUP SEVERAL TIMES. THEY OPENLY SHARED UPDATES ACCOMPLISHED AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND ANSWERED NEW QUESTIONS. OUR GROUP WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY INTERCONNECTING STREETS FROM THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT TO EXISTING ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS, THEREBY GUARANTEEING THE CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE. WE WERE ALSO PLEASED THAT THE MAIN ROADWAY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SKYLINE RANCH WOULD PROVIDE AN INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN PLUMB WHITES CANYON AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. WE LIKE THE SKYLINE RANCH DESIGN WITH THE TRAILS, BIKE PATHS, NEW PARK, NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE PROVIDED TO THE NORTH TO THE PROJECT. LASTLY WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE IDEA THAT THE EAST SIDE ACCESS WOULD PROVIDE IMPROVEMENT TO SIERRA HIGHWAY, AN AREA SORELY IN NEED OF ATTENTION. WE THEREFORE WISH TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT. WE WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL COMMENT ON HOW PARDEE HOMES MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE CONCERNS OUR RESIDENTS RAISED, ENDING WITH THE

PROJECT THAT BLENDS WITH AND ENHANCES OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. IS MS. SORENSON NOT HERE? WELL THEN COME ON UP WHEN I CALL YOU, PLEASE. ROB THOMSON? CRAIG YOUNG. MARK SIKAND. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE

SHARON SORENSEN: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WELL BEFORE YOU START. LISA PATRICIO? ROBIN LOWE? I'M WAITING FOR FOUR SPEAKERS. MAX HOBBS? DAN CARMICHAEL? VICKY MYERS? ALL RIGHT, MISS SORENSON.

SHARON SORENSON: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING, MY NAME'S SHARON SORENSON. I'M A SENIOR PLANNER WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF STAFF, THE APPLICANT AND THEIR ENGINEER FOR CREATING A TRULY COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, RESULTING IN SUPPORT OF NOT ONLY THE CITY BUT ALSO OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT THE CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS PROPOSED TODAY BY STAFF THAT CLARIFY THE TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS. SKYLINE RANCH BRINGS LONG-TERM BENEFITS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN TERMS OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION, TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES. IT IS A

WELL-DESIGNED, SAFE, WALKABLE COMMUNITY WITH ITS INTERNAL LOOP ROAD SYSTEM, PASEOS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE. WE HOPE YOU WILL APPROVE THIS PROJECT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY ON PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. THOMSON? MR. YOUNG? MR. SIKAND? LISA PATRICIO? ROBIN LOWE? DID YOU ALL CALL THESE IN AND THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP? MAX HOBBS? DAN CARMICHAEL

MAX HOBBS: MAX HOBBS AND DAN CARMICHAEL. MY NAME IS MAX HOBBS. I'M HERE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THE PARDEE HOMES COMPANY. I DO NOT KNOW A LOT ABOUT SKYLINE RANCH BUT I CAN TELL YOU MY EXPERIENCE OF HOW PARDEE BUILT ANOTHER MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY JUST A FEW MILES AWAY. I'M A RESIDENT OF FAIR OAKS RANCH AND WAS ELECTED TO THE FAIR OAKS RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD IN 2002 AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT SINCE 2004. HOWEVER TODAY I DO NOT SPEAK AS PRESIDENT. MY WIFE AND I FOLLOWED OUR SON AND HIS FAMILY TO FAIR OAKS RANCH IN 2001, MOVING INTO OUR NEW HOUSES ON THE SAME STREET. BOTH FAMILIES ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR HOME AND COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IN MY LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH VICE PRESIDENT JIM BIZZELLE AND HIS TEAM AT PARDEE, THEY HAVE PROVEN TO REPRESENT AN UPSTANDING AND DEPENDABLE COMPANY. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN BUILDING COMPLETE COMMUNITIES AND CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO

LIVE THERE. EXAMPLE, THE 2004 FIRE THAT THREATENED OUR H.O.A. HOMES ON THREE SIDES FROM THE CANYONS AND DOWN THE HILLSIDES, AS THE FIREFIGHTERS-- FIRE APPROACHED, I ASKED THE FIREFIGHTERS WHY THEY WERE NOT GOING TO ATTACK THE FIRE FURTHER FROM HOMES? THEY SAID NO NEED TO. THAT PARDEE-BUILT HOUSES WERE BUILT TO SUCH MODERN STANDARDS THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE OF THEM CATCHING FIRE. AS WE WERE BEING ORDERED TO EVACUATE, I SURE HOPED THEY WERE RIGHT. THEY WERE NOT ONE OF THE 393 H.O.A. HOMES BURNT OR CAUGHT ON FIRE. SOME WEEKS LATER IN OUR PARK AT A BIG THANK YOU PARTY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS, MANY HOMEOWNERS ALSO OFFERED THANKS TO PARDEE HOMES. LATER THAT YEAR, JIM BIZZELLLE ASKED FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE H.O.A. GRANTING OF ROADWAY EASEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED GOLDEN VALLEY RANCH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. DURING THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, I FOUND JIM AND HIS TEAM TO BE PLEASANT, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, GOOD LISTENERS, AND THEY SHOWED THEY CARED ABOUT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES. AFTER PARDEE AGREED TO SEVERAL ENHANCEMENTS AND ADDRESSED OUR SAFETY ISSUES, THEY MADE A PRESENTATION TO OUR HOMEOWNERS THAT RESULTED IN A VOTE OF 243-11, OR 96 PERCENT YES FOR APPROVAL OF GRANTING THE EASEMENT. THE DAY THE ROADWAY EASEMENT HAS OPENED UP THE CANYON TO OVER 1200 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, HUNDREDS OF OAK TREES AND SEVEN MILES OF TRAILS. EACH TIME PARDEE HAS PLANNED A NEW DEVELOPMENT NEXT TO OR NEAR OUR H.O.A., THEY HAVE MET WITH OUR BOARD EARLY IN THE PROCESS TO

GAIN SUPPORT AND SOLICIT ANY CONCERNS. IN COMING TO FAIR OAKS RANCH, WE EXPERIENCED MANY COMMUNITY AMENITIES, GREAT NEW SCHOOLS, A WONDERFUL PARK AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING ALL RESULTING IN STRONG HOME VALUES AND QUALITY OF LIFE. AND WE'RE PLEASE TODAY SEE A MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY ON THIS SIDE OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. BECAUSE WE HAVE A SOLID BUILDER IN PARDEE, WE NOW HAVE A WONDERFUL SHOPPING CENTER IN CANYON COUNTRY. BASED UPON WHAT PARDEE HAS DONE ALREADY IN FAIR OAKS RANCH, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW WELL THEY WILL BUILD A GREAT COMMUNITY IN SKYLINE RANCH.

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

DAN CARMICHAEL: YES, MY NAME IS DAN CARMICHAEL. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FAIR OAKS RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. I HAVE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. I'M NOT HERE TO SPEAK IN THE ABSTRACT OF WHAT MAY OCCUR AT THE SKYLINE RANCH DEVELOPMENT. I AM HERE TO SPEAK, THOUGH, OF MY DEALINGS WITH PARDEE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS ON NUMEROUS ISSUES, WHICH ARE REALLY TOO NUMEROUS TO DISCUSS HERE, AND ALSO MANY COMPLICATED AND DETAILED ISSUES. THESE ISSUES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE EXTREMELY CONTENTIOUS. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT, HOWEVER, THOUGH, THAT BECAUSE BOTH SIDES EXERCISE GOOD FAITH AND ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN PARTICULAR PARDEE, AND WE USUALLY DEAL WITH JIM BIZZELLE, WHO SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER

TODAY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVE THESE ISSUES. THESE ARE ISSUES WHICH AFFECTED OUR COMMON AREA AND ALSO HOW OUR DEVELOPMENT WOULD FIT INTO ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS. PARDEE HAS NEVER TAKEN THE APPROACH THAT ONCE IT FINISHED THE DEVELOPMENT AND SOLD ALL OF ITS HOUSES ITS OBLIGATIONS CEASED. INSTEAD, PARDEE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO LISTEN AS TO FURTHER ENHANCE-- HOW TO FURTHER ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY AND IMPROVE OUR COMMON AREAS. PARDEE HAS DEMONSTRATED OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS THAT IT IS VESTED IN THE LONG-TERM, IN THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE THIENAN PFEIFFER JOIN US, LYNNE PLAMBECK, JAY ZIFF, CRAIG YOUNG? ALL RIGHT, MISS MYERS, I GUESS YOU'RE THE LAST SPEAKER?

VICKY MYERS: WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO START?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES, PLEASE.

VICKY MYERS: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICKY MYERS AND I'M THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE SULFUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SANTA CLARITA. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF PARDEE. OUR DISTRICT HAS COMPLETED FOUR MITIGATION AGREEMENTS WITH PARDEE, WHICH HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN THE COMPLETION OF TWO ELEMENTARY

SCHOOLS, THE FIRST BEING FAIR OAKS RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND THE SECOND GOLDEN OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL. I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING ON TWO OF THE AGREEMENTS AND FOUND THAT PARDEE WORKS WELL WITH OUR DISTRICT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TYPE OF SCHOOL WE NEED, LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR OUR SCHOOL BUSES. I CAME ON BOARD JUST AS GOLDEN OAK HAD BEEN GRADED, AND ALTHOUGH NO HOUSES WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THAT TRACT, PARDEE REALIZED OUR NEED FOR MORE STUDENT SPACE AND GAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. THEY WORKED CLOSELY AND VERY COOPERATIVELY WITH OUR DISTRICT FROM BEGINNING TO END OF THE PROJECT. WE NOW HAVE A STATE-OF-THE-ART EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, COMPLETE WITH A FULLY OUTFITTED SCIENCE LAB, COMPUTERS IN EVERY STATION, DOCUMENT CAMERAS, SMART BOARDS, TELEVISION, DISHWASHER, REFRIGERATOR AND LABS TABLES AND STOOLS FOR SCIENCE LABS. EACH OF OUR CAMPUSES PARDEE SUPPLIED ALL OF THE INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR INSTRUCTION. WE HAVE FULLY OPERATIONAL COMPUTER LABS AT BOTH SCHOOLS, SET UP FOR 32 STUDENTS TO UTILIZE THEM EVERY DAY, ALL DAY. EVERY SCHOOL HAS BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING, A RUNNING TRACK. AND THAT RUNNING TRACK IS UTILIZED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE FULL COMMUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN ON THE WEEKEND. WE HAVE SOCCER GAMES AND PRACTICES. OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS REMAIN OPEN AFTER SCHOOL. AND BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY WERE DESIGNED BY PARDEE, THEY SERVE AS PARKS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS. FOR SKYLINE RANCH, SULFUR SPRINGS AND PARDEE HAVE AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE TO

DESIGNATED 10 NET USABLE ACRES FOR OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 500-STUDENT SITE WITH UTILITIES IN PLACE TO EXPAND TO 750. PARDEE WILL SUPPLY THE LAND, BUILDINGS, FURNISHINGS AND ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. PARDEE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR DISTRICT AND OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THIS CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

LYNNE PLAMBECK: LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S OBVIOUS INTEREST IN WATER SUPPLY AND TAKING US SERIOUSLY ON THESE MATTERS AS THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED FOR YOU, NOT NECESSARILY DOCUMENTATION THAT WE AGREE WITH, BUT AT LEAST IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING US SERIOUSLY. IT'S ALSO OBVIOUS THAT THEY'RE TAKING US SERIOUSLY BECAUSE MR. ANTONOVICH HAS TO ADDRESS A LIST OF QUESTIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY TO MAKE IT SEEM LEGAL THAT THE WATER COMPANY THAT THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY ANNEXED TO IS NOT SUPPLYING THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION-- AND PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT THAT IT WOULD BE ANNEXED TO IS THE ONE SUPPLYING THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT WHOLLY OWNED BY CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY. WHILE THERE IS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT MAY MAKE THAT GO FORWARD, I QUESTION

WHETHER IT WOULD BE LEGAL FOR THEM NOT TO HAVE THE EXISTING WATER AGENCY SUPPLY THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT AS WE BROUGHT TO YOU MANY TIMES THE WATER, THE CLEAN UP IS STILL NOT FUNCTIONING, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOW RUNNING TESTS AND RUNNING WATER INTO THE RIVER, THERE IS NO MENTION OF HOW THEY'RE GOING TO HANDLE THE VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS. THEY'VE PROVIDED A WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT TO YOU THAT SAYS THERE ARE CURRENTLY 10,000 ACRE FEET AVAILABLE FROM THE SAUGUS AQUIFER. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AND THE DEPARTMENT COULD SEE THAT FROM LOOKING AT THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO YOU JUST RECENTLY IN JULY OF 2010. SO, AGAIN, WE DON'T BELIEVE THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT IS ACCURATE. AND WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT THE WATER SUPPLY WITH PERHAPS A MORE INDEPENDENT VIEW THAN JUST HAVING REPORTS FROM THE WATER AGENCIES. WE SEEM TO HAVE A SORT OF PONZI SCHEME OUT THERE WHERE DEVELOPERS RUN THE BOARDS AND THE BOARDS SAY THAT THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER FOR THE DEVELOPERS. SO THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THE BURDEN OF PROOF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS ARE MERELY BENEFITS THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT IF IT'S BUILT, ANYWAY. THEY'VE LISTED FIRE SERVICE. THEY'VE LISTED SCHOOLS. THEY'VE LISTED PARKS. WELL, I MEAN, YOU DON'T NEED THAT STUFF UNLESS YOU BUILD A PROJECT, SO HOW IS THAT AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION? THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WE'VE BROUGHT UP FOR QUITE SOMETIME THAT AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION SHOULD

BE SOMETHING BEYOND IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO A COMMUNITY, IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT IS JUST PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. AND I HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER THESE STATEMENTS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: YEAH, I HAVE A MOTION WITH A-- THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAD BEEN APPROVED WITH THE CHANGES THAT INCORPORATED CONDITIONS INVOLVING THE TRAILS, PASEOS, BICYCLE LINES AND THE ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY DIMENSIONS, REFLECTING TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROPOSED RIGHT- OF-WAY DIMENSIONS ADVANCES AN IMPORTANT GOAL OF ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION WHICH ELIMINATES THE DIFFERENCES IN ROADWAY DESIGN BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY NEIGHBORHOODS. AS I SAID, THIS WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON MARCH 24TH BY THE COMMISSION. MORE THAN 80 PERCENT WILL BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE. INCLUDES A FULLY DEVELOPED 11-ACRE PARK WITH A MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELD, BASKETBALL COURT, VOLLEYBALL AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, PICNIC AREAS AND COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE. IN ADDITION TO THE PARK THERE ARE 6 ACRES OF SMALLER PARKS AS WELL AS A SERIES OF WALKING PASEOS AND SIDEWALKS AND

A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY SAFELY AND TO WALK TO THE PROPOSED 11-ACRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT WILL BE BUILT. THE APPLICANT IS CONDITIONED TO DEDICATE AND IMPROVE A TWO-MILE SEGMENT OF THE MINT CANYON TRAIL MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL TRAILS WITHIN THE PROJECT MAINTAINED BY THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. THE DENSITY OF THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS FOR THIS PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE DEVELOPED AT A DENSITY CONSISTENT WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, BUT APPROXIMATELY THREE UNITS TO THE ACRE. THIS IS LESS THAN THE DENSITY OF FOUR UNITS TO THE ACRE IN THE ADJOURNING PLUM CANYON DEVELOPMENT, 3.9 UNITS AN ACRE OF THE OLDER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND THE CITY'S PROJECT, AROUND THAT PROJECT. THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT DOES NOT GRANT ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR THE APPLICANT. THE AMENDMENT RESULTS IN A NET ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT AS IT ELIMINATES 200 RECORDED LOTS, PREVENTING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA THAT INCLUDES-- SENSITIVE AREAS. THE ELIMINATION OF THE CRUZAN MESA ROAD, THE REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND COUNTY STAFF. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: FIRE, HEALTH, PARKS, PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING AS WELL AS THE LOCAL WATER WHOLESALER AND PURVEYOR. THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THESE

AGENCIES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. DUE TO THE RECENT FIRE AND STORM ACTIVITY UNRELATED TO THE PROJECT, THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE DEMAND FOR LOCATIONS TO DISPOSE OF THE SEDIMENT THAT ACCUMULATES BEHIND DAMS AND IN THE DEBRIS BASINS. THIS NEED IS PARTICULARLY GREAT IN AREAS NEAR THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST AND IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHERE SUCH SITES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. FOR THIS REASON, AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MY OFFICE AND COUNTY STAFF AND THE APPLICANT, THE PROJECT WILL BE CONDITIONED TO GRANT A SITE TO THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SEDIMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE BOARD'S ACTION APPROVING THE PROJECT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE, FOR APPROVAL IS APPROPRIATE GIVEN ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING, THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, AND THE PROPOSED PUBLIC AMENITIES. IN ADDITION, THOSE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND TO ADDRESS VARIOUS ISSUES THAT INCLUDE PROVIDING A RANGE OF HOMES THAT REDUCE THE MASSING OF THE PROJECT, THE APPLICANT SHOULD INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: THE APPLICANT OR ITS SUCCESSOR SHALL GRANT A SITE AND FEE TITLE TO THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR A FUTURE SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE BOARD'S APPROVAL VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT 060922 AND THE SIZE OF THE LOCATION OF THE SITE SHALL BE TO THE SATISFACTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

SECTION 77477.5 OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP. ACT. WITHIN EACH PHASE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THAT INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL LOTS, THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST THREE DISTINCT HOUSE DESIGNS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. HOUSES SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF NO MORE THAN TWO STORIES AND 25 FEET IN HEIGHT. FOR TWO-STORY HOMES ON THE TWO SIDES OF THE SECOND STORY NOT THE FRONT AND BACK, THE SECOND STORY MUST BE SET BACK TO A MINIMUM OF ONE FOOT FROM THE EDGE OF THE FIRST STORY FOR EVERY TWO FEET OF HEIGHT OF THE SECOND STORY. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN ONE GARAGE FOR EACH HOUSE AND THE GARAGE SHALL NOT EXCEED 26 FEET IN WIDTH. FOR HOUSES WITH ATTACHED GARAGES, THE GARAGES SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE, FROM THE FACE OF THE HOUSE. WITHIN EACH PHASE OF THE PROJECT THAT INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL LOTS, 20 PERCENT AT LEAST OF THE UNITS SHALL HAVE A DETACHED GARAGE LOCATED TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY INTERSPERSED AMONGST THE HOUSES WITH ATTACHED GARAGES. A TOTAL OF 3 NATIVE DROUGHT-TOLERANT TREES, 15-GALLON OR LARGER SHALL BE PLANTED ON EACH LOT AND REVISED CONDITION 1 OF TRAIL CONDITIONS AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT LETTER OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2009 TO REQUIRE THAT DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT POSTING OF BONDS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS ALL OCCUR PRIOR TO THE RECORDATION OF THE FIRST FINAL MAP. THEREFORE I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARING, CERTIFYING THAT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, THE ADDENDUM TO MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STANDARD OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND ADDENDUM REFLECTS INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADOPT THE ADDENDUM, SIGNIFYING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN, AMENDMENT TO DELETE CRUZAN MESA ROAD AND REALIGN WHITES CANYON ROAD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS TO APPROVE THE C.U.P. OAK TREE PERMIT, HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP. NO. 060922, INCORPORATING THE ABOVE REFERENCED CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND BRING THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT MOTION IS BEFORE US. SECOND. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT MOTION. OKAY. THAT TAKES CARE OF ITEM NO. 7. ARE WE READY ON 6? ITEM NO. 8.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THIS IS A DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2008-01962-(2). CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200800163-(2) AND CONSIDERATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200800115-(2) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A SCRAP METAL YARD IN THE FIRESTONE PARK ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY BAHRAM BAKHSHI, THERE IS DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED AND THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

MARK CHILD: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MARK CHILD. I'M A SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER FOR THE ZONING PERMITS 1 SECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NO. 8 IS AN APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SCRAP METAL YARD AT 9113 SOUTH ALAMEDA STREET IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION FOR THE PROPERTY IS I, WHICH IS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL. IT'S ZONED M2, HEAVY MANUFACTURING. IN THE M2 ZONE, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE A SCRAP METAL YARD. THERE WERE THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THIS PROJECT, DECEMBER 9TH, 2009, JANUARY 10TH, 2010, AND APRIL 14TH, 2010. AT THE APRIL 14TH HEARING, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDED TESTIMONY AND BY A VOTE OF 4-0 APPROVED THE REQUEST. ONE COMMISSIONER WAS ABSENT.

THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD BY WILLIAMS RECYCLING COMPANY. THEY CITE TRAFFIC CONCERNS THAT THE PROJECT IS TOO SMALL TO OPERATE A SCRAP METAL YARD ON THIS PROPERTY AND THAT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SITE, AND THIS IS THE REASON FOR FILING THEIR APPEAL. THE APPROVAL-- EXCUSE ME-- THE PROPOSAL IS TO USE A 32,000 SQUARE FOOT VACANT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF ALAMEDA AND 92ND STREET FOR A SCRAP METAL YARD. A SCRAP METAL YARD SHOULDN'T BE CONFUSED WITH A RECYCLING FACILITY, WHICH TYPICALLY ACCEPTS C.R.V. AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLE PROJECTS. THE ZONING CODE TREATS THESE USES DIFFERENTLY. SCRAP METAL YARDS RECEIVE SALVAGE METALS THAT ARE SORTED AND THEN TAKEN OFF-SITE FOR REMELTING AT STEEL MILLS AND FOUNDRIES. THE PROPOSED OPERATION WOULD INCLUDE RAMPS AND A BOBCAT LOADER TO UNLOAD MATERIALS FROM DEPOSITING TRUCKS. THE SCRAP METALS WILL BE SORTED INTO PILES AND LOADED INTO SHIPPING CARGO CONTAINERS, LARGE SEMI TRUCKS WOULD HAUL AWAY THE SHIPPING CONTAINERS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THIS SITE IS SURROUNDED BY OTHER M2-ZONED PROPERTIES ON ALL SIDES. THE USE SURROUNDING THE PROPERTIES INCLUDE POWER TRANSMISSION LINES AND A PLANT NURSERY, THE ALAMEDA RAIL CORRIDOR, WAREHOUSES, AUTOMOBILE DISMANTLING YARDS AND OTHER SCRAP METAL YARDS. BEFORE TAKING THEIR ACTION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT THE SITE PLAN AND OPERATIONS PLAN HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY PLANNING STAFF AND STAFF FROM CONSULTING DEPARTMENTS AND THAT

THESE PLANS MET ZONING STANDARDS FOR SCRAP METAL YARDS AND OTHER RELEVANT CODE SECTIONS INCLUDING PARKING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS THE APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT UNDER C.E.Q.A. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS, THE COMMISSION RECEIVED OPPOSING TESTIMONY FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES WHO SHARE THE CONCERNS OF WILLIAMS RECYCLING. THIS CONCLUDES THE STAFF REPORT AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. YES, DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THE PUBLIC FIRST?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YES, WE'LL READ FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST THEN I'LL READ MY MOTION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE'LL BEGIN WITH B.J. MCELMORE FOLLOWED BY ROBIN ROBINSON. MONA HOWERTON, YOEL DAGMY. PLEASE JOIN US. MR. MCELMORE?

B.J. MCELMORE: GOOD MORNING. I'M B.J. MCELMORE AND I'M OPPOSED TO THE SCRAP METAL BUSINESS TO GO THERE ON 92ND AND ALAMEDA. I'M A RESIDENT. AND I HAVE PROPERTY THERE ON 92ND STREET. AND

WE HAVE NO PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS THERE. IT'S HAZARDOUS TO OUR HEALTH, OUR HOMES, OUR GARDENS AND OUR ANIMALS. WE DON'T NEED ANY ADDITIONAL METALS THERE. WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH WILLIAMS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS THAT HAS NOT AFFECTED US AS MUCH AS IT HAS IN THE PAST. SO I AM OPPOSED TO ANOTHER BUSINESS TO COME THERE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ROBIN ROBINSON?

ROBIN ROBINSON: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ROBIN ROBINSON, I'M THE CORPORATE COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR FOR S.A. RECYCLING. THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING HAS, OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS, BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL GREEN INDUSTRIES IN THE UNITED STATES. STARTING FROM JUNK YARDS THAT LOOK LIKE LANDFILLS TO THE STATE-OF-THE-ART RECYCLING FACILITIES, THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS GROWN AND IMPROVED. RECYCLING INDUSTRY NATIONWIDE EXPORTS OVER $90 BILLION OF SCRAP METAL ANNUALLY. RECYCLING IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ECONOMY, BUT IT MUST BE PROPERLY REGULATED. THE SCRAP METAL INDUSTRY HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE OF SEVERAL REASONS. SCRAP METAL RECYCLING REDUCES GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS BY REQUIRING 90 PERCENT LESS ENERGY TO MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS FROM RECYCLEABLES THAN VIRGIN OIL OR BY AVOIDING LANDFILLING. NUMBER 2, ENVIRONMENT REGULATIONS PROVIDE CLEANER AIR AND WATER BY MANDATING THE REMOVAL OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS

MATERIALS AND KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE AIR, STORM WATER, WATERWAYS AND OUR LANDFILLS. METAL SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY HAS ADVANCED TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO SEPARATE OUT A COPPER WIRE THE THICKNESS OF A HUMAN HAIR. AND THE LIST GOES ON. WE NEED TO KEEP THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY MOVING FORWARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND NOT RETURNING TO THE TYPE OF POLLUTING JUNK YARDS THAT LINED ALAMEDA FOR DECADES. WE MUST GUARANTEE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING PROCESS ARE COMPLIANT, COMPETITIVE AND WHOSE FACILITIES CAN GUARANTEE THAT THE RECEIVING, HANDLING, PROCESSING AND SHIPMENT OF RECLAIMED MATERIAL IS DONE SAFELY AND ACCORDING TO ALL FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THE RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENT OF THIS COUNTY MUST BE PROTECTED. THIS CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD PLANNING STANDARDS THAT ADDRESS TODAY'S NEEDS AND CORRECTS YESTERDAY'S MISTAKES. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF CITIES LIKE CARSON, SOUTHGATE, IRWINDALE AND SAN DIEGO BY REQUIRING THAT RECYCLING FACILITIES BE PROPERLY DEFINED IN THEIR SIZE AND DESIGN, TO CONFORM TO THE DESIGNATED RECYCLING FUNCTION. THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YARDS THAT HANDLE SMALL PICKUP TRUCK LOADS OF HOUSEHOLD SCRAP METAL AND THOSE THAT HANDLE INDUSTRIAL-SIZE SCRAP THAT ARRIVE AND LEAVE IN 40-FOOT CONTAINERS. MORE MODERN ZONING ORDINANCES ARE NEEDED SO THESE DIFFERENCES ARE ADDRESSED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY YARDS. SMALLER

YARDS LIKE THE ONE PROPOSED IS GOOD FOR THE INDUSTRY BUT IT CANNOT HANDLE SCRAP METAL AS PROPOSED. IT IS OUR FEELING THAT A YARD LIKE THIS ONE CANNOT REMAIN COMPLIANT AND COMPETITIVE IN TODAY'S DIFFICULT MARKETPLACE. IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE STEEL SCRAP, THIS YARD WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HANDLE A HANDFUL OF CUSTOMERS WITHOUT BACKING UP TRAFFIC ONTO ALAMEDA. THEIR PROPOSED RECEIVING, STAGING AND SHIPPING AREA IS LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE ALREADY CONGESTED AREA. THIS YARD AND OTHERS LIKE IT ARE JUST TOO SMALL FOR THE TYPE OF RECYCLING THAT THEY PROPOSE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MS. HOWERTON?

MONA HOWERTON: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MONA HOWERTON. I REPRESENT WINDS RECYCLING, A SCRAP YARD IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST HEARINGS AND CHARACTERIZED AS A BAD COMPETITOR THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS AS I FEEL THAT MAYBE IT'S A WAY TO DEFLECT THE REAL ISSUES IN OUR INDUSTRY. WE ARE A REASONABLE BUSINESS. WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO COOPERATE AND WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR HEAVILY REGULATED BUSINESS JUST IN L.A. TO OPEN A NEW STEEL YARD, YOU NEED TO OPEN UP WITHIN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES. THAT TAKES A FAIR AMOUNT OF CAPITAL IN TODAY'S WORLD. JUST THE SOPHISTICATED STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS YOU NEED, IT TAKES QUITE A BIT. YOU NEED TO HAVE LARGE

PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IF YOU'RE IN THE STEEL BUSINESS AND LARGE PROCESSING CUTTING EQUIPMENT MEANS YOU NEED 75-FOOT CLEARANCES BETWEEN YOUR EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. THIS SCRAP YARD THAT IS APPLYING, THEY HAVE A 40-FOOT AREA TO PROCESS. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THAT MAY WORK. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS GIVEN TO THE APPLICANT IN THE HEARINGS. CONDITION 34 IS A FLAGMAN PROCEDURE WHERE THERE'S GOING TO BE A FLAGMAN ON ALAMEDA FLAGGING IN THEIR TRAFFIC AND THEIR TRUCKS. THIS ISN'T ACCEPTABLE TO US. AND MAYBE YOU COULD LOOK AT IT AS A COMPETITOR SAYING THIS. WE'D BE FORCED TO IMPLEMENT OUR OWN FLAGMEN OUT THERE JUST TO PROTECT OUR NORMAL TRAFFIC THAT WE HAVE TO OUR SITE. CONDITION 38 IS ALLOWING THEM TO ACCEPT APPLIANCES, WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THEIR CONDITION 37, WHICH IS SAYING THEY'RE PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING MATERIALS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL HANDLING. APPLIANCES JUST IN THEMSELVES ARE HAZARDOUS AS TO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO WITH THEM AND THE HANDLING. CONDITION 13 IS A DROP AREA ON THE SITE PLAN THAT THEY'RE RESTRICTED TO. AND IT'S ABOUT A 4,000 SQUARE FOOT AREA WHERE THEY'RE EXPECTED TO STORE, SORT AND PROCESS ALL THEIR MATERIALS. THIS IS UNENFORCEABLE AND IT IS UNSAFE. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, A SEMI TRUCK IS ABOUT 60 FEET, IS LARGER THAN THE AREA THEY HAVE TO PROCESS IN. THE OTHER THING IS THE TRUCKS ALL HAVE TO EXIT, ALL THE TRUCKS AND PUBLIC PEOPLE HAVE TO EXIT ON 92ND STREET. OUR GATE IS APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET AWAY FROM THEIR GATE. WHAT THIS MEANS, IT HAS A DIRECT

IMPACT ON OUR FLOW IN AND OUT. AND SCRAP IS A VERY HIGH VOLUME INDUSTRY. THERE WILL BE A LOT OF TRAFFIC. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU IS THAT YOU LOOK AT THE STANDARDS ON NEIGHBORING CITIES THAT WE COME UP WITH SOME NEW STANDARDS FOR OUR INDUSTRY THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH. MOST OF THE YARDS ARE IN COMPLIANCE, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ALMOST ABLE TO OPEN UP YARDS BECAUSE IT'S A WHOLE NEW THING THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT EDUCATED IN AND KNOWING THE ISSUES. SO WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE A BREAK, A PAUSE AND JUST UNDERSTAND SOME OF WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPLY AND BE A SCRAP YARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MR. DAGMY.

YOEL DAGMY: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS YOEL DAGMY, I'M THE I.S.R.I WEST COAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT. I'VE BEEN IN THE SCRAP BUSINESS FOR 37 YEARS, DURING WHICH I BUILT, DESIGNED AND MANAGED MANY SCRAP YARDS, INCLUDING DISMANTLING SHIPS. I.S.R.I HAS APPROXIMATELY 1,500 COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY WELL OVER 100,000 PEOPLE. WE ARE THE ORIGINAL RECYCLERS AND MAJOR EXPORTERS OF FERROUS AND NONFERROUS MATERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES, TOTALING ANYWHERE FROM 55 TO $85 BILLION. THIS IS NOT JUST A LOCAL PROBLEM BUT IT'S A NATIONAL PROBLEM. THAT IS WHY THERE IS ALL THESE NEW LAWS. FOR EXAMPLE, METAL THEFT, RADIATION CONTAMINATION, STORM WATER, SAFETY STANDARDS, A.Q.N.D. AND MORE. WE MUST BRING THOSE SCRAP YARDS INTO THE

21ST CENTURY. THIS IS WHY MANY CITIES SET UP STANDARDS FOR RECYCLING YARDS SUCH AS THE CORRECT SIZE NEEDED, MINIMUM SETBACKS FOR PROCESSING MATERIALS, BLOCK WALLS, ADEQUATE PARKING FOR WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC, AND SOME CITIES DON'T EVEN ALLOW SCRAP YARDS. WE SPENT $2 BILLION OR MORE TO FIX THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, AND NOW I SEE YOU ARE ALLOWING SOME COMPANIES ON ALAMEDA TO HAVE FLAGMEN. I ENCOURAGE SOME OF YOU COULD DRIVE UP AND DOWN ALAMEDA AND SEE WHAT THOSE FLAGMEN ARE DOING AND HOW THEY ARE DELAYING TRAFFIC. AND I REALLY WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME OF YOU VISIT SOME OF THE SCRAP YARDS ON ALAMEDA STREET THAT ARE BEING OPERATED PROPERLY WITH THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT, WITH ALL SAFETY PROCEDURES PUT IN PLACE. AND IF YOU GET A CHANCE, YOU SHOULD VISIT ONE OF THE EXPORT FACILITIES ON TERMINAL ISLAND. THERE IS TWO FACILITIES DOWN THERE. IN MY OPINION, THE SCRAP YARD IN QUESTION IS TOO SMALL AND IT IS NOT SAFE TO OPERATE A FULL-FLEDGED FERROUS AND NONFERROUS FACILITY. FURTHERMORE, IT WILL CREATE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON ALAMEDA STREET. I STRONGLY URGE THAT BEFORE ISSUING PERMITS, YOU CONSIDER THESE REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL RECYCLERS FOLLOW FEDERAL, LOCAL AND STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MR. CIACCIO, I HOPE THAT'S CORRECT. ALEX DEGOOD, JOHN RODRIGUEZ AND JANA KANNER. I APOLOGIES FOR MISPRONOUNCING YOUR NAME. WHAT IS IT?

ROBERT CIACCIO: IT'S CHA-CHO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT BY ME.

ROBERT CIACCIO: THAT'S ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY DOES IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OH, OKAY YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROBERT CIACCIO: THANK YOU. I REPRESENT WILLIAMS RECYCLING. I'M THEIR COUNSEL. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S ANY DISPUTE, EVEN FROM REGIONAL PLANNING, THAT THIS LOT LACKS THE PROPER SIZE AND THAT IT WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC ISSUES ON ALAMEDA. THUS THE CONDITIONS AND THE RECOGNITION FROM REGIONAL PLANNING THAT A FLAGMAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO CURB THE TRAFFIC ON ALAMEDA AND THAT CERTAIN ENTRANCES AND EXITS BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO THWART THE UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC. WILLIAMS RECYCLING, AS MANY OTHERS, IS NOT HERE AS A COMPETITOR TO THWART FAIR COMPETITION. THEY ARE HERE TO POLICE THEIR OWN INDUSTRY AND AGENCY WHICH IS REQUIRED. ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS CAN BE PLACED ON MANY OF THESE SCRAP YARDS, THE ULTIMATE ABILITY TO ENFORCE THESE CONDITIONS LIES WITH THE INDUSTRY ITSELF. IN TERMS OF THE INITIAL STUDY SUBMITTED WITH RESPECT TO THE C.E.Q.A. ISSUES, I BELIEVE THAT THE INITIAL STUDY LACKS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE DETERMINATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS THAT

WERE REACHED IN THE ACTUAL APPLICATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE VERY LITTLE ISSUES ADDRESSING TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL. WE HAVE SITUATIONS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, LIQUEFACTION AND ABSOLUTELY NONE OF THESE ISSUES WERE ADDRESSED BY ANY OF THE UNDERLYING AGENCIES. THESE UNDERLYING AGENCIES SIMPLY SUBMITTED CONCLUSIONARY STATEMENTS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT OF THE INITIAL STUDY, WHICH IS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY C.E.Q.A. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ADDITION OF A SCRAP YARD WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. I BELIEVE THAT THE HEARINGS BEFORE REGIONAL PLANNING PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND IN RECOGNITION THAT THESE PROBLEMS DO EXIST AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY TYPE OF REGULATION, THUS THE NUMEROUS CONDITIONS THAT WERE PLACED ON THE OPERATION. I THINK THAT TO PUT IT SUCCINCT, THAT THIS YARD IS CLEARLY TOO SMALL. IT'S CLEARLY TOO SMALL TO OPERATE IN THE WAY THAT THEY WISH TO OPERATE, TAKING ON BOTH NONFERROUS AND FERROUS METALS. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL THAT THERE WILL BE A TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON ALAMEDA, A HIGHLY TRAFFICKED AREA AS IT IS NOW. AND TO SIMPLY SAY, LET'S PUT FLAGMEN OUT THERE TO WAVE CARS ON AND OFF IS AN UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION THAT THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS AT HAND. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT RISE FROM THE INITIAL STUDY THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE INVESTIGATING AGENCIES TO SUBMIT

DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE CONCLUSIONS THAT IT'S REACHED IN THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STUDY ITSELF. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. DEGOOD.

ALEX DEGOOD: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS ALEX DEGOOD, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LAW FIRM OF JEFFER, MANGELS, BUTLER AND MARMARO, REPRESENTING THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 9113 ALAMEDA AND THE OPERATORS, AS WELL OF THE SCRAP YARD. YOU'RE HEARING TESTIMONY THAT'S FAIRLY GENERALIZED TESTIMONY ABOUT THE SCRAP INDUSTRY, AND YOU'RE HEARING IT FROM OPERATORS WHO OPERATE MUCH BIGGER YARDS THAT DO THINGS THAT WE'RE JUST NOT PROPOSING TO DO ON THIS SITE. YOU'RE HEARING FROM FOLKS THAT DO LARG RECYCLING OPERATIONS, THAT TAKE IN MATERIALS THAT WELL NOT BE TAKING IN THAT INDEED WE'RE CONDITIONED THAT WE CANNOT TAKE IN. THIS YARD IS OBVIOUSLY NOT AS LARGE AS A LOT OF THESE SURROUNDING YARDS. BUT TO SUGGEST THAT AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS OF VERY DETAILED STAFF INVESTIGATION BY PLANNING, BY PUBLIC WORKS, TO SUGGEST AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF HIGHLY DETAILED OPERATIONS, TRAFFIC PLANS, SITE PLANS THAT OUTLINE EXACTLY HOW THIS SITE IS TO OPERATE, EXACTLY HOW TRAFFIC IS TO FLOW THROUGH, THAT SOMEHOW PLANNING OR PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER AGENCIES HAVEN'T DONE INVESTIGATIONS, THAT AFTER THREE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS IN WHICH THE COMMISSION WAS HIGHLY ENGAGED, CONTINUED TO MATTER A COUPLE TIMES BECAUSE

THEY WANTED MORE INFORMATION FROM STAFF AND MORE INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICANT, TO SUGGEST THAT SOMEHOW MORE STUDY NEEDS TO BE DONE I THINK IS NOT CORRECT. AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL, AS WELL. THIS IS A CLEAN SITE. IT'S HAD PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETED A COUPLE YEARS AGO. THERE WAS SOME MINOR REMEDIATION DONE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH THIS SITE. IT'S A PARCEL IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE. BUT OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, PLANNING, PUT A CONDITION ON THAT THE APPLICANT SHOULD WORK WITH COUNTY FIRE THROUGH HAZMAT TO DO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION. THAT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WHAT WE KNEW GOING IN, THIS WAS A CLEAN SITE AND HAZMAT HAS JUST ISSUED A LETTER THAT THEY'RE GOING TO CLEAR THE SITE AND REQUIRE NO ADDITIONAL REMEDIATION OR INVESTIGATION. IRONICALLY, THIS SITE, THIS RELATIVELY SMALL SITE ON A CORNER PROPERTY WHERE TRAFFIC CAN TRAVEL IN OFF OF ALAMEDA AND EXIT ONTO 92ND, SO WE HAVE A NATURAL TRAFFIC FLOW, THAT MANY OF THE YARDS AROUND US DON'T HAVE BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAS TO ENTER AND EXIT OFF OF ONE STREET. FOR INSTANCE, WILLIAMS RECYCLING NEXT DOOR, EVERYTHING HAS TO ENTER AND EXIT OFF OF 92ND STREET. THAT DOES CREATE A FEW TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE OUR CIRCULATION IS ACTUALLY SET UP MUCH BETTER BECAUSE WE'RE ON A CORNER PROPERTY. AND THIS ISSUE OF A FLAGMAN WAS SOMETHING THAT PLANNING CAME TO US AND SAID "JUST TO BE SAFE, WOULD YOU

BE WILLING TO HAVE A FLAGMAN OUT THERE TO WAVE AWAY TRAFFIC IF THINGS STARTED TO GET BACKED UP"? THAT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT THAT SURROUNDING SCRAP YARDS HAVE. AND THEY CAN BACK UP TRAFFIC AND DON'T HAVE TO MOVE IT ON. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DO THAT. WE'VE HAD MORE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON US THAN ANY SURROUNDING OPERATOR. AND THIS HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED MORE THAN SURROUNDING OPERATORS. AND I SUBMIT THAT THIS PROJECT CAN WORK HERE. IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. AND WE WILL CERTAINLY COMPLY WITH ALL THOSE CONDITIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. IS JANA KENNER HERE OR NOT? NO? ALL RIGHT, MR. RODRIGUEZ

JOHN RODRIGUEZ: YES. FIRST OF ALL I'D SAY THANK YOU FOR HEARING US TODAY. MY NAME IS JOHN RODRIGUEZ. I AM AN APPLICANT AND I WILL BE RUNNING THE SCRAP METAL YARD ON 92ND AND ALAMEDA. WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY ASPECT OF EVERY NOTICE THAT ANYONE HAS GIVEN TO US. NUMEROUS YEARS HAVE GONE BUY. I APPLIED FOR THIS IN OCTOBER OF 2008. I UNDERSTAND THE TIMING THAT IT TAKES TO GENERATE THE APPROVAL. BUT I HAVE GONE THROUGH THREE HEARINGS, ALL WHICH I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO EXTEND AND SHOW MORE PROOF THAT MY SCRAP YARD WILL WORK. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH OTHER COMPANIES FOR 15, 20 PLUS YEARS. WE'RE REPUTABLE WITH C.H.P. WE'RE CONTRACTED WITH A.A.A. WITH THE TOWING YARD IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE DONE

VERY WELL IN THIS AREA AND WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO OPEN ANOTHER COMPANY. I HAVE BEEN BLOCKADED BY OTHER COMPANIES AND OTHER RECYCLING YARDS TO PRETTY MUCH FORCE ME OUT IN A FINANCIAL WAY. THEY ARE PROLONGING AS MUCH AS THEY CAN MY APPROVAL. AND THEY ARE TRYING TO HINDER THE JUDGMENT OF MY APPROVAL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY RULE. I HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY PERMIT, ANYTHING HAS EVER ASKED OF ME. ANY COMMITTEE, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE PLANNING, I COME MID. I HAVE NEVER BEEN COY WITH ANYBODY. I HAVE DONE EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE ASKED. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. SET IN STONE AND I'VE DONE IT. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HEAR AN APPROVAL TODAY. IT'S COMING ON TWO YEARS FOR ME OPENING UP THIS COMPANY. NOT ONLY THE FINANCIAL STRAIN BUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IT INVOLVED IN OPENING A BUSINESS HAS BEEN -- HAS PUT A STRAIN ON EVERYTHING. SO I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT CAN WE PLEASE REVIEW ALL THE INFORMATION AND WE THINK THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD AND OPEN UP THIS BUSINESS AND DO VERY WELL IN THE AREA.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MA'AM?

JANA KANNER: I'M JANA KANNER, I AM THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY. MR. BAKHSHI, DON, ARE OUR TENANTS. THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING ASKED OF THEM: REGIONAL PLANNING, HAZMAT, I'M SORRY THAT OUR COMPETITORS DO NOT WANT

US IN BUSINESS, BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A PIECE OF PROPERTY ZONED FOR THIS TYPE OF A BUSINESS. AND THOUGH THEY FEEL WE'RE TOO SMALL OF A PIECE OF PROPERTY, I'M SURE THEY'D LICK OUR PROPERTY, I FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR APPROVAL. THEY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING. THEY ARE WILLING TO COMPLY. THEY HAVE SATISFIED EVERY DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THEY HAVEN'T SATISFIED IS OUR COMPETITORS. SO I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU GUYS APPROVE THIS AND LET THIS MAN OPERATE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AND LET ME SAY THANK YOU TO THE PERSONS WHO CAME TO TESTIFY. AND I WILL READ IN THIS MOTION FOR THE RECORD. TODAY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS BEING ASKED TO DENY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A SCRAP METAL PROCESSING YARD AT 9113 ALAMEDA STREET IN THE M2 ZONE IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. WHILE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE C.U.P. ON APRIL 14TH, 2010, OUTSTANDING CONCERNS REMAIN REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL HAZARDS RELATED TO THE SMALL SIZE OF THE LOT. AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS, THE C.U.P. DOES NOT PROVIDE CLEARLY OUTLINED CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS, DEMONSTRATE THE EFFICACY OF THE OPERATIONS OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING PLANS. THIS ISSUE IS REFLECTIVE OF A MORE SIGNIFICANT

CONCERN ALONG THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, WHICH IS HOME TO A MULTITUDE OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES. OVER 20 OF THESE BUSINESSES CURRENTLY OPERATE AS JUNK AND SALVAGE YARDS WHILE THESE FACILITIES PROVIDE A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH THE PROCESSING AND HANDLING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, A RECENT REVIEW OF THESE BUSINESSES REVEAL THAT OVER 80 PERCENT DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE VALID PERMITS. C.U.P.S FOR THESE FACILITIES ARE FUNDAMENTAL IN REGULATING THE COMPLEX HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE TYPES OF USES, ADDITIONAL SOPHISTICATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE STATE-OF-THE-ART, STATE AND FEDERAL COUNTERPARTS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES ARE APPLIED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL OCTOBER 26TH, 2010 TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO THE C.U.P. THAT ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OUTLINED ABOVE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS USE, INCLUDING ITS OPERATIONS, PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE C.U.P. REQUIREMENTS FOR SCRAP

YARDS, REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, 1) AN EVALUATION OF EXISTING STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES CURRENTLY UTILIZED BY OTHER URBAN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AND, 2) THE EFFICACY OF ESTABLISHING UPDATED DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AND INTERAGENCY GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR OTHER ZONING MECHANISMS ALONG THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TO PROMOTE REGULATION OF THESE FACILITIES. THAT CONCLUDES THE MOTION AND I WOULD SEEK A SECOND.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU'RE BASICALLY CONTINUING IT TO OCTOBER THE 26TH WITH THE IDEAS THAT YOU WANT TO COME BACK?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IS THERE A SECOND? SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 6. ITEM NO. 6 THIS IS HEARING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS WITHIN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. AND THERE IS A DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT. THIS IS ALSO TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AS WELL. AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. THERE IS ALSO SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

MITCH GLAZER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MITCH GLAZER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NO. 6 IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE TO AMEND THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT OR C.S.D. AS YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR, THE COUNTY CODE PROVIDES FOR C.S.D.S TO ADDRESS VARIOUS LAND USE DISTRICTS IN THE VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTY THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA HAS HAD A C.S.D. FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, THE C.S.D DOES NOT ADDRESS THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT. THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA INCLUDES MANY HILLSIDE AREAS AS IT DIRECTLY ADJOINS THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT CAN HAVE MANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND AESTHETIC IMPACTS FOR VIEWS AND OTHER RESOURCES. THERE IS ALSO POTENTIAL SAFETY IMPACTS FROM LANDSLIDES AND FIRES, AS THIS IS AREAS NEAR THE NATIONAL FOREST. THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE WOULD ADDRESS THESE POTENTIAL IMPACTS THROUGH THREE PRIMARY COMPONENTS. THE FIRST COMPONENT IS TO REQUIRE DISCRETIONARY REVIEW FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS, EITHER A MINOR C.U.P. OR A FULL C.U.P. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING HOUSE OR NEW ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUCH AS BARNS OR GARAGES. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE RIGOROUS REVIEW AND IMPORTANTLY IT WOULD

REQUIRE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE DESIGN. THE SECOND COMPONENT OF THE ORDINANCE IS REGARDING GRADING. A FULL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GRADING EXCEEDING 2,500 CUBIC YARDS. AGAIN A FULL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROVIDES MORE RIGOROUS REVIEW AND ALSO ALLOWS FOR NOTIFICATION. APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR GRADING WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON FINDINGS THAT THE GRADING WOULD BE DONE IN THE SAFEST AND MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFEST MANNER AND THAT THE PROJECT WOULD MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE C.S.D. THE THIRD AND FINAL COMPONENT DEALS WITH SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES. SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN MAPPED AND WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE C.S.D. THE C.S.D. AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT ANY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 50 HORIZONTAL OR 50 VERTICAL FEET OF A SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE WOULD REQUIRE A FULL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AGAIN MORE RIGOROUS REVIEW AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN A SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE AREA ALSO BE CONTINGENT ON FINDINGS THAT THERE'S A LACK OF OTHER SUITABLE SITES ON THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE PROJECT ALSO MEETS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE C.S.D. I SHOULD NOTE THAT THE REBUILD, REBUILDING OR CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING THAT WOULD BE DESTROYED BY A DISASTER WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS. SO EXISTING HOMES WOULD BE ABLE TO BE REBUILT. THIS WAS BY THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE COMMUNITY. THE COMMITTEE

INCLUDES SEVERAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNER INTERESTS IN THE AREA. THE COMMITTEE DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON OTHER REGULATIONS AND CONDUCTED OUTREACH, INCLUDING TO SOME OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. AFTER THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK, THEY SUBMITTED THEIR DRAFT TO THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY BODY SERVING ALTADENA RESIDENTS. THE TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSED THE ORDINANCE AND IT WAS TURNED OVER TO REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF. STAFF WORKED WITH THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE BEFORE PRESENTING IT AT A COMMUNITY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18TH, 2009. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY WERE INVITED TO THIS MEETING. APPROXIMATELY 120 PEOPLE ATTENDED, AND THE GREAT MAJORITY ENDORSED THE STANDARDS. HOWEVER, A FEW ISSUES WERE RAISED AT THE MEETING THAT NECESSITATED ADJUSTMENTS. STAFF WORKED WITH THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE SOME ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE PRESENTING TO IT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THE ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 24TH, 2010. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE HILLSIDE AREA WERE NOTIFIED. AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD. AT THIS TIME, STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. AS MENTIONED, THEY DID THE BULK OF THE WORK ON THIS, DID EXTENSIVE OUTREACH. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH THEM. IN CONCLUSION, THIS MORNING'S STAFF REQUESTS THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT A NEGATIVE

DECLARATION, APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND THE COUNTY CODE AS REFLECTED THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AND TO INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL ORDINANCE. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE WISH TO ADDRESS US. LET ME BEGIN BY ASKING MICHELE ZACK TO JOIN US, PATTY MULLIGAN. MARK GOLDSCHMIDT, AND BERNICE BROWNSWICK. MS. ZACK, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN?

MICHELE ZACK: THANK YOU. MY NAME'S MICHELE ZACK AND I WAS ON THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. AND THROUGHOUT MOST OF THIS PROCESS I WAS ALSO ON THE TOWN COUNCIL. WE SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY IT WAS AN EXTREMELY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. WE CONTACTED-- I'M ALSO A TRAIL ACTIVIST. WE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE LARGE PIECES OF PROPERTY. WE TALKED TO TRAIL ADVOCATES. WE TALKED TO REGULAR PROPERTY OWNERS. AND I THINK THAT THIS ORDINANCE REALLY PROTECTS A LOT OF THE CULTURAL VALUE OF LIVING CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS WHILE ALSO NOT BEING TOO DRACONIAN FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE THERE. BUT WITH THE CHANGE IN TECHNOLOGY AND THE RISE IN VALUE, WE FOUND THAT A LOT OF OUR FORMERLY UNBUILDABLE LOTS HAD BECOME BUILDABLE. AND SO WE TRIED TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS VERY FAIR TO

EVERYONE CONCERNED. AND I THINK WE'VE DONE THAT AND I URGE YOU TO PASS IT. THANK YOU.

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

PATTY MULLIGAN: THANK YOU. I WAS A CHAIR OF THE HILLSIDE WORKING GROUP, AND I'M OBVIOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDINANCE. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2004. THIS STARTED OUT OF A GROUND TREE SPONSOR BY THE ALTADENA HERITAGE. OUR WORK BEGAN IN 2005. OUR GROUP WAS MADE UP OF A DIVERSE INTEREST AND OCCUPATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS. WE HAD ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, COMMUNITY PROPERTY OWNERS, LARGER PROPERTY OWNERS, ATTORNEYS. WE BEGAN BY MEETING ONCE A MONTH. WE LOOKED FIRST AT ORDINANCES THAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT IN OTHER NEIGHBORING FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY GLENDORA, MONROVIA, SIERRA MADRE, GLENDALE AND PASADENA. AFTER THIS, WE HAD PRESENTATIONS BY BOTH REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE BUILDING AND SAFETY GROUP. THEY TALKED TO US ABOUT WHAT WAS IN EXISTENCE IN ALTADENA IN TERMS OF STANDARDS. THE PROCESS WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN DEVELOPING OUR OWN ORDINANCE, AND ALSO WHAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT IN OTHER AREAS. BASED UPON THIS, WE DECIDED UPON THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AS OUR WORKING MODEL. WE FELT THAT IT WAS REASONABLE. IT INCORPORATED MANY OF THE CHANGES WE DEEMED NECESSARY. AND FROM HERE WE WENT TO WORK. ONCE WE CAME UP WITH WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE A GOOD

WORKING DRAFT, WE NOTIFIED SOME OF THE MAJOR LAND OWNERS, PROVIDED A PACKET TO THEM WITH THE SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES, THE CHANGES WE WERE PROPOSING, SOUGHT THEIR INPUT AND INVITED THEM TO MEETINGS. AFTER THAT, WE WENT TO LAND USE COMMUNITY, HAD PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH THEM, PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH TOWN COUNCIL; AND FROM THERE WE BEGAN OUR MEETINGS WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE THEY'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF INCORPORATING OUR INTENT INTO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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

MARK GOLDSCHMIDT: MY NAME IS MARK GOLDSCHMIDT, I'M PRESIDENT OF ALTADENA HERITAGE. I'M DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE. THIS WHOLE PROCESS STARTED IN 2004 WHEN FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER JULIUS SHULMAN ATTENDED ONE OF OUR EVENTS AND CASTIGATED US FOR PAYING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO INDIVIDUAL HOUSES AND SAID, "LOOK AT THOSE HILLS UP THERE." HE SAID,"THAT'S YOUR HERITAGE. I JUST DROVE BY GLENDALE, AND I SAW THOSE-- THAT SCRAPED OVER HILL JUST CLUSTERED WITH HOMES AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE PRETTY SOON IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT." SO WE ARRANGED A COMMUNITY MEETING, A ROUND TABLE AT THE ALTADENA LIBRARY. HAD VARIOUS PEOPLE TALK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS, WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. AND THAT'S WHEN WE FORMED THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE

HILLSIDE ORDINANCE. AND THAT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS OF FAIRLY REGULAR MEETINGS, AND A VERY CONSENSUS-BUILDING PROCESS. WE TALKED TO ALL KIND OF PEOPLE. WE TALKED TO THE LARGE LAND OWNERS WHO OWN LARGE PIECES OF LAND UP THERE IN THE HILLS AND WHO WOULD BE MOST AFFECTED BY SUCH AN ORDINANCE, TO TRY TO GET THEM ON BOARD AND TO CRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD TAKE IN THEIR CONCERNS. AND I THINK WE WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT. WE WERE VERY CONCERNED, NOT ONLY TRYING TO STOP DEVELOPMENT BUT TO TRY TO RETAIN THE LOOK AND THE RIDGE LINES. SO THE ORDINANCE IS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE LOOK EVEN WHILE ALLOWING SOME DEVELOPMENT. I STRONGLY URGE YOU. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG COMMUNITY PROCESS. WE'VE GOTTEN CONSENSUS, AMAZING CONSENSUS CONSIDERING THE KIND OF DIVERSE COMMUNITY THAT ALTADENA IS, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MITCH GLAZER AND EMMA THOMAS ALSO FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK AND THEIR TIME THAT THEY PUT IN TO HELP US. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. CAN I ASK GINO SUND TO JOIN US? GERALD BROWN AS WELL AS BOB GOINSS? MISS BROWNSWICK?

BERNICE BROWNSWICK: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BERNICE BROWNSWICK. I'M A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I MOVED INTO PASADENA IN 1966 AND I MOVED INTO ALTADENA IN 1972. AND THE ONE THING THAT STRUCK ME IN ALTADENA IS WHEN I DROVE UP THE FREEWAY AND

SAW THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS. AND IT'S REALLY GREAT COMING HOME AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS THERE. I RAISED MY CHILDREN THERE. YOU CAN IMAGINE MY CONSTERNATION ONE DAY WHEN I CAME HOME AND FOUND THAT TWO, TWO-STORY HOMES HAD BEEN BUILT DIRECTLY IN BACK OF ME. I HAD NO IDEA THAT THESE HOMES WERE GOING UP. I HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. I WENT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND LOOKED AT THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND FOUND OUT THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE A SECTION THAT COVERED HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT. THE COUNTY TRAIL THERE HAD BEEN VACATED, AND THESE HOMES HAD BEEN BUILT. THESE HOMES COMPROMISED THE PRIVACY OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THEM. BECAUSE THEY WERE TWO-STORY HOMES AND DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE ONE-STORY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA AND DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE OTHER HOMES IN THE AREA. THE HILLSIDE WAS EXCAVATED AND IT HAD CAUSED RUNOFF, RUNOFF FROM THE HILLSIDE DOWN TO THE PROPERTY BELOW. IT IS ALSO FIRE HAZARDS. WE'VE HAD TO EVACUATE A COUPLE OF TIMES BECAUSE OF THE HILLSIDE BUILDING. BECAUSE THE C.U.P. WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR THESE HOMES TO BE BUILT, THE PEOPLE'S HOMES AROUND IT WHO WERE AFFECTED BY IT WERE NOT NOTIFIED, SO THEY HAD NO INPUT IN WHAT WAS GOING ON. SO THIS ORDINANCE THAT WE'VE COME UP WITH WILL AT LEAST GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND TO HAVE SOME INPUT INTO WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THEY WOULD HAVE SOME SAY-SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE SO THAT IT WILL PROTECT THE

HILLSIDE AND ALSO GIVE A SMALL HOMEOWNER LIKE MYSELF AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INPUT IN WHAT IS BEING BUILT IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. COULD I ALSO ASK CLARENCE STUBBLEFIELD TO JOIN US AS WELL AS E.T. SNELL. MR. SUND?

GINO SUND: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS GINO SUND, CHAIR OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. I'VE COME HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE. THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE AND THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL BOTH VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS A PRODUCT OF OVER THREE YEARS OF WORK BY THIS COMMUNITY HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED BY CONCERNED RESIDENTS TO PRESERVE THE MOUNTAINS AND RIDGE LINES THAT ARE SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE COMMITTEE WORKED IN AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MANNER THAT SOUGHT OUT AND ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE PROCESS. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CRAFTING OF THIS ORDINANCE INCLUDED: CONCERNED HILLSIDE RESIDENTS, THE ALTADENA TRAILS RESTORATION COMMITTEE, THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, ALTADENA HERITAGE, THE ALTADENA FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY, THE MAJORITY OF THE LAND OWNERS IN OUR FOOTHILLS, AND OF COURSE

THE STAFF AND COUNTYWIDE STUDIES. THE PRODUCT OF THIS LONG AND BROAD COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IS A WELL-RESEARCHED, A WELL THOUGHT OUT AND A VERY WELL HASHED OUT ORDINANCE THAT INCLUDES INPUT FROM EVERY SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER IN ALTADENA. THE GOALS OF THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE WERE ONE, TO PROVIDE INCREASED AND MEANINGFUL PROTECTION OF OUR HILLSIDES AND RIDGE LINES; TWO, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OUR LAND OWNERS AND, THREE, NOT TO IMPOSE AN UNDUE FINANCIAL OR PROCEDURAL BURDEN ON DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ORDINANCE FULFILLS THOSE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS. THIS IMPORTANT ADDITION TO COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WILL AID THE RESIDENTS IN ALTADENA IN PLAYING ITS INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR MOUNTAINS. SO AGAIN I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH US TO HELP PROTECT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE NATURAL ASSETS, BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

GERALD BROWN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GERALD BROWN. I ORIGINALLY OPPOSED THIS ORDINANCE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE AND NOW I SUPPORT IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: VERY GOOD, SIR. MR. GOINS?

BOB GOINS: GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

BOB GOINS: I OPPOSE THIS ORDINANCE WHOLEHEARTEDLY DUE TO THE FACT I WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND I DID QUITE A BIT OF WORK IN THAT AREA. AND I KNOW THAT, IT IS A VERY MOUNTAINOUS AREA AND IT IS UNSTABLE. AND I THINK ANY KIND OF DISTURBANCE OF THE HILLSIDE AT THIS JUNCTURE BE DETRIMENTAL TO THAT WHOLE AREA. AND I COULD SEE IN A FEW YEARS FOR THEM TO DO THAT, BUT AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT'S ALL DECOMPOSED GRANITE, AND ANY KIND OF DISTURBANCE OF THAT AREA COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO IT. AND I OPPOSE IT. AND I'M REPRESENTING RUBIO HIGHLANDS, WHICH CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 60 HOMEOWNERS WHO WASN'T ABLE TO COME. AND I'M HERE. SO I WOULD OPPOSE TO IT.

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

CLARENCE STUBBLEFIELD: YES, I'M CLARENCE STUBBLEFIELD. A RESIDENT OF RUBIO CANYON FOR ABOUT 32 YEARS. I REALLY DON'T LIKE CHANGING THE RIDGE LINE. I THINK IT OPENS IT UP FOR MANY OTHER THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOT TOO LONG AGO, THERE WAS A NEIGHBOR THERE WAS TRYING TO BUILD IN THE AREA THERE. THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF. IF THEY CHANGE THIS LINE IN ANY WAY AND IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO COME IN AND BUILD ON

THAT HILLSIDE, WHICH IS EXTREMELY STEEP, WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE MORE PROBLEMS IN WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY. LIKE MR. GOINS SAID, THE HILLSIDE IS VERY UNSTABLE. IF ANYTHING'S DISTURBED THERE. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME.

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

E. SNELL: WHY YOU STARTING MY TIME? I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TALKING, GLORIA. GOD, MAN, START MY TIME. MAN, YOU GUYS RUN THIS THING LIKE A CIRCUS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOW YOU CAN START.

E. SNELL: I'M TELLING YOU WHAT, MAN. YOU GOT TO GIVE ME MY PROPERS. MAN. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ONE FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ANYWAY, GLORIA, WE KNOW THAT. SAW YOU ON THAT FULL DISCLOSURE. MAN THEY BUSTED YOU UP THERE IN WASHINGTON, SO WE KNOW HOW YOU OPERATED. YOU KNOW, GANDHI SAID FIRST THEY IGNORE US. I SEE YOU GUYS DO A GOOD JOB OF THAT. THEN THEY RIDICULE US. OH, MAN, YOU SURE DONE SOME OF THAT. YOU KNOW, AND THEN GANDHI SAID THEN THEY FIGHT US. AND I KNOW TWO YEARS IN THE PEN ON PHONY CHARGES, BOY, I TELL YOU WHAT, I CAN RELATE TO THAT. AND THEN WE WIN. THEN WE WIN. YOU KNOW,Y GOT THAT FROM MR. FINE, ATTORNEY THAT GOT LOCKED UP LEGALLY. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I SEE THIS LITTLE NEGATIVE DECLARATION THING HERE. I

REMEMBER THE IRWINDALE RACEWAY. HERE IS THIS 240-FOOT PIT CONTAINING 80 FEET OF WATER AND THEY PUT IN TIRE, METAL SHAVING. THIS IS OUR DRINKING WATER. IRWINDALE RACEWAY THAT'S WHY I START A LOT OF MY ACTIVISM. FIGHTING THE L.A. TIMES CHANDLER FAMILY. THE L.A. TIMES IS UP, I SEE OUR NEWS MEDIA, I SEE THEY HAVEN'T LOST ACCESS TO THE, YOU KNOW, TO THE POLITICIANS, YOU KNOW. YOU KNOW, THEY NEED TO QUIT PERPETUATING THE INCOMPETENCY. AND THE REASON FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS TO SAFEGUARD SOCIETY. AND THEY HAVE AN ADVERSARIAL ROLE. I SAW THAT 11-YEAR-OLD KID THAT HUNG HIMSELF. I SURE WOULD LIKE THAT A LITTLE MORE INVESTIGATION ON THAT BECAUSE I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY D.C.S. WENT OUT THERE. BUT WHEN YOU GET NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS, IT JUST DOESN'T WASH. THIS GUY WORKED FOR PUBLIC WORKS, THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST SPOKE. AND HE SAID THAT'S SOME PRETTY UNSTABLE HILLSIDE SOIL UP THERE. HAVE YOU DUG IN ANY CORE SAMPLES LIKE 10-FOOT DEEP OR BEEN IN THOSE MOUNTAINS ON DONE ANYTHING THAT? HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THOSE SAMPLES OUT THERE? BECAUSE MY PARENTS LIVED IN COVINA HILLS. THAT MOUNTAIN, THE HOUSE WAS SLIDING OFF THE HILL. WHEN YOU GOT DOWN INTO THERE WITH THE SHALE AND SOME OF THAT OTHER STUFF, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT CORE SAMPLES LIKE THE GENTLEMAN THAT SAID THERE'S NO REQUIREMENTS ON CORE SAMPLES. CALIFORNIA IS EARTHQUAKE TERRITORY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. YOU'RE GOING TO START PUTTING HOUSES ON THERE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF DEAD PEOPLE UP THERE. IT'S GOING

TO BE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE IF YOU PASS THIS. I JUST DON'T THINK IT, KNOWING WHAT I KNOW ABOUT SOIL SAMPLES, THIS GUY WORKED FOR PUBLIC WORKS, AND I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I'M SURE YOU PEOPLE FROM ALTADENA HAVE GOT ALL THE GOOD INTENTIONS IN THE WORLD, BUT HAVING BEEN IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND KNOWING SOIL SAMPLES, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT BUILDING AND PUTTING THAT STUFF UP THERE. I DON'T CARE UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD CAVE HOUSES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TESTIMONY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS PROCESS TOOK ABOUT THREE YEARS OR SO. AND IT WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WE APPRECIATED THE LEADERSHIP THAT THEY HAVE DONE. AND ALTADENA IS ONE OF THE UNIQUE COMMUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN WHICH THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER AND THEY ALL FIGHT TOGETHER AND THEY ALL COME TOGETHER. AND IT'S AN INVOLVED COMMUNITY. AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S ONE OF THE GEMS OF OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. INVOLVED WITH THIS, AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, THEY WERE INVOLVED, THE ALTADENA HERITAGE, THE ALTAENA FOOTHILLS CONCERVANCY, AND THEY ALL ASSISTED WITH WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. AND I APPRECIATE PAUL NOVAK, SUZIE NIEBURN AND RITA ARCHIBUKIAN [PH?] FROM MY OFFICE, AS WELL, WHO HAS ASSISTED IN THIS

PROJECT. BUT THERE IS BERNICE BROWNSWICK, JOE DEMASA, SAMIR ETMAN, JOHN GRETCH, KEN BALDER, MARK GOLDSCHMIDT WHO JUST SPOKE, TERRY HUNTSBURGER, PATRICIA MULLIGAN, SHAWN NELSON, NANCY STEELE AND GINO SUND, PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND MICHELE ZACK. AND RICHARD BUCKNER AND HIS STAFF IN REGIONAL PLANNING, IN PARTICULAR MITCH GLAZER AND EMMA HOWARD WERE ALL INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S A PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY TOOK AS I SAID ABOUT THREE YEARS, INVOLVED THE COMMUNITY. AND THERE WAS COMING TOGETHER OF THIS CONSENSUS. WE HAVE THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY AND I WOULD JUST MOVE THE AGENDA ITEM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, ANY OBJECTIONS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS. GO BACK TO THE ITEMS, BOARD ITEMS. SPECIALS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOYCE KARL, PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. VERY KIND AND LOVING WOMAN WHO WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER ALICE KARL AND SON-IN-LAW TERRY FRIEDMAN WHOM WE ALL KNOW. SON BARRY KARL AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. BERNIE LISKER. LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. BORN IN CHICAGO. HE

GOT MARRIED AND CAME OUT TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1940S WHERE HE SUBSEQUENTLY SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER AS A REALTOR. AFTER RETIRING HE RELOCATED TO PALM SPRINGS AND LATER TO THE BAY AREA WITH HIS FAMILY BUT RECENTLY RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE HE WAS WELL CARED FOR AT THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING IN RESEDA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 72 YEARS, JANICE, A SON, PERRY LISGER AND A DAUGHTER, BARBARA GOLDSMITH, AS WELL AS SISTER JEAN BELLMAN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, KANE LISGER, ELAN SLAVEN, COREY JACOBSON, DREW JACOBSON AND AIDEN LISGER, AS WELL AS THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. OSCAR AVILA-MENDOZA, A RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 23 WHEN HIS CAR WAS HIT HEAD ON BY A DRUNK DRIVER ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. HE WAS A SEABEE AND A PETTY OFFICER WHO ENLISTED IN THE NAVY WHEN HE WAS 17 YEARS OLD AND ALREADY SERVED IN GUAM, THAILAND, KOREA AND KUWAIT BEFORE PREPARING FOR A FIFTH TOUR OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNA, WHO IS EXPECTING THEIR CHILD, HIS SISTER LILY, HIS PARENTS, JUAN AND OLIVIA AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF FATAL ACCIDENTS THAT WE'VE HAD ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN RECENT MONTHS AND IT'S REALLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DANIEL SCHORR. I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS ABOUT DANIEL SCHORR'S CAREER, LONG-TIME N.P.R. NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO COMMENTATOR, FORMER C.N.N. AND C.B.S. NETWORK REPORTER. SENIOR NEWS ANALYST WHO RECENTLY DIED AT THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS KNOWN

FOR HIS AGGRESSIVE REPORTING THAT SEEMED TO RUFFLE CORPORATE FEATHERS WHEREVER HE WORKED. BORN IN THE BRONX TO IMMIGRANT PARENTS FROM WHAT IS NOW BELARUS, HE DEVELOPED AN EARLY INTEREST IN JOURNALISM AND BEGAN REPORTING FOR LOCAL PAPERS WHILE STILL IN HIS TEENS. HE CONTINUED REPORTING AS HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK AND AFTER GRADUATION, WORKED FOR THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY AND A DUTCH NEWS SERVICE BEFORE BEING DRAFTED FOR WORLD WAR II DUTY IN 1943. AFTER THE WAR, HE RESUMED HIS JOURNALISM CAREER WITH THE DUTCH NEWS SERVICE AS A FREE LANCER FOR BOTH PRINT AND A.B.C. RADIO. WHILE AUDITIONING FOR A JOB AT THE NEW YORK TIMES IN 1952, HE WAS INSTEAD RECRUITED BY BY THE LEGENDARY EDWARD R. MURROW TO JOIN C.B.S. NEWS. IN 1955, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR, HE OPENED THE NETWORK'S MOSCOW BUREAU AND SOON SCORED THE FIRST TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV FOR "FACE THE NATION." HE SPENT THE NEXT TWO DECADES AS A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COVERING WASHINGTON INCLUDING MOST FAMILIAR FAMOUSLY THE WATERGATE SCANDAL WHEN HE MADE THEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S ENEMY LIST, BEFORE LEAVING C.B.S. IN 1976 OVER HIS HANDLING OF A CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON C.I.A. AND INTELLIGENCE ABUSES. HE TAUGHT JOURNALISM AT BERKELEY, WAS TED TURNER'S FIRST HIRE AT C.N.N. AND ULTIMATELY JOINED N.P.R. WHERE HE SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS OF HIS CAREER AS A SENIOR NEWS ANALYST. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 43 YEARS ELIZABETH AND

A SON JONATHAN AND DAUGHTER LISA KAPLAN AND ONE GRANDCHILD. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THOSE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR SPECIALS?

>>SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN CLEMONS, MOTHER OF A DEAR FRIEND OF OURS, MARILYN DEMASTER. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND ANN-MARIE DEISCHTER, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF CERRITOS AND NEIGHBOR. PASSED AWAY ON JULY 14TH. SHE WAS BORN IN SWEDEN, CAME HERE TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN SHE WAS 20. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERED AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, CARINA AND MARK, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, HER SISTERS AND MANY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS IN SWEDEN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD LEE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER GORDON. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON MACKIN WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 23RD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOY. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WODYNSKI, PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE AGE OF 40 THIS PAST WEEKEND. HE WAS THE CITY OF LONG BEACH'S BUDGET MANAGER. VERY NICE ARTICLE ABOUT HIM IN THE PAPER TODAY. HE CAME TO LONG BEACH AS A MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT IN 2002. FORMER MEMBER OF THE PEACE CORPS. MASTER'S DEGREE FROM HARVARD. JUST A BRILLIANT GENTLEMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MICHELLE AND DAUGHTER SOPHIA. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MEDAK, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS GEORGE, A GOOD FRIEND, AND ROBERT, GRANDCHILDREN, AMY AND MARK AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, CHELSEA, COURTNEY, BRADLEY AND ASHLEY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSALINDA MANNO WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH OWNED MANNO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND, DAUGHTER, ALEXANDRA, AND GRANDSON JAKE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LESTER MURTY, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 47 YEARS JUNE, HIS CHILDREN LINDA AND LESTER, SISTER HELEN, 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 20 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GIL EBERHARD, FORMER PALOS VERDES BASEBALL COACH WHO PASSED AWAY FROM LUNG DISEASE JUST A MONTH SHORT OF HIS 78TH BIRTHDAY. HE HAD A 25 YEAR CAREER THERE IN PALOS VERDES, 332 CAREER VICTORIES. WE'VE HAD HIM DOWN HERE SEVERAL TIMES AND HE COACHED SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. HE JOINED GARY POE AS A CO-FOOTBALL COACH AT PENINSULA FOR ONE SEASON

BEFORE COACHING THE FROSH/SOPH IN 1999. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ESTHER FOX. SHE WAS 88 AND GREW UP, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 62 YEARS, RICHARD. HER DAUGHTERS, MARILYN AND JANIS, GRANDDAUGHTERS KATHERINE, JACKIE, AND A SISTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOWARD SCHUG WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. LONG TIME BELLFLOWER BUSINESS PERSON. VERY ACTIVE IN THE LAKEWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ERNESTINE, DAUGHTER STEPHANY AND SON STEVIE. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM FINLE TAYLOR, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH. HE WAS ONLY 68. HE HAD A LONG BATTLE WITH LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF OVER 42 YEARS, CONNIE, SONS WILLIAM, CHRISTIAN AND DAUGHTER SHANNON. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALICE MARIE WATSON, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD. SHE SERVED THE UNITED STATES NAVY AS A LIEUTENANT DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER WILLIAM, SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS. MADAME CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

SUP. KNABE: MADAME CHAIR, I THINK I HELD ITEM 15, I BELIEVE. I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR STAFF ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. THIS WAS MY ORIGINAL MOTION. THE QUESTION I HAD IS THAT IN THE RECOMMENDATION, IT SAYS THAT ALL, ALL CONTRACTS THIS APPLIES

TO HAS TO BE BACK IN 90 DAYS. I MEAN IS THAT-- TALKING TO SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS, I'M NOT SURE THAT ALL CONTRACTS ARE REALISTIC WITHIN 90 DAYS. SO MY QUESTION IS: IS 90 DAYS REALLY REALISTIC? WE SHOULD LOOK TO BENEFIT FROM THIS. IF YOU'RE NOT DONE IN 90 DAYS, WHAT HAPPENS?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS MARTIN ZIMMERMAN WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I THINK THERE IS SOME LATITUDE. AND I THINK TO HAVE INDICATED THAT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE BACK IN 90 DAYS DOESN'T TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE DIFFERENT KIND OF CONTRACTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THE REASON WE PUT ANY KIND OF A TIMEFRAME IN THERE WAS BECAUSE WE DID GET FEEDBACK FROM SEVERAL BOARD OFFICES WHEN WE SHARED THE DRAFT THAT THEY WANTED THIS TO BE SOMEWHAT OF A TIME-LIMITED EFFORT, SIMILAR TO WHEN WE DID THE CONTRACT REDUCTION EXTENSIONS LAST YEAR. THEY DIDN'T WANT IT TO EXTEND INDEFINITELY. SO THAT'S WHY WE PUT THE 90 DAYS IN THERE. BUT THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE EASIER FOR THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS, THE ONES WHERE WE'RE LOOKING FOR POTENTIALLY SOME ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR SOME KIND OF AN EXTENSION. IT MAY NOT WORK VERY WELL FOR SOME OF THE MORE COMPLEX, PERHAPS GOLF COURSE OR OTHER KIND OF AGREEMENTS WHERE THEY'LL BE NEGOTIATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. SO I THINK IT WAS YOUR BOARD'S SENSE THAT FOR THOSE THAT ARE SIMPLER, FOR LIKE THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS, FOR LIKE A CAFETERIA-TYPE THING, THAT THOSE WOULD NEED TO COME BACK IN A

SHORTER TIME FRAME. AND PERHAPS 90 IS EVEN TOO FAST. MAYBE 120 IS A MORE REASONABLE TIME FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO DO THOSE NEGOTIATIONS AND COME BACK. BUT FOR THE MORE COMPLEX TYPES THAT WOULD INVOLVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

SUP. KNABE: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WHETHER IT'S 90 OR 120 DAYS, I WANT A TIME CERTAIN, AS WELL, TOO, BECAUSE THAT OBVIOUSLY PUTS SOME PRESSURE ON EVERYONE TO SORT OF NEGOTIATE THAT. I JUST DON'T WANT THAT TO FALL OF A CLIFF, THOUGH, IF THEY'RE NOT DONE IN 90 OR 120 DAYS.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: RIGHT. I THINK EVEN IF WE ESTABLISH 120 AND A DEPARTMENT MAYBE COMES BACK IN THREE OR FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AND THEY'RE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE TO OUR OFFICE AND THEN TO YOUR BOARD THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD DEAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T MAKE IT IN THE TIMEFRAME, WE REALLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU WAIVE THAT TIM FRAME AND APPROVE THIS AGREEMENT FOR THESE REASONS, I THINK THEY COULD MAKE THAT CASE.

SUP. KNABE: OKAY. IS THERE A BOARD LETTER THAT ALLOWED FOR THAT?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: I THINK IF YOU AMEND IT.

SUP. KNABE: I'LL MOVE THE AMENDMENT, AMENDING IT FROM 90 TO 120 DAYS, AND WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THAT ITEM? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH MONEY YOU THINK WE CAN GENERATE FROM THIS ACTION?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: FOR THE ONES THAT OUR OFFICE MANAGES, THE VENDING MACHINES CONCESSION CONTRACTS, IF ALL OF THOSE THAT THEY'RE FOCUSING ON WERE FOR A POTENTIAL EXTENSION GAVE US THE ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT, WHICH IS OUR THRESHOLD INCREASE IN COUNTY REVENUE, I THINK I WAS ADVISED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ABOUT $25,000 A YEAR. IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: TOTAL? OR PER MACHINE?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: OUR PEOPLE FROM REAL ESTATE ARE HERE, THEY CAN CLARIFY BUT THAT'S WHAT I WAS ADVISED. RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO MAKE THAT POINT. BUT, YES, FOR THE ONES-- FOR ALL OF THEM. FOR ALL OF THOSE CONTRACTS. I THINK THERE'S FIVE. FIVE OR SIX C.E.O. CONTRACTS FOR VENDING MACHINES. SO, YEAH, THE TOTAL FOR

ALL OF THEM ANNUALLY WOULD BE 25,000. NOW, FOR THE PARKS AND RECS CONTRACT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: 25,000 OVER WHAT THEY ARE NOW PAYING US?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: RIGHT. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT ARE THEY PAYING US NOW ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ROUGHLY?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: ABOUT $200,000 A YEAR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO THIS WOULD BE 10 OR 12 PERCENT INCREASE?

SUP. KNABE: THAT'S A THRESHOLD, YEAH, 10 PERCENT.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: RIGHT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HOW LONG WILL THESE CONTRACTS BE FOR WHEN THEY'RE EXTENDED?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: THAT'S ONE THING THAT I WANTED TO CLARIFY. OUR BOARD LETTER TALKED ABOUT EXTENSIONS OF SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWO AND 20 YEARS. OUR INTENT WAS THAT THE ONES LIKE THESE VENDING MACHINES CONTRACTS, THEY WOULD ONLY BE EXTENDED LIKE

FOR MAYBE TWO, AT MOST FIVE YEARS BECAUSE THAT'S THE TERM OF THOSE KIND OF CONTRACTS. WE WOULDN'T LOOK FOR A CONTRACT IN ANY CASE TO BE EXTENDED LONGER THAN THE ORIGINAL TERM. SO THOSE KIND OF CONTRACTS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A COUPLE, FEW YEARS, IN NO CASES MORE THAN FIVE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND WHAT ARE THE CONTRACTS THAT YOU'RE ANTICIPATING THAT WOULD GO FOR 20 YEARS?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: POTENTIALLY GOLF COURSES, THE CELL TOWERS, SOME OF THOSE. BECAUSE THOSE ARE 15, 20-YEAR TYPE CONTRACTS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GOLF COURSE FOR A SECOND BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT. DON'T WE HAVE THE RIGHT NOW TO NEGOTIATE OR RE-NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION? OR NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION WITH THE GOLF COURSE OR LESSEE OF THAT TYPE IN EXCHANGE FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS? HAVEN'T WE DONE THIS FOR LEASES AT THE MARINA IN EXCHANGE FOR IMPROVEMENTS WE'VE EXTENDED THEIR LEASES? CAN WE NOT DO THAT FOR GOLF COURSES?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: I THINK WE DO. I THINK IT'S THE BOARD'S POLICY GENERALLY THAT THESE WOULD BE DONE BY A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION UNLESS THERE'S SOME PARTICULAR REASON WHY THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO DO AN EXTENSION, A NONCOMPETITIVE EXTENSION WITH THE

CURRENT OPERATOR. AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PARTICULAR BOARD INITIATIVE TO LOOK AT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, TO NOT GO COMPETITIVE, TO EXTENT WITH THE CURRENT IF THEY CAN MAKE A CASE THAT GIVEN THE MARKET, GIVEN THEIR PROGNOSTICATIONS, THEIR EXPERTISE, THAT IT'S A BETTER DEAL FOR THE COUNTY TO DO THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IT'S A BETTER DEAL FOR THE COUNTY UNLESS YOU PUT THEM UP IN COMPETITION AGAINST COMPETITION. A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN A GOLF COURSE GUIDE, I'M JUST PULLING IT OUT, THAT SEEMS TO BE THE MOST LUCRATIVE OF THE THREE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CELL TOWERS GO FOR. BUT AN EXTENSION ON A GOLF COURSE OF 10 PERCENT, THAT YIELDS 10 PERCENT MORE MONEY TO US SOUNDS TO ME, AND FOR WHICH WE WOULD BE COMMITTED FOR 20 YEARS, I THINK IT IS A MISTAKE. BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ECONOMY'S GOING TO BE IN SIX MONTHS, LET ALONE IN 10 YEARS OR FIVE YEARS. HOW DO YOU KNOW? AND WHY WOULD WE ACCEPT-- SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS CAN DOUBLE IN VALUE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE FOR 10 PERCENT?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: WELL, THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

SUP. KNABE: THE WHOLE PURPOSE IS TO NEGOTIATE. I SAID THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING. IT'S GOT TO BE JUSTIFIED OTHERWISE IT DOESN'T WORK.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT MY POINT IS HOW DO WE KNOW WE'RE GETTING THE BEST DEAL WHEN IT'S OUR JUDGMENT AND THE GUY WHO'S GOT THE CONTRACT, THE FRANCHISE'S JUDGMENT. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIVE WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THE MARKET WOULD BEAR UNLESS WE PUT PEOPLE UP AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT SHOULD BE THE CASE EVERY SINGLE TIME. WE HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONS IN THAT WHEN WE HAVE HAD MAJOR INVESTMENT. IN EXCHANGE FOR MAJOR INVESTMENT, WE'VE EXTENDED CONTRACTS OR GROUND LEASES OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WE'VE MADE THAT JUDGMENT. WE'VE BEEN CRITICIZED FOR IT, TOO. BUT I THINK THEY'VE BEEN JUSTIFIED, CERTAINLY THERE'S BEEN JUSTIFICATION FOR DOING IT. BUT WHAT ARE-- ARE THERE CRITERIA IN YOUR BOARD REPORT AS TO WHAT KIND, WHAT LEVEL OF INVESTMENT WOULD CONSTITUTE A THRESHOLD THAT WOULD TRIGGER AN EXTENSION?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: WE HAVE A THRESHOLD FOR THE REVENUE, THE 10 PERCENT. BUT WE COULDN'T COME UP WITH A REASONABLE THRESHOLD WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE BROAD AREA OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. WE WOULDN'T ABSOLUTELY KNOW. I GUESS I'LL OFFER YOU A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS THAT THERE ARE SOME OF THESE GOLF COURSES, CELL TOWERS TYPE AGREEMENTS THAT DON'T EXPIRE

UNTIL THE 2020S OR I THINK ONE OF THEM GOES TO 2030. I DON'T THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT EXTENDING THOSE. THAT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PROGNOSTICATE WHAT THE ECONOMY'S GOING TO BE LIKE OR WHAT THE COUNTY'S DEAL WOULD BE LIKE IN 2020 OR 2030. BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT ARE EXPIRING WITHIN A FEW YEARS OF RIGHT NOW. I WOULD TASK THAT DEPARTMENT THAT HAS SOME EXPERTISE IN WHAT IS OUT THERE IN THE INDUSTRY TO JUSTIFY THAT THIS PARTICULAR DEAL WITH THESE PARTICULAR ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES, BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY, IS LIKELY BETTER THAN YOU COULD GET COMPETITIVELY. WOULD YOU BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN? NO. BUT IT WOULD BE MONEY IN THE HANDS SOONER. AND CERTAINLY IN OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION, THERE IS SOME VALUE TO THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL WOULDN'T IT MAKE SENSE BEFORE YOU GO OUT AND START NEGOTIATING WITH ANY OF THESE FOLKS THAT WE HAD SOME KIND OF CRITERIA FOR WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A SUFFICIENT INVESTMENT TO WARRANT ENTERING INTO THIS KIND OF AN EXTENSION WITH THEM?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: WE COULD GO BACK AND ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO COME. IT'S MAINLY PARKS. THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT I THINK THAT WOULD HAVE THE LION'S SHARE IF NOT 99 PERCENT OF THE CONTRACTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I THINK SO, TOO. SO LET ME SUGGEST THAT AN AMENDMENT, THAT WE APPROVE THIS CONTINGENT ON THE FOLLOWING: THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE DEPARTMENT, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DEVELOP, INSTEAD OF CRITERIA AND/OR THRESHOLDS THAT WOULD TRIGGER ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THOSE KINDS OF EXTENSIONS. SO THAT THAT WOULD BE MY AMENDMENT. JUST TO EXPLAIN THE AMENDMENT NOW. IT IS JUST SO THAT WE-- IT'S NOT TOTALLY CAPRICIOUS AND ARBITRARY AS WE GO INTO THESE DISCUSSIONS, THAT THERE BE SOME KIND OF A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD GUIDE THEM AND US AS WE GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS. AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING HOLDING THIS UP. WE APPROVE THAT. BUT HAVE THEM BEFORE THEY GO INTO THE NEGOTIATION HAVE SOME KIND OF CRITERIA THAT ARE MEANINGFUL, OTHER THAN THE 10 PERCENT. I REALLY THINK ON THE 20-YEAR EXTENSION ON THE GOLF COURSE FRANCHISE, SETTLING FOR 10 PERCENT IS RIDICULOUS. IS THE 10 PERCENT A FLOOR?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: IT IS. IT IS NOT A CEILING. IT'S A FLOOR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT WHAT DOES IT SAY? I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE REPORT WITH ME. WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY ABOUT 10 PERCENT?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: IT SAYS EXTENSIONS BETWEEN 2 AND 20 YEARS AND NOT LESS THAN A 10 PERCENT ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO THE

COUNTY FOR COMMISSION-BASED CONTRACTS WILL BE CONSIDERED. CONTRACTS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN LIEU OF COMMISSION INCREASES WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS.

SUP. KNABE: IT'S A COMBINATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE LARGER CONTRACTS, NOT LIKE THE VENDING MACHINES CONTRACTS, WHICH IS PRETTY CLEAR AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE OTHER ONE, IT MAY WORK AND IT MAY NOT. BUT WHAT DOES IT HURT TO LOOK AT IT? I MEAN WE WENT FOR THE 5 PERCENT REDUCTION. WE FOUND SOME GOOD THERE. WE FOUND SOME BAD. SOME WORKED, SOME DIDN'T. SO ON THE OTHER SIDE, ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR PARTICULARLY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BENEFIT EVERYONE, AS WELL, TOO. WHICH GENERATED ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR US. SO THAT'S ALL MY INTENT WAS, WAS TO LOOK AT WHAT OPPORTUNITIES MIGHT BE OUT THERE TO GENERATE MORE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. I KNOW THAT WAS YOUR INTENT. I WAS JUST GOING TO THE NEXT STEP AND JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T-- THAT WE AREN'T SATISFIED JUST WITH SOME INCREASE WHEN A BIGGER INCREASE MIGHT HAVE BEEN WARRANTED.

SUP. KNABE: I AGREE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO COME UP OR THE DEPARTMENT COME UP WITH A THRESHOLD. LAST QUESTION. ON THE VENDING MACHINES, HAVEN'T THEY BEEN ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH FOR QUITE SOMETIME?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: YEAH, MANY OF THEM HAVE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHY DON'T WE JUST BID THEM OUT RIGHT NOW?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: I THINK I'D LIKE OUR C.E.O. REAL ESTATE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMEBODY ANSWER THAT QUESTION. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE THREATENING TO WALK IF THEY'VE BEEN ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I UNDERSTAND.

CHRIS MONTANA: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS CHRIS MONTANA, I'M WITH THE C.E.O. REAL ESTATE DIVISION. THE BULK OF THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ON MONTH-TO-MONTH APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS. THAT WAS ACTUALLY DONE IN CONCERT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHY WE STARTED STRATEGIZING AND DEVELOPING THE FOOD POLICY. WE DIDN'T WANT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND NOT HAVE THAT SUBJECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION, SO WE PURPOSELY DELAYED THAT PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THAT FOOD POLICY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: PURPOSELY DELAYED GOING OUT TO BID?

CHRIS MONTANA: YES, CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSKLAVSKY: SO WHY WOULDN'T WE GO OUT TO BID ON THEM NOW?

CHRIS MONTANA: AGAIN, WE HAD PLANNED ON DOING THAT, UNTIL--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT THIS IS PART OF THIS PACKAGE, WHICH TALKS ABOUT AN EXTENSION IN EXCHANGE FOR UP TO A 10 PERCENT INCREASE. I MEAN, I GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT ON THE VENDING MACHINES AND THE GOLF COURSES AND THE CELL TOWERS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THE CELL TOWER THING IS GOING TO WORK, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE, THAT THESE WOULD BE CANDIDATES FOR NEGOTIATION OR EXTENSION, AND THAT THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP THAT WE WOULD TAKE, NOT TO BID THEM OUT. I MEAN EITHER WE'RE GOING TO BID OUT ON THE VENDING MACHINES, EITHER BID THEM ALL OUT NOW.

CHRIS MONTANA: WELL WE COULD. THERE'S NO DENYING IT. BUT I THINK THE OUTCOME HERE WAS WE WERE WAITING TO SEE--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'M NOT CRITICIZING WHY. SO SENSITIVE.

CHRIS MONTANA: NO, I UNDERSTAND.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: IT'S A TIMING ISSUE. ONCE WE FINALIZE AND THE BOARD APPROVES THE FOOD POLICY, THEN YOU'RE RIGHT, WE SHOULD GO OUT TO BID. WE WANT TO HAVE THE POLICY IN PLACE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO WHY ARE THE VENDING MACHINES PART OF THIS REPORT?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: THINK IT IS THE TIMING THAT CHRIS WAS TALKING ABOUT IS THE BOARD MADE THIS--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DIDN'T BID THEM OUT. WHAT I'M ASKING IS WHY ARE THEY PART OF A REPORT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM INSTEAD OF GOING OUT TO BID?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: I THINK ANALOGOUS TO WHAT THE BOARD DID LAST YEAR WITH THE CONTRACTS TO BE EXTENDED FOR ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS TO THE COUNTY. IT'S THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A CASE THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THE EXISTING CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO GIVE US A BETTER BENEFIT THAN BASED UPON THEIR EXPERTISE WE'RE GOING TO GET BY DOING COMPETITIVE, THEN IT'S IN THE COUNTY'S INTEREST TO GET IT NOW.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH, BUT ON THE GOLF COURSES, THEY'RE LONG TERM. AND AT LEAST YOU CAN GET SOME SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT INTO SOME OF THE FACILITIES AND YOU CAN QUANTIFY IT, JUST AS WAS DONE AT THE MARINA. YOU CAN MAKE A JUDGMENT THAT RATHER THAN TAKE THE BIRD IN THE HAND AND NOT TAKE THE RISK OF TWO IN THE BUSH. SO YOU MAKE THAT CALCULATED DECISION SO YOU CAN GET SOME INVESTMENT FROM A CURRENT LESSEE. THESE ARE MACHINES, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LIFE OF THESE MACHINES ARE, BUT--

CHRIS MONTANA: AGAIN, THOSE-- THAT INVESTMENT OF THE MACHINES IS NOT A COUNTY INVESTMENT. THAT'S AN ASSET THAT BELONGS TO THE VENDING MACHINE COMPANY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND.

CHRIS MONTANA: BUT LET ME JUST FOOTNOTE ONE IMPORTANT POINT HERE. THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE FOOD POLICY HASN'T TAKEN PLACE YET.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: RIGHT.

CHRIS MONTANA: AND BY EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS, LET'S JUST SAY HYPOTHETICALLY THAT WE WOULD GO BACK AND NEGOTIATE A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR A TWO-YEAR TIME PERIOD, IT

WOULD ALLOW US TO AT LEAST GATHER, I THINK, IMPORTANT DATA AS TO HOW THE CONVERSION BETWEEN THE CURRENT MENU ITEMS IN THOSE MACHINES WOULD BE IMPACTED ON A REVENUE STANDPOINT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HAVE YOU CHECKED WITH ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE CORPORATION, THAT HAS A SIMILAR NUMBER OF VENDING MACHINES OR ANYTHING CLOSE TO IT TO SEE WHAT THE CURRENT RATE IS? WHAT THE GOING RATE IS FOR VENDING MACHINES? HAVE YOU CHECKED?

CHRIS MONTANA: SURE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO ON AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, WHAT ARE WE GETTING COMPARED TO WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA?

CHRIS MONTANA: AGAIN, SOME OF THOSE CONTRACTS VARY, IN THE TIME, I'D SAY WE WERE ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PRICE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND ARE THERE JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE GONE OUT TO BID LIKE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS? THE LAST SIX MONTHS?

CHRIS MONTANA: THAT I COULDN'T TELL YOU.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S WHAT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW IS IF A CITY, FOR EXAMPLE, AND I'M JUST PICKING THE CITY OF L.A. OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR ANYBODY, LONG BEACH, PASADENA, WENT OUT FOR BIDS FOR VENDING MACHINES, AND THE BID CAME BACK SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY GETTING OR SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE'RE GETTING, WOULDN'T THAT SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER NEGOTIATING WITH THESE GUYS? LET'S JUST GO OUT AND BID?

CHRIS MONTANA: I DON'T DISAGREE. BUT AGAIN I WOULD FOOTNOTE THAT BY STATING THAT NOT EVERY MUNICIPALITY IS ADHERING TO THE 100 PERCENT HEALTHY SNACK AND BEVERAGE POLICY. SO IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS IN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, THEN I WOULD CONTACT THOSE MUNICIPALITIES OR AGENCIES THAT ADHERE TO THAT POLICY. AND THEN I THINK YOU WOULD DEFINITELY GET A MUCH BETTER, CLEARER ANSWER.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH, I JUST THINK ON SOMETHING LIKE A VENDING MACHINE CONTRACT, UNLIKE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT, A VENDING MACHINE CONTRACT IS REALLY VERY SIMPLE. EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO BID MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OR THEY'RE NOT. AND WHILE IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE DIALOGUE IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW. THERE IS NO SIMPLICITY HERE.

SUP. KNABE: YOU'VE GOT THE FOOD POLICY THAT HASN'T BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR. I AGREE AS FAR AS GOING OUT TO BID. THE POINT BEING IS JUST UNTIL YOU IMPLEMENT THE FOOD POLICY, YOU CAN'T REALLY GET APPLES TO APPLES OR ALL--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO GET THE FOOD POLICY DONE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I THINK THAT'S THE KEY QUESTION.

CHRIS MONTANA: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS AMENDED THE FOOD POLICY AND IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION, AND THAT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

SUP. KNABE: IN AUGUST.

CHRIS MONTANA: PERHAPS MARTIN--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHY THEY CAN'T GO OUT TO BID?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO EXTEND IT, EITHER, THE EXISTING CONTRACT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT CONTINUES MONTH-TO-MONTH.

CHRIS MONTANA: THAT'S TRUE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO WHAT I'M ASKING IS ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH THE MONTH-TO-MONTH AND YOU GET YOUR FOOD POLICY AND YOU'RE ALL READY TO GO, AT THAT POINT YOU SHOULD GO TO BID.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I AGREE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I WOULD JUST TAKE THE VENDING MACHINE PIECE OUT OF THIS REPORT, FRANKLY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ADVANTAGE IS. I KNOW THEORETICALLY WHAT IT IS. BUT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, I THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF JUST GOING OUT TO BID. AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YOU HAVE NO OPPOSITION FROM OUR OFFICE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OH, WELL--

SUP. KNABE: YOU HAVE NO OPPOSITION FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES, EITHER.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THEN I MOVE WE TAKE OUT THE VENDING MACHINES FROM THAT REPORT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS, IS IT UNDERSTOOD WE'RE TAKING OUT THAT PORTION AND CONTINUING IT FOR 120 DAYS? ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I HESITATE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO PROLONG IT BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WELL THEY'RE GOOD AT CONFUSING US. SO GO AHEAD, ASK THE QUESTIONS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'M GOING TO TRY TO BE VERY SIMPLE. ON THE CELL TOWERS, EXPLAIN TO ME HOW WE WOULD ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION WITH THE CELL COMPANY. THEY COME TO US, DON'T THEY?

CHRIS MONTANA: WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME, BUT I AM FAMILIAR WITH CELL CONTRACTS. I THINK I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. BUT THIS I THINK WAS BROUGHT FORTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. BUT I'VE DONE ENOUGH OF THOSE WHERE I THINK I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I THINK IT'S A VERY SIMPLE QUESTION. A CELL PHONE COMPANY WANTS TO BUILD A CELL TOWER. THEY COME TO US.

CHRIS MONTANA: WE DON'T SOLICIT THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IT'S A C.U.P., BASICALLY.

CHRIS MONTANA: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: DO THEY PAY US? I HATE TO BE SO UNINFORMED HERE, BUT WHEN THEY GET A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PUT A CELL TOWER TOPANGA CANYON, DO THEY PAY THE COUNTY A FEE FOR THAT?

CHRIS MONTANA: THEY PAY A MONTHLY FEE BASED ON THE, AGAIN, WHETHER IT'S A DESIGNATED SITE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THEY PAY A MONTHLY FEE.

CHRIS MONTANA: CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND SO THIS PIECE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH WE WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE CELL COMPANIES FOR EXTENSION OF THEIR C.U.P.?

CHRIS MONTANA: NO, I DON'T BELIEVE SO. THE C.U.P. IS GRANTED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS MADE. AND I THINK AS LONG AS THE-- AND AGAIN I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN THIS, BUT AS LONG AS REGIONAL PLANNING HAS APPROVED THE C.U.P. AND THEY'RE STILL IN EXISTING USE, THEN THAT, I BELIEVE, SHOULD--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO WHAT'S THE ADVANTAGE TO THE CELL TOWER COMPANY TO NEGOTIATE WITH US?

CHRIS MONTANA: TO BE HONEST WITH THE YOU, I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION SINCE THAT WASN'T PART OF MY PURVIEW.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHO CAN ANSWER THE CELL TOWER PIECE OF THIS? IT'S AN I.S.D. LEASE.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: THERE'S SOMEONE FROM PARKS AND REC HERE, I BELIEVE THEY COULD ANSWER IT BETTER. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS WHATEVER REVENUE PAY PAY US ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WOULD BE INCREASED.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL I THINK THE CELL TOWERS WAS ONE OF THE LEASES, ONE OF THE CATEGORIES THAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT FOR EXTENSION. I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WILL WORK.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: SIX OF THEM, SEVEN. SEVEN DIFFERENT CELL TOWER CONCESSION AGREEMENTS. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE WOULD NEGOTIATE FOR ADDITIONAL MONTHLY REVENUES IF THEY PAY US FOR USE OF THAT SITE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND WHAT WOULD BE THE INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO GIVE US MORE MONEY? WHAT WOULD THEY GET IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING US MORE MONEY? COVERAGE?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: EXTENSION OF THE TERM.

RUSS GUINEY: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HOW CAN YOU EXTEND THE TERM IF IT'S A C.U.P.? THE C.U.P. IS FOR A TERM, IS IT NOT?

RUSS GUINEY: THE C.U.P. IS FOR A TERM BUT WE ALSO HAVE A RENTAL AGREEMENT THAT PARALLELS THAT. SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO GET AN EXTENSION OF THE C.U.P. IF WE WERE GOING TO GRANT THEM AN EXTENSION FOR THE RENTAL.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN EXTEND THE C.U.P. IS THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE C.U.P. PROCESS. THEY'VE GOT TO GO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHATEVER THE PROCESS IS. YOU HAVE TO COME HERE. YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE SOMETHING THAT SAYS GIVE US 10 PERCENT MORE MONEY AND WE'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER FIVE YEARS IN YOUR C.U.P. THEY'D HAVE TO COME AND APPLY FOR IT.

RUSS GUINEY: YEAH. THEY WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR THAT C.U.P. AND THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE RENT AGREEMENT WITH THEM. THERE IS ONE ISSUE WITH THE CELL TOWERS. SINCE THE CELL TOWERS ARE CONSIDERED A NON-PARK USE. THEY FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PARK PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH REQUIRES THE REVENUE FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO GO BACK INTO THE PARK. SO WHILE IT'S A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY IN ITS INVESTMENT IN THE PARK, IT DOESN'T REALLY ADDRESS THE BIGGER ISSUE OF GENERAL COUNTY REVENUE, IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEKING TO DO WITH THESE--

SUP. KNABE: EXCEPT IT BENEFITS YOUR BUDGET.

RUSS GUINEY: CORRECT.

SUP. KNABE: AREN'T YOU PART OF THE GENERAL COUNTY?

RUSS GUINEY: SURE. WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR THAT IT DOES GO-- IT GOES BACK INTO THE PARK.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I GUESS WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT YOU NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE CELL TOWER COMPANY AND OFFER THEM AN EXTENSION OF THEIR TERM BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT THEM AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM. NONE OF YOU DO AND NONE OF US DO. ONLY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS A BOARD, AND WHOEVER ISSUES THE PERMITS ULTIMATELY APPROVES THE PERMIT FOR A C.U.P. CAN DO THAT. SO WHEN YOU SIT DOWN ACROSS FROM AT&T OR VERIZON, WHOEVER YOU'RE SITTING THERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU COULD TELL THEM. "WE'D LIKE 10 PERCENT MORE MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR WHICH WE WILL DO WHAT? WE WOULD URGE YOU TO APPLY FOR A C.U.P. EXTENSION AND HOPE THAT YOU GET IT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?"

RUSS GUINEY: YEAH, THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEEK THAT FIRST. AND THEN WE WOULD NEGOTIATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT IF THEY HAVE TO APPLY FOR A C.U.P. EXTENSION, THEN WE DON'T NEED YOU TO NEGOTIATE. I ASSUME WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A HIGHER FEE AS A CONDITION OF THE C.U.P. AS WE HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY.

RUSS GUINEY: I SUPPOSE THE BOARD COULD, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S BEEN THE PAST PRACTICE. AND THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE WITH THOSE. MANY OF THE OPERATORS ARE SEEKING SUBLEASES. SO AS OTHER COMPANIES COME TO THEM AND THEY WANT TO BUILD ON THEIR LEASE, THEN WE'RE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SOME CHANGES THERE, ALSO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I DON'T THINK THE REPORT COVERS THESE ITEMS TO THAT EXTENT. MAYBE IT'S SOMETHIGN YOU WANT TO LOOK INTO.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO IT. AND MAYBE ON THE CELL TOWER PIECE, IF WE CAN--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: REMOVE THAT PORTION, TOO?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING. I JUST--

SUP. KNABE: MICROMANAGE--

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HERE'S WHAT--

SUP. KNABE: --C.U.P.S OR DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT. MY INTENT WAS STRIVING FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THEN HERE IS THE POINT ON THE CELL TOWERS. IF THEY ARE GOING TO SIT ACROSS FROM A CELL TOWER COMPANY AND ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY BY 10 PERCENT, OR THEIR FEE, WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO OFFER IN RETURN? AND WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE HAPPEN-- AND I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO SEE IT HAPPEN, EITHER, IS THAT THEY GRANT-- THAT SOMEHOW THEY GRANT, ILLEGALLY GRANT AN EXTENSION ON A C.U.P. IN A CERRITOS CELL TOWER.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: WE WOULD NEVER RETURN WITH A RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT THAT WAS NOT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE. AND COUNTY COUNSEL IS GOING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AS THEY CONSIDER ANY OF THESE AMENDMENTS. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE. THEY WOULD NOT GRANT AN EXTENSION THAT WAS CONTINGENT UPON A DELIBERATIVE BODY LIKE THE BOARD GRANTING SOMETHING SEPARATE. THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THEN WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE TO OFFER A COMPANY?

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN: I WOULD ASSUME THERE ARE CERTAIN CELL TOWER AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE A C.U.P. THAT EXTENDS CONSIDERABLY INTO THE FUTURE AND YOU COULD DO EXTENSIONS UP TO THAT DEADLINE, PAST THEIR CURRENT RENTAL AGREEMENT DEADLINE. SO THAT WOULD BE A WINDOW OF EXTENSION THAT THEY COULD OFFER THE CELL TOWER.

SUP. KNABE: BECAUSE A RENTAL AGREEMENT IS NOT ALWAYS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A C.U.P., CORRECT? THE RENTAL AGREEMENT IS NOT ALWAYS IN THE SAME SYNCH OR SAME TRACK WITH THE C.U.P., CORRECT?

RUSS GUINEY: I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. WE'D HAVE TO CHECK.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I THINK THE ANSWER IS NO. YOU WANT A DIFFERENT ANSWER?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT WAS THE ANSWER?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THE ANSWER WAS IF THEY HAVE A C.U.P. FOR LET'S SAY 10 YEARS BUT THE CONTRACT IS ONLY FOR THREE YEARS, THEY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE IT FOR THE REMAINING, WITHIN THE LEGALLY CONSTRAINED ASPECTS OF THE C.U.P.

SUP. KNABE: NOTHING BEYOND THE C.U.P.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I THINK THAT WAS A GOOD ANSWER.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. KNABE: WITH THAT CONVERSATION AMENDMENTS, I WILL MOVE IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE WHAT THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE? ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? [LAUGHTER.]

SUP. ANTONOVIC: DO WE HAVE A SUMMATION?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE DO HAVE A SUMMATION. WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS. WE HAVE A SPEAKER. MR. SACHS? MR. SACHS, WHILE YOU'RE HERE, WOULD YOU ALSO ADDRESS C.S.-3?

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. MY CONCERN ABOUT THIS ITEM WAS THE FACT THAT IT SEEMED TO ME TO BE LEADING TO SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING AGAIN. WHAT WAS INTERESTING DURING THE DISCUSSION WAS TO HEAR THE GENTLEMAN WHO WAS SITTING HERE SPEAK ABOUT CONTRACTS THAT ARE GOING TO EXPIRE IN 2020 AND 2030 FOR CONCESSION CONTRACTS THAT ARE THAT LONG. AND ALSO WHAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING WAS WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE CELL TOWERS, THEY PAY A FEE PREDICATED ON WHAT? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY CUT HIM OFF BY SAYING YES, WE KNOW CELL TOWERS PAY A FEE. WE KNOW THAT. SO, THAT WAS JUST PREDICATED ON WHAT? I'D REALLY LIKE TO GET AN ANSWER ON THAT QUESTION. THANK YOU. THE NEXT ITEM, MADAME CHAIR?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN, YOU HAVE ITEM NO. 9 AND C.S.-3.

ARNOLD SACHS: ITEM NO. 9. YES. SUPERVISOR THOMAS, I APPLAUD YOUR OPENING UP THIS DENTAL CARE VAN ON THE GREEN SHEET AND GIVING THE DETAILS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE VAN. IS THIS VAN CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET? IS THIS WHERE THE SERVICE COMES FROM? AND THEN I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BECAUSE I TOOK PART IN THE HEALTH FAIR THAT WAS HELD

ON THE SOUTH BAY IN JUNE. AND I'M SURE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN IT WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE KNOWN THAT IF THIS HEALTH VAN WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE. I MEAN THERE WERE SOME DENTISTS. THERE WAS ONE DENTIST VAN THERE FROM A GROUP OF-- A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS FROM THE COUNTY. AND THAT BEING SAID, HOW LONG DOES THE COUNTY HAVE THE VAN AND HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN USED? WAS IT AVAILABLE FOR THE REMOTE AREA MEDICAL CLINICS THAT WERE HELD? THE ONE THAT WAS HELD AT THE FORUM AND THE ONE THAT WAS HELD AT U.S.C.? AND IF NOT, WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING A VAN IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO USE IT FOR THOSE KINDS OF CLINICS? THANK YOU. AND S-1?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: C.S.-3.

ARNOLD SACHS: WHAT WAS C.S.-3?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT'S A CLOSED SESSION ITEM.

ARNOLD SACHS: I UNDERSTAND. OH. IT WAS-- BUT THAT WAS MR. KAISER? I'M SORRY. I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME. I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION IN FRONT OF ME. WHAT WAS C.S.-3? THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT'S A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.

ARNOLD SACHS: OH. YEAH. THE DEPARTMENT OF-- THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES. I WAS JUST WONDERING AGAIN THEY JUST MADE IT IN THE NEWSPAPER AGAIN REGARDING, I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN BRING THIS UP, THE MISUSE, THE NOT USE OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS PROVIDED THROUGH THE COMPUTER TABLETS? IT'S A SHAM AND A FARCE. AND SO MUCH TO BE SAID, IT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 14, MA'AM?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOT YET. THANK YOU, MR. SACHS, YOU WILL GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. THAT'S ITEM 9. ITEM 15, AS WELL AS-- WELL WE HAD A CLOSED SESSION ITEM-- BUT 9 AND 15 MOVED BUY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR SPECIALS?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: FIRST I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS. WE LOST ONE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS LAST WEEK AND THAT WAS ARCHBISHOP SUMBAT LAPAJIAN WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS THE-- TAUGHT CLASSICAL MODERN ARMENIAN AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMENIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS RELIGION AND ETHICS AT OUR

ARMENIAN SCHOOLS. IN 1986, HE ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF DEAN AT THE ARMENIAN HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL IN MONTEBELLO, WHERE I HOLD MY ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY EACH YEAR, AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ST. MARY'S APOSTOLIC ARMENIAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE. HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1961 AND THEN HE WAS THEN APPOINTED TO THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES. BUT HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN. HE HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE WHEN WE HONORED COMMEMORATION AND MEMORIAL OF THE GENOCIDE THAT WAS COMMITTED AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. ALSO IRVIN LAI, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 83, GOOD FRIEND AND LEADER IN THE CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS THE PRIMARY VOICE TO PROTECT THE 1888 CHINESE IMMIGRANTS' MONUMENTS AND GRAVE SITES THAT HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY THE M.T.A. GOLD LINE EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY. HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL STARTING IN THE 60S WHEN HE JOINED THE LOS ANGELES LODGE OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE. LATER HE BECAME THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IN 1985. RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTER, GARY DEWHIRST, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71. MICHAEL ANTHONY, DALEO OF ARCADIA WHO HAD A 33-YEAR CAREER WITH PACIFIC BELL AND SERVED AS AN ARCADIA POLICE RESERVE OFFICER SINCE 1976. HELEN ELIZABETH HOLDEN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95 IN COVINA. LOUIS CHARLES MELILLO SR., HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES IN WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN

CONFLICT. HE WAS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GROCERS' ASSOCIATION AND EXECUTIVE IN THE GROCERY INDUSTRY FOR OVER 55 YEARS AND OWNER OF LOUIS FOODS SUPERMARKET. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GINGER AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. DR. THOMAS MOLNAR, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHER, HISTORIAN AND POLITICAL THEORIST. HE TAUGHT RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY AT SEVERAL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA AND AFRICA. IN 1995, HE WAS ELEVATED TO HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND AWARDED THE HIGHEST NATIONAL AWARD BY THEIR PRESIDENT. HE WAS WELL-PUBLISHED AUTHOR OF OVER 40 BOOKS AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW BOARD AS WELL AS MANY OTHER EDITORIAL BOARDS INCLUDE MODERN AGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 30 YEARS, ILDIKO, SON ERIC AND STEPSON JOHN. SISTER AGNES NUMER, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF SOMMER HAVEN RANCH INTERNATIONAL, WHICH FEEDS ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE A WEEK. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON DAVID AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. EDWARD JAMES PITTROFF. HE WAS THE OWNER OF LOGIN PRINTING COMPANY, GRADUATE OF PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL AND PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND HONORARY DIRECTOR OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES WHERE HE SERVED AS ALSO PAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB, KIWANIS CLUB AND ELKS. PRISCILLANO "PRES" ROMANILLOS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47. HE WAS THE ARTIST ON DISNEY'S "POCAHONTAS" AS WELL AS INVOLVED WITH THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION OF THE "LITTLE

MERMAID," "MULAN," "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AND "ALADDIN." HE ALSO CREATED SHAN-YU WHICH WAS THAT CHARACTER IN "MULAN." HE WENT TO WORK FOR DREAMWORKS AS AN ANIMATED CHARACTERS FOR "SHREK" AND OTHERS AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEANINE OF 14 YEARS. JEAN SIEROTY PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A PHILANTHROPIST. FOUNDED GROUP OF THE ELDERLY COMPONENT OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON ALAN WHO I SERVED WITH IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. JOHN SIPES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67, A SERGEANT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HERMINIA "MINNIE" TOVAR-EGURE OF COVINA. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. DIANE PRISCILLA VALANTINE PASSED AWAY AFTER FOUR-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COMMUNITY AND ASSISTED-- ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY AND ANIMAL ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE AND LIBRARIAN AND LA MESA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. FLORENCE WEINSTEIN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE MEALS ON WHEELS AS WELL AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL. PAST PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD AND DID RECORDINGS FOR THE BLIND. ROBERTA WETZEL, THE COUSIN OF LEIDA ERICKSON IN MY OFFICE. GREW UP IN WEST COVINA. AT ONE TIME SHE WAS AN EPISCOPAL NUN WITH SISTERS OF THE HOLY NATIVITY AND WORKED AS AN ACCOUNTANT FOR FILMATION ASSOCIATES. VELMA ELAINE RAINWATER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95, RESIDENT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE FORMERLY WORKED FOR THE ROSAMOND SCHOOL BOARD AND FOR THE U.S. POSTAL OFFICE.

ROXENE POLLOCK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. DOMINIC MASSIMO, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. RETIRED FROM N.A.S.A. BERNARD MARON OF CLAREMONT, ALSO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE DURING WORLD WAR II. ESTHER BRADY, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDORA, WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE GLENDORA HOSPITAL. AND LETITIA BARBARA BOSTAIN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE ALSO SERVED THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLERS AND THE LANCASTER WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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

SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. FUJIOKA, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES PARK IN THIS HALL OF ADMINISTRATION?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I DON'T KNOW THAT NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ABOUT 1,000?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: OH NO. I'D IMAGINE IT'S BETWEEN-- PROBABLY ABOUT 2,000?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ABOUT 3,000. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE COURT SYSTEM AND THOSE COURT EMPLOYEES THAT WHO PARK IN THIS HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. THE REASON I ASK THAT IS THE STUPIDITY THAT WE HAVE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION THAT WENT ON TODAY, WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S CONSTRUCTION ON GRAND AND PEOPLE ARE NOW HAVE ADJUSTED TO THAT BY ENTERING ON HILL. BUT THEN TO COME AND FIND OUT ALSO L.A. CITY IS DOING HILL CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT ANY DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON HILL AND TEMPLE OR DIRECTING TRAFFIC ON TEMPLE AND GRAND. YOU HAD THIS CONGESTION THAT IMPACTED THE COURTS, IMPACTED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. YOU IMPACTED JURORS WHO WERE TRYING TO GET HERE, TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK. AND THEY HOLD UP COUNTY OPERATION. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THAT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: YEAH, BOTH THE CHAIR'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY HAVE CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER ASKING THEM TO SCHEDULE THEIR WORK ON OFF-PEAK HOURS, BECAUSE IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER HAVING THEIR TRUCKS DOING SOME UTILITY WORK IN THE MANHOLES. BUT THEY DO SO WHEN ALL OF OUR PEOPLE ARE COMING TO WORK AND ALSO LAST NIGHT WHEN THEY WERE LEAVING TO WORK, I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT BACKUP TODAY. AND I COME IN EARLY. BUT I KNOW EVERYONE, THE WHOLE MORNING WAS IMPACTED BY IT. SO WE REACHED OUT TO THE INTERIM DIRECTOR. THE CHAIR'S OFFICE REACHED OUT TO THE INTERIM

DIRECTOR OF D.W.P. AND I REACHED OUT TO THE NO. 2 PERSON, THE CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, ASKING THEM TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND IF NEED BE, WE SHOULD STATION OUR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON THOSE CORNERS AND BILL THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE COST OF THOSE OFFICERS. THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT THEIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS WHERE THERE'S CONGESTION. AND HAVING CONGESTION BETWEEN TWO COURTS AND THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION IS IRRESPONSIBLE.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I AGREE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: LEADERSHIP OF CITY HALL.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I AGREE. AND DURING THE MEETING, I RECEIVED A RESPONSE BACK FROM-- AT LEAST THE INTERIM DIRECTOR SENT A RESPONSE BACK STATING THAT THEY'RE LOOKING INTO THIS AND WILL GET BACK TO US SHORTLY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WELL, I HOPE THEY GET BACK BEFORE WE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM TOMORROW MORNING WITH THE EMPLOYEES COMING TO WORK.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WE'RE ON TOP OF THIS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND FOR THOSE COURTROOMS THAT WERE DELAYED, THEY OUGHT TO SEND THE BILL TO CITY HALL TO PAY FOR THOSE LAWYER FEES PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY FOR NOT HAVING THEIR TRIAL SET ON TIME. ALSO I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION, MADAME CHAIR. "STRENGTHENING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CHILDREN PROTECTION SAFETY NET THAT WE ALL REALIZE AND KNOW THAT CHILDREN ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS OF OUR COUNTIES AND STATE AND NATION. MOREOVER, ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN ARE DESERVING OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF EVERY POSSIBLE SERVICE THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. THAT MEANS ALL DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE CHILDREN HAVE TO BE COMMUNICATING AND INVOLVED. OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS IMPLEMENTED HIGHER STANDARD OF CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS TO ENHANCEMENTS TO IMPROVE THAT SAFETY. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS BY GRANTING THE WAIVER FOR THE STATUTORY INVESTIGATION PERIOD FROM 30 DAYS TO 60 DAYS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. YET, TRAGEDIES DO CONTINUE. IMPROVING THESE OUTCOMES FOR THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IS NOT ONLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, BUT ALSO THE VARIOUS OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHICH THE CHILD OR HIS OR HER FAMILY COME INTO CONTACT WITH, SUCH AS THE COURTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

EITHER THROUGH A CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION OR DURING THE LIFE OF A CASE OR THE DISPOSITION OF THAT CHILD'S CASE THAT IS BEFORE THE COURT. THE FACT CALLS INTO QUESTION WHETHER OUR COUNTY OVERHAUL CHILDREN PROTECTION NET IS ADEQUATE AND THE QUESTION IS, IT ISN'T. WE WOULD MOVE THAT-- AND THIS IS CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND MYSELF-- WE'D MOVE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO EMPLOY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM TO AUDIT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY NET BY BLENDING FUNDING AND INTEGRATING SERVICES OF ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND THAT FAMILIES-- IMPROVEMENT OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES." I KNOW WE CANNOT TELL THE COURTS WHAT TO DO, BUT THE COURTS HAVE TO HAVE A LIAISON OR SHARE THIS COMMUNICATION, AS WELL, BECAUSE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE BY COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THAT CHILD'S WELFARE, BUT THEY NEED TO BE INVOLVED AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF THESE ISSUES, AS WELL AS THE COUNSELS THAT REPRESENT THESE CHILDREN. SO I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN AUDIT WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGET, WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGET. AND I WOULD LIKE THAT AUDIT TO BE TIMELY, AND THAT WE HAVE RESPONSE WITH

RECOMMENDATIONS DONE AS RAPIDLY AS THAT AUDIT CAN BE CONCLUDED. THE MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, UNLESS WE COULD DO IT TODAY. I'D SAY IT'S AN EMERGENCY. I'D LIKE TO SEE US TAKE ACTION ON THIS, MADAME CHAIR, IF WE COULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL HER OPINION.

ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL: THE STANDARD IS VERY STRINGENT FOR AN URGENCY MOTION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE IT BE READ TODAY AND BROUGHT BACK NEXT WEEK. NEVERTHELESS, WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE INTEREST HERE. AND I WOULD THINK THAT THE C.E.O., WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, COULD START IMMEDIATELY WORKING ON IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT IS AN AUDIT. IT IS DIFFERENT THAN JUST A REPORT BACK.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO FOR NEXT WEEK WE'LL DO THAT. ALL RIGHT. SO YOU DID HOLD ITEM NO. 14?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ITEM 14? I HAVE LISA GARRETT? THIS IS THE ITEM BEFORE US. COULD YOU JUST SUCCINCTLY AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD TO DO WHAT THIS BOARD HAS REQUESTED, THE CLASSIFICATION STREAMLININGS, AND THE STREAMLINING THE PROCESS

AND TO IMPROVE THE COMPENSATION STRUCTURE, TO MAKE IT QUICKLY TO HIRE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, HOW THAT WILL BE WORKING?

LISA GARRETT: YES, WE CAN SUPERVISOR.

ELLEN SANDT: ELLEN SANDT WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. JUST TO GIVE YOU QUICK BACKGROUND. BACK WHEN WE WERE DOING THE 2009 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COUNTY, ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY BOTH DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OFFICES FOR NEEDING IMPROVEMENT WAS THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMPENSATION FUNCTIONS IN THE C.E.O. AND EXAMINATION OF RECRUITMENT FUNCTIONS THAT D.H.R. TAKES CARE OF. EVERYBODY WANTED TO SEE THE PROCESS STREAMLINED. WE WENT OUT AND HEARD A COUPLE OF CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE A LOT OF EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA ONE OF WHOM IS HERE TODAY, SANDRA COMREY, WHO IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT HER FINDINGS. BASICALLY WHERE WE THINK WE'VE GOT IS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEST PRACTICES THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTING TO IMPROVE WHAT WE DO IN TERMS OF STREAMLINING CLASSIFICATIONS, REDUCING DUPLICATE EFFORTS IN TERMS OF TESTING AND HIRING, AND ACROSS-THE-BOARD BRINGING IN WHAT WE THINK ARE BETTER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO LET SANDRA TALK A LITTLE BRIEFLY ABOUT HER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

SANDRA COMREY: GOOD AFTERNOON. OUR STUDY CONSISTED OF THREE COMPONENTS. ONE WAS A SURVEY OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE HUMAN

RESOURCES FUNCTIONS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF OUR STUDY. THOSE WERE, AS ELLEN SAID, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CONDUCTED SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWED A WIDE VARIETY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, MANAGERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THESE PROCESSES. AND CHERYL MAHAFFEY, MY COLLEAGUE AND I, CONDUCTED OUR OWN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF WORK PROCESSES, POLICIES, DOCUMENTS, WORK PRODUCTS AND SO FORTH FOR THESE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. THE OVERALL CONCLUSION WE REACHED AT THE END OF OUR STUDY PROCESS WAS THAT THESE FUNCTIONS ARE NOT OPERATING-- HAVE NOT BEEN OPERATING AT THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY WHICH ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS STRATEGIC GOALS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE. SPECIFICALLY, THEY HAVE NOT OPERATED FROM A STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE. HISTORICALLY THEY'VE OPERATED IN A VERY TRANSACTIONAL FASHION. THEY HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH CURRENT BEST PRACTICES IN THE FIELD. THERE HAS BEEN AN OVER RELIANCE ON USE OF SELECTION PROCESSES THAT ARE OF LIMITED VALIDITY AND UTILITY. WORK PROCESSES THEMSELVES ARE SLOW AND INEFFICIENT, AND THEREFORE RESPONSE TIME TO CUSTOMERS, THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE APPLICANTS AND SO FORTH FOR JOBS, HAS BEEN VERY SLOW. AND, LASTLY, VERY LIMITED CREDIBILITY FOR THESE FUNCTIONS ON THE PART OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS. THESE PROBLEMS ARE A RESULT OF A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH WE'VE OUTLINED IN SOME DETAIL IN OUR REPORT. THE IMPORTANT THING TO NOTE ABOUT THEM IS THAT THE

VARIOUS FACTORS ARE HIGHLY INDEPENDENT-- HIGHLY INTERDEPENDENT. AND SO WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS IS THERE'S NOT A SINGLE, SIMPLE SOLUTION TO QUICKLY RESOLVE THE AREAS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED AS BEING DEFICIENT. WE'VE PRESENTED IN OUR REPORT, 66 SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE, TAKEN TOGETHER, CAN TRANSFORM THESE FOUR H.R. SYSTEMS INTO STRATEGIC HIGH VALUE FUNCTIONS WHICH WE THINK THE COUNTY DESPERATELY NEEDS. WE'VE OUTLINED A COUPLE OF FOUNDATIONAL CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDE ENGAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENTS AND UNIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT NEED TO COME OUT OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS AND MOVEMENT TO A CUSTOMER SERVICE CONSULTATIVE CULTURE. A NUMBER OF MAJOR INITIATIVES INCLUDE STREAMLINING THE CLASSIFICATION PLANS, REDESIGNING AND STREAMLINING RECRUITMENT SELECTION PROCESSES, TRANSITION TO A COMPETENCY-BASED APPROACH TO SUPPORT ALL OF H.R. FUNCTIONS. AND AS THE REPORT BEFORE YOU STATES, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS THAT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IS CONDUCTING A PILOT COMPETENCY MODEL PROJECT USING THE CONTRACT ANALYST'S CLASS SERIES, WHICH IS NOW BEING CREATED. WE THINK THE RESULTS OF A TRANSITION TO A COMPETENCY METHODOLOGY WILL HAVE THE VARIOUS BENEFITS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE CEO'S REPORT AND REALLY SERVE TO FACILITATE IMPROVEMENTS IN STREAMLINING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND IN IMPROVING RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESSES, SO THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO HIRE THE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE FOR ITS JOBS.

A FURTHER INITIATIVE IS INTENSIVE TRAINING, WHICH WE THINK IS NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THE H.R. STAFF COMPETENCIES IN THESE KEY FUNCTIONS, BOTH IN CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS AND IN THE LINE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PERFORMING THOSE FUNCTIONS NOW. A NUMBER OF OTHER CRITICAL CHANGES ARE OUTLINED IN THE REPORT. THEY RANGE FROM RE-EXAMINING THE DESIGN OF H.R. ARCHITECTURE FOR THE COUNTY, ESTABLISHING AN H.R. POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR GUIDANCE TO ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESTABLISHING STAFF CUSTOMER SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITIES, REVITALIZING THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLANNING PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR WORK PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS, WORK PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE METRICS WHICH CAN BE USED BOTH TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE PART OF THE PROGRAMS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE STAFF THAT PERFORM THEM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HOPE IS EVIDENT IN MY BRIEF REMARKS IS THAT THESE CHANGES, THE CHANGES NECESSARY TO MOVE THESE FOUR FUNCTIONS TO THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE THAT'S NECESSARY, IS GOING TO REQUIRE A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT AND WILL REQUIRE THE ONGOING OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. BOTH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND C.E.O. CLASS COMP ADMINISTRATION DIVISION HAVE PUT TOGETHER VERY EXTENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS TO TAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TURN THEM INTO ACTION.

ELLEN SANDT: I WAS GOING TO SAY, WITH THAT, IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, BOTH LISA AND STEVE ARE HERE AND CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATIONS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

LISA GARRETT: CAN I JUST ADD, SUPERVISOR, THAT ALTHOUGH THE REPORT DEALS WITH FOUR DIFFERENT H.R. DISCIPLINES, WE ARE WORKING ON OVERHAUL OF ALL OF H.R. FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY, NOT JUST RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND COMPETENCIES. WE'RE WORKING ON DISCIPLINE, REVISING AND UPDATING THE GUIDELINES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED SINCE I THINK THE 1980S, AND HAVING-- WE'RE WORKING ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT, SUCCESSION PLANNING, A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS THAT ARE NOT LISTED IN THE REPORT THAT I'D BE WILLING, OF COURSE, TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO YOUR BOARD REGARDING.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVE THE MOTION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS? ARE YOU MR. SACHS?

CHONTEL ROLISON: NO.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHY DID YOU COME UP?

CHONTEL ROLISON: BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO MISS MY TURN. DID YOU CALL CHONTEL ROLISON YET? I'LL WAIT.

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS. WHEN I READ THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA, THE REASON I CAME UP HERE, LET ME JUST SAY, SIMON AND GARFUNKEL, JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, UP AND DOWN, SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS, WALK AND CHEW GUM, IN AND OUT HAMBURGERS. THE FOUR CORE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION AND OPPORTUNITIES. WELL IF MY PREVIOUS EXAMPLES COUNT FOR ANYTHING, EACH ONE OF THOSE EXAMPLES INCLUDED "AND" SOMETHING AND. SO IF YOU LOOK AT THIS AND YOU SAY THE FOUR CORE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, I COUNT FIVE CORE. AND I DON'T COUNT, ACCOUNTABILITY BEING PART OF THAT-- I KNOW IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF SEMANTICS. WHEN I'M STANDING IN LINE TO COME INTO THE MEETING TODAY, YOU HAVE ON YOUR VIDEO SCREENS DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THE COUNTY OFFERS. AND ONE OF THEM IS "IN PLAIN LANGUAGE" PROGRAM. SO IN PLAIN LANGUAGE. YOU LIST FIVE CATEGORIES FOR YOUR FOUR CORE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM. MAYBE THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THERE'S A PROBLEM IN SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS. CAN YOU SAY BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION AS ALWAYS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ITEM 14. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. FUJIOKA, WE'VE ALL BEEN OUTRAGED AT WHAT OCCURRED IN THE CITY OF BELL. COULD YOU ELABORATE WHY THAT WOULD NOT OCCUR WITHIN THE COUNTY? HOW WE'RE PROTECTED, OUR L.A.C.E.R.A.?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: FIRST AND FOREMOST, THAT SALARY WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, OR IN THIS INSTANCE THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELL. THIS BOARD WOULD NOT APPROVE A SALARY LIKE THAT. SECOND, AND IT WAS INTERESTING WHEN THAT CAME OUT, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THE CITY MANAGERS AND OTHER FOLKS UP AND DOWN THE STATE, OTHER C.A.O.S VOICED THEIR ANGER AT THAT SALARY AND WHAT HAPPENS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ALL THE STORIES AND THE PENSION SPIKING AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THE PROFESSION OF WHETHER THE CITY MANAGER OR C.A.O., FOLKS TAKE WHAT THEY DO VERY SERIOUSLY AND WITH A LOT OF PRIDE. AND WHAT HAPPENED DOWN IN BELL, I THOUGHT WAS PERSONALLY-- WAS REPUGNANT, TO BE VERY BLUNT. AND SO SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE, IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, I AM ONLY VOICING MY OPINION, IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE GOVERNING AN ENTITY LIKE A CITY OR IN THE CASE IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN HERE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU. COULD WE CALL S-1? IT'S 11 O'CLOCK. I MEAN, LET ME DEFER TO THE CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IS IT S-1?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: 22. BUT S-1 IS THE HUMAN BUDGET.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CALL THEM TOGETHER.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND ALL THAT AND YOUR MOTIONS?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO, LET'S DO THIS ITEM.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: CAN WE COMBINE BOTH 22 AND S-1?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YES.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I'M JOINED BY THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, JOHN SCHUNHOFF, THE C.F.O. OF D.H.S. ALLAN WECKER AND THEN SHEILA SHIMA FROM OUR OFFICE. WE'RE ASKED TO SPEAK TO SOME OF THE PLACEHOLDERS IN THE BUDGET. AND I'LL GO OVER THEM VERY BRIEFLY BECAUSE I WANT TO FOCUS A LOT OF OUR TIME ON D.H.S. AND THE SERIOUS IMPACT THAT IS BEING CAUSED BY BOTH THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR NOT TAKING OR MOVING-- TAKING

DECISIVE ACTION AT SOME OF OUR REQUESTS. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT WE STARTED WITH AN N.C.C. BUDGET GAP OF $510 MILLION. AS PART OF THAT GAP, WE HAVE $115 MILLION IN SAVINGS THROUGH-- WELL HOPEFULLY PROPOSED SAVINGS THROUGH ACCOMMODATION OF LABOR MANAGEMENT OPTIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH OUR UNION PARTNERS, I'LL CHARACTERIZE IT AS THAT. BECAUSE WE'RE AT THE TABLE RIGHT NOW, IT'S DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS EACH AND EVERY I THING THAT WE HAVE, THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT; BUT KNOW THAT WE'RE STARTING THE TABLE UP WITH THE COALITION SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY. THEY HAVEN'T COMPLETELY SHUT US DOWN. THEY HAVEN'T COME FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE. BUT WE STILL HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. A BIG PART OF OUR, I'LL CALL IT A PLACEHOLDER PROBLEM, DEALS WITH THE F.M.A.P. WHEN THIS BUDGET WAS FIRST PROPOSED TO THE BOARD AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE FINAL BUDGET WAS APPROVED, WE HAD A STRONG INDICATION THAT THE F.M.A.P. WAS GOING TO GO FORWARD. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, I THINK YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME DISSENSION AMONGST I WOULD SAY THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND WE COULDN'T GET THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO PASS THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION. THERE'S RUMORS THAT THERE WILL BE-- THE PROPOSED PERCENTAGE INCREASE WILL BE REDUCED. IT'S HOPED THAT IT WILL BE DONE BEFORE THIS RECESS, THIS AUGUST. IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. THE SECOND SCENARIO WOULD BE TO HAVE IT DONE AFTER SOMETIME IN LATE NOVEMBER BUT BEFORE THE F.M.A.P. INCREASE EXPIRES ON

DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PLACEHOLDERS, I THINK WE'LL WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. WE HAVE ONE IN D.H.S. OF $25 MILLION THAT'S RELATED TO F.M.A.P.. WE HAVE $1.5 MILLION PLACEHOLDER IN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ALSO RELATED TO F.M.A.P.. AND THEN WE HAVE A-- I'M SORRY-- WE HAVE IN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES $4.8 MILLION RELATED TO FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER, A FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER. WE HAVE $6.5 MILLION IN CARRYOVER FUNDING FOR H.1.N.1. THE LAST TWO WE FEEL FAIRLY CONFIDENT ABOUT BECAUSE HISTORICALLY THE STATE HAS APPROVED THE WAIVER REQUESTS FOR FOOD STAMPS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF-- THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION HAS NOT ROUTINELY BUT HISTORICALLY APPROVED OUR CARRYOVER REQUESTS, WHAT THIS CONSTITUTES, AND HAS PREPARED GRANT FUNDS. NOW, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' BUDGET AND I WANT TO HAVE JOHN AND ALAN CHIME IN BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN OUR PRINCIPAL SPOKESPERSONS AT THE TABLE WORKING ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. WHAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE THREE THINGS. WE HAVE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION. WE HAVE THE PROVIDER FEE. AND WE HAVE THE WAIVER. TOGETHER, THEY GO A LONG WAYS TOWARDS CLOSING THE GAP THAT WE HAVE IN A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH COULD BE FROM $389 MILLION TO AS HIGH AS I BELIEVE $429 MILLION. WE HAVE AN ACTIVE CONVERSATION IN FACT THIS YEAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH C.M.S., WE HAVE JOHN AND ALAN, HAVE PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

WE'RE ASKING FOR MOVEMENT ON THE WAIVER, PRINCIPALLY IN WHAT IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT. BUT YET CURRENTLY WE'RE GETTING SOME PRESSURE FROM SOME OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THIS NEGOTIATION TO BACK AWAY FROM THAT AND TO LOOK AN AN INCENTIVE POLL. WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDER FEE, AS RECENTLY AS ABOUT A WEEK AGO, AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE PROVIDER FEE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO C.M.S., AND WE'VE HEARD ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS THAT IT HAS SOME-- IT HAS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF MOVING FORWARD. BUT YET IT KEEPS CHANGING, NOT ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE CHANGING AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS. WHAT PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE-- AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE-- WHAT FOLKS DON'T REALIZE IS IF WE DON'T GET A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN THE WAIVER FEE, IF THE PROVIDER FEE GOES FORWARD, IF THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION DOESN'T OCCUR, WE'RE LOOKING AT, I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT-- I'LL JUST SAY IT. WE'RE LOOKING AT A VERY SEVERE IMPACT TO OUR HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW WE SERVICE ABOUT 730,000 PATIENTS A YEAR. IF THIS MONEY DOESN'T GO FORWARD, THE IMPACT TO OUR DEPARTMENT IS CATASTROPHIC. THE IMPACT TO THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS EVEN WORSE. WE COULD LOOK AT REDUCING THAT, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WE'VE SERVED BY AS MANY AS 420,000 PATIENTS. IF WE LOOK AT HEALTH REFORM AND WHAT'S BEING ASKED OF US AS BEING ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROVIDERS OF HEALTHCARE FOR NOT ONLY THE UNDERSERVED BUT ALSO THOSE WHO WILL OBTAIN HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR THE FIRST

TIME, I THINK WE'RE THE LYNCHPIN FOR THAT SYSTEM. WE'RE THE ABSOLUTE LYNCHPIN FOR THE TRAUMA SYSTEM. IF PEOPLE DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT, THE WAIVER, THE PROVIDE FEE AND THE F.M.A.P. HAS ON OUR SYSTEM, THEY NEED TO WAKE UP, BECAUSE WHERE WE'RE POSITIONED IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, I THINK AS WE GO, THE WHOLE COUNTY GOES. THE IMPACT COULD BE ENORMOUS. I WOULD HAVE JOHN GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE WAIVER. THEN ALSO THE PROVIDER FEE. THE WAIVER PROVIDER FEE.

SUP. KNABE: BEFORE, COULD I JUST ASK ONE QUICK QUESTION?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SURE

SUP. KNABE: WHO IS ASKING US TO BACK AWAY?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I'LL HAVE JOHN DO THAT.

SUP. KNABE: OKAY. JOHN, WHO IS ASKING US TO BACK AWAY?

DR. JOHN JOHN SCHUNHOFF: AT THIS POINT IT'S THE STATE. WE WERE ON A CONFERENCE CALL WITH C.M.S. AND THE STATE REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS IN THE GLOBAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. C.M.S. SUGGESTED THAT A BETTER WAY TO DO IT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WOULD BE FROM AN INCENTIVE POOL. OUR CONCERN WITH THAT IS THE WAY WE PROPOSED IT WITH THE GLOBAL

DEMONSTRATION AND THE 150 PERCENT U.P.L. GIVES A MORE PUBLIC HEALTH-- PUBLIC HOSPITAL-BASED SYSTEM OF REIMBURSEMENT AND THE INCENTIVE POOL IS SUBJECT TO MORE, TO SPREADING AROUND TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS. THE STATE, THOUGH, IS THE ONE THAT IN SEVERAL MEETINGS LAST WEEK PUSHED US TO MOVE FROM THE POSITION THAT WAS IN THEIR PROPOSAL TO WHAT C.M.S. HAS INDICATED, THAT THEY THOUGHT WAS MAYBE A BETTER WAY TO GO.

SUP. KNABE: IS THAT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GET A BETTER DEAL THAN US FIRST?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: WELL, ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE WAIVER DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATION IS THAT THE STATE'S KEY INTEREST IN THIS IS HELPING TO SOLVE THEIR BUDGET PROBLEM FOR '10/'11. SO THEY'RE SEEKING TO FEDERALIZE SOME PROGRAMS AND SAVE STATE GENERAL FUNDS. SO THERE'S A CERTAIN INHERENT CONFLICT BETWEEN PROVIDING MORE FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING MORE FUNDS TO SOLVE THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

SUP. KNABE: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT WAS YOUR RESPONSE?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: -- LET'S GET THE RESPONSE FROM THE STATE?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: WE'VE TOLD THEM WE WANT TO STAY WITH THEM FOR THE GLOBAL DEMONSTRATION AND WITH THE 150 PERCENT U.P.L.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR US TO STAND FIRM. THERE IS ANOTHER REFERENCE IN OUR REPORT TO THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINIC FUNDING THAT WE GET THROUGH THE STATE. THE STATE OWES US $172 MILLION. WE HEARD RECENTLY-- AND THIS IS FOR A PAST YEAR, AS FAR BACK AS THE FISCAL YEAR '05/'06. THE STATE TOLD US RECENTLY WE WON'T GET THAT REIMBURSEMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR; WE WON'T GET IT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A CASH FLOW PROBLEM FOR US AND REQUIRE US TO SET UP AN ACCRUAL. BUT THAT'S MONEY THAT'S OWED TO US BY THE STATE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY'RE ASKING US TO BACK AWAY, BUT YET THEY'RE NOT REIMBURSING US FOR MONIES OWED FOR BILLS WE SUBMITTED, WHAT, FIVE YEARS AGO, RIGHT? YOU.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: JUST A COUPLE POINTS TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT MR. FUJIOKA SAID. ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES FOR THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION, EVEN THOUGH THE SIX MONTHS ON THE FACE OF IT ONLY GETS A $33.8 MILLION, IT'S ALSO KEY TO EXTENSION OF THE PROVIDER FEE SHOULD IT GET APPROVED FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, WHICH WOULD BRING US ANOTHER 57 MILLION SO THAT THE TOTAL PACKAGE OF THAT WOULD BE 115 MILLION IN '10/'11. THE SECOND POINT IS THAT THE CRITICALNESS OF THE PROVIDER FEE IS NOT ONLY FOR '10/'11, BUT IT IT'S ALSO FOR CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR

'09/'10. BECAUSE WE HAVE YET TO CLOSE THE BOOKS FOR '09/'10. AND THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF IT, 144 MILLION THAT WE'LL GET TOWARDS '09/'10 IF THIS GETS APPROVED AT THE CURRENT PROPOSAL. AND, FINALLY, ON THE WAIVER, WE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT US ACHIEVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE WAIVER IS CRITICAL FOR US MAINTAINING SERVICES AND IF WE DON'T, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION, AS MR. FUJIOKA SAID, TO BE PROPOSING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES. MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S THE REPORT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. ALL RIGHT. LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS PART. LET ME ASK SOME QUESTIONS ON THIS BECAUSE I'M NOT GETTING AN ANSWER HERE. FOR OUR BUDGET, AGAIN, FOR LAST YEAR, THE DEFICIT AMOUNT WAS HOW MUCH?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: SUPERVISOR, THE LAST TIME WE CAME TO YOU WITH OUR FISCAL FORECAST, IT WAS AROUND $200 MILLION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. AND HOW ARE WE RESOLVING THAT?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: SUPERVISOR, WE'RE-- FIRST PLACE, WE NEED THE PROVIDER FEE. THAT BRINGS US $144 MILLION. AND WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT THERE BE USE OF ADDITIONAL $9 MILLION FOR MEASURE B FUNDS THAT ARE ONE-TIME FUNDS AVAILABLE THERE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHICH ONES?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: MEASURE B. 9 MILLION. AND THEN THE--SHOULD WE GET THOSE TWO, THEN AS WE CLOSE THE BOOKS, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO CLOSE THE GAP BY HAVING ACHIEVED SAVINGS IN TERMS OF OUR EXPENDITURES, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO BE DEPENDENT UPON THE USE OF ONE-TIME FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY, FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WELL LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS. THIS HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE THAT YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO CLOSE WITH IS FROM WHERE?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IT IS ONE WE ALREADY HAVE?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THIS IS THE ONE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE STATE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND. BUT THIS IS FOR LAST YEAR'S BUDGET.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: YES, BUT IT'S NOT BEEN APPROVED YET.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: RETROACTIVE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE MONEY IS BEING COUNTED. SO FOR 2009/2010, THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE YOU HAVE ON HERE? YOU SAY HOW MUCH? 144 MILLION?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ON THE ONE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN YET.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AND THAT WOULD STILL LEAVE YOU WITH QUITE A BIT OF MONEY TO MAKE UP IF YOU WERE TO GET THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE. RIGHT?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO YOU WOULD GET IT FROM WHERE?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: AS HE MENTIONED, AS THE DEPARTMENT CLOSES THE BOOKS, AS WE DO THAT WITH ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, IT'S LIKELY THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE FUNDS LEFT OVER AS A CONSEQUENCE OF A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THEY HAVE TAKEN IN EVERY SINGLE

HOSPITAL, IN DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THEIR COSTS. AND SO IN THE NEXT PROBABLY ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS AS WE WORK WITH THE AUDITOR TO CLOSE OUT THE BOOKS OF EVERY DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE HEALTH SERVICES, IT'S REASONABLE TO THINK THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MONEY THAT WILL BE LEFT OVER FROM THE BUDGET THAT HASN'T BEEN SPENT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THE DIFFERENCE--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THE WAY YOU'RE PUTTING IT ON HERE BUT ARE NOT SAYING IT. IT'S TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY, RIGHT?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'RE SAYING--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HOW MUCH IS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MEASURE B AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CLOSING THE BOOKS. IF THAT'S INSUFFICIENT, THEN WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS AT THAT POINT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, BILL.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: I UNDERSTAND. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT A PROVIDER FEE. THE LAST CONVERSATION WE HAD, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT A COMPROMISED PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO C.M.S. IT'S BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. IT'S BEEN WORKED OUT WITH A NUMBER-- THE STATE. AND WE ARE IN DISCUSSION WITH THE C.M.S. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE GET A POSITIVE WORD ON THAT. HOPEFULLY ACTUALLY THIS WEEK TO GET SOME.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHY WOULD THAT CHANGE THAT, THOUGH, FOR LAST YEAR? FOR WHAT? THIS IS STILL ON THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE, RIGHT? BUT THAT'S ONLY 144 MILLION. I'M LOOKING FOR THE REMAINING AMOUNT?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE HAS A RETROACTIVITY CLAUSE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND. AND IF YOU GET IT, YOU'RE GOING TO USE 144 MILLION OF IT RETROACTIVELY. I UNDERSTAND THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE REMAINING AMOUNT.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: HE MENTIONED THAT. THE OTHER REMAINING AMOUNT, 9 MILLION IDENTIFIED THROUGH MEASURE B, AND THE BALANCE, WE HOPE THAT AS WE CLOSE THE BOOKS WITH D.H.S., THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MONEY THAT AS IT HAS IN THE PAST--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOU THINK THERE WILL BE 50 SOME MILLION DOLLARS LEFT? ALL RIGHT. [OVERLAPPING CONVERSATION]

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THERE WILL BE SOME LEFT. BUT THE BALANCE OF THAT LEFT, WE WOULD ASK TO USE THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING IS THESE PRETENSIONS OR THESE IDEAS THAT SOME OF THIS WAS GOING TO COME BY, I MEAN FOR US, WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT. IT IS NOT JUST YOU OR US. WHEN WE WENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., I MEAN WHY EVEN BOTHER WITH THE F.M.A.P.? WE DIDN'T NEED TO LOBBY THAT BECAUSE WHETHER YOU WERE SPEAKING TO REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, EVERYBODY AGREED THAT WAS ALREADY IN THE BILL AND IT WAS A DONE DEAL. AND THAT HAS BECOME JUST THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE THING AFTER PHONE CALL AFTER PHONE CALL AFTER PHONE CALL WITH ASSURING US "OH, DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE THE FULL AMOUNT." NOW, WE CAN'T EVEN GET THAT. AND THAT WAS THE SURE THING. SO FOR ME TO THINK OF THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE OR THE WAIVER GOING TO BE WITHIN OUR TIMEFRAME, I THINK WE'RE BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SOLVED LAST YEAR'S DEFICIT. THEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE DEFICIT THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED THAT COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 389 MILLION TO THE 429 MILLION. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT, AND THE OPTIONS THAT ARE THERE, I MEAN THE ONLY THING THAT I KNOW THAT IS FOR SURE IS

THE 8 MILLION IN MEASURE B FUNDS. AND OF COURSE I HOPE THAT'S LEFT OVER AN AFTER YOU USE IT FOR LAST YEAR'S DEFICIT, CORRECT? THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, RIGHT? AND THEN THE $42 MILLION IN TOBACCO MONEY. RIGHT? SO IF YOU USE 51 OF IT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE, IS THERE 42 MILLION LEFT?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: YES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO WOULD THAT WIPE IT OUT?

ALLAN WECKER: NO. THERE STILL WOULD BE MONEY IN THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND, SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF $100 MILLION STILL.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: HOW MUCH?

ALLAN WECKER: ABOUT 100 MILLION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER AREAS, THE WAIVER, OF COURSE, WE DON'T KNOW. RIGHT NOW, ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THE STATE IS OPERATING AS THEY USUALLY OPERATE, AND THAT IS TAKE CARE OF THEM FIRST AND BE ABLE TO THINK ABOUT THE COUNTY LATER. AND SO WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT'S GOING TO GET RESOLVED OUT. BUT THE OTHER PART THAT'S IN HERE IS THE EFFICIENCIES OF $18 MILLION. NOW, I NEED TO THINK WE NEED TO GET A PROGRESS REPORT OF WHERE THOSE EFFICIENCIES ARE AT FOR

$18 MILLION. BECAUSE I ALWAYS SEE THIS PUT INTO THE EQUATION, IT'S A NUMBER THAT'S PLAYED WITH, BUT I DON'T KNOW THE REAL NUMBERS. AND IT'S ALWAYS LIKE GENERIC ASPIRIN AND THOSE KIND OF THINGS THAT YOU ALWAYS BRING IN. SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THAT 18 MILLION'S COMING FROM. BECAUSE WE'RE STILL GAMBLING THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THE PROVIDER FEE IF WE'RE GOING TO RESOLVE THIS. AND WE'RE GAMBLING THAT WE'RE GETTING THE 150 MILLION FROM THE WAIVER. RIGHT? AND THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS FOLLOWING YEAR. THAT WOULD BE THE AMOUNT, WE THINK. AND THAT STILL GIVES US $114 MILLION DEFICIT. EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT INTO THE EQUATION. DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I HAVE A QUESTION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND WE SEE THIS ALSO WITH TODAY'S PAPER THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE A BUDGET PASSED UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNOR IN JANUARY, WHICH SEVERELY, AGAIN, IMPACTS EVERY SCHOOL, CITY AND COUNTY. BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS: AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, THEY'RE ALSO HAVING DIFFICULTIES PASSING A BUDGET. BUT THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE DEEPER THE CUTS ARE GOING TO BE WHEN WE GET A FINAL BUDGET BECAUSE WE KNOW THE BUDGET, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, IS NOT GOING TO BE AS HIGH AS TO THE DEGREE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH. SO THE SIZE OF THOSE CUTS CURRENTLY IN THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US, THE

QUESTION IS WHEN WILL THE BOARD BE PROVIDED WITH A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS SHORTFALL? JOHN AND MR. FUJIOKA?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WHEN I MENTIONED THAT EARLIER WHEN I SPOKE INFORM THE NUMBER OF PATIENT VISITS THAT COULD BE LOST SHOULD THE FEDERAL FUNDING NOT COME FORWARD, AND THAT'S EVERYTHING FROM F.M.A.P. TO PROVIDER FEE AND THE WAIVER, WE START TALKING IN TERMS OF 400,000 PATIENTS. IT DOESN'T REALLY SPEAK TO THE NUMBER OF VISITS WHICH YOU CAN GET, AT LEAST ON THE OUTPATIENT SIDE, YOU START TALKING ABOUT IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OUTPATIENT VISITS. THE IMPACT IT WOULD COST TO OUR DEPARTMENT AND WITH THAT MY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY IS ENORMOUS. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO SACRAMENTO AND D.C. OF THE IMPORTANCE OF US RECEIVING WHAT WE FEEL IS MORE THAN REASONABLE THROUGH THE WAIVER, THE PROVIDER FEE AND F.M.A.P.. WE CAN, IF IT'S YOUR WISH, TO COME FORWARD WITH A VERY SPECIFIC LIST OF WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SHUT DOWN.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I KNOW. BUT I'VE ASKED THIS TIME AFTER TIME WHEN WE'VE BEEN HERE. SO THIS ISN'T A NEW ISSUE THAT I'VE RAISED AT THIS BOARD MEETING BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE STATE HAS NOT TAKEN ACTION AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO DELAY, AS WELL. BUT WE NEED A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT SHORTFALL. SO WE HAVE A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC AS TO WHAT ACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AND

WHAT ACTIONS WE HAVE TO TAKE. I WAS IN WASHINGTON D.C. YESTERDAY ON A RELATED ISSUE, BUT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT DEFINITIVE PLANS. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DEFINITIVE PLANS ON A SPECIFIC ISSUE. THEY NEED THAT INFORMATION. WE NEED THE INFORMATION. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PUBLIC NEEDS THAT INFORMATION. SO I WOULD LIKE IF WE WOULD HAVE A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT SHORTFALL. YOUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE HEALTH CARE REFORM WILL SERVE, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, SOME 500,000 PATIENTS, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT WILL BE UNINSURED. COULD YOU PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A PATIENT MIX UNDER THE HEALTH CARE REFORM? AND IF WE COULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEK, THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THIS BODY BECAUSE, AGAIN, CONGRESS JUST WENT BACK INTO SESSION YESTERDAY, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROBABLY ADJOURNING IN MID, LATE AUGUST. SO WE HAVE A VERY SHORT TIME FRAME. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION. AND THEN DURING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, WE DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK REGARDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT ARE MANDATED BUT NOT COMPENSATED. AND IF WE COULD HAVE THE SERVICES THAT ARE MANDATED BUT NOT COMPENSATED, THAT QUESTION REMAINS UNANSWERED. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK AFTER. BUT NEXT WEEK IF POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. AND WE NEED THAT TYPE OF A FOLLOWUP TO INCLUDE DETAILED

INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF SUBSISTENCE CARE. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION. BUT, AGAIN, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE JUST RAISE TODAY. IT'S ONGOING BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY THAT WE ARE HAVING IN THE STATE AND AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. ANYONE ELSE? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT, BUT I WANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET WAS PREDICATED ON LARGELY THREE-- THE CLOSING OF THE DEFICIT WAS PREDICATED ON LARGELY THREE SOURCES OF REVENUE. ONE WAS THE F.M.A.P.. ONE WAS THE PROVIDER FEE AND ONE WAS THE WAIVER. AND THE KEY ELEMENT OF THE WAIVER WAS THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT. THOSE WERE THE THREE. THE F.M.A.P. IS ON LIFE SUPPORT. I THINK THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION AT THIS POINT. THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE AT THIS POINT IT'S GOING ANYWHERE. I'D LIKE TO BE PROVEN WRONG ON THAT. THE HOSPITAL FEE, I DON'T KNOW-- I DON'T THINK ANY OF US KNOW WHERE IT IS. THE SAME PEOPLE WHO TOLD US IT WAS A SLAM DUNK TWO MONTHS AGO ARE TELLING US NOW THINGS ARE WORKED OUT WITH C.M.S. I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT. THE DEPTHS OF THE PROBLEM WE'RE IN IS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT THE BEST SHOT WE HAVE NOW IS THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE. AND THE THIRD PIECE, THE WAIVER, UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, 150 PERCENT AND THE WAIVER AS A WHOLE AS WE JUST HEARD, THE STATE HAS,

AFTER WORKING WITH US, PRESUMABLY WORKING WITH US FOR A PERIOD OF MANY WEEKS NOW ON THE ISSUE AND ALLEGEDLY CARRYING OUR WATER ON THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, CORRECT?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SOME TIME IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS DECIDED THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT DEAL ANYMORE. AND THEY NOT ONLY ASKED-- TOLD US, BUT THEY WENT AND ASKED OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO-- PUBLIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATIONS TO PULL THEIR SUPPORT AND PULL THE PLUG ON THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT PIECE OF THIS. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO CALL IT AS IT IS. THIS IS A TRANSPARENT MOVE ON THE PART OF THE STATE. THE STATE, AS YOU INDICATED, JOHN, ONE OF YOU GUYS INDICATED, IS LOOKING TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH EVERY SOURCE OF REVENUE THEY CAN GET. ONE OF THEM IS THE 1115 WAIVER. ONE OF THE REASONS WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SKEPTICAL OF THE STATE OR CONSTRUCTIVELY SUSPICIOUS OF THE STATE IS THAT THEY HAD THEIR AGENDA AND WE WERE NOT NECESSARILY PART OF THEIR AGENDA, EVEN THOUGH IT STRAINS MY CREDULITY TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DON'T SEE US AS A PARTNER. PARTNERS DON'T SELL PARTNERS DOWN THE RIVER. AND THAT'S THE WAY I'M FEELING ABOUT WHERE WE STAND NOW. AND THE WAIVER WAS THE BIGGEST CHUNK OF DOUGH. OUT OF THESE THREE LEGS OF THIS STOOL, THE WAIVER

WAS THE BIGGEST AMOUNT, THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY, UPWARDS OF $200 MILLION IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: WE'VE ESTIMATED THAT PROBABLY THE BEST WE COULD DO IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS 150 MILLION A YEAR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OUT OF THE WAIVER. 150 MILLION OUT OF THE WAIVER ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND THEN ON THE F.M.A.P. IT WAS REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. AND WE CAN'T GET THAT AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID. THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE, THAT'S BEEN REDUCED NOW IF THIS LATEST DEAL GETS APPROVED, IT'S SOMEWHAT LESS THAN WE HAD BEFORE, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RETROACTIVITY PIECE MAY MAKE SOME OF THAT UP. SO WE'RE IN A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION. IT'S NOW JULY 27TH. WE'RE ONE MONTH INTO THE FISCAL YEAR. WE'VE GOT 11/12TH OF THE FISCAL YEAR REMAINING, AND WE HAVE SPENT IN THE FIRST 12TH OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS THOUGH ALL OF THESE ASSUMPTIONS WERE GOING TO COME TO PASS. AND TWO OF THE THREE, ONE OF THE THREE IS ALMOST CERTAIN NOT TO COME TO PASS. ONE OF THEM WE'LL SEE, THE PROVIDER FEE. AND THE WAIVER HAS GOT A BIG QUESTION MARK ON IT AS TO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET, WHAT FORM IT'S GOING TO COME IN, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO GET IT. IF IT'S IN THE INCENTIVE POOL. IT'S ALL KINDS OF QUESTION MARKS. AND THE TIME IS TICKING. AND I THINK WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID AND WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS SAID IS THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT. I

THINK FIRST WE HAVE TO LEVEL WITH OURSELVES AS TO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, ASSUMING WE DON'T HAVE A BIG ENOUGH-- WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THE REVENUE ISN'T LARGE ENOUGH TO PLUG OR LARGELY PLUG THE HOLE? AND IT'S INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE THE CASE. AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE AT SOME POINT SOON VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THAT'S GOING TO MEAN. AND I THINK THE C.E.O. HAS DONE THAT IN TERMS OF PATIENTS, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO SERVE AND THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT ARE GOING TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS AS A RESULT OF THIS. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT. WHAT FACILITIES ARE GOING TO CLOSE? WHAT KINDS OF FACILITIES ARE GOING TO CLOSE? SPECIFICALLY WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BACKFILL THIS WITH COUNTY MONEY. IF WE DID, IT WOULD LAST PART OF A YEAR. WE CERTAINLY CAN'T BACKFILL FOR THE WAIVER AND THE PROVIDER FEE AND THE F.M.A.P.. SO THIS IS A SITUATION WHICH IS IN INCREASINGLY LOOKING LIKE IT'S IN FREE FALL WITHOUT A PARACHUTE. AND THAT MEANS WE'RE IN FREE FALL WITHOUT A PARACHUTE. AND THIS IS BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE AND MORE TO ME LIKE 2000 OR 2002 WHEN WE HAD ISSUES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE. AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD LOOK LIKE 1995 AGAIN IF THIS CONTINUES DOWN THIS TRAJECTORY, ALONG THIS TRAJECTORY. AND NONE OF US WANT TO LIVE THROUGH THAT AGAIN, WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IN 1995. AND THEN WE HAVE THE STATE ITSELF, WHICH HASN'T YET TAKEN ITS POUND OF FLESH OUT OF US ON ALL THE HUMAN SERVICE FRONTS. THE SO-CALLED REALIGNMENT,

THE ONE THAT REALLY GOT TO ME WAS WHEN ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SAID THAT THE COUNTIES CAN MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO PAY FOR RE-ALIGNMENT DUE TO THE SAVINGS OF THE HEALTH REFORM. AND HERE WE ARE, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANY SAVINGS. HEALTH REFORM DOESN'T KICK IN UNTIL 2014. AND BETWEEN NOW AND 2014, I DON'T SEE A LOT OF SAVINGS. IN FACT BETWEEN THE TIME HEALTH REFORM PASSED AND JULY 27, 2010, I DON'T SEE A LOT OF SAVINGS. ALL I SEE IS DEFICITS, AND GROWING DEFICITS. SO THE NOTION IN SACRAMENTO IF THAT'S THEIR IDEA OF REALIGNMENT AND THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR IT IS WITH SAVINGS THAT DON'T EXIST, THAT'S THE CLASSIC BAIT AND SWITCH.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE WON'T BE SAVINGS. THE SYSTEM WILL BREAK DOWN.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THE SYSTEM IS BREAKING DOWN.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: AS WE GO, THE SYSTEM GOES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AN THAT'S THE KEY POINT, BILL. I THINK YOU MADE THE POINT. AND I THINK IT'S WORTH EMPHASIZING IS YOU CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE HUMAN SERVICE FIELD OR IN THE HEALTH FIELD. YOU CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND EXPECT THAT NOBODY ELSE WILL PAY THE PRICE. L.A. COUNTY IS A

THIRD OF THE STATE'S HUMAN SERVICE LOAD. I WOULD IMAGINE IT'S APPROXIMATELY THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE HEALTHCARE LOAD. IF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GOES DOWN, THE REST OF THE STATE GOES DOWN WITH US. TO PARAPHRASE METTERNICH, WHEN WE SNEEZE, THE REST OF THE STATE CATCHES A COLD. AND IF THE STATE GOES DOWN, WE KNOW WHAT THE LOAD IS THAT CALIFORNIA IS 20 TO 25 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL LOAD. SO THE NATIONAL LOAD CAN'T HOLD UP UNDER A COLLAPSING CALIFORNIA. AND SO IT ALL STARTS HERE. SO I KNOW SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION SHE'S GOING TO BRING IT IN AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET MORE SPECIFIC AND I THINK WE NEED TO BEGIN TO COMMUNICATE TO OUR FOLKS.

SUP. KNABE: I GUESS MY CONCERN IS AS WE DEVELOP THESE OPTIONS, BILL, ON POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS, THAT WE DON'T JUST LOOK AT-- THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS BEING BANTERED ABOUT WHETHER WE CLOSE ONE FACILITY OR MULTIPLE FACILITIES, BUT COUNTYWIDE REDUCTIONS ACROSS-THE-BOARD THAT MIGHT HAVE TO GO VERSUS JUST LOOKING AT ONE FACILITY. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY WHEN ALL THIS COMES BACK, THAT WE HAVE ALL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US BESIDES JUST A STRICT CLOSURE OF ONE FACILITY, BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE SO HUGE. IS THAT GOING TO BE THE CASE, YOU THINK? WE'RE LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THAT WOULD BE IT. AND IT WON'T BE RESTRICTED TO JUST THE FACILITIES WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SERVICES. OUR FUNDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, BOTH INTERNAL TO OUR COUNTY BUT ALSO EXTERNAL, SPECIFICALLY OUR FUNDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE P.P.P.S COULD BE IMPACTED.

SUP. KNABE: BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITH JUST INPATIENT REDUCTIONS.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: NO. THIS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT ON A SYSTEM-WIDE BASIS, BUT AGAIN NOT JUST D.H.S. BUT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE.

SUP. KNABE: IT GOES BACK TO WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID. IT IMPACTS, YOU CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHETHER IT IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE RELATED TO HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAME CHAIR, THE POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO THIS ISSUE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE MATTER COMPREHENSIVELY, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WHATEVER EFFORTS WE ARE SETTING FORTH, THEY WOULD NECESSARILY INCLUDE OUR PARTNERS, OUR STRATEGIC ALLIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MAKE REFERENCE TO P.P.P.S AND SO FORTH, THEY OBVIOUSLY ARE IMPACTED, EITHER DIRECTLY BY OUR DELIBERATIONS. AND MR. FUJIOKA, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE STRATEGICALLY DEPLOYED OUGHT TO BE CALLED UPON AS WE SEEK TO

IMPACT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN MAKING OUR CASE. I DO NOT KNOW THAT THAT HAS HAPPENED TO DATE. I WISH TO URGE THAT AS A PART OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY TO MOVE FORWARD. THEY ARE IN THIS, ALSO. WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PURSUITS. WE'VE GOT TO CALL ON THEM TO BE A PART OF OUR EFFORTS. I WOULD WANT TO AS CONSTRUCTIVELY AS POSSIBLE SUGGEST WE DO SO. MY SECOND COMMENT, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IS AS FOLLOWS: THE DATA WE LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND MAKES A COUPLE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE UNREIMBURSED ALLOCATIONS THAT HAPPEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BUT ARE NOT RECOUPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,. SPECIFICALLY, APPROXIMATELY 8.2 MILLION TO PROBATION, AND APPROXIMATELY 37 MILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS WE THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE TO DO IN BALANCING THE BUDGET AND MAKING RIGHT WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN WITH D.H.S., I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN THE REPORT DOES RETURN TO US, THAT WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT IMPACTS THOSE HAVE AND HOW THEY ARE TO BE ADDRESSED. I'M MAKING REFERENCE TO THE UNREIMBURSED INSTANCES IN THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS ALONE; THERE COULD BE OTHERS. BUT TO MR. FUJIOKA, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING RENDERED AND HOW THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS HELP WITH RESPECT TO MAKING IT RIGHT FOR D.H.S. IF THERE'S A MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED, MADAME CHAIR, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO INTRODUCE, I'M GOING TO WANT TO ASK THAT THAT PARTICULAR POINT BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AS AN AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: (OFF MIC.) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-'11, DUE OTHER PENDING ITEMS, INCLUDING THE D.H.S. FISCAL _____ DEFICIT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 429 MILLION. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE DEFICIT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIALLY CUTTING SERVICES, D.H.S. IS PURSUING THREE REVENUE SOURCES: THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER WITH THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT LANGUAGE, SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE KNOWN AS F.M.A.P., AND THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE. D.H.S. CURRENTLY PROVIDES PRIMARY, SPECIALTY INPATIENT EMERGENCY CARE SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY 730,000 PATIENTS PER YEAR. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL HAVE TO SIGNIFICANTLY CURTAIL SERVICES TO THESE PATIENTS IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE SOME OR ALL OF THE REVENUE SOLUTIONS. CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES THAT WITHOUT THESE SOLUTIONS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SHRINK OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BY UP TO 128,000 PATIENT DAYS AND 75,000 EMERGENCY VISITS. IN ADDITION, A REDUCTION WOULD BE REQUIRED OF D.H.S. AND P.P.P. AMBULATORY CARE SERVICE RANGING FROM 400,000 TO 1.8 MILLION VISITS THAT WOULD BE CUT. THEREFORE, OVERALL THE CURRENT POPULATION OF 730,000 WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED BY UP TO 420,000 PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE. THESE SERVICE REDUCTIONS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR HIGH NEED CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS. THESE CUTS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO TRANSFORM OUR HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND

IMPLEMENT HEALTHCARE REFORM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT A TIME WHEN WE SHOULD BE PREPARING FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM BY SHIFTING OUR FOCUS TO PRIMARY, SPECIALTY AND AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES, WE WILL INSTEAD CUT THESE SERVICES SIGNIFICANTLY WHICH WILL PUSH MORE AND MORE OF THESE PATIENTS INTO OUR OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY ROOMS. OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS MUST BE AWARE OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE ON OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IS OUR ABILITY TO ASSURE APPROVAL OF THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER, INCLUDING THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT BY THE AUGUST 31ST DEADLINE. SHOULD THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS FAIL TO HELP THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OBTAIN ESSENTIAL REVENUE STREAMS THROUGH THE WAIVER, PROVIDER FEE AND F.M.A.P. EXTENSIONS, THEN THIS BOARD MUST BE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THE CUTS. WE THEREFORE DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND D.H.S. TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF WHAT SPECIFIC CUTS MUST BE MADE TO OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IF THE AFFIRMATION REVENUE OPTIONS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE AND REPORT BACK IN 15 DAYS THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ANY AND ALL CUTS AND REDUCTIONS TO INPATIENT, P.P.P., SPECIALTY AND AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES COUNTYWIDE IN ORDER TO BALANCE D.H.S.'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010/2011. NOW, I KNOW THAT THAT'S A TOUGH, TOUGH UNDERTAKING IN THE NEXT 15 DAYS, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT WHAT THESE CUTS ARE GOING TO BE. AND I HOPE IT'S NOT AS, AS DON SAYS, JUST SAYING "OH ELIMINATE A HOSPITAL, ELIMINATE THAT." IT'S GOT TO BE MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE. I DON'T KNOW AT

THE END OF THE DAY WHAT DECISIONS ARE GOING TO BE MADE AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE MADE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO START DEALING WITH THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION HERE. IT SEEMS THAT CERTAINLY THE STATE IS NOT INCLUDING US AGGRESSIVELY IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER, AS AGGRESSIVELY AS WE'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED. AND OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT CONGRESS RIGHT NOW IS HAVING A HECK OF A PROBLEM ON SOME OF THE SIMPLE THINGS, THOUGH. WE HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN THEM THE COMPLICATED THINGS. BUT THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE KIND OF IMPLICATIONS IT WILL HAVE ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IT'S OVERCROWDED NOW. WE AREN'T MEETING ALL OF THE NEEDS OUT THERE NOW. WE NEED MANY MORE P.P.P.S TO REALLY HAVE ACCESS FOR EVERYONE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS SHRINKING THE SYSTEM DOWN BY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. AND I HOPE IT WILL BE DETAILED. NOT IN THE LEVEL THAT YOU'VE GIVEN ME UNDER THESE PROPOSED SAVINGS, THAT $18 MILLION. I THINK THEY HAVE TO BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC THAN WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE. YOU KNOW, CUTTING OVERTIME IS NOT SPECIFIC. YOU NEED TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CUT AND HOW MANY DOLLARS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN SAVINGS OVER THE REMAINING MONTHS. BECAUSE WHEN YOU IMPLEMENT THESE CUTS, IT WILL ONLY BE A 10-MONTH OR AN 8-MONTH CUT, YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAME CHAIR, I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE INTENT OF THE MOTION. I WOULD JUST SIMPLY ASK THAT THE POINT THAT I MADE ABOUT THE ISSUE OF REIMBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR ANALYSIS BE MADE AVAILABLE AND WOULD OFFER THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE RECEIVING SERVICES FROM D.H.S. BE A PART OF THAT ANALYSIS SO THAT WE KNOW FULLY WHAT IT ENTAILS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL, I MADE REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN ONE INSTANCE TO BE SCORED AT 37 MILLION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ANOTHER INSTANCE AT APPROXIMATELY 8.2 MILLION. ARE THERE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT REMAIN UNREIMBURSED? IF SO, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT'S A PART OF THE PICTURE.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IS THAT TRUE? THEY'RE UNREIMBURSED?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: PRECISELY.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ARE THEY UNREIMBURSED?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: THERE ARE SOME-- SOME ARE REIMBURSED, SOME ARE UNREIMBURSED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WE NEED TO KNOW THOSE.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: WE HAVE A BALANCE IN OUR PROVISION FOR BOTH DEPARTMENTS, THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION, THAT IS NOT REIMBURSED BY THEM.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL WE WANT TO KNOW ALL OF THAT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF THOSE ITEMS THAT AREN'T REIMBURSED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, NOT JUST THOSE. WE CITE THOSE AS EXAMPLES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: IF YOU HAVE FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ARE THOSE PENDING? OR THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY ARE REIMBURSABLE FROM THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS? TALKING ABOUT THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION.

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: LET US GET YOU A REPORT ON THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YOU SAID THEY REIMBURSED SOME BUT THEY ARE NOT REIMBURSING OTHERS. I WONDER IF THERE'S A PHILOSOPHICAL REASON THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY OWE IT OR THEY OWE IT AND THEY HAVEN'T WRITTEN THE CHECK YET?

DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF: FOR THE MOST PART IT HAS TO DO WITH THE M.O.U.S THAT WE'VE HAD AND THE AGREEMENTS THAT WE'VE HAD AND THEN, AT LEAST IN THE PROBATION CASE. AND THE FACT THAT OUR COSTS HAVE GONE ABOVE THAT BECAUSE OF VARIOUS REQUESTS, BECAUSE OF VARIOUS NEEDS OUR COSTS HAVE GONE ABOVE THAT. IN THE CASE OF THE SHERIFF, IT HAS SOMEWHAT TO DO WITH THE CHOICE OF WHETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THEIR FACILITY OR TO BRING THEM OVER TO L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. FOR SERVICES.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: BUT IT'S REAL MONEY NONETHELESS AND IT CAN BE SCORED IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE KNOW. AND IF THERE ARE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, I THINK THE BOARD WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IT AS WE EVALUATE THE GAP.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? TIMOTHY GALARNYK, CHAD HOUSEKNECHT, FOLLOWED BY E.T. SNELL AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR. GALARNYK IF YOU'D BEGIN?

TIMOTHY GALARNYK: WHO IS TO BEGIN?

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SIR, YOU ARE. TIMOTHY?

TIMOTHY GALARNYK: OH, GOOD, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIMOTHY GALARNYK, THE C.E.O. OF CONSTRUCTION RISK MANAGEMENT. BEFORE I BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON THE INITIATIVE TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I THINK THAT IS A FABULOUS, FABULOUS IDEA AND I HOPE THAT THAT IS RAPIDLY PASSED. BUT I DO HAVE THE PROVERBIAL BURR IN MY SADDLE. LISTENING NOW FOR THE LAST THREE HOURS, I UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOESN'T HAVE ANY CASH, THEY HAVE ACTUALLY A NEGATIVE AMOUNT OF CASH. SAME WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND ALSO WASHINGTON, D.C. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE LEADERS-- OR MAYBE THE LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON THE WASHINGTON LEVEL AND ON THE STATE LEVEL, I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE INITIATIVE OF PROVIDING HEALTHCARE TO THE PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE EASY FOR US TO HAVE A POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING OUR CITIZENS NOT TO GET INJURED AND DON'T BECOME ILL. I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN OPTION. WE SPEND $1.1 BILLION TO BUILD A HOSPITAL THAT IS TOO SMALL. IN SPITE OF THE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE WE RECEIVED, WE BUILT THE FACILITY THAT HAS 600 BEDS INSTEAD OF THE FACILITY THAT WAS REQUESTED BY THE DOCTORS AND THE NURSES AND THE MEDICAL

PROFESSIONALS FOR MINIMUM OF 750 BEDS. NOW THAT IS WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE. HOWEVER, IT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT A MINIMUM OF 100 ACUTE CARE BEDS BE ADDED AND AT LEAST 50 PRIMARY CARE BEDS BE ADDED AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS SIMPLY A LIKE OR A DESIRE OR A WISH; THIS IS A NEED FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS. THE AREA OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS TWO OF THE PRIMARY FABULOUS MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE WORLD. I THINK THE REST OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME TYPE OF QUALITY CARE. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAPPEN OR WOULD LIKE TO HAPPEN; THIS IS SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE TO MAKE HAPPEN. AND IT HAS TO HAPPEN SOON. INSTEAD OF HIRING A CONSULTING FIRM TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE FACILITIES ARE OVERCROWDED, I WILL PROVIDE YOU FREE INFORMATION: IT IS. TAKE THE EXISTING PLANS THAT WE USE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, THE NEW ONE, AND LET'S GET A NEW ADDITION APPROVED AND IN GROUND AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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

CHAD HOUSEKNECHT: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHAD HOUSEKNECHT AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE SHORTAGES OF BEDS AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. HOSPITAL. WHEN THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN BEFORE THIS BODY IN THE

PAST, THE MAJORITY OF THIS BOARD HAS SHOWN EITHER POOR JUDGMENT OR RECEIVED POOR COUNSEL ON THIS ISSUE. WHATEVER MECHANISMS WERE USED IN THE PAST TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE SIZE OF A HOSPITAL FACILITY TO SERVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS WERE FAULTY AND BROUGHT THIS BOARD TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION. TO ERR IS HUMAN AND I DO NOT WISH TO CAST STONES; HOWEVER, I DO WISH TO OBSERVE THAT IF YOU KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP GETTING WHAT YOU'RE GETTING. SO, PLEASE, TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT YOUR METHODS AND ASK YOURSELVES: WHAT CAN I DO DIFFERENTLY TO ENSURE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR MY CONSTITUENTS? THANK YOU.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S ARNOLD SACHS. WHEN I FIRST LOOKED AT THESE TWO ITEMS, I ACTUALLY WAS WONDERING WHAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN S-1 AND ITEM 22 WERE. AND IT ACTUALLY GOES HAND-IN-HAND, BUT THERE WAS SOME COMMENTS MADE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TALKED ABOUT THE 50 PERCENT OF THE UNINSURED. AND THE DISCUSSION GOING ON REGARDING THE GENTLEMAN TALKING ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE HOSPITAL THAT WAS BUILT, NOT MEETING THE NEEDS. AND YOU WERE LOOKING AT A BUDGET THAT FROM THE BACK END IS OVERLOADED BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MEETING THE NEEDS. AGAIN, EMERGENCY ROOM CARE, THE MOST EXPENSIVE CARE THERE IS, SO YOU'VE LOOKED AT PUTTING PATIENTS IN OTHER

HOSPITALS; AGAIN, WHAT ABOUT THE CLINICS THAT YOU CLOSED? YOU KNOW THAT AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION SCENARIO. THE VAN, THE DENTAL VAN THAT THE COUNTY HAS. NOT BEEN USED. PREVENTIVE CARE. THAT'S A MOBILE CLINIC. SO IF YOU WERE TO DO THE SAME SITUATION OR LOOK AT THE SAME SITUATION WHERE YOU MOBILIZE CLINICS OR YOU INVEST IN CLINICS, DOES THAT ELIMINATE PATIENTS SHOWING UP AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM IN NEED OF ACUTE CARE WHERE IF THEY GO TO A CLINIC AND THEY ARE SEEN BEFORE THE WOUNDS ARE FESTERING THE NEED TO EXPAND THE-- THE NEED TO EXPAND THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS OR TO PROVIDE THE EXCESSIVE BED CARE THAT YOU NEED TO PAY TO OUTSIDE HOSPITALS OR WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM COULD BE ELIMINATED WITH RE-VISITING THE CLINICS THAT YOU CLOSE DOWN. BOTH THE GENTLEMEN THAT SPOKE SAID INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS. BUT YOU'RE THE SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE BEEN IN POWER SINCE 1995. AND EARLIER. IF IT WAS PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE-- ADMINISTRATIONS, WE COULD SAY WELL MAYBE THEY DIDN'T DO SOMETHING. MAYBE THEY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TOO LATE. MAYBE THEY DIDN'T. MAYBE NEW LEADERSHIP WOULD HELP. AND THERE'S THE KEY. MAYBE NEW LEADERSHIP WOULD HELP. CAN YOU SAY BELL GARDEN? OR CITY OF BELL? PEOPLE NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO A GOVERNANCE BOARD THAT IS IN CHARGE OF A $22 BILLION BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE HEALTH AND THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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

E. SNELL: I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE CITY OF BELL. WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT? MR. DEMERJIAN IS GOING TO PUT ME IN PRISON ON THE PHONY CHARGES? WHERE IS HE WHEN IT COMES TO THE BROWN ACT? WE DON'T HAVE HIM. YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO FIRE THAT DIRTY DAVE DEMERJIAN OVER THERE THAT RUNS YOUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY AND PUT SOME PUBLIC INTEGRITY BACK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW, I MEAN I TOOK THE POLYGRAPH TO PROVE THAT I WAS INNOCENT WITH DIRTY DAVE DEMERJIAN AND PUT ME IN PRISON ON PHONY CHARGES. WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT ON THE BROWN ACT? WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT ON THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY OF BELL. THAT'S INSANE WHAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE DOING OUT THERE. I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT WE HAVE A DIRTY PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT. MR. ANTONOVICH, I DO SALUTE YOU ON YOUR MOTION ABOUT THE CHILDREN. I WANT TO SAY, I PUT UP A WEBSITE, IT'S CALLED JUSTICE FOR JASON. WE HAVE A PEDOPHILE JUDGE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY THAT STILL GETS MONEY IT'S ALL ON THE WEBSITE. IT'S JUSTICE NUMBER 4 JASON DOT COM. IT TALKS ABOUT THAT. SO IN YOUR SAFEGUARDS, MAKE SURE WE PROTECT THE CHILDREN SO THE JUDGES CAN'T TAKE THEM HOME, SODOMIZE THEM AND

THEN GET AWAY WITH IT AND STILL GETTING COUNTY MONEY. I DID A RECALL ON IT, TOO. AS FOR YOUR HOSPITAL SITUATION HERE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT? GLORIA, DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD COME BACK TO ROOST WHEN YOU WERE STACKING THE COUNTY WITH ILLEGALS, WHEN YOU HAD ALL THE ILLEGALS STACKED IN THE FRONT ROOM IN YOUR FRONT ROW HERE WITH THEIR LITTLE INTERPRETING DEVICES BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH? DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD COME BACK TO ROOST, GLORIA, THAT-- OH, I CAN. I GOT A CRAMP IN MY LEG IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU KNOW. DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD COME BACK TO ROOST WITH ALL THE ILLEGALS THAT YOU'VE STACKED IN AND SUCKED FROM THE COUNTY? WHAT WE NEED TO DO ON THAT COUNTY THING IS WE NEED TO ABOLISH THESE CROOKED UNIONS. YOU GUYS KNOW WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE THE CUTS. WE NEED TO ABOLISH THE UNIONS AND ALL THEIR BENEFITS AND THEY HAD WE NEED TO ADAPT THE ARIZONA LAW. I MEAN IT'S ONLY, YOU KNOW, AND WHEN YOU'RE WAVING, YOU NEED TO WAVE GOODBYE TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR LEAVING, GLORIA, I SURE DO APPRECIATE THAT. BOY, MAN, YOU KNOW I'VE NOTICED, GLORIA, YOU BLEW UP LIKE A GOODYEAR BALLOON SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, MAN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WAIT JUST A SECOND.

E. SNELL: I WILL STICK WITH THE ISSUE. THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION THAT ARE NEEDED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE'LL BE

ABLE. AND WHO GETS THE AXE? WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THE AXE? THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. WHO'S GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT? IS IT GOING TO BE THE ILLEGALTS THAT HAVE BASICALLY JUST TAKEN OUR ECONOMY. YOU TALK ABOUT 260,000 TO 420,000. IN ONE REPORT, THE ATTORNEY CALLS THEM INDIVIDUALS. IN ANOTHER REPORT HE CALLS THEM PATIENTS, YOU KNOW, 425 MILLION. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY TO STOP IT? AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN CARDINAL MAHONEY WERE HERE AND THEY WERE TAKING CATHOLIC CHARITIES, ANYBODY A CITIZEN OVER HERE COULDN'T GET IN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES. YOU HAD TO SPEAK SPANISH TO GET PAST THE GIRLS AND THEY GAVE AWAY ALL THIS MONEY. SO WHEN YOU GUYS ARE GIVING MONEY TO ALL THESE ILLEGALS, I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MR. SNELL. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS A REPORT. SO WE DON'T HAVE-- WE DID HAVE THAT MOTION, THAT'S RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THE MOTION? ANY OBJECTIONS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC COMMENT, IS THAT CORRECT? OH AND MY ADJOURNMENTS, THAT'S CORRECT. I DO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A COMMUNITY LEADER, IRVIN LAI. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. MR. LAI WAS AN OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN

COMMUNITY. HE WAS A VITAL MEMBER OF THE CHINATOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIAN- AMERICAN EDUCATION COMMISSION. HE HELPED REVITALIZE AND EXPAND THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HE HELD A KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MOST RECENTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE EAST SIDE GOLD LINE REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR. LAI WAS A TENACIOUS ADVOCATE FOR ENSURING THE REMAINS OF THE ARTIFACTS UNCOVERED AT THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY DUE TO METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION WERE APPROPRIATELY MEMORIALIZED. HIS VIGILANT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMIT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HIS FRIENDS, HIS COLLEAGUES AND HIS FAMILY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'D LIKE-- ALL MEMBERS.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL MEMBERS, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON HIS ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WALDEMAR REINHOLD DRENKHAHN BORN APRIL 10, 1929 IN HAMBURG, GERMANY AND PASSED ON JULY 1, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 82. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1957 AFTER COMPLETING HIS SCHOOLING AND APPRENTICESHIP EDUCATION IN

GERMANY. HE STARTED KONDOR PLASTICS CORPORATION WITH A BUSINESS PARTNER IN THE 1960S WHERE THEY DESIGNED AND BUILT MOLDS TO PRODUCE A RANGE OF PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BOTTLE CAPS FOR SASSOON SHAMPOO, WHAM-O FRISBEES AND MATTELL'S BARBIE DOLLS AND MORE. IN THE EARLY '80S, HE TRANSFERRED MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY TO HIS SON RICHARD. HE ENJOYED READING, BIKING, CAMPING, FISHING AND GARDENING. HE WAS KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AMONGST FAMILY MEMBERS AS UNCLE WALD, AND REMEMBERED FOR BEING A WISE, DRIVEN, AND LOVING FATHER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANNIE, HIS SISTER IVY, HIS CHILDREN CHRISTINA, RICHARD, JEANETTE, YOLANDA AND JAIME AS WELL AS MICHELLE, A HOST OF GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND LOVING IN-LAWS WHO CARRY HIS SPIRIT AND LOVE WITH HIM FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. MISS ZELDA FAYE FISHER, BORN AUGUST 20TH, 1953 IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI AND PASSED ON JULY THE 18TH AT THE AGE OF 56. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1976 AND COMPLETED HER BACHELOR AND MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP. SHE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM 1976 UNTIL HER PASSING. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA A.M.E. CHURCH IN RANCHO DOMINGUEZ AND LOVED ATTENDING CHURCH AND TRAVELING WITH HER SISTERS. SHE HELD MEMBERSHIPS IN ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATORS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNCIL OF BLACK ADMINISTRATORS. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER INFECTIOUS SMILE AND LAUGH AS WELL AS HER SPIRIT OF GIVING AND PASSION FOR EDUCATION. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER

MEMORY HER DAUGHTERS MYISHA AND JAMILA, FOUR SIBLINGS, A HOST OF NIECES, AND NEPHEWS AND A GODSON. JOYCE SUMBI, SHE PASSED ON JULY THE 17TH. SHE WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR SOME 32 YEARS. AND SHE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR IN WEST REGION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. SHE RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY IN 1992. SHE WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR SEVERAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AT THE A.C. BILBREW LIBRARY. SHE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER MANY ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARIAN'S BLACK CAUCUS, THE U.S.C. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB. SHE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE MAYOR'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION AND THE LEIMERT PARK VILLAGE BOOK FAIR. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MENTOR TO MANY LIBRARIANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. AND, FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, MRS. DOROTHY ELIZABETH WATSON, BORN ON JANUARY 4TH, 1910 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND PASSED ON JULY 25TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 100. SHE LOCATED TO LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF SEVEN. SHE LIVED WITH HER FAMILY IN WATTS UNTIL HER GRADUATION FROM COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL, WHEN HER FAMILY RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA. SHE WAS THE THIRD STUDENT TO ENROLL AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE WHEN IT OPENED IN 1929. AFTER RAISING HER CHILDREN AND PUTTING THEM THROUGH COLLEGE, SHE RETURNED TO GRADUATE IN 1958 WITH ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS, PATRICIA. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, BEGINNING AT A VERY YOUNG AGE AND SHE PERFORMED WITH THE HALL JOHNSON THEATER GROUP AS A FEATURED ACTRESS. SHE WORKED FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS A POSTAL CLERK AT THE TERMINAL ANNEX POST OFFICE FOR 33 YEARS. SHE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND REMAINED AN ACTIVE MEMBER UNTIL HER HEALTH FAILED. SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL, AND SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE STOVAHL FOUNDATION. SHE WAS A CAREGIVER, A LEADER, A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND A FORMER MEMBER OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY'S DOCENT BRIGADE. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN, CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE E. WATSON, WILLIAM WATSON AND PATRICIA BRADFORD WATSON, 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND A COMMUNITY WHO LOVED HER AND WHO CELEBRATES HER PASSING. I ASK ALL MEMBERS, THE MOTHER OF CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE E. WATSON. I THINK ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF I COULD HAVE CHONTEL ROLISON JOIN US, AND ELEAZAR WITRON, GLORIA SALGADO, AND DESTINY JACKSON IF THEY'D COME UP.,

CHONTEL ROLISON: MISS MOLINA, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU EVER SINCE I WAS--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: CAN YOU SPEAK UP JUST A LITTLE LOUDER? WE CAN BARELY HEAR YOU?

CHONTEL ROLISON: CAN YOU HEAR ME? EVER SINCE I WAS THE AGE OF 13, I'M GOING TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THESE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN USING ME FOR A LONG TIME. I DON'T MIND HELPING PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY BECAUSE ON MY DAD'S SIDE THERE ARE MUSIC INDUSTRY PEOPLE. BUT I'M TIRED OF BEING USED BY FAMILY MEMBERS THAT JUST WANT TO STIFF ME EVERY TIME AND KEEP ME LIVING AT A LOW LEVEL IN LIFE. THERE IS NO REASON WHY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I SHOULD BE STRUGGLING. THESE FAMILY MEMBERS IN A 15-YEAR PERIOD HAVE STOLEN EVERYTHING WHEN I DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY WERE GIVING ME HANDOUTS, THEY CLAIM THAT THEY WERE GIVING THEM BEHIND MY BACK AND I NEVER KNEW ABOUT IT. THESE FAMILY MEMBERS JUST WANT HOUSING AS WELL HAVE BEEN USING ME. THEY WAS PUTTING THEM UP TO STEALING THINGS LIKE CLOTHING, FURNITURE WHEN THEY NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY I WOULD TAKE THEM IN AND THEY WOULD STEAL FROM ME. THE SAME THING WITH ANYTHING THAT I'M ENTITLED TO, INCLUDING MY KIDS, THESE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE CONJURED UP AND STOLE MY KIDS BECAUSE THEY FELT LIKE THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY'RE CELEBRITIES AND THEY HAVE CROOKED LAWYERS AND ANYONE THAT'S IN DIRTY BUSINESS WORKING FOR THEM AGAINST ME. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS SINCE I'VE HAD HOUSING, I HAVE BEEN HARASSED. PEOPLE COME IN AND OUT MY PLACE WHEN I'M NOT THERE. JUST HUMILIATED. THEY BUILT UP MY OWN CITY WHERE I

WAS RAISED IN IN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGAINST ME. THAT'S VERY EMBARRASSING TO ME. HE KEEPS SAYING IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT HEALTHY. HE THOUGHT I HAD CANCER. HE THOUGHT I NEEDED A BONE MARROW. HE, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, ICE T IS NOT TELLING THE TRUTH. HE'S FRIENDS WITH MY BABY'S FATHER, PAUL HOGAN. AND IF I DIDN'T HAVE A CHILD BY PAUL HOGAN, I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS PREDICAMENT. ALL THESE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE IS ME STRUGGLE. THEY WANT TO TAKE THE RIGHTS TO ANYTHING THAT I HAVE. AND I'M TIRED OF IT. I'M NOT ENTITLED TO BE AROUND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WANT TO CONTINUE TO HURT ME, SLANDER ME AND HINDER ME. IT'S TIME FOR MY KIDS TO COME HOME. MY BOYS, I KNOW THEY MISS ME. THEY'RE PUTTING MY KIDS UP TO DOING THINGS, SAYING LIKE YOU CAN'T SEE WHEN I DO SEE. FOR AN EXAMPLE LAST WEEK I TOOK MY DAUGHTER TWO PAIRS OF SANDALS BECAUSE SHE'S PREGNANT ALREADY BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THEY'RE LIVING OFF OF ALL THE USING OUT OF ALL THE YEARS THEY'VE USED ME. SHE WON'T EVEN GO TO COLLEGE. SHE WON'T WORK. SHE WON'T DO ANYTHING. BECAUSE SHE KNOWS THE GAME THAT THEY'RE PLAYING. NOW, THEY TOLD HER, "DON'T EVEN CALL YOUR MOTHER AND SAY THANK YOU." THEIR WHOLE JOB IS TO FRUSTRATE ME NONSTOP. THESE PEOPLE WOULDN'T CARE IF I GOT SHOT, KILLED, THROWN IN THE TRASH CAN. THEY WOULDN'T CARE. BECAUSE THEY HAVE BUILT A SOCIETY WHICH IS CALLED PUBLIC ASSASSINATION AGAINST ME. AND I'M JUST TIRED OF IT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS ROLISON. MR. WITRON?

ELEAZAR WITRON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME ELEAZAR WITRON I'M A COUNTY SECURITY OFFER AT THE INTERNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ONLY SECURITY OFFICERS ARE COMING TO THE VILLAGE TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES WITH THEIR JOBS. ON JULY 13TH I SPOKE TO YOU ABOUT SECURITY OFFICER OUR FAMILY NEEDS TO SEND PAY OVER OUR HEALTHCARE. I TOLD YOU OF OUR AMBULANCE RIDE TO EMERGENCY ROOM THAT COST ME MORE THAN $1,000 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. THE NEXT DAY, I WAS FIRED BY SECURITAS. I LOST MY JOB FOR SPEAKING UP ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE SECURITY JOBS. FORTUNATELY, COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER AND UNION OUR UNIT AND PUT ME BACK TO WORK. BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE LIKE THIS. SECURITY OFFICERS WHO KEEP LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE SHOULD HAVE QUALITY JOBS. AND WE SHOULD HAVE THE FREEDOM TO STAND UP BETTER JOBS WITH WITHOUT A FEAR OF THREAT, INTIMIDATION OR BEING FIRED. SECURITY OFFICERS ARE COUNTING ON L.A. BOARD SUPERVISORS TO TAKE SECURITY SERIOUSLY BY GIVE US THE RESULTS WE NEED TO BEST SERVE THE COUNTY AND TO TELL THE CONTRACTORS YOU HIRED SECURITAS NORTH AMERICA TO STOP VIOLATING OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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

GLORIA SALGADO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLORIA SALGADO. I AM SECURITY OFFICER AT THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MED CENTER. I AM NOT ONLY A SECURITY OFFICER, BUT I AM MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATION TEAM. SECURITY OFFICERS ARE FIRST RESPONDER WHO PROTECT COUNTY HOSPITAL MEDICAL FACILITY, COURT HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING. WE ARE COMING TO IMPROVE OUR JOBS. WE WANT TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR SECURITY CONTRACTORS BUT SECURITAS NORTH AMERICA HAVE NOT MET WITH US FEW TIMES. HE'S SAYING THEY ARE GOING AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE. MORE THAN ONE MONTH AGO, WE PROPOSED DECENT WAGES AND BENEFITS AND THEY HAVE NOT EVEN RESPONDED TO PROPOSAL. THIS IS VERY FRUSTRATING FOR ME AND MY COWORKERS. OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE TRIED TO INTIMIDATE, THREATEN AND SILENCE US. I HAVE FACED RETALIATION, EXAMPLE, FOR TALKING TO CO-WORKERS ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR JOBS AND KEEP THE COUNTY SAFE. PLEASE, THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU AND YOUR CONTRACTORS TO GET SERIOUS AT THE BARGAINING TABLE AND START _____ OF OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. CAN I ASK LARRY DAVIS TO JOIN US? IVAN CROSBY AND JAVIER PACHECO? MISS JACKSON?

DESTINY JACKSON: HI, I'M DESTINY JACKSON. I'M A SECURITY OFFICER FOR HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. IF YOU HAVE EVER

BEEN TO HARBOR, THERE'S A MAIN ENTRANCE, THE E.R. ENTRANCE, THAT HAS A BROKEN DOOR. THIS BROKEN DOOR HAS EXPOSED PATIENT VISITORS, HOSPITAL STAFF, INCLUDING OUR SECURITY OFFICERS, TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS. WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE HOSPITAL SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFFS ABOUT IT BUT THEY REFUSE TO GET IT FIXED. JUST LAST-- ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, I WAS AT THE DOOR FOR A WHOLE EIGHT-HOUR SHIFT, AND AFTER MY SHIFT, I HAD AN ASTHMA ATTACK. WHEN I CAME BACK TO WORK, I NOTIFIED MY CAPTAIN. HE INFORMED ME THAT I HAVE TO DOUBLE UP ON MY CLOTHING UNDERNEATH MY UNIFORM. THE NEXT DAY, I HAD ANOTHER ASTHMA ATTACK AND ONE OF THE DOCTORS AND THE NURSES SEEN ME STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. THEY GAVE ME A BREATHING TREATMENT ON MY LUNCH BREAK, WHICH DID NOT HELP. AFTER MY SHIFT, SINCE I COULDN'T CALL OFF, I HAD TO STAY AT WORK DUE TO NO PAID SICK DAYS. SO AFTER MY SHIFT, I CAME BACK AND I CHECKED INTO THE E.R. I UNDERWENT TWO HOURS OF BREATHING TREATMENTS. I HAD TO STAY AT THE E.R. ALL THE WAY UP TO ALMOST 12 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT, WHICH MEANT I WAS AT THE HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS WORKING AND IN THE E.R. WE HAVE SECURITY OFFICERS, WE NEED PAID SICK DAYS FOR REASONS LIKE THIS. I HAVE MEDI-CAL, BUT OTHER SECURITY OFFICERS THAT END UP STAYING IN THE E.R., THEY DON'T HAVE MEDI-CAL, SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL THEMSELVES, WHICH IS A HARD TIME SINCE WE DON'T HAVE PAID SICK DAYS. THEY END UP-- IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. IT COMES UP TO BE $1,000 FOR AN E.R. VISIT. THE WAGES THAT THE COUNTY SECURITY

OFFICERS MAKE, WE NEED EVERY PENNY TO CARE FOR OUR FAMILIES. PAYING FOR EMERGENCY BILL LIKE THIS IS DEVASTATING TO OUR HOUSEHOLD. OUR JOBS ARE IMPORTANT, AND WE SHOULD BE RESPECTED WITH DECENT PAY AND HEALTHCARE AND SICK DAYS. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

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

MARY DAVIS: MY NAME IS MARY DAVIS. I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. I HAVE BEEN WITH THEM FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THIS IS CONCERNING HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT AT SOUTH WEST SPECIAL DISTRICT 08. I'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF SYSTEMATIC HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN. THIS ONGOING HOSTILITY AGAINST MY CHARACTER HAS ME CONCERNED FOR MY WELL-BEING. I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF THREE VARIOUS AMBIGUOUS CHARGES INSIDE OF TWO WEEKS. THE CHARGES WERE IMPLIED AND I'M STILL NOT CLEAR ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS. THEY WERE NOT ANY DETAILS AND STORIES OF THE INCIDENTS KEPT CHANGING. I FEEL THIS IS A RETALIATORY ACTION BETWEEN MY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AND A GROUP OF EMPLOYEES IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ME. IN THE PAST, I HAVE HAD TO RESOLVE MY CONCERNS OUTSIDE OF MY DISTRICT BECAUSE ISSUES HAVE FAILED ON DEAF EARS. WHEN I HAVE ADDRESSED MY CONCERNS ABOUT AN ISSUE, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN PUT ON HOLD WITH THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR. I HAVE FOLLOWED THE CHAIN OF COMMAND PROCEDURES, BUT PROCESS HAS

DELAYED AT THE DIRECTOR'S LEVEL. THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ME "I'LL GET BACK TO YOU" BUT NEVER KEEPS HER WORD. TIME IS PASSING, THE PROBLEM IS NOW A CANCER AND NO SOLUTION ON THE HORIZON. WHEN I GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL, I GET THE ISSUE RESOLVED, BUT I'M LATER PERSECUTED FOR PROTECTING MY WELL-BEING. NOW THIS PRESENT ALLEGATION IS SERIOUS AND I FEEL IT WOULD DESTROY NOT ONLY ME BUT MY CAREER. THE POLICY TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES IS NOW BEING USED AS A TOOL AND A WEAPON AGAINST TARGET EMPLOYEES BY ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS NOT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT AND IT'S ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS SAID THE GOAL IS TO FIRE 2,000 EMPLOYEES SO THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY LAYOFFS. ALL THESE ACTIONS AGAINST ME HAVE BEEN FATAL, OVERWHELMING AND DISTRESSING TO ME. ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN GIVE ME IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IS MR. CROSBY NOT HERE? IS JAVIER PACHECO NOT HERE? HOW ABOUT ETHELL JOHNSON NOT HERE? COME ON UP. MARIA GARCIA HERE? WALTER BECKTEL, JOIN US. ARNOLD SACHS? BOBBY COOPER? MR. COPPER'S NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. AND E.T. SNELL. THAT'S THE LAST OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. MISS JOHNSON, PLEASE BEGIN.

ETHELL JOHNSON: TO THE BOARD AND TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, ALL MY FAVORITES. THIS IS MISS JOHNSON. I'M COMING TO THE

BOARD THIS MORNING. I HEARD SO MANY THINGS. I WANT THEM TO SEE THIS COMPTON, SHARE. YEAH, I JUST BRING THINGS BACK TO YOU, DON'T I? MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WHERE I WENT IN THERE, IT WAS VERY NEAT AND CLEAN. THE FLOORS. WE DIDN'T WAIT VERY LONG. I'D SAY ABOUT MAYBE TWO HOURS OR SOMETHING. THAT'S NOT VERY BAD. BUT I THANK GOD FOR BEING HERE. NOW, I'M IN AN AREA OF DEPARTMENT 2, ALL FIVE DISTRICTS. AS I SAID BEFORE, MR. SKOZARSKY, MIKE ANTONOVICH, I'VE BEEN OVER IN HIS AREA, I JUST LEFT THERE. REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE COMMISSIONER THEY WANTED TO SORT OF LIKE GET WITH YOU. BUT THIS IS, I'M RUNNING INTO TWO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS. I'M RUNNING INTO MY, YOU GUYS ARE MINE, THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT. I GO TO COMPTON, RIGHT? AND THEY TAKE MY-- I WORK HARD TO GET A LITTLE VAN. AND THEY WAS GOING TO GIVE ME AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO REGISTER IT. I'M OUT ON THE STREET. I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STAY RIGHT NOW. SECTION 8 SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE US SOMETHING, THEY NEVER DO. IF I DON'T FIGHT FOR NOTHING, I NEVER GET NOTHING, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? I'VE BEEN OVERSEAS IN THE GULF WAR. YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST A LONG STORY. I'D RATHER JUST TYPE IT OUT AND GIVE IT TO YOU. I'VE BEEN INJURED. THEY TOOK MY CAR. AND I WENT TO COMPTON IN THE AREA I WAS JUST ABOUT RAISED IN AND I ASKED THEM DID THEY HAVE THIS LICENSE NUMBER? AND THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW IF THE CAR WAS THERE, THIS OR THAT, A WHOLE BUNCH OF OF THINGS GOING ON. I BELIEVE IN DOING BETTER. YOU KNOW? SOME OFFICERS ARE NICE TO US. WE'RE OUT THERE HOMELESS,

ON THE TRACK. WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT WE'RE OUT THERE. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GET A PLACE TO STAY RIGHT NOW. SO THEY TAKE MY VAN. I'M SLEEPING IN MY VAN. NOT BOTHERING NOBODY. AND PAWNED MY VAN WHILE I'M NOT THERE. SO I GO TO LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES SAYS, "WELL I'LL GET YOU A PLACE TO STAY." SO I GO DOWN TO WALL STREET, AND BE DETECTIVES. THEN I WENT TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: YOUR TIME IS UP. MISS JOHNSON?

ETHELL JOHNSON: I JUST GOT TO TELL YOU THIS. SO MANY WOMEN THERE THAT'S HOMELESS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? BUT THAT DAY I PARKED MY VAN SO THAT I COULD GO DOWN TO THE MISSION AND THANK THEM FOR LETTING ME HAVE A SHOWER, GIVING ME SOMETHING TO EAT.

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MISS JOHNSON, YOUR TIME IS UP. MR. BECKTEL, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN? MR. BECKTEL, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

WALTER BECKTEL: YEAH, OKAY, OKAY. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. I KEEP HEARING YOU PEEL TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR THIS AND MONEY FOR THAT, BUT EVERY TIME WE GO OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD, WE SEE YOU FUNDING MONEY, MORE MONEY FOR THIS AND MORE MONEY FOR THAT.

AND YOU WANT TO-- WHEN WE RIDE THE BUSES OR WE GO TO RIDE THE BUSES, THERE ARE PEOPLE COMMITTING ALL KINDS OF NUISANCE CRIMES. IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT IF YOU NEED MONEY, WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING WITH THE TOOLS THAT WE GAVE YOU TO MAKE MONEY WITH? I MEAN, JUST SOME OF YOUR OFFICERS WOULD EVEN BE AT THE TRAIN STATIONS OR ENFORCE ANYTHING AT ALL, GIVING A TICKET HERE AND THERE, THEN YOU WOULD INCREASE YOUR REVENUE. YOU NEED SOMETHING LIKE A QUOTA KIND OF A THING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. ANY TIME I TURN AROUND, SOMEBODY IS VIOLATING THE LAW, THEY'VE GOT IT SET UP TO WHERE YOU CAN TAKE MONEY RIGHT OUT OF THEIR BANK ACCOUNT, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO-- THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOW UP AT THE COURTROOM FOR SOME OF THESE MINOR OFFENSES. THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING. THERE'S A RUMOR GOING ROUND, IT'S SO EASY TO MAKE MONEY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS BECOME A BUS DRIVER, BECOME AN OFFICER AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING TO EARN YOUR PAY AT ALL. WE STAND OUT THERE. I STAND OUT THERE AT THE BUS STOP SOMETIMES AT NIGHT AND OTHER TIMES WAITING FOR A BUS TWO, THREE, FOUR BUSES ARE SUPPOSED TO COME BY. THEY DON'T EVEN COME BY. AND THEY'RE OFF AT THE JACK IN THE THE BOX OR THEY'RE OFF AT THE BOB'S BIG BOY AND THEY'RE HAVING A BIG PARTY. THE ONE BOB'S BIG BOY WAS SHUT DOWN BECAUSE THEY WERE FOUND OUT THAT THEY ALL DIDN'T BOTHER TO RUN THEIR BUSES, THEY WERE ALL HAVING A BIG PARTY AT THE BOB'S BIG BOY. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BOB'S BIG BOY, THEY JUST CHOSE THAT ONE PARTICULAR RESTAURANT. I THINK IF WE

WOULD HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE ENFORCEMENT AND LESS DOTING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT'S GOING ON, THEN MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A LITTLE MORE MONEY HERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE ANY MONEY PROBLEMS. YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY FOR A NEW RAIL SYSTEM AND YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY TO FUND GETTING RID OF YOUR HOMELESS POPULATION. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE REAL SITUATION IS OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. BECAUSE THE FACT IS YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY. IT'S JUST YOU'RE NOT TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE MONEY. IT'S JUST GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND WASTE.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS. I DID WANT TO SPEND MY TWO MINUTES AND 50 SECONDS DISCUSSING SOME THINGS THAT OCCURRED AT LAST WEEK'S METRO M.T.A. BOARD MEETING. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO COMMENT. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE METRO RAIL MARKETING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND IT'S WRITTEN BY DAN WEIKEL. HE QUOTES A COUPLE OF GENTLEMEN IN HERE. ONE IS TOM RUBIN WHO IS A VETERAN TRANSIT CONSULTANT AND FORMER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE M.T.A.'S PREDECESSOR, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE L.A.C. TRANSIT AUTHORITY. AND ANOTHER GENTLEMAN THAT HE QUOTES, ANOTHER PROFESSOR AT COUNTY U.S.C., SHOULD BE AT COUNTY U.S.C.. U.S.C.

AND THEY GO ON TO SAY THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE METRO PROGRAMMING. SO I WONDER IF MR. RUBIN WOULD HAVE A COMMENT OR MAY BE ABLE TO CONTACT THE L.A. TIMES AND DISCUSS HIS COMMENTS REGARDING THE CHANGE IN THE BLUE LINE BECAUSE THEY TALK ABOUT HOW THIS TRANSIT PROGRAM WAS INITIATED IN 1985 SO THE BLUE LINE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED FROM LONG BEACH TO PASADENA. WHAT HE CONSIDERS ABOUT THE CHANGE ENDING IT AT SEVENTH AND FIGUEROA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GOLD LINE AND THE YET TO BE CONSTRUCTED DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, WHICH WILL COST OVER A BILLION DOLLARS. IT STATES IN THIS ARTICLE THAT THE BLUE LINE WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM LONG BEACH TO DOWNTOWN L.A. WELL, CONSTRUCTED FOR ALMOST $875 MILLION. SO FOR DOUBLING THAT PRICE, WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN FOR THE BUCK THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEN. BUT NOW WE HAVE TWO OTHER PROJECTS ADDING ALMOST $2 BILLION TO THE COST. BUT ANOTHER THING THAT REALLY CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS AFTER THE MEETING I HAD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE DISCUSSING THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND THE WORK THEY WERE DOING. I THOUGHT, "GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? WAIT A MINUTE." M.T.A. ALLOCATED OVER $600 MILLION TO THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THEY RAISED THE FARES BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH MONEY. THEY'RE ELIMINATING SERVICES BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING. YET THEY HAVE EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. HOW CAN THAT BE? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WHO'S PAYING THESE EMPLOYEES? MAYBE IT'S PART OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE FINANCING

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT. IT'S COMING OUT OF PRIVATE POCKETS. SO IF YOU'RE PAYING GOLD LINE EMPLOYEES TO WORK ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, MAYBE THAT'S EXCESS FUNDING. MAYBE THAT MONEY COULD BE PUT BACK INTO THE SCHEDULING. MAYBE YOU COULD BRING BACK MORE BUSES.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS.

SUP. KNABE: CAN I JUST, MR. SACHS? MR. RUBIN WAS A FORMER FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE R.T.D. WHO WAS FIRED FOR MISMANAGEMENT. THANK YOU.

ARNOLD SACHS: AND HE ENDED UP AT U.S.C. IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THAT SCHOOL.

E. SNELL: OKAY, SUPERVISORS, I GUESS AFTER MY LAST COMMENT TO YOU, GLORIA, YOU HAVE A LOT SUPPORT HERE. I SEE THAT MR. FUJIOKA WAS MAKING SOME PRETTY BIZARRE COMMENTS TO ME. BUT THAT'S LAWYERS. YOU KNOW, THEY CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MR. FUJIOKA, I'M SURE YOU DON'T REALLY CARE, JUST LIKE I WAS TELLING HIM I'VE BEEN TO PRISON TWICE ON PHONY CHARGES, MOLINA IS ALL IN THE MIDDLE OF IT AND ALL THAT STUFF. HE SAID, "YOU

PROBABLY DESERVED TO BE." THAT'S THE KIND OF COUNTY COUNSEL WE HAVE. HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO CHANGE MY ATTITUDE WHEN WITH PEOPLE LIKE THAT AROUND. YOU KNOW, IN 1999, MR. ANTONOVICH, DR. SHIRLEY MOORE AND ATTORNEY FINE HAD APPROACHED YOU ABOUT THE 20 YEAR PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TOTALING NEARLY $300 MILLION AND WAS GIVEN WAS GIVEN TO JUDGES ILLEGALLY. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT TODAY. THE CALIFORNIA APPEALS COURT INVOLVING STURGEONS DECLARED THAT THE PAYMENTS WERE ILLEGAL. IS ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH STURGEONS? HELLO? MAYBE FAMILIAR WITH STURGEONS? AND I BELIEVE, IF YOU GUYS WOULD GIVE ME AN ANSWER, IF YOU COULD TELL ME, MR. FUJIOKA, IF YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT YOU PAY THE JUDGES UNDER MR. ANTONOVICH? MR. ANTONOVICH, WHAT LAW YOU PAY THE JUDGES UNDER? I THINK IT'S A 1977 RULING? I CAN'T THINK OF THE NAME. AND THEN WE HAVE THE 2010, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, THE SKILLING CASE SOLIDIFIED THAT THEY WERE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS. THE SKILLING CASE TALKED ABOUT FAIR AND HONEST SERVICES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT ALSO WENT TO ADDRESS BRIBES AND KICKBACKS. HAVING SAID THAT, THOSE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS MUST BE STOPPED AND STURGEONS SHOULD PREVAIL. I GOT A LITTLE BIT INVOLVED WITH THE FINE CASE. AND HIS QUESTION TO YOU, I ASKED HIM WHAT CAN I ASK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? HE SAID WELL, HE SAID, "MR. SNELL, WHY DON'T YOU ASK WHY THEY KEEP MAKING ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO THE JUDGES?" NOW THIS GUY WAS A U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE'S 70 YEARS OLD. THEY LOCK HIM UP 22 HOURS A DAY IN THE COUNTY JAIL. YOU KNOW, HE'S

BEEN IN THERE 17 MONTHS. AND THE WHOLE THING ABOUT THE WHOLE THING, THE MOST GRIEVOUS ABOUT IT ALL WAS HOW JUDGE RON GEORGE PASSED THE S.B.S.-211. I MEAN THIS THING WAS BROUGHT IN ON FEBRUARY 9TH. GEORGE BROUGHT IT TO THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM ON THE NINTH. IT PASSED THE SENATE ON THE ASSEMBLY. IT WENT TO THE GOVERNOR THE NEXT DAY AND IT PASSED INTO LAW A MONTH LATER. GEE, I WISH WE COULD PASS SOME LAWS WE NEED AROUND HERE THAT QUICKLY. CONSEQUENTLY THE THING THAT'S PRETTY-- AND THEN JAFFE'S ADMITTED THAT HE LIED, JUDGE JAFFEY. SO I'M HOPING MR. RIDLEY- THOMAS, I'M HOPING THAT YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE THAT I DEEM ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT PEOPLE, WILL GET INVOLVED INTO THE FINE CASE AND LET ME INTERPRET WHAT I UNDERSTAND AND MY ASSOCIATION WITH IT AND STOP THESE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO THE JUDGES BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY REALLY ARE IN THE FORM OF BRIBES AND THE MISUSE OF THE FUNDS. AND I BELIEVE IT'S A 1997 LAW THAT THE BOARD IS USING. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT--

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: THAT CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF WE COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCE

WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSE TO YOUR LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE BUNKER HILL URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AREA AND THE PARK, PARCEL AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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