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1                   **[The Board of Supervisors did not meet in**  
2                   **closed session Tuesday, January 24, 2006.]**

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5           [GAVEL]

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7           **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE JANUARY 24TH MEETING OF THE LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE. WE'LL FIRST  
9 BE LED IN PRAYER BY DR. BILL HOY AND THEN INTO OUR PLEDGE OF  
10 ALLEGIANCE BY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KIMIO EARLEY. AUDIENCE,  
11 PLEASE RISE. PASTOR?

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13           **DR. BILL HOY:** DO JOIN ME AS WE PRAY. WE ADDRESS YOU, OH GOD,  
14 THIS MORNING BY MANY DIFFERENT NAMES: BY FATHER, BY ABBA,  
15 ADONAI, PRIESTOS. WE COME TO YOU BECAUSE WE HAVE LEARNED  
16 THROUGH LIFE'S EXPERIENCES THAT, WHEN DECISIONS WEIGH IN THE  
17 BALANCE, THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE TO WHICH WE CAN TURN. FATHER,  
18 THIS MORNING WE CONFESS TO YOU THAT WE DO NOT ALWAYS ACT  
19 ACCORDING TO THE WAY YOU WOULD DIRECT OUR LIVES. WE CONFESS  
20 THAT, OFTEN, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE EARTH ON WHICH WE LIVE  
21 THAT YOU CREATED AND FOR THAT, WE ASK FORGIVENESS. AND WE DO  
22 NOT ALWAYS CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR MIDST WHO ARE  
23 LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE AND FOR THAT, WE ASK FORGIVENESS. AND  
24 THIS MORNING, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD GUIDE THE DELIBERATIONS OF  
25 THIS BOARD, THAT YOU WOULD HELP THEM TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CARE



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1 AND THEIR LEADERSHIP FOR THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE  
2 ASK YOUR BLESSINGS UPON ALL THAT THEY DO, WE ASK FOR YOUR  
3 STRENGTH, YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, AND YOUR DIRECTION. WE PRAY, OH  
4 GOD, FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROTECT OUR COUNTY, FOR THE  
5 POLICE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE DEPUTIES AND FIREFIGHTERS WHO  
6 GIVE TIRELESSLY OF THEIR ENERGY AND THEIR LIVES, AND WE ASK  
7 YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THEM. AND NOW WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND WE ASK THESE THINGS ACCORDING TO THE  
9 NAME OF OUR LORD. AMEN.

10

11 **KIMIO EARLEY:** THOSE IN UNIFORM, PLEASE SALUTE. ALL OTHERS,  
12 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND LEAD ME IN THE  
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES  
18 AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF  
19 APPRECIATION TO A VERY GOOD FRIEND, DR. BILL HOY, WHO IS A  
20 BEREAVEMENT COORDINATOR AT PATHWAYS VOLUNTEER HOSPICE. HE HAS  
21 OVER 14 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. BILL IS AN EDUCATOR,  
22 COUNSELOR, WRITER, SPEAKER. PRIOR TO JOINING THE STAFF AT  
23 PATHWAYS, DR. HOY SERVED AS PASTOR IN LONG BEACH AND SEAL  
24 BEACH FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS AND HAS BEEN A HOSPICE CHAPLAIN.  
25 HE WAS EDUCATED IN LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, GOLDEN GATE



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1 BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL  
2 SEMINARY AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY. BILL AND HIS WIFE,  
3 DEBBIE, HAVE TWO SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, CAROLYN AND GREGORY,  
4 AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
5 BILL AND TO SAY OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF  
6 HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO LEAD US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING. SO, BILL,  
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME PRIVATE  
10 FIRST CLASS KIMIO EARLEY, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF  
11 ALLEGIANCE. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD AND  
12 HIS HOME IS IN COVINA. SO, THANK YOU. WITH HIM IS ALSO HIS  
13 MOTHER AND FATHER WHO CAN COME UP HERE, TOO. HIS MOM AND DAD  
14 ARE BOTH RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEES. [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN THE AGENDA. MY  
17 GOODNESS. HOW TIME FLIES.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ON PAGE  
20 5, WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS BUT WE WILL TAKE THOSE UP  
21 AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS. SO WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6,  
22 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 6 THROUGH  
23 9. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF  
24 THE PUBLIC. AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE ADDITION, AS NOTED ON  
25 THE GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



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1 REQUESTS A REQUESTS A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE AND THE REST ARE  
2 BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 10 AND 11.  
8 ON ITEM NUMBER 10, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
10 WEEK. ITEM 11 IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ON ITEM 12, HOLD FOR A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY-- OKAY. IT WILL BE HELD,  
19 THEN.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 15. ON ITEM  
22 NUMBER 14, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED.  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION. ON ITEM 16, HOLD  
3 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 17 THROUGH  
4 19, ITEMS 17 AND 18 ARE BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED.  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS A  
10 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WANT TO BE HELD OR WHAT WAS THE  
13 C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION?

14

15 **SHARON HARPER:** SUPERVISOR, ON THAT, THERE ARE SOME TIMING  
16 CONSIDERATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE TREASURER  
17 WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IT AT LEAST BE DISCUSSED TODAY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO THEN WE'LL HOLD IT.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE  
22 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
23 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
24 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
25 ITEM 20-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 20-B IS BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 20-C.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 20-D.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON PAGE 11, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM  
21 A PREVIOUS MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. ON ITEM A-3, WE  
22 HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON THAT  
23 ITEM.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
3 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
4 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST WELCOME A NEW CONSUL-  
7 GENERAL TO OUR COUNTY. THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME THE NEW  
8 CONSUL-GENERAL OF ECUADOR, THE HONORABLE GILBERT ZAMBRANO, WHO  
9 IS, PRIOR TO COMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WAS A CONSULTANT  
10 AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN CANADA. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS BANKING  
11 CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE AND MARKETING. HE'S  
12 HELD MANY ASSIGNMENTS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
13 INCLUDING CONSUL-GENERAL OF ECUADOR AND ROME. HE SPEAKS  
14 ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SPANISH. JOINING WITH HIM IS HIS  
15 WIFE AND TWO SONS. HE HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN BANKING AND  
16 FINANCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA IN CHILE. SO, MR.  
17 CONSUL-GENERAL, WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SAY A FEW  
18 WORDS. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **THE HONORABLE GILBERT ZAMBRANO:** MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND  
21 GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
22 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, INDEED THIS IS A  
23 DISTINCT HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO RECEIVE THIS  
24 PLAQUE FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY OF-- THE  
25 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE



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1 HERE AS A CONSUL-GENERAL OF ECUADOR IN CALIFORNIA. I AM  
2 INTERESTED AND DEDICATED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN  
3 CALIFORNIA AND THIS IS WHAT I WILL TAKE AS MY DUTY AND MY  
4 RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROMOTE BUSINESS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS,  
5 OUR TWO PEOPLES FROM ECUADOR AND THE UNITED STATES AND TO  
6 PROMOTE CULTURAL RELATIONS AS WELL. SO, FOR ME, THIS IS A  
7 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND TO OFFER  
8 YOU ALL MY WORK TO PROMOTE THE BEST RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO  
9 PEOPLES, FROM ECUADOR AND THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PLEASURE  
15 TO BRING FORWARD AT THIS TIME MRS. MONICA MCINTYRE. MONICA HAS  
16 SERVED THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND SURROUNDING  
17 COMMUNITIES FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS AS THE SKY KNIGHT PILOT.  
18 JOINING MONICA TODAY, WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, THE HONORABLE MAYOR,  
19 JOE ESCOLVAL, THAT'S HERE, THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, LARRY VAN  
20 NOSTRUM, VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, DIANE DEBOY, THE  
21 LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER, HOWARD  
22 CHAMBERS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, SANDY RULE AND CAROL JACOBI,  
23 WHO WAS THE CRIME PREVENTION MANAGER FOR LAKEWOOD, CAPTAIN  
24 DAVE FENDER OF THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION AND WE'VE GOT  
25 DAVID, HER HUSBAND, HERE WITH US AS WELL AS YOUR IN-LAWS, SO



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1 SHE'S GOT QUITE A CROWD BECAUSE SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL LADY, SO  
2 I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE LAKEWOOD FOLKS THAT MADE  
3 THE TRIP DOWN HERE TODAY TO JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION. MONICA  
4 HAS FLOWN OVER 13,000 HOURS, PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC  
5 SAFETY SERVICE TO MORE THAN 280,000 RESIDENTS. SHE WAS THE  
6 NATION'S FIRST FEMALE LAW ENFORCEMENT PILOT AND WAS HONORED IN  
7 1987 BY BEING INCLUDED IN THE DISPLAY AT THE SMITHSONIAN  
8 INSTITUTION NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
9 SHE SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL TO WOMEN AROUND THE NATION, PAVING  
10 THE WAY FOR THEIR OWN CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS AND TRIUMPHS IN  
11 AVIATION AS WELL AS IN AERIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. MONICA HAS BEEN  
12 HONORED TWICE WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD OF VALOR FROM THE  
13 CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR EXTRAORDINARY DEVOTION TO DUTY AND HER  
14 HEROISM. SHE HAS CONTINUED TO BE A COMPETENT AND CONSCIENTIOUS  
15 PILOT, WITH SAFETY BEING OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN THROUGHOUT HER  
16 CAREER, MAINTAINING A VERY CALM DEMEANOR EVEN UNDER THE MOST  
17 STRESSFUL OF CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING TWO ENGINE FAILURES  
18 REQUIRING FORCED LANDINGS. SO NOW, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY  
19 COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO  
20 PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF HER ACHIEVEMENTS, WISH  
21 HER THE BEST IN HER RETIREMENT AND SAY THANK YOU FOR A JOB  
22 WELL DONE. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **MONICA MCINTYRE:** I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR  
25 AND THE GREAT HONOR OF WORKING FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT, IN THE



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1 FOURTH DISTRICT AND ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THANK  
2 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SINCE I LIVE OUT IN THAT AREA, IT'S REFRESHING TO  
5 HEAR THAT HELICOPTER IN THE AIR. IT'S A LITTLE SCARY WHEN THE  
6 SPOTLIGHT GETS GOING AROUND PRETTY CLOSE. HA. ANYWAY, NEXT,  
7 IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BRING FORWARD CRAIG KESSLER,  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION, MIKE  
9 ORTEGA, WHO'S THE PRESIDENT, JAMES GILBERT, WHO'S THE VICE-  
10 PRESIDENT, AND GARY GROMET, WHO IS THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT.  
11 TODAY, WE ARE RECOGNIZING PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION'S 75TH  
12 ANNIVERSARY. THE P.L.G.A. WAS FOUNDED IN 1931 AND IS COMPOSED  
13 ENTIRELY OF GOLFERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CLUBS ATTACHED TO  
14 PUBLIC GOLF COURSES AND CLUBS UNATTACHED TO ANY SPECIFIC  
15 FACILITIES. THE P.L.G.A. PROVIDES THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR  
16 ORGANIZED PUBLIC GOLF IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WITH 170 CLUBS  
17 WITH OVER 25,000 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. THE P.L.G.A. IS THE  
18 LARGEST EXCLUSIVELY PUBLIC GOLF ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL  
19 USGA FAMILY. THE UNOFFICIAL MOTTO IS THAT THE HIGHEST OF  
20 STANDARDS AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR ARE MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE  
21 CONCEPTS. IT'S ALSO MY GREAT PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT,  
22 BEGINNING THIS SUMMER, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IN  
23 CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION, WILL BE  
24 PARTNERING TO BRING A NEW AND UNIQUE SERIES OF JUNIOR GOLF  
25 TOURNAMENTS TO THE REGION CALLED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC



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1 LINKS JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS. IT WILL CONSIST OF A SIX-  
2 EVENT SERIES IN JUNE AND FINISHING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WITH  
3 FIVE OPEN COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT REGIONS  
4 OF THE COUNTY, CULMINATING IN THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP ON  
5 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, HITTING THE TOP QUALIFIERS IN THE  
6 PREVIOUS FIVE COMPETITIONS FROM EACH OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS'  
7 FLIGHTS. SO THIS IS EXCITING. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR A  
8 LONG TIME BUT WE'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
9 PUBLIC GOLF. CRAIG AND TO THE OTHERS, WE JUST WANT TO SAY  
10 THANK YOU AND HAPPY 75TH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE  
11 YEARS WORKING TOGETHER. I'M GOING TO ASK CRAIG TO SAY A FEW  
12 WORDS AND THEN I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF  
13 THIS ORGANIZATION. THE ONLY COMPLAINT I HAVE IS MY HANDICAP IS  
14 TOO LOW.

15

16 **CRAIG KESSLER:** ON BEHALF OF THOSE 170 CLUBS AND THOSE  
17 THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS THAT THE SUPERVISOR REFERENCED, I WANT TO  
18 THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
19 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE GOLF OPERATIONS DIVISION  
20 FOR THIS HONOR TODAY AND ALSO THANK ALL OF THE ABOVE FOR  
21 JOINING OUR ORGANIZATION IN ITS TWO-FOLD MISSION TO MAKE SURE  
22 THAT GOLF IS AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO AS MANY OF THE  
23 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE  
24 RESTRAINTS OF AN INHERENTLY EXPENSIVE ACTIVITY AND ALSO TO  
25 EMPHASIZE THAT WE THINK THE COUNTY IS OUR PARTNER IN INDEED



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1 MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND THE HIGHEST OF  
2 STANDARDS ARE MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE CONCEPTS. I WANT TO THANK--  
3 THERE'S NO GREATER SUPPORTER OF PUBLIC GOLF-- THERE ARE A LOT  
4 OF SUPPORTERS OF PUBLIC GOLF IN ELECTED OFFICE IN SOUTHERN  
5 CALIFORNIA, BUT I THINK EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THERE IS NO  
6 GREATER PASSIONATE CHAMPION FOR THAT THAN SUPERVISOR KNABE  
7 AND, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART AND OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WE  
8 TRULY THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR GOLF IN SOUTHERN  
9 CALIFORNIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, WE HAVE ANNUALLY, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A  
12 PROCESS WHERE WE SELECT THE GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR AND THIS  
13 YEAR, I THINK FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE IN  
14 LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IS THE GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE  
15 WITH US TODAY, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S OPERATED BY AMERICAN GOLF, WE  
16 HAVE KEITH BROWN, THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, WARREN LEERY,  
17 THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, GARY KOSSIC, THE GENERAL MANAGER, DANNY  
18 WONG, THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ARTIE PERETTI, THE MOST  
19 IMPORTANT GUY OUT THERE, THE SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS WHOLE CREW  
20 IS HERE. AND ALSO JOINING ME IN MAKING THIS PRESENTATION IS  
21 RUSS GUINEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, BOYD  
22 HARRAN, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL FACILITIES,  
23 FAITH SAN DIEGO, THE NEW GOLF OPERATIONS MANAGER, LARRY LEE,  
24 WHO IS THE GOLF DIRECTOR, GEORGE PADEL, ASSISTANT GOLF  
25 DIRECTOR AND MIKE MONACO, THE ASSISTANT GOLF DIRECTOR. TO



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1 DETERMINE WHO WINS THIS TITLE, AN EVALUATION TEAM IS COMPRISED  
2 OF ONE PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEE, THE COUNTY'S HUMAN  
3 RESOURCES DIRECTOR-- HOW DID HE GET THAT JOB?! A MEMBER OF THE  
4 COUNTY'S GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY'S  
5 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PLAY AND EVALUATE EACH  
6 CONTENDING GOLF COURSE. PLAYING CONDITIONS, APPEARANCE, THE  
7 QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED AND THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE  
8 ENTIRE FACILITY ARE EVALUATED EACH GOLF COURSE. THEN AWARD  
9 RECIPIENT IS IDENTIFIED AND CONFIRMED AND WITH LAKEWOOD GOLF  
10 COURSE BEING OUR 2005 GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. AND SO WE ARE  
11 VERY PROUD OF THIS AND I'M GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION BUT  
12 I'M ALSO GOING TO CALL RUSS ON UP HERE TO JOIN ME AS WE  
13 PRESENT TO-- BEFORE RUSS DOES HIS THING, WE'RE GOING TO  
14 PRESENT TO LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE, THE GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR  
15 2005 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ALL RIGHT. I WANT ONE WITH  
16 GARY, MARTY AND WARREN, PETE AND RUSS.

17

18 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
19 HAS THE LARGEST SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES IN THE  
20 NATION, WITH 19 GOLF COURSES, AND WE HAVE EIGHT DIFFERENT  
21 OPERATORS, AMERICAN GOLF IS ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING OPERATORS,  
22 AND SO IT'S A PLEASURE THIS YEAR TO AWARD THEM THIS HONOR OF  
23 GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR AT LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE. THE GOLF  
24 COURSES PLAY A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN HELPING THE DEPARTMENT  
25 CREATE COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS. OF THE 12



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1 MILLION PEOPLE WHO VISIT A LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK EACH YEAR,  
2 ONE IN FOUR COME TO ONE OF OUR GOLF COURSES. SO THIS IS A  
3 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CREATE A HEALTHY ATMOSPHERE  
4 IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WONDERFUL RECREATION AND WE DO IT THROUGH  
5 OUR GREAT COURSES AND THE GREAT OPERATORS. SO OUR  
6 CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, TO THE TEAM FROM LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE  
7 AND WE WANT TO GIVE YOU OUR DEPARTMENT'S GOLF COURSE OF THE  
8 YEAR AWARD. MIKE? AND THIS IS THE AWARD AND WE ALSO HAVE  
9 PERPETUAL AWARD, WHICH WILL GO IN THE DEPARTMENT'S  
10 HEADQUARTERS. THEY GET THAT FOR A YEAR. SO WE'LL GIVE YOU THIS  
11 ONE, WHICH IS COUNTY-- REPEAT. OKAY. YOU GUYS ARE BACK FOR  
12 NEXT YEAR. GREAT.

13

14 **GARY KOSSIC:** ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN GOLF AND LAKEWOOD COUNTRY  
15 CLUB, I FIRST WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE, DIRECTOR  
16 RUSS GUINEY, THANK YOU, FAITH SAN DIEGO, LARRY LEE, DAVID  
17 MESA, MIKE MCGONIGAL AND GEORGE BADELL, WHO ALL WORK IN THE  
18 GOLF DIVISION FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO  
19 LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY SUPERINTENDENT, ARNIE  
20 PERETTIA. IT'S HIS JOB OUT THERE. HE JUST DOES A WONDERFUL JOB  
21 OF MAINTAINING THE GOLF COURSE DAY IN AND DAY OUT. ONCE AGAIN,  
22 THANK YOU, ARNIE. IT'S AN HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. OUR CO-  
23 WORKERS AT LAKEWOOD HAVE GREAT PRIDE EACH DAY IN THE WORK THAT  
24 THEY DO AND IT'S OUR GOAL AT LAKEWOOD TO GIVE VALUE TO THE  
25 DOLLARS THAT ARE SPENT BY THE PUBLIC EACH AND EVERY DAY. I



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1 JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY ONCE AGAIN FOR JUST A JOB WELL  
2 DONE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, GARY. AND TO ALL YOUR FOLKS OUT THERE,  
5 MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM A BIG THANK YOU OUT THERE AND TO  
6 AMERICAN GOLF, WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR  
7 CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S IT FOR ME.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, THIS MORNING, IT'S A REAL  
10 DISTINCT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE A PULITZER PRIZE  
11 WINNER AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND NOW A GREAT EDITORIAL  
12 CARTOONIST, MICHAEL RAMIREZ. MOST OF US HAVE KNOWN MICHAEL'S  
13 CREATIVE WORK FROM THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" WHERE HE HAD WORKED  
14 SINCE 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS PAST YEAR. TO MANY,  
15 HE WAS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF FEW INDIVIDUALS OF REASON AND  
16 SANITY AT THAT PUBLICATION. HE HAS ALSO BEEN EDITORIAL  
17 CARTOONIST FOR THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, U.S.A. TODAY AND IS  
18 NATIONALLY SYNDICATED IN OVER 450 NEWSPAPERS AROUND THE WORLD.  
19 HE RECENTLY ACCEPTED HIS POSITION AS SENIOR EDITOR, EDITORIAL  
20 CARTOONIST AT INVESTOR BUSINESS DAILY. HE COMBINES AN  
21 EXTRAORDINARY KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEWS WITH A CAPTIVATING DRAWING  
22 STYLE TO CREATE CONSISTENCY, OUTSTANDING CARTOONS. HE  
23 ORIGINALLY STUDIED PREMED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
24 IRVINE AND CONSIDERED JOURNALISM ONLY AS A HOBBY. IN ADDITION  
25 TO THE 1994 PULITZER PRIZE FOR EDITORIAL CARTOONING, HE COUNTS



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1 THE U.C.I. MEDAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE, THE  
2 SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARDS IN 1996 AND 1997 AND THE 1996 MENCKEN  
3 AWARD FOR BEST CARTOONS AMONG HIS MANY HONORS. SO WE LOOK  
4 FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF PROVOCATIVE, INSIGHTFUL  
5 EDITORIAL CARTOONS THAT HE'LL BE DRAWING FOR US, THE NATION  
6 AND THE WORLD. JOINING HIM AS WELL IS HIS WIFE AND HIS MOTHER.  
7 SO, MICHAEL, WELCOME. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **MICHAEL RAMIREZ:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU. I'M  
10 HONORED BY THIS CITATION AND I GUESS I OUGHT TO THANK YOU GUYS  
11 PERSONALLY FOR BEING THE TARGET OF MY PEN EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE  
12 AND I APPRECIATE THAT. EDITORIAL CARTOONING IS ABOUT SELF-  
13 GOVERNANCE. WE LIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT, IN A POLITICAL  
14 ENVIRONMENT THAT SEEMS TO BE MORE REACTIVE THAN PROACTIVE AND  
15 MY JOB IS TO BE THE CATALYST FOR THOUGHT, TO ILLUMINATE THE  
16 ISSUES AND URGE THE PUBLIC INTO ACTION AND SELF-GOVERNANCE AND  
17 I HOPE THAT THEY GET THAT ON A DAILY BASIS AND I WILL  
18 HOPEFULLY CONTINUE THAT WITH INVESTORS BUSINESS DAILY BUT I  
19 WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY AND THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
20 THEIR SERVICE AND KNOW THAT WE'LL BE WATCHING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** INTRODUCE YOUR WIFE.

23

24 **MICHAEL RAMIREZ:** THIS IS DEBORAH MCNEALLY AND MY MOTHER, MARIE  
25 RAMIREZ. [ APPLAUSE ]



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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME  
3 OUR-- ONCE AGAIN, OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
4 SERVICES DIRECTOR, DR. DAVID SANDERS, TO ASSIST IN THIS  
5 PRESENTATION. ON DECEMBER 10TH, OUR OFFICE JOINED WITH THE  
6 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
7 FAMILY SERVICES TO HOST THE NINTH ANNUAL FOSTER YOUTH HOLIDAY  
8 PARTY AT SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. CHRISTMAS MUSIC FILLED THE  
9 AIR AS CAREGIVERS, FOSTER PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WERE GREETED  
10 WITH FOOD, CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, HOLIDAY CHEER AND A DAY AT  
11 MAGIC MOUNTAIN. SPONSORS INCLUDED AT&T, XEROX CORPORATION,  
12 STARBUCK'S, NEW WHOLE LAND, K-B HOMES, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
13 EDISON, SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. DALE HOLLAND DOES A SUPERB  
14 JOB EACH YEAR IN HELPING US WITH OUR FOSTER CHILDREN AND ALSO  
15 HAS HIRED MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN IN PART-TIME JOBS WHICH END  
16 UP WHERE THEY BECOME FULL-TIME RESPONSIBLE LEADERS OF OUR  
17 NATION ALONG WITH WESTERN BADGE AND TROPHY AND ROY WILLIAMS.  
18 THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT DID ANOTHER SUPERB JOB IN THE  
19 COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOYS AND GIFTS THROUGH  
20 THEIR SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF  
21 OUR 10 SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL  
22 MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE WITH US THIS MORNING  
23 AND WHO ATTENDED THE PARTY AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN AND ASSISTED IN  
24 DISTRIBUTING THE CHRISTMAS TOYS TO THE CHILDREN. SO, AT THIS



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1 TIME, LET ME MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS FIRST TO AT&T, MICHAEL  
2 SCHALACHI. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** REPRESENTING K-B HOMES, DAVID CUBRAIN,  
5 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT. RYAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, MARY ANNE  
8 REYES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. WESTERN BADGE AND TROPHY,  
9 JESSICA TELLO, REPRESENTING WESLEY RUE. THEY'RE A GREAT  
10 LEADER. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ROY WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND  
13 REC, WHO HELPED COORDINATE THE DONATION OF 500 GIFT BAGS FROM  
14 THE STARBUCK'S IN CASTAIC. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAROLE MACNEIL, WHO IS DIRECTING  
17 MARKETING AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOR NEWHALL LAND. [ APPLAUSE  
18 ]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUE CARPENTER, PUBLIC RELATIONS  
21 MANAGER FOR SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OUR OWN CHIEF MICHAEL FRIEDMAN FROM  
24 THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND LET ME BRING UP THE FIRE CAPTAIN,  
2 MARK SAVAGE, FIRE CAPTAIN, JOSEPH ROMERO. JOE? EXPLORER COREY  
3 DESCRISTINA. EXPLORER COREY GROPE. EXPLORER RYAN MACKENZIE.  
4 AND EXPLORER DANIEL SURENIC. MICHAEL, SAY SOMETHING.

5

6 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THANKS TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS  
7 RECOGNITION OF THIS EVENT AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR HIS  
8 LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING THIS EVENT TOGETHER. HE AND HIS STAFF DO  
9 A GREAT JOB EVERY YEAR FOR AN EVENT THAT THE CHILDREN WHO  
10 ATTEND REALLY LOVE. THANKS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
11 SUPPORT THAT THEY PROVIDE. THEY ALWAYS HAVE PEOPLE OUT IN  
12 NUMBERS AND THEY'RE ABLE TO BRING TOGETHER TOYS FOR HUNDREDS  
13 OF CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE EVENT, WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE  
14 ANY TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS AND SO IT'S REALLY TREMENDOUS, THE  
15 EFFORT PUT OUT BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEN ALSO THANKS TO ALL  
16 OF THE SPONSORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS IMPORTANT  
17 EVENT. AND THEN FINALLY JUST THANKS TO THE STAFF OF D.C.F.S.  
18 WHO DO SUCH A GREAT JOB IN MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THE KIDS  
19 GET THERE AND GET TOYS, SO THANKS.

20

21 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, FIRE CHIEF:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR,  
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE  
23 FIREFIGHTERS, ESPECIALLY CAPTAIN MARK SAVAGE AND JOE ROMERO,  
24 WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. ALSO TO OUR EXPLORERS. THEY  
25 DO SO MUCH GOOD WORK IN SO MANY WAYS AND THESE ARE YOUNG MEN



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1 AND WOMEN WHO ASPIRE TO A CAREER IN THE FIRE SERVICE AND THIS  
2 CERTAIN GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT THE GENEROSITY  
3 OF ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I'D LIKE TO  
4 THANK THEM BECAUSE IT'S THEIR GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING THE TOYS  
5 THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS TIME, SO  
6 THANKS TO ONE AND ALL FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND FOR A GREAT  
7 PROGRAM THAT WE PROVIDE EACH YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL OF  
8 THESE GREAT SPONSORS AND OUR COLLEAGUES, SO THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AN  
11 OUTSTANDING PROGRAM THAT IS ASSISTING THE HOMELESS OF L.A.  
12 COUNTY ON THE ROAD TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THE HOMELESS COURT  
13 PROGRAM WAS CREATED BY THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, THE LOS  
14 ANGELES CITY DEFENDERS' OFFICE, THE L.A. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S  
15 OFFICE, L.A. COUNTY'S PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE AND ADVOCATES FOR  
16 THE HOMELESS, INCLUDING PUBLIC COUNSEL AND THE L.A. HOMELESS  
17 SERVICE AUTHORITY. THE PROGRAM HELPS IMPOVERISHED INDIVIDUALS  
18 WITH A HISTORY OF HOMELESSNESS TO CLEAR TICKETS AND WARRANTS  
19 FOR MINOR OFFENSES. THEY INCLUDE PARKING TICKETS, TRAFFIC  
20 TICKET INFRACTIONS AND VARIOUS MINOR MISDEMEANORS, INCLUDING  
21 JAYWALKING. AND THE HOMELESS PROGRAM COURT HAS HELPED  
22 ALLEVIATE THE HIGH RATE OF RECIDIVISM FOR THE HOMELESS  
23 POPULATION BY TAKING CARE OF UNRESOLVED CITATION AND WARRANTS  
24 WHICH HAVE OUTSTANDING FINES ATTACHED TO THEM WHICH THEN  
25 PRESENTS THE INDIVIDUAL FROM OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE



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1 AND/OR EMPLOYMENT. THIS COURT IS THE FIRST IN THE ENTIRE  
2 UNITED STATES TO INTEGRATE ITS JUSTICE PRINCIPLES INTO THE  
3 COUNTY'S GAIN AND GROW PROGRAMS. THE EXPANSION OF THE COURT IS  
4 PROJECTED TO RESOLVE MORE THAN \$200,000 IN SAVINGS TO L.A.  
5 COUNTY TAXPAYERS ANNUALLY BY FACILITATING IMPROVED ACCESS TO  
6 EMPLOYMENT THAT WOULD END DEPENDENCY UPON GENERAL RELIEF. SO  
7 LET ME RECOGNIZE THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS  
8 INNOVATIVE PROGRAM. FIRST, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR  
9 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JOE ANSEL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JOYCE WASHINGTON, WHO IS THE CHIEF  
15 GENERAL RELIEF AND FOOD STAFF DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
16 SOCIAL SERVICES. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LORRI LEE, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF  
19 GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK CALLED GROW PROGRAM,  
20 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND, ON BEHALF OF JUDGE MICHAEL TYNAN,  
23 WHO IS THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS  
24 COURT, WE HAVE CAROLYN PHILLIPS AND LEWIS RAFTE, FROM PUBLIC  
25 COUNSEL. AND, ON BEHALF OF JOHN CLARK, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, WE HAVE ZOE VAN HOOSAN, DEPUTY  
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HOW ARE YA? AND SUSAN SUCHI, WHO IS THE  
3 SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR OF L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. AND BATINA  
4 RODRIGUEZ, ADMINISTRATOR, L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. BRYCE,  
5 DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

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7 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE  
8 REALLY WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION, ESPECIALLY ON BEHALF  
9 OF THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT THIS TERRIFIC PROGRAM HAS  
10 REALLY HELPED. OUR THANKS, OF COURSE, TO OUR PARTNERS ON THE  
11 SUPERIOR COURT AND, IN PARTICULAR, PUBLIC COUNSEL, WHO HAS  
12 JUST BEEN A TERRIFIC COMMUNITY PARTNER IN ASSISTING HOMELESS  
13 INDIVIDUALS. THANKS VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF JUDGE  
16 MICHAEL TYNAN AND ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR GREAT ENTHUSIASM THAT  
17 THE COUNCIL HAS INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THIS  
18 PROJECT THROUGH THE COUNTY'S-- THE COUNTY'S SERVICE  
19 INTEGRATION BRANCH AND THE WORK OF MICHAEL CASTILLO.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY ELSE?

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23 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT AND MR.  
24 JOHN CLARK, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I WANT TO EXTEND OUR



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1 APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE OTHER BOARD  
2 MEMBERS FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND HONOR. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE ALSO  
5 DISCUSSING JUDICIAL MATTERS. IT'S A OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE  
6 AND COMMEND A FRIEND OF MINE, A FORMER CLASSMATE AND A MAN WHO  
7 IS RETIRING FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND  
8 THAT'S THE HONORABLE JUDGE MICHAEL FARRELL AND HIS WIFE,  
9 SUSAN. MICHAEL RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE  
10 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES AND HIS DOCTORATE FROM  
11 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, HIS JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE, BEFORE JOINING  
12 THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1986 AND APPOINTED BY  
13 GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN AND THEN ELEVATED BY GOVERNOR  
14 GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN IN 1989 TO THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
15 MICHAEL SERVED MANY LAW FIRMS, AS WELL AS THE SAN FERNANDO  
16 VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, GLOBAL MARINE AND ALSO AS  
17 A UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT OF  
18 CALIFORNIA. AS A MEMBER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT SINCE 1989, HE  
19 CURRENTLY IS SEATED AT THE CHATSWORTH COURTHOUSE. HE'S  
20 AFFILIATED WITH THE IRISH AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, MARITIME  
21 LAW ASSOCIATION AND THE CALIFORNIA JUDGE'S ASSOCIATION. HE WAS  
22 NAMED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF THE YEAR BY THE SAN FERNANDO  
23 VALLEY CRIMINAL BAR ASSOCIATION IN '94 AND JUDGE OF THE YEAR  
24 IN THE YEAR 2000. SO IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE  
25 MICHAEL ON 20 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE. HE ALSO SWORE ME



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1 IN TO MY REELECTION IN 2004 FOR MY OATH OF OFFICE AND TWO OF  
2 HIS GREAT NEPHEWS, BRIAN AND BRENDAN, HAVE WORKED IN MY OFFICE  
3 AS INTERNS, AND BRIAN IS NOW GRADUATING FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON  
4 UNIVERSITY-- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S LAW SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON,  
5 D.C. THIS YEAR, AND WILL BE A FUTURE JUDGE, AS BRENDAN WILL BE  
6 JOINING THE LAW SCHOOL NEXT FALL, FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHER'S  
7 FOOTSTEPS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOHN  
8 FARRELL. SO MICHAEL? [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **JUDGE MICHAEL FARRELL:** I WANT TO THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND  
11 THE BOARD FOR THIS HONOR AND JUST SAY THAT IT'S BEEN A  
12 PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND MICHAEL GREW UP JUST RIGHT DOWN  
16 THE STREET AT, WHAT, UNION STREET?

17

18 **JUDGE MICHAEL FARRELL:** OLYMPIC AND UNION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OLYMPIC AND UNION AND GRADUATED, WHAT,  
21 LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL?

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23 **JUDGE MICHAEL FARRELL:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAS JOHN, TOO?



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2 **JUDGE MICHAEL FARRELL:** YES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND JOHN, HIS BROTHER, AS WELL, WHO  
5 ALSO IS A FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL FOR OUR GREAT COUNTY. NOW, WE  
6 WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN  
7 CALIFORNIA MARINE ASSOCIATION WHO CELEBRATE NOW THEIR 50 YEARS  
8 OF PRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES BOAT SHOW. WITH US IS DAVID  
9 GODFREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIAN BRONSON, THE BOARD  
10 PRESIDENT AND STACEY FREEMAN, SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER.  
11 THIS IS THE LARGEST AND LONGEST RUNNING CONSUMER BOAT SHOW IN  
12 THE PACIFIC RIM AND DRAWS EXHIBITORS FOR MORE 100,000 VISITORS  
13 FROM AROUND THE WORLD. IT'S AMAZING. MORE THAN 100,000  
14 VISITORS AROUND THE WORLD COME TO THIS. FOR OVER 50 YEARS, THE  
15 MEMBER-RUN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARINA ASSOCIATION HAS  
16 SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF OUR REGIONAL BOATING  
17 COMMUNITY BY PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF SAFE BOATING AS WELL AS  
18 FAMILY RECREATION. THE BOAT SHOW WILL KICK OFF THIS SATURDAY,  
19 JANUARY 28TH, AT THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER AND WILL RUN  
20 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5TH THIS YEAR, SO MANY THANKS TO SOUTHERN  
21 CALIFORNIA MARINE ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
22 THIS GREAT EVENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

23



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1 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2 FOR THIS HONOR. WE HOPE WE HAVE ANOTHER 50 YEARS. THANK YOU  
3 VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS THE DOG THAT CHIEF MICHAEL  
6 FREEMAN TOLD ME WE'D ALL LOVE, AND THIS IS DAVEY, A LABRADOR  
7 MIX. HE'S A 12 WEEK OLD AND I TOLD HIM THIS WOULD BE VERY NICE  
8 FOR ONE OF OUR FIRE STATIONS BUT HE DIDN'T LIKE THAT PART. SO  
9 THIS IS LITTLE DAVEY. HE'S A LITTLE LABRADOR MIX AND HE'S  
10 LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF THERE'S ANYBODY OUT THERE IN THE  
11 AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM, I'M SURE HE'D LIKE TO  
12 GIVE YOU SOME NICE LOVE AND WARMTH AND YOU CAN CALL (562) 728-  
13 4644 OR YOU CAN-- IF YOU'RE HERE, TALK TO OUR ANIMAL CONTROL.  
14 SEE EVERYBODY?

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT COULD BE THE MASCOT FOR THE BOAT SHOW, TOO.

17  
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH. HE'D LIKE TO GO BOATING. HE'D  
19 LOOK GREAT ON ONE OF THOSE LITTLE YACHTS. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL TOD SWORD FORWARD. I DON'T KNOW,  
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE MAY ALSO WANT TO JOIN ME IN THIS  
23 PRESENTATION. AS THANKSGIVING SEASON ROLLED AROUND IN 2005, A  
24 MAJOR STORY WAS THE REPORTED INTENTION OF NISSAN NORTH AMERICA  
25 TO MOVE ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS FROM THE CARSON AREA OF THE



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1 COUNTY LOS ANGELES TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. NISSAN HAD BEEN  
2 PLANNING THIS MOVE FOR THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR AND ITS  
3 EXECUTIVES HADN'T SHARED IT WITH ME AT ANY PERIODIC MEETINGS I  
4 HELD WITH SIGNIFICANT BUSINESSES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, NOR  
5 WITH ANY OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL. DESPITE THE SUDDEN REVELATION  
6 OF THIS PLAN, A GROUP OF ELECTED LEADERS IN THE AFFECTED AREA,  
7 CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE, LEADERS OF STATE AND ECONOMIC AGENCIES,  
8 STATE OFFICIALS, COLLEGE DEANS AND TOP BUSINESS PEOPLE GOT  
9 TOGETHER TO PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL TO RETAIN NISSAN'S  
10 HEADQUARTERS. THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED A BUNDLE OF COMMITMENTS  
11 FROM STATE, COUNTY, CITY, UTILITY AND PORT AUTHORITIES. IT  
12 COVERED SUBJECTS RANGING FROM TAX CREDITS TO ADVANTAGEOUS  
13 UTILITY RATES AND EMPLOYEE EDUCATION. A KEY FIGURE ON THIS AD  
14 HOC COMMITTEE WAS TODD SWORD, PROJECT MANAGER, ECONOMIC AND  
15 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. FOR YEARS,  
16 TODD HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING AND RETAINING BUSINESSES IN  
17 THE SECOND DISTRICT. WHEN HE WAS LOS ANGELES' ECONOMIC  
18 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHEN HE WAS THERE, HE COORDINATED  
19 BUSINESS VISITATION PROGRAMS. IN OUR MEETING WITH NISSAN, TODD  
20 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COORDINATING THE ATTENDANCE OF ELECTED  
21 OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES. DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE LOST NISSAN  
22 AND THEY LEFT ANYHOW, THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK THAT TODD  
23 SWORD CONTRIBUTED TO A WELL PUT TOGETHER PLAN SAYS THAT HE'S A  
24 PERSON YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO HAVE ON YOUR TEAM. IN  
25 RECOGNITION OF HIS ONGOING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS



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1 RETENTION EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE L.A. COUNTY, I'M PROUD TO  
2 PRESENT TODD SWORD WITH THIS SCROLL BEFORE THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I JUST... [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** TOD, I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT TOD'S BEEN A TIRELESS  
8 SUPPORTER, NOT ONLY IN THE NISSAN SITUATION BUT IN MANY OTHER  
9 SITUATIONS AS AN ADVOCATE FOR JOB RETENTION HERE IN LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I JUST CAN'T  
11 SAY ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR EXTRA EFFORTS AND JUST THANK YOU.

12

13 **TOD SWORD:** WELL, MY DAUGHTER, TIFFANY, STOLE THE SHOW, AS YOU  
14 CAN SEE. SUPERVISOR BURKE, THANK YOU SO MUCH. KNABE,  
15 ANTONOVICH, MOLINA AND OTHERS. WE JUST THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
16 YOUR SUPPORT OF BUSINESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALL  
17 THAT YOU DO. JULIA ORESKO AND CHUCK BULCAMERA, TOM MARTIN HAVE  
18 BEEN SUCH GREAT PARTNERS OVER THE YEARS TO ASSIST US IN  
19 MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR BUSINESSES AND THE MOTIVATION REALLY  
20 GOES BEYOND THAT. IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO THE PEOPLE THAT WORK  
21 FOR THESE COMPANIES IN SUPPORTING THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND  
22 THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ENJOY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SO I LOOK  
23 FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR COUNTERPARTS AS  
24 WE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES AND THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
25 COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO ADOPT THE  
9 PUPPY. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HOPE THE PARENTS WON'T SUE US. IF  
12 THEY WANT TO, HE'S BACK THERE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE PARENTS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY EXERCISED VETO POWER. OKAY.  
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? ANYBODY? SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE ANY?  
18 IF NOT, SWEAR IN THE WITNESSES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY  
21 OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
22 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. OKAY. MR.  
25 MAYOR, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THE MATTER BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS THE



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1 SALE OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE  
2 REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REDONDO  
3 AVENUE AND WILLOW STREET IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. TO  
4 PARTICIPATE IN THIS SALE, ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW BE REGISTERED  
5 AND SHOULD MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM SO THAT THE  
6 AUCTION CAN BEGIN. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 5.33  
7 ACRES OF LAND, SUBJECT TO A LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE THAT DOES  
8 NOT EXPIRE UNTIL JANUARY 2052. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD  
9 SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GROUND LEASE AND IS  
10 SOLD IN AS-IS CONDITION WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION  
11 BY THE COUNTY. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A  
12 MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID OF \$5,500,000. THE SEALED BID HAS BEEN  
13 OPENED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,518,000. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST  
14 SIGN A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST  
15 25,000 IN CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE  
16 COMPLETION OF THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE  
17 WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET  
18 FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL, MUST BE MET BEFORE  
19 COMPLETION OF THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S TITLE AND  
20 POSSESSION TO THE PROPERTY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE  
23 WHO-- OKAY. THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON THIS  
24 PROPERTY, COME UP TO THE FRONT OF THE...

25



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1 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. MAYOR, I BELIEVE THE  
2 REPRESENTATIVE STANDING AT THE GLASS IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO  
3 SUBMITTED THE SEALED BID AND THEREFORE-- AND THE SEALED BID  
4 DID EXCEED THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT. THEREFORE, IN THE ABSENCE  
5 OF ANY ORAL BIDS, IF YOUR BOARD ELECTS TO ACCEPT THAT PURCHASE  
6 PRICE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR BOARD TO CLOSE THE  
7 HEARING, ACCEPT THE SEALED BID AND MOVE THE ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THEN ARE THERE OTHERS WHO WANT TO  
10 BID ON IT? NO?

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE SEALED BID WOULD THEN BE THE...

15

16 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE MOVE TO CLOSE THE BIDS AND THAT..?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING, ACCEPT THE SEALED  
21 BID AND CONSUMMATE THE SALE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ACCEPT SEALED  
24 BID.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE  
2 WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC AUCTION THAT HAS  
3 NOT REGISTERED, PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION RAIL NOW.  
4 BEING THAT THERE ARE NO-- THERE ARE NO REGISTERED BIDDERS  
5 WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORAL BIDDING, THE COUNTY WILL  
6 ACCEPT THE BID FROM JONAH GOLDRICH IN THE AMOUNT OF  
7 \$5,518,000. THE MOTION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDED, WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON  
11 ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY, PETITION NUMBER 140-1003, TO COUNTY  
12 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
13 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE LOCATED IN THE VALINDA  
14 AREA AND THE LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING  
15 PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
16 PROTESTS, MR. MAYOR. AND WE DO HAVE A STAFF PRESENTATION.

17

18 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
19 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH  
20 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO LIGHTING  
21 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,  
22 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF  
23 ASSESSMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PETITION AREA 140-1003 IN THE  
24 VALINDA AREA. THE PETITION DOES NOT LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES  
25 OF ANY CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA COVERED BY THIS PETITION



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1 WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE  
2 PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN  
3 PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY  
4 PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS AND  
6 APPROVE THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY NONEXEMPT  
7 TAXING AGENCIES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOMEBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WISHES TO  
10 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, WE WILL CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT  
11 THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS, TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE  
12 MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. SO  
13 WE'LL LAY THAT ON THE TABLE.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING TO GRANT A  
16 15-YEAR PROPRIETARY PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CONOCO  
17 PHILLIPS COMPANY TO REFLECT A TRANSFER OF EXISTING PETROLEUM  
18 PIPELINES FROM UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, UNOCAL, AND  
19 FROM S.F.P.P., L.P. ALSO, A 15-YEAR COMMON CARRIER PETROLEUM  
20 PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CONOCO PHILLIPS PIPELINE COMPANY TO  
21 REFLECT A TRANSFER OF EXISTING PETROLEUM PIPELINES FROM  
22 UNOCAL. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. MAYOR.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISHES TO  
2 SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 3? IF NOT, WE MOVE THE HEARING WILL BE  
3 CLOSED. I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4  
5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON PROPOSED  
6 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 16, HIGHWAYS, TO  
7 ESTABLISH THE CURRIER ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT TO  
8 PROVIDE FOR THE UNDERGROUND OF EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL  
9 AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA  
10 WITHIN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS,  
11 MR. MAYOR.

12  
13 **DARYLL CHENOWETH:** MY NAME IS DARYLL CHENOWETH AND I'M A CIVIL  
14 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
15 WITH THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED AS A CURRIER ROAD  
16 UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE  
17 UTILITY COMPANIES WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE FORMATION OF  
18 THE PROPOSED DISTRICT. THIS AREA WAS SELECTED FOR UNDERGROUND  
19 OF UTILITIES BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN  
20 CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED UTILITY COMPANIES AND THE CITY  
21 OF INDUSTRY, HAS DETERMINED THAT UNDERGROUNDING OF THE  
22 EXISTING AND FUTURE OVERHEAD ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATION  
23 FACILITIES WILL ELIMINATE THEIR PRESENT UNUSUALLY HEAVY  
24 CONCENTRATION AND AVOID THE FUTURE CONCENTRATION OF OVERHEAD  
25 FACILITIES. AT THE IMPACTED PORTIONS OF CURRIER ROAD AND BREA



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1 CANYON ROAD ARE REGULARLY USED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND  
2 PORTIONS CARRY A HEAVY VOLUME OF PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR  
3 TRAFFIC AND IT IS IN GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST TO ESTABLISH THE  
4 DISTRICT. WE'VE RECEIVED NO PROTESTS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO SIGNED UP  
7 ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR BURKE WILL CLOSE THE HEARING,  
8 APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING ON PROPOSED  
11 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING,  
12 TO ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS AND CASE PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR  
13 REHABILITATION FACILITIES FOR SMALL WILD ANIMALS AND FOR THE  
14 RAISING AND KEEPING OF ALPACAS AND YAMAS IN CERTAIN  
15 RESIDENTIAL AND ALL AGRICULTURAL ZONES IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
16 COUNTY, AREA OF THE COUNTY. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR.  
17 MAYOR.

18

19 **LEONARD ERLANGER:** MR. MAYOR AND BOARD, MY NAME IS LEONARD  
20 ERLANGER. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE  
21 ORDINANCE YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU WOULD CREATE AN ALLOWANCE FOR  
22 REHABILITATION FACILITIES FOR SMALL WILD ANIMALS, WHICH WOULD  
23 ALLOW FOR THE TEMPORARY CARING OF THESE ANIMALS UNTIL THEY  
24 BECOME HEALTHY AND CAN BE PUT BACK IN THEIR NATIVE HABITAT. AN  
25 ANIMAL PERMIT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THIS USE AND IT WOULD BE



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1 SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THAT THE LOT SIZE  
2 ON WHICH THE USE TAKES PLACE WOULD BE ADJUSTABLE WITH THE  
3 AMOUNT OF-- NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED. THE ANIMALS MUST BE OF  
4 A NON-DANGEROUS SPECIES AND LESS THAN 30 POUNDS IN WEIGHT.  
5 SECONDLY, AMENDMENTS WOULD CREATE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THE KEEPING  
6 OF ALPACAS AND YAMAS AS PETS IN RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL  
7 ZONES AND FOR COMMERCIAL RAISING IN AGRICULTURAL ZONES ONLY.  
8 THE ORDINANCE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH  
9 AND GAME AND THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT. THAT  
10 CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION EXCEPT TO TELL YOU THAT  
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
12 ARE HERE AND THERE MAY BE ONE TESTIFIER THAT WOULD LIKE TO  
13 SPEAK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MARY CUMMINS. MARY? JUST GIVE  
16 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

17

18 **MARY CUMMINS:** I'M MARY CUMMINS, PRESIDENT OF ANIMAL ADVOCATES.  
19 I'M A FISH AND GAME LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR, EDUCATOR  
20 AND EXHIBITER. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PLANNING COMMISSION,  
21 ESPECIALLY LEONARD AND ALLISON, FOR ALL THE HARD WORK IN  
22 GETTING THIS AMENDMENT THIS FAR. THIS AMENDMENT WILL HELP  
23 PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND SAVE ANIMALS. SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY,  
24 MINIMUM LOT SIZES AND MAXIMUM ANIMAL COUNTS WERE ADDED TO THE  
25 PROPOSED AMENDMENT. NOW, IF YOU'RE TALKING LLAMAS AND ALPACAS,



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1 LARGE ANIMALS, THAT MAKES SENSE BUT THIS AMENDMENT IS JUST FOR  
2 SMALL MAMMALS, JUST SMALL SUCH AS SQUIRRELS AND OPOSSUMS. NOW,  
3 A BABY SQUIRREL IS ABOUT AN INCH LONG AND I CAN FIT 20 BABY  
4 OPOSSUMS INTO A TEASPOON. I LIVE ON AN AVERAGE LOT WHICH IS  
5 6,500 SQUARE FEET. I'D ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE FIVE WILD ANIMALS,  
6 MAXIMUM. NOW, LEGALLY, FIVE BABY SQUIRRELS MUST BE KEPT IN AN  
7 INCUBATOR, WHICH IS A TUPPERWARE CONTAINER ABOUT 10 GALLONS. I  
8 DON'T THINK I NEED A 6,500-SQUARE-FOOT LOT TO HAVE A 10-GALLON  
9 TUPPERWARE CONTAINER IN MY HOUSE. AND I'M IN THE CITY OF L.A.,  
10 FORTUNATELY. I CAN HAVE AS MANY WILD ANIMALS AS I CAN LEGALLY  
11 HOUSE. CURRENTLY, THE FISH AND GAME AND U.S.D.A. ANIMAL  
12 WELFARE REGULATIONS SEVERELY RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS  
13 THAT WE MAY HAVE. THEY HAVE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM CAGING SIZES,  
14 WHICH GO DOWN TO THE CUBIC INCH AND WE ARE ALREADY HEAVILY  
15 RESTRICTED AND I DON'T FEEL THAT THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND  
16 MAXIMUM NUMBERS ARE NECESSARY. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THAT WOULD  
17 BE REMOVED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS. I WAS JUST SPEAKING WITH  
18 SOMEONE EARLIER OVER HERE AND HE STATED THAT THEY MIGHT BE  
19 ABLE TO FIND A WAY AROUND THAT AND THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO  
20 ME IF THAT WOULD BE APPROVED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK THE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING TO RESPOND TO SUGGESTED LANGUAGE THAT HAS BEEN  
24 DISCUSSED.

25



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1 **RON HOFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
2 RON HOFFMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE LOT  
3 SIZE AND NUMBER OF ANIMALS WAS PUT INTO THE ORDINANCE, THE  
4 DRAFT ORDINANCE AT THE REQUEST OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
5 COMMISSION IN RESPONSE TO A COMMENT BY MISS CUMMINS REGARDING  
6 THE ORIGINAL LOT SIZE LIMITATION THAT WAS IN THE FIRST DRAFT  
7 OF THE ORDINANCE. AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH MR. ERLANGER AND  
8 OTHERS, WE WOULD SUGGEST AN ADDITION TO THE ORDINANCE UNDER  
9 THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS AND THE LOT  
10 SIZE. THE PROVISION WOULD READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS: "THE  
11 DIRECTOR MAY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
12 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND HEALTH SERVICES, ALLOW A DIFFERENT  
13 NUMBER OF ANIMALS WHICH ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS  
14 OF ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH ASSURES THAT THE  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH THE NUMBER  
16 OF ANIMALS REQUESTED." WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD ACCOMPLISH WHAT  
17 MISS CUMMINS IS INTERESTED IN AND STILL PROTECT THE NEIGHBORS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT  
20 AMENDMENT BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT?

21

22 **MARY CUMMINS:** YES.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WISHES  
2 TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, WE'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE ITEM  
3 AND APPROVE AS AMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE:** SECONDED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BY KNABE, SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
8 SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM.

9  
10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,  
11 MR. MAYOR.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. IT'S 11:00 AND WE HAVE A SET  
14 ITEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. DO YOU WANT TO READ YOUR  
15 ADJOURNMENTS WHILE THE DEPARTMENT IS COMING UP, SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE?

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, I WILL. TODAY, I MOVE THAT WE  
19 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ROBINSON, WHO PASSED AWAY  
20 SUDDENLY ON JANUARY 17TH AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 55. HE WAS  
21 EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FOR 31 YEARS. HE DIED  
22 SUDDENLY OF A HEART ATTACK WHILE WORKING AT THE PUBLIC WORKS  
23 YARD. MIKE LIVED IN BELLFLOWER FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. HIS  
24 FAMILY MOVED TO BELLFLOWER WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG BOY AT THE AGE  
25 OF 5. HE ATTENDED BELLFLOWER HIGH AND CERRITOS COLLEGE. LATE,



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1 HE MARRIED HIS WIFE, JANELLE, AND HAD A SON, CHAD. HE LOVED TO  
2 SURF, FISH AND GOLF. HE COACHED LITTLE LEAGUE AND VARSITY HIGH  
3 SCHOOL BASEBALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 35 YEARS,  
4 JANELLE, HIS SON CHAD, MOTHER, SELMA, BROTHER, DANNY AND  
5 SISTER, GAYLE BARNETT. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. MIKE WAS A  
6 GREAT GUY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLARD "BUD"  
7 SPLITTER, THE BELOVED FATHER OF TERRY MCGUIRE, CHIEF DEPUTY,  
8 COUNTY LIBRARIAN. MR. SPLITTER PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 14TH IN  
9 WISCONSIN. HE WAS A LONG-TIME OWNER OF THE LOCAL CITGO  
10 STATION, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH. HE WILL BE LOVINGLY  
11 REMEMBERED BY EDNA, HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, BY HIS DAUGHTER,  
12 TERRI, SON-IN-LAW, MICHAEL, SON, PAUL, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW,  
13 DONNA AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
14 MEMORY OF WILSON PICKETT, THE SOLE PIONEER BEST KNOWN FOR  
15 "MUSTANG SALLY" AND "IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR". HE SUDDENLY DIED  
16 OF A HEART ATTACK THIS PAST THURSDAY. THE ALABAMA-BORN PICKETT  
17 GOT HIS START SINGING GOSPEL MUSIC IN CHURCH AND, AS WE ALL  
18 KNOW, WAS VERY FAMOUS FOR MANY, MANY SONGS. IN 1991, PICKETT,  
19 KNOWN AS "WICKED" PICKETT, BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ROCK AND  
20 ROLL HALL OF FAME AND, TWO YEARS LATER, WAS GIVEN A PIONEER  
21 AWARD BY THE RHYTHM AND BLUES FOUNDATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED. AND DR. CHERNOF, AS YOU'RE COMING UP, AGENDA ITEM 2,  
25 THE VOTES HAVE BEEN TABULATED. VIOLET, WOULD YOU READ THAT?



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1

2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MR. MAYOR, AFTER TABULATING THE  
3 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
4 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
5 ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND  
6 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR  
7 PETITION NUMBER 140-1003. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
8 FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY  
9 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TERRITORY WITHIN THE COUNTY LIGHTING  
10 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE  
11 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX  
12 REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PETITION NUMBER 140-  
13 1003.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED.  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DR. CHERNOF?

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. WE'RE  
19 HERE TO DO OUR REGULAR FISCAL OUTLOOK UPDATE. LET ME BEGIN BY  
20 MAKING A COUPLE OF OPENING COMMENTS AND THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK  
21 GARY WELLS, OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TO PROVIDE SOME  
22 DETAIL. SINCE STEPPING IN AS YOUR ACTING DIRECTOR, I THINK ONE  
23 OF MY KEY ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IS TO REALLY GET  
24 OUR ARMS AROUND THE BUDGET. TO THAT END, AS PART OF OUR BUDGET  
25 PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR, I HAVE MET WITH EVERY SINGLE BUDGET



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1 UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE CURRENT  
2 BUDGET, HOW THEY'RE SPENDING FUNDS, HIRING PLANS, PROGRAMMATIC  
3 ISSUES. GARY AND I HAVE MET WITH ALL OF THOSE FOLKS  
4 INDIVIDUALLY AND WE HAD AN EXTENSIVE MEETING YESTERDAY TO  
5 REVIEW THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TO PLAN FOR OUR BUDGET  
6 IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. GARY WILL GO THROUGH THE ACTUAL STATE OF  
7 OUR BUDGET FOR THE '06/'07 YEAR BUT OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR  
8 BOARD IS TO COME FORWARD WITH A BALANCED BUDGET. WE RECOGNIZE  
9 THAT, BEYOND THAT, ON THE OUT YEARS, THAT WE HAVE A  
10 SIGNIFICANT BUDGET SHORTFALL IN THE FUTURE, WHICH IS  
11 CUMULATIVELY AS GREAT AS A LITTLE MORE THAN \$1.1 BILLION WHEN  
12 YOU GET OUT AROUND '09, 2010. THE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO  
13 SPENDING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS  
14 WITH THE GOAL OF BEING COMPLETED BY DECEMBER, TO HAVE THOUGHT  
15 THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THESE  
16 ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THAT AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THIS IS TO  
17 REVISIT THE WORK THE DEPARTMENT HAD PUT IN PLACE IN 2002,  
18 LOOKING AT STRATEGIC EFFICIENCIES, PROGRAMMATIC CONSOLIDATIONS  
19 AND OTHER PROGRAMMATIC OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE US MORE EFFECTIVE  
20 AND EFFICIENT WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. WE  
21 ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO ENGAGE IN A LARGER DISCUSSION  
22 LOOKING AT OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING, THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ON  
23 THE TABLE IN THE PAST BUT DISCARDED, NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT  
24 HAVE COME TO LIGHT AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO APPROACH BOTH THE  
25 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH A THOUGHTFUL PLAN ABOUT HOW



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1 TO DEAL WITH THE STRUCTURAL FUNDING DEFICIT. WITH THAT, LET ME  
2 TURN IT OVER TO GARY WELLS AND HE'LL PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL  
3 DETAIL AND THEN WE'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** GOOD MORNING MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. IF I COULD  
6 HAVE YOU LOOK AT ATTACHMENT B TO OUR REPORT, I THINK THAT'S  
7 THE EASIEST WAY TO SEE THE CHANGE FROM THE REPORT THAT WE  
8 FILED IN NOVEMBER AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE FIRST LINE OF THE  
9 REPORT, THOSE NUMBERS ARE WHERE WE WERE AS OUR-- AS OF OUR  
10 LAST REPORT AND IT INDICATED THAT, FOR '06/'07, WE WERE  
11 LOOKING AT 126.7 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECTED SHORTFALL AND A  
12 TOTAL OVER THE FIVE YEARS ENDED IN FISCAL YEAR '09/'10 AT  
13 \$1.258 BILLION. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF  
14 CHANGES. I'M HAPPY TO GO THROUGH THESE LINE BY LINE BUT I  
15 WON'T UNLESS YOU ASK ME TO AT THIS POINT BUT I WOULD ASK YOU  
16 TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION NOW TO THE BOTTOM NUMERICAL LINE ON  
17 THAT PARTICULAR SCHEDULE AND WHAT IT SHOWS IS, AS A RESULT OF  
18 THE CHANGES THAT ARE LISTED THERE, THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR  
19 PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE HAS GONE UP ABOUT \$22 MILLION  
20 FROM THE 218.3, WHICH IS THE TOP NUMBER IN THE '05/'06 COLUMN,  
21 TO THE 240.1, WHICH IS THE BOTTOM LINE IN THAT COLUMN. FOR  
22 '06/'07, WHICH IS THE BUDGET THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN  
23 WORKING ON, THE PROJECTED DEFICIT HAS GONE FROM 126.7 DOWN TO  
24 ABOUT \$65.9 MILLION. BRUCE AND SOME OF HIS STAFF AND MYSELF  
25 MET FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS YESTERDAY TO LOOK AT ALL THE BUDGET



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1 REQUEST INFORMATION THAT WE'VE GOTTEN FROM OUR FACILITIES.  
2 WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE TO SUBMIT OUR BUDGET REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR  
3 TO THE C.A.O. THE END OF THIS MONTH AND, OVER THE NEXT FEW  
4 DAYS, WE WILL BE GRAPPLING WITH SOME OPTIONS TO CLOSE THAT  
5 65.9 MILLION DOLLAR GAP AND ALSO WORKING WITH THE C.A.O. OVER  
6 THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO AS THEY PREPARE THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO  
7 COME TO YOU IN APRIL TO INCLUDE A BALANCED BUDGET REQUEST FOR  
8 THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH THE C.A.O. AND THE  
9 DEPARTMENT AND OBVIOUSLY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION GOING FORWARD  
10 AS YOU CONSIDER NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYOR.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK, YOUR MEMO TO THE BOARD  
15 STATES THAT YOU'RE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK TO ADDRESS FUTURE  
16 DEFICITS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A ONE BILLION DOLLAR  
17 SHORTFALL PROJECTED FOR THE 2009/'10 FISCAL YEAR. WHY HASN'T  
18 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALREADY BEGUN THE WORK IN ADDRESSING THE  
19 SHORTFALL?

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21 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** MAYOR, THAT'S A EXCELLENT QUESTION AND  
22 QUITE A BIT OF WORK ACTUALLY HAS BEEN DONE IN THAT AREA. I GO  
23 BACK TO THE WORK THAT WAS DONE IN 2002 IN THE SUBSEQUENT  
24 DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO YOUR BOARD BY THIS DEPARTMENT LOOKING AT  
25 SPECIFIC STRATEGIC CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK



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1 MORE EFFICIENTLY, TO TRY TO DEVELOP MORE UNIFIED SERVICES  
2 ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT AND WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH THOSE  
3 INITIATIVES. THEY HAVE BEEN HINDERED, TO A DEGREE, BY OTHER  
4 CHANGES AND PROBLEMS IN THE DEPARTMENT. A LOT OF ENERGY HAS  
5 GONE INTO ONE OF OUR FACILITIES AND THAT HAS HINDERED OUR  
6 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE CHANGES AND, FRANKLY,  
7 SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WERE PROPOSED IN THAT 2002 STRATEGIC  
8 PLAN WERE HAMPERED BY THE COURTS AND THE ULTIMATE SETTLEMENTS  
9 THAT WE RECEIVED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC  
10 ACTIVITIES THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT, WE ARE IMPLEMENTING THEM NOW  
11 AND CONTINUE TO WORK ON THOSE THINGS. PROGRAM INTEGRATION FOR  
12 SPECIALTY SERVICES, LAB CONSOLIDATION, THOSE ARE ALL ACTIVE  
13 AND IN PLACE AS WE SPEAK. WE NEEDS TO RAMP UP THOSE EFFORTS AS  
14 WE MOVE FORWARD THIS YEAR.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE 2000...

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, COULD I JUST ASK A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION  
19 ON THAT? ANY OF THESE NUMBERS REFLECT SB-1100 MEDI-CAL  
20 REDESIGN...

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22 **GARY WELLS:** YES, THEY DO, SUPERVISOR, IN FACT, IF YOU LOOK AT  
23 NOTE "A" ON THE SCHEDULE THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND THE  
24 SECOND BULLET, IT SHOWS THAT WE'RE ASSUMING MEDI-CAL REDESIGN  
25 FUNDING BEGINNING THIS YEAR, WHICH IS 72.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN



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1 EXCESS OF WHAT WE HAD BUDGETED FOR THE REVENUE STREAMS THAT IT  
2 REPLACES. THE NUMBERS FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS ARE LISTED  
3 THERE AS WELL FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED BENEFIT AT THIS POINT OF  
4 ABOUT \$503 MILLION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR '09/'10.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH THE PENDING BILLION DOLLAR  
7 SHORTFALL, IS IT FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE TO DELAY IMPLEMENTING A  
8 RESTRUCTURE PLAN, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE A STATUS QUO  
9 2006/'07 BUDGET BEING RECOMMENDED?

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11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, I THINK WE ARE FOCUSED  
12 ON IMPLEMENTING CHANGES NOW. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF WAITING  
13 TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES THAT CAN BE MADE NOW WHERE APPROPRIATE. I  
14 THINK HAVING A THOUGHTFUL LOOK, BEING A COUPLE WEEKS INTO THIS  
15 JOB, HAVING A THOUGHTFUL LOOK AT THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
16 DELIVERY SYSTEM, HOW WE OPERATE OUR OWN HOSPITALS, THE  
17 RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH CLINICS AND OTHER PROVIDERS, THE  
18 PRIVATE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TRAUMA  
19 NETWORK MERITS A CAREFUL, THOUGHTFUL REVIEW WHICH THE  
20 DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO DO PROMPTLY. THAT IS NOT TO SAY  
21 THAT, WHERE WE SEE APPROPRIATE CHANGES THAT SHOULD AND CAN BE  
22 MADE NOW, WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF GETTING THOSE DONE  
23 CONCURRENTLY BUT WE DO WANT TO COME FORWARD WITH A THOUGHTFUL  
24 PLAN GOING FORWARD.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE COUNTY STILL HAS NOT ACHIEVED THAT  
2 COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE RELATIVE TO THE  
3 FEDERAL WAIVER. HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE PROPOSED BUDGET IF WE  
4 DON'T HAVE THAT AGREEMENT IN PLACE?

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6 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT NOW, WE ARE WORKING ACTIVELY NOT ONLY WITH  
7 THE STATE BUT THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS  
8 ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY  
9 THE MEDI-CAL REDESIGN WAIVER. THE DELAY IN THAT PROCESS WILL  
10 NOT LIKELY IMPACT THE REVENUES, PER SE, BUT WILL IMPACT CASH  
11 FLOW. WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH THE AUDITOR-  
12 CONTROLLER, WHO HAS ASSURED US THAT OUR CASH FLOW POSITION IS  
13 NOT ONE OF JEOPARDY, PROBABLY BETWEEN NOW AND AT LEAST THE END  
14 OF THE FISCAL YEAR. WE'RE VERY HOPEFUL THAT THE OTHER  
15 HOSPITALS THAT ARE ACROSS THE STATE, THAT WE MUST COOPERATE  
16 WITH IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE STATE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO  
17 AN AGREEMENT AND THAT THE REQUISITE DOCUMENTS WILL RECEIVE  
18 C.M.S. APPROVAL OVER THE NEXT PROBABLY 60 DAYS AND THEN THE  
19 STATE WILL BE ABLE TO START MONEY FLOWING AND HOPEFULLY, AT  
20 THAT TIME AS WELL, WE'LL HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON THE REVENUE  
21 ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOU IN THIS REPORT, WHICH,  
22 AT THIS POINT IN TIME, ARE STILL AS ACCURATE AS WE CAN  
23 PROVIDE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR RECENT FORECAST AND YOUR NOVEMBER  
2 ESTIMATES INDICATED THAT THERE ARE COSTS SUCH AS AFFILIATION  
3 AGREEMENTS, THE NEW HOSPITAL C.T. SCANNERS THAT WILL IMPACT  
4 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. WHY ARE THESE EXPENSES NOT  
5 INCLUDED?

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7 **GARY WELLS:** ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN FINALIZED AT  
8 THIS POINT. THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AGREEMENTS ARE STILL UNDER  
9 NEGOTIATIONS. AND, UNTIL THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE DONE, I GUESS  
10 WE'RE RELUCTANT TO RELEASE ESTIMATES THAT MAY BE DIFFERENT  
11 THAN WHAT THE FINAL NEGOTIATED NUMBERS ARE. THE C.T. SCANNERS  
12 ARE STILL BEING LOOKED AT IN TERMS OF HOW TO FINANCE THOSE AND  
13 WE'RE GOING TO FINANCE THEM AND OVER WHAT PERIOD. SO, UNTIL  
14 THOSE NUMBERS ARE FINALIZED, WE HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO PUT  
15 THOSE IN AS WELL.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY WOULDN'T IT THEN BE LISTED AS A  
18 NEW PROJECT?

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20 **GARY WELLS:** AGAIN, I MEAN, OUR CONCERN IS, IS TO PROVIDE  
21 NUMBERS PREMATURELY THAT COULD BE MISLEADING.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IF YOU LISTED IT AS A NEW PROJECT,  
24 WOULD THAT HELP CLARIFY?

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1 **GARY WELLS:** POTENTIALLY, WE COULD DO THAT.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE DEPARTMENT HAS A DEFICIT IN  
4 '06/'07 AND THAT DEFICIT IS GOING TO GROW IN '07/'08 UNLESS  
5 THERE'S A REVENUE SOLUTION. HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL  
6 FUNDS, EXPENDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS?

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8 **GARY WELLS:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL  
9 AGREEMENTS AND THE...?

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11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** LET ME START AND THEN YOU CAN HELP, GARY. I  
12 THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN THE DEPARTMENT, MAYOR,  
13 SUPERVISORS, IS WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CARE TODAY FOR  
14 THE PATIENTS WHO COME INTO OUR HOSPITAL TODAY BASED ON THE  
15 SIZE AND SHAPE OF OUR CLINICAL PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE  
16 TODAY. AND THE CHALLENGE HERE IS THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO  
17 HIRE PHYSICIANS, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PUT IN PLACES EQUIPMENT  
18 WHEN EQUIPMENT IS EITHER ANTIQUATED, UNSAFE OR BROKEN UNTIL  
19 SUCH TIME AS WE MAKE A DECISION TO CLOSE, TO PRIVATIZE OR  
20 OTHERWISE OUTSOURCE A FACILITY OR PROGRAM. AND, WHILE THOSE  
21 ACTIVE PROGRAMS ARE IN PLACE, WE HAVE PATIENTS COMING THROUGH  
22 OUR DOOR FOR THOSE SERVICES AND WE HAVE THE NEED TO STAFF  
23 THOSE SERVICES, WE HAVE TO PUT IN PLACE AN APPROPRIATE  
24 CLINICAL PROGRAM, AN APPROPRIATE CAPITAL PLAN TO MEET THAT--  
25 THE NEED THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US TODAY. TO THE EXTENT THAT



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1 WE CHANGE THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THAT CLINICAL PROGRAM, GOING  
2 FORWARD, THAT WILL RESULT IN CHANGES BOTH IN THE MSOA AS WELL  
3 AS OUR CAPITAL PLANNING AND OTHER PROJECTS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR RESPONSIBLE PLANNING, IT'S  
6 IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD HAVE BEFORE THEM, AS WE APPROVE OUR  
7 BUDGET FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, ALL OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS  
8 AVAILABLE. BUT TO PUT THE BOARD IN A POSITION OF SLASH AND  
9 BURN APPROACH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE AND REPRESENTS THE  
10 DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE TO DO ITS JOB. YOUR DEPARTMENT'S  
11 STRATEGIC AND REDESIGN PLANS RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR  
12 THE PROJECTED DEFICIT SHORTFALL AND TO ALLOW THIS TO FESTER  
13 AND RESULT IN BANKRUPTING THE ENTIRE COUNTY SYSTEM IS NOT WHAT  
14 THE BOARD WAS WORKING TOWARD ACHIEVING. THE SOFT LANDING  
15 APPROACH, ONCE SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD, WILL NOT HAPPEN IF WE  
16 CONTINUE TO IGNORE THESE FACTS AND HAVE THAT BILLION-DOLLAR  
17 DEFICIT IN THE '09/'10 OR '10 BUDGET BUT I'M GOING TO PUT ON  
18 THE TABLE THIS MOTION ASKING FOR THAT INFORMATION. IN 1995,  
19 WHEN THE BOARD APPROVED THE MEDICAID 1115 WAIVER AND THE  
20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT-- WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ONE OF THE  
21 GOALS WAS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH  
22 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RESTRUCTURE THE SYSTEM AND BECOME  
23 FINANCIALLY SOLVENT. THE BOARD COMMITTED TO CHANGE THE WAY WE  
24 PROVIDE HEALTHCARE BY DECREASING INPATIENT DAYS, EXPANDING  
25 OUTPATIENT SERVICES, PROVIDING MANAGED CARE FOR ACUTE CHRONIC



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1 ILLNESSES. THE GOAL WAS TO RESTRUCTURE, USING THE INFUSION OF  
2 FEDERAL DOLLARS, TO CREATE A SOFT LANDING RATHER THAN FACE  
3 SEVERE CUTS OR FALLING OFF A CLIFF. NOW, 10 YEARS LATER, THE  
4 COUNTY CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE WITH THE MOUNTING DEFICIT AND THE  
5 SOFT LANDING TOUTED IN 1995 IS TURNING INTO A FREEFALL WITH NO  
6 INDICATION THAT THERE ARE PLANS OR TIMEFRAMES BEING PREPARED  
7 TO ADDRESS THE \$400 MILLION DEFICIT PROJECTED IN 2007/'08  
8 YEAR, RISING TO ONE \$1.1 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2009/'10.  
9 DESPITE ASSURANCES FROM THE C.A.O. IN HIS JUNE 16TH MEMO TO  
10 THIS BOARD THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD RETURN IN MID-YEAR  
11 2005/'06 WITH A DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN, THE ONLY INDICATION WE  
12 HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE OF ANY THOUGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
13 TO PUT THIS-- IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN LAYING THE  
14 GROUNDWORK TO DEVELOP APPROACHES FOR ADDRESSING THE MUCH  
15 LARGER CUMULATIVE FUTURE FISCAL YEAR PROJECTED SHORTFALLS. TO  
16 MAKE INFORMED AND FISCAL RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS, THE BOARD  
17 NEEDS TO BE INFORMED ON HOW THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS  
18 THE DEFICIT BEFORE IT GROWS TO OVER 1.1 BILLION. SO I'D MOVE  
19 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES  
20 TO REPORT ON APRIL 18TH A DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH  
21 ADDRESSES THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF THE \$1.1 BILLION FISCAL  
22 YEAR 2009/'10 PROPOSAL. SO I'LL PUT THAT ON THE TABLE.  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I APPRECIATE YOUR FRUSTRATION  
2 BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS MOTION ADVANCES OUR BODY OF KNOWLEDGE. I  
3 THINK THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THIS BOARD HAVE BEEN ON RECORD  
4 MORE THAN-- WELL, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN ON RECORD MORE THAN ONCE  
5 ABOUT TRYING TO MANAGE THE DEFICIT AND THE BOARD-- AND THE  
6 DEPARTMENT HAS MADE EFFORTS AND THE BOARD HAS ENDORSED EFFORTS  
7 THAT, FOR ONE REASON-- SOME OF WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND  
8 MANY OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN BECAUSE OF COURT CASES AND OTHER  
9 THINGS, REGULATORY ISSUES AND WHAT HAVE YOU. SO I'M NOT SURE  
10 THAT JUST BEING CRITICAL OF WHERE WE ARE GETS US ANYWHERE. I'D  
11 BE CURIOUS IF ANYBODY HAS AN IDEA, IN LIGHT OF THE COURT CASES  
12 THAT HAVE COME DOWN FROM THE TWO HOSPITALS, RODDY AND WHAT WAS  
13 THE OTHER CASE'S NAME? THE HARRIS AND RODDY CASE, IN LIGHT OF  
14 WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ISSUE OF M.L.K. OB/GYN ISSUE, THAT-- WHAT  
15 IS IT, SINCE THOSE ARE OFF THE TABLE, IN FACT, WE'VE ENTERED  
16 INTO AN AGREEMENT ON THE HARRIS AND RODDY, I BELIEVE THEY'RE  
17 FINAL, THAT OUR OPTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSTRAINED. SO-- AND THAT  
18 WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION. THAT WASN'T DR. CHERNOF'S DECISION  
19 OR DR. GARTHWAITE'S DECISION OR GARY WELLS' DECISION, THAT WAS  
20 OUR DECISION, WE MADE THAT DECISION AS A BOARD TO SETTLE SOME  
21 LAWSUITS. SO I WOULD RATHER UNDERSTAND MORE SPECIFICALLY WHAT  
22 IT IS WE ARE ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO DO BY APRIL 18TH RATHER  
23 THAN JUST DO ANOTHER-- AS IS THE OLD "STUDY A MONTH, STUDY A  
24 QUARTER" ROUTINE, WHICH THE DEPARTMENTS TAKE SERIOUSLY AND  
25 THEY TRY TO RESPOND TO IT. I'M NOT SURE THAT IT'S WORTH THE



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1 EFFORT THAT THEY PUT INTO IT BECAUSE I THINK WE KNOW-- THEY  
2 KNOW WHERE THEY STAND AND THEY CAN TELL YOU WHERE THEY STAND  
3 AND I THINK THEY'VE TRIED TO TELL YOU WHERE THEY STAND. I HAVE  
4 A LOT OF QUESTIONS MYSELF BUT I DON'T THINK THEY REQUIRE A  
5 THREE-MONTH WORK PRODUCT. THEY JUST NEED A "YES" OR "NO"  
6 ANSWER ON SOME THINGS AND I'LL DEFER TO LATER TO ASK SOME OF  
7 THOSE QUESTIONS. BUT I-- YOU KNOW, NORMALLY, IT WOULD BE MY--  
8 YOU KNOW, I'D SAY, WELL, WHAT THE HELL, IT'S A REPORT BACK,  
9 APRIL 18TH, DOESN'T COST US ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR THEIR TIME,  
10 BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT WE'RE  
11 ASKING THEM TO DO AND TO BE MORE JUDICIOUS WITH THEIR TIME AND  
12 WITH THEIR RESOURCES. ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO SEE US DO  
13 IN TERMS OF MANAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
14 RESOURCES IS NOT ASK THEM FOR SO MANY DAMN REPORTS AND THAT  
15 GOES FOR ALL OF US, NOT JUST THIS ONE. I HAPPENED TO PICK ON  
16 THIS ONE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONE THAT'S ON THE DESK. SO UNLESS  
17 YOU HAVE SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT YOU HAVE IN MIND, JUST TO SAY  
18 COME BACK WITH A REPORT ON HOW YOU'RE GOING TO MANAGE YOUR  
19 DEFICIT, I THINK HE CAN TELL YOU THAT NOW. I'M NOT GOING TO  
20 PUT YOU IN A POSITION BUT IS THERE-- AN AWKWARD POSITION BUT  
21 IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD OR DIFFER WITH, DR. CHERNOF  
22 OR MR. WELLS? YOU TELL ME. I MEAN, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, YOU  
23 DON'T HAVE TO. BUT IS THIS-- WHAT KIND OF A WORK-- GO AHEAD.  
24 JUST TELL ME.

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISORS, I THINK WE'RE AT A VERY  
2 IMPORTANT CROSSROADS WITH RESPECT TO THIS BUDGET DEFICIT. THIS  
3 IS A ROAD YOU'VE BEEN DOWN MANY MORE TIMES THAN I AND I THINK  
4 IT WOULD BE THE HEIGHT OF HUBRIS FOR ME TO PROPOSE, AFTER TWO  
5 OR THREE WEEKS IN THIS ROLE, EVEN WITH MY PREVIOUS YEAR IN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT, THAT I HAVE SOME SIMPLE ANSWER THAT YOU ALL  
7 HAVEN'T THOUGHT THROUGH. BUT I DO THINK THAT THE CHALLENGES  
8 ARE FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND THEY REMAIN MATERIALLY SIMILAR  
9 TO THE CHALLENGES WE FACED IN THE PAST. WE HAVE TRIED, I  
10 THINK, TO IMPLEMENT THE WAIVER SUCCESSFULLY AND WE HAVE  
11 EVIDENCE WE'VE DONE SO. SOME OF THE THEORETICAL THINGS THAT  
12 THE WAIVER PROPOSED, I.E., THE IDEA THAT, BY EXPANDING  
13 AMBULATORY CARE, THAT WE WOULD RADICALLY DECREASE THE NUMBER  
14 OF INPATIENT DAYS, HAS PROVEN NOT TO BE TRUE. THAT WAS A  
15 THEORETICAL BASIS, AND THE REASON FOR THAT, I THINK, AND THIS  
16 IS JUST BRUCE AS A DOCTOR NOW, IS THAT WE HAVE-- THERE IS A  
17 GREAT BODY OF UNMET NEED AND, WHEN YOU EXPAND SERVICES TO A  
18 DEGREE, YOU JUST FILL THAT UNMET NEED BUT THAT DOESN'T  
19 NECESSARILY TAKE ANYTHING ELSE OUT OF THE SYSTEM. WHEN I  
20 WORKED AT THE V.A. AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF MY CAREER AND WAS  
21 INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR AMBULATORY CARE  
22 PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, THEY HAD A VERY SIMILAR EXPERIENCE. FIRST  
23 IT TOOK A COUPLE OF YEARS TO REALLY SEE THE IMPACT OF PRIMARY  
24 CARE AND IT DIDN'T ACTUALLY DECREASE THE USE OF SERVICES UP  
25 FRONT. IT CAUSED PEOPLE TO COME IN AND GET SERVICES THAT THEY



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1 WEREN'T OTHERWISE GETTING. I THINK, IF WE LOOK AT ALL THE  
2 PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO HAVE, SAY, NOT HAD A PAP  
3 SMEAR OR NOT HAD A MAMMOGRAM OR ALL THOSE PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS,  
4 AS WE START IS TO EXPAND SERVICES, FOLKS COME IN FOR NEEDED  
5 SERVICES AND WE'RE OUT THERE PROVIDING THEM BUT THAT DOESN'T  
6 NECESSARILY TAKE AWAY OTHER INPATIENT SERVICES AND IMPACT SOME  
7 OF THAT PRIMARY CARE WORK FINDS THINGS THAT THEY NEED TO BE  
8 TREATED. SO I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE WORK  
9 THAT WE'VE DONE WITH THE WAIVER AND SOME OF OTHER ACTIVITIES  
10 THAT YOUR BOARD AND THIS DEPARTMENT'S BEEN INVOLVED IN OVER  
11 THE YEARS. WE'VE ALSO PUT FORWARD SOME FAIRLY TOUGH PROPOSALS.  
12 I THINK THE 2002 STRATEGIC PLANS AND THE REDUCTIONS IN  
13 FACILITIES WAS A SET OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR THIS  
14 DEPARTMENT AND YOUR BOARD. I THINK WE TRIED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE  
15 AND WE WERE LIMITED BY COURT ACTIONS, SO I THINK THAT PRESENTS  
16 REAL CHALLENGES FOR US GOING FORWARD. I DO THINK THE  
17 DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO YOUR BOARD AND TO THE  
18 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE USING  
19 THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. WHILE I  
20 THINK THAT THERE IS SOME DATA THAT SHOWS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT  
21 OUR INPATIENT COST PER DAY ISN'T REALLY DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT  
22 THAN OTHER HOSPITALS AND, IN FACT, WE'RE PRETTY GOOD COMPARED  
23 TO OTHER HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATE, THERE ARE SPECIFIC  
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFICIENCIES AND PROGRAMMATIC INTEGRATIONS  
25 THAT WE NEED TO GET BACK TO. SO THAT THINGS LIKE PHARMACY,



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1 LABORATORY, SPECIALTY PROGRAMS ARE DONE IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T  
2 JUST DUPLICATE THINGS, TRYING TO DUPLICATE FULL SETS OF  
3 PROGRAMS AT EVERY HOSPITAL, WE LOOK AT FACILITIES IN AN  
4 INTEGRATIVE FASHION. I'VE SAID PUBLICLY NOW ON A COUPLE OF  
5 OCCASIONS THAT I VIEW U.S.C., THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW  
6 FACILITY, CREATION OF THE NEW FACILITY IS CRITICAL TO THIS  
7 DEPARTMENT. IT'S TWO HOSPITALS IN ONE. IT IS THE COMMUNITY  
8 HOSPITAL FOR THAT AREA THAT IT SERVES IN EAST L.A. AND THAT  
9 PART OF LOS ANGELES BUT IT ALSO IS FUNDAMENTALLY THE FLAGSHIP  
10 TERTIARY HOSPITAL FOR OUR WHOLE SYSTEM. IT NEEDS TO BE THE  
11 PLACE WHERE ALL THE REALLY DIFFICULT CASES GO, WHETHER THEY  
12 APPEAR AT OLIVE VIEW, OR AT OUR HIGH DESERT, MAC AT HIGH  
13 DESERT OR KING/DREW OR HARBOR. THERE ARE THINGS WHERE ONLY  
14 U.S.C. WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND  
15 THAT RESULTS IN A SERVICE INTEGRATION THAT WE NEED TO THINK  
16 ABOUT, PUT SERVICES IN PLACE APPROPRIATELY. AND THE DEPARTMENT  
17 IS COMMITTED TO REVISITING THOSE THINGS AND, TO THE EXTENT WE  
18 HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEM DONE COMPLETELY BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING  
19 ON OTHER CHALLENGES, WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THAT WORK. WE NEED  
20 TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD GUIDANCE ON THAT. I DO THINK WE HAVE A  
21 STRUCTURAL FUNDING DEFICIT AND I THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION  
22 TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL THAT MAKES SENSE AND REVISIT STATE  
23 AND FEDERAL OPTIONS THAT WE MAY HAVE NOT EITHER TOOK OFF THE  
24 TABLE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE VIABLE IN THE PAST  
25 OR...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUCH AS WHAT?

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4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ...NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVEN'T LOOKED  
5 AT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUCH AS WHAT?

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9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S THE PLACE, SUPERVISOR, WHERE I THINK  
10 I NEED SOME TIME TO GET BACK TO YOU, REALLY THINK CAREFULLY  
11 ABOUT WHAT THOSE OPTIONS ARE. GARY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO  
12 ADD BEYOND THAT?

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14 **GARY WELLS:** NO.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THEN SUPERVISOR  
17 BURKE, THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS  
20 OF WHERE MONEY IS. LET ME BEGIN WITH, IN YOUR OUTLINE, YOU  
21 TREATED THE ROAD HARRIS IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE AS  
22 PART OF THAT SETTLEMENT, THE 276 MILLION. THAT GOES INTO THE  
23 DEFICIT, IS THAT CORRECT?

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25 **GARY WELLS:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU PUT IT IN IN WHAT YEAR?

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4 **GARY WELLS:** I BELIEVE IT STARTED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR,  
5 SUPERVISOR.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH IS '05/'06,  
8 THERE IS NO DEFICIT AND IT INCLUDES THE 276? IT'S INCLUSIVE OF  
9 THE \$276 MILLION THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE INVESTING IN THE  
10 SETTLEMENT? IN THE PROGRAMS THAT COME OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT?

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12 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THE PORTION THAT'S APPLICABLE TO THIS YEAR,  
13 CORRECT, AND, YES...

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. A PORTION AND THAT'S NOT THE FULL  
16 AMOUNT?

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18 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE HARRIS RODDY IMPACT IS SPREAD OVER A  
19 NUMBER OF YEARS AS WE GO FORWARD AND THE AMOUNT THAT WE HAVE  
20 RECOGNIZED-- WE HAVE RECOGNIZED ALL OF THE HARRIS RODDY  
21 THROUGH '09/'10, WHICH IS ALL THE TIME WE'RE FORECASTING AND,  
22 FOR THAT PARTICULAR YEAR, WE RECOGNIZED THAT PIECE THAT WAS  
23 ASSIGNED TO THIS PARTICULAR YEAR. AFTER RECOGNIZING THAT  
24 PIECE, WE END UP THE YEAR WITH ABOUT A 240-MILLION-DOLLAR  
25 BALANCE IN OUR DESIGNATION FUND, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE USED



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1 TO REDUCE OUR SHORTFALL NEXT YEAR. AFTER THAT'S BEEN APPLIED,  
2 THAT'S HOW WE GET TO THE \$65.9 MILLION SHORTFALL.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND HOW THE MATH WORKS. WHAT I DON'T  
5 UNDERSTAND IS HOW MUCH IS APPLIED IN THIS YEAR AND HOW MUCH IS  
6 APPLIED IN THE COMING YEARS OF THE 276 MILLION?

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** UMM...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU HAVE THAT BREAKDOWN?

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** THE BREAKDOWN IS PRETTY MUCH SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT  
13 "A". AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS-- ACTUALLY, LINES 8  
14 THROUGH 15-- OR, ACTUALLY, 8 THROUGH 14, PERTAIN TO THE  
15 DEFERRAL THAT WE HAD OF THE CLOSURE OR DIVESTITURE OF  
16 RANCHO...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT. JUST TELL ME WHERE YOU'RE AT. ON LINE  
19 15?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, IT STARTS ON LINE 8, OKAY? AND WE HAD  
22 NEGATIVE IMPACTS GOING FORWARD BY OUR INABILITY TO TAKE THE  
23 ACTIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED AND THE BOARD AGREED TO  
24 WITH RESPECT TO RANCHO AND THE REDUCTION OF THE HUNDRED BEDS  
25 AT THE MEDICAL CENTER AND SO LINES 8 AND 9 BASICALLY SHOW THE



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1 ADVERSE IMPACT OF OUR INABILITY TO EFFECT THOSE REDUCTIONS.  
2 HARRIS RODDY'S IMPACT BEGINS ON LINE 10 WITH THE IMPACT ON  
3 L.A.C./U.S.C., THE IMPACT ON RANCHO AS SHOWN ON LINE 11 AS  
4 WELL AS 12. WE ALSO HAVE SOME ATTORNEY FEES RESULTING FROM  
5 THIS THAT ARE ON LINE 13 AND THEN LINE 14 BASICALLY ROLLS UP  
6 THOSE NUMBERS TO CREATE AN IMPACT THROUGH '09/'10. THE 276 IS  
7 DIFFICULT TO SHOW FROM THIS SCHEDULE BECAUSE THIS SCHEDULE  
8 ACTUALLY GOES ONE YEAR BEYOND THE ORIGINAL FORECASTING  
9 HORIZON. WE EXTENDED IT, I DON'T KNOW, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS  
10 AGO, AS WE DO EVERY YEAR. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU, IN  
11 THE NEXT DAY OR SO, A SCHEDULE THAT SHOWS HOW THE 276  
12 RECONCILES TO THE SCHEDULE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FAIR. THEN CAN YOU TAKE ME  
15 THROUGH THE TOBACCO MONEY PART OF IT? RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE AN  
16 ACCUMULATION OR WE HAVE-- WHAT IS THE BALANCE OF OUR TOBACCO  
17 MONEY AS OF TODAY?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. AS OF THE END OF LAST FISCAL YEAR, JUNE 30,  
20 2005, WE HAD A BALANCE IN OUR TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND OF ABOUT  
21 300.9 MILLION. AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, BASED ON OUR  
22 CURRENT PROJECTIONS, IT WILL BE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AMOUNT.  
23 IT'S 300.7. NOW, WE ALSO HAVE...

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU SAY THAT, 300.7 AT THE END OF THIS  
2 FISCAL YEAR, MEANING JUNE...

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** 30 OF 2006.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO YOU'RE NOT USING IT? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE  
7 SAYING?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, WE ALSO HAVE INCOME THAT'S FLOWING INTO THE  
10 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND. WE ANTICIPATE THAT INCOME DURING THE  
11 CURRENT YEAR PLUS THE INTEREST EARNED ON THE BALANCE TO TOTAL  
12 ABOUT 109.3 MILLION. SO WE ARE USING-- WE'RE BASICALLY USING  
13 ALL OF THAT 109.3 BECAUSE THE BALANCE AT THE END OF LAST  
14 FISCAL YEAR OF 300.9 IS PROJECTED TO BE 300.7 AT THE END OF  
15 THIS FISCAL YEAR, SO IT'S LIKE WE SPENT ALL OF OUR INCOME BUT  
16 WE DIDN'T TOUCH OUR BANK ACCOUNT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE 109 RIGHT NOW IS BEING UTILIZED  
19 HOW?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT, AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL--  
22 OR, ACTUALLY, THE EXTENDED 1115 WAIVER TO PUT AN ADDITIONAL  
23 \$60 MILLION INTO THE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE STATE, FEDERAL,  
24 COUNTY AGREEMENT. THERE'S ABOUT \$15.5 MILLION USED FOR



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1 AMBULATORY CARE AND \$24.3 MILLION USED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

2 THERE IS ALSO...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS?

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY.

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** NOW, 5.5 FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, 3.6

11 FOR FIXED ASSETS AND A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC

12 HEALTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, SO THAT DOES UTILIZE OUR 109...

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, ACTUALLY, THE TOTAL IS 109.4, WHICH IS, I

17 GUESS, A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN THE INCOME THAT WE

18 PREDICT FOR THE YEAR.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO IF WE TAKE ADVANTAGE AND IF WE ARE

21 ABLE TO DO THE STATE MATCH, RIGHT NOW, WE'RE UNSURE?

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE MANAGED CARE...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** L.A. CARE MONEY.



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2 **GARY WELLS:** ...RATE INCREASE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LEVERAGING THE MATCH WITH  
5 TOBACCO MONIES THAT WOULD GO THROUGH L.A. CARE AND GET MATCHED  
6 AT THE STATE...

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING. I JUST  
9 CALL IT SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, YOU CALL IT A DIFFERENT-- WHAT DID YOU CALL  
12 IT?

13

14 **GARY WELLS:** I CALLED IT THE MANAGED CARE RATE SUPPLEMENT  
15 PROPOSAL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. HADN'T HEARD THE TERM BUT...

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. YEAH, RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE LEGAL STAFF  
20 ASSISTING US ON DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL IN THAT REGARD. WE'RE  
21 HOPING TO HAVE AN INITIAL PROPOSAL PUT TOGETHER BY THE END OF  
22 THIS MONTH. WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE, AS WELL  
23 AS L.A. CARE. THE STATE HAS NOW ASSURED L.A. CARE THAT THEY  
24 HAVE ENOUGH ALLOWABLE ROOM UNDER THE CEILING FOR THEIR MANAGED  
25 CARE PAYMENTS TO ALLOW A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO FLOW TO US



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1 A YEAR, PRESUMING WE CAN GET THE STATE TO ADVANCE OUR PROPOSAL  
2 AND C.M.S. TO APPROVE OUR PROPOSAL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT MEANS-- LET'S SAY THAT ALL  
5 HAPPENS. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED 50 MIL., AND THAT 50 MIL. IS  
6 GOING TO COME OUT OF THE TOBACCO TAX, RIGHT?

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S THE CURRENT PROPOSAL. IT'S NOT LIMITED TO  
9 THAT BUT, I MEAN, THAT WAS THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED  
10 UP TO THIS POINT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, YOU SAID THEY HAD A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR  
13 CAPABILITY SO...

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** THEY DO. I'M JUST SAYING THE SOURCE OF OUR MATCH  
16 HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AS COMING FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND.  
17 THE COUNTY IS NOT LIMITED TO THAT. I'M JUST SAYING THAT, YOU  
18 KNOW, I MEAN, IF THE COUNTY DECIDED TO PUT UP OTHER MONEY  
19 BESIDES-- BESIDES OR IN SUBSTITUTION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
20 DOLLARS...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW, THAT'S A POTENTIAL SOURCE, IT'S NOT  
23 THE EXACT SOURCE.

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IS THAT MONEY OR THAT POTENTIAL, THAT'S NOT  
3 REFLECTED HERE BECAUSE IT'S NOT YET REAL?

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO THAT, IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, THAT  
8 YOU MIGHT BRING BACK IN A MONTH, THAT IS ONE OF THE POTENTIAL  
9 PLANS, CORRECT?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, IF THAT WERE TO BE PLAYED OUT, ACCORDING TO  
14 YOUR OWN NUMBERS HERE, THAT WOULD CHANGE DRAMATICALLY AND WE  
15 WOULD BE NOT OKAY, BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR TO SAY, BUT WE WOULD  
16 BE IN A BETTER POSITION CERTAINLY IN EVEN '07/'08, RIGHT?

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE'RE MAXING AT A HUNDRED, RIGHT? AT THIS  
21 POINT IN TIME, IF, IN FACT, EVERYTHING GOES OKAY.

22

23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT WE DON'T NECESSARILY SAY THAT THE  
2 SOURCE IS TOBACCO MONEY?

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED. I'M  
5 JUST TELLING YOU THAT IT'S NOT LIMITED TO TOBACCO MONEY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAIR ENOUGH. IN THE TOBACCO MONEY, WE ALSO  
8 UTILIZE IT AS A BUFFER FOR OUR REIMBURSEMENT, IS THAT CORRECT?  
9 IN OTHER WORDS, THE STATE AND THE FEDS DON'T REIMBURSE US TO  
10 THE EXTENT...

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. IN FACT, OF THE 300 MILLION AT THE END OF  
13 THIS FISCAL YEAR, ABOUT 165 IS RESERVED BECAUSE THE STATE HAS  
14 BEEN SLOW IN DOING AUDITS FOR THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT  
15 CLINICS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE NEED TO KEEP THAT AMOUNT THERE NO MATTER AT  
18 ANY POINT ONLY JUST TO KEEP OUR CASH FLOW GOING, ONLY TO  
19 MAINTAIN OUR SYSTEM?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, WE DO AT THIS POINT, ALTHOUGH I AM SOMEWHAT  
22 OPTIMISTIC. WE HAVE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE THAT  
23 WE MIGHT GET THEM TO ADVANCE MORE OF THE MONEY FOR THE YEARS  
24 THEY HAVEN'T DONE AUDITS ON. THE STATE SET A VERY LOW WHAT'S



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1 CALLED INTERIM REIMBURSEMENT RATE. SO IT'S THE MONEY THEY PAY  
2 YOU UNTIL THEY DO THE AUDIT...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAT CHANCE BUT OKAY. I'M GLAD YOU'RE OPTIMISTIC.

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THEY'VE ALREADY AGREED TO INCREASE IT GOING  
7 FORWARD. THE CHALLENGE NOW IS TO TRY TO GET THEM TO INCREASE  
8 IT GOING BACKWARDS AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE  
9 THAT 165-MILLION-DOLLAR RESERVE THAT WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN  
10 CURRENTLY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. BUT LET'S SAY THAT, AS THAT STANDS NOW, IF  
13 YOU HAVE 300 MILLION, YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST FOR NOW, BEING NOT  
14 PESSIMISTIC BUT JUST AS IT STANDS NOW, YOU HAVE UTILIZATION OF  
15 135 OF THAT, RIGHT?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU USE 109,  
20 WHICH IS BASICALLY THE INTEREST IN ALL OF IT THAT'S DERIVED  
21 FROM THAT.

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT LEAVES US WITH WHAT WE CAN USE? WHAT  
2 WOULD BE A BALANCE? I'M JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW THE MATH.

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, WELL, THE BALANCE IS ESSENTIALLY THE 165 IN  
5 RESERVE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE \$300 MILLION BALANCE IS ABOUT 135  
6 MILLION.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU DON'T COUNT THE 109 BECAUSE THAT'S THE  
9 REVENUE STREAM INTO IT, RIGHT?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THE 109, WE RECEIVED IT AND SPENT IT, SO IT  
12 REALLY DOESN'T CHANGE THE BALANCE, AT LEAST IN THIS PARTICULAR  
13 FISCAL YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU HAVE THE AVAILABILITY, ON AN ONGOING BASIS  
16 IF, IN FACT, THINGS DON'T CHANGE WITH THE STATE, OF 135  
17 MILLION?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE 135 MILLION, IT REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT IN  
20 THE BANK, SO TO SPEAK. IT'S NOT A CONTINUING NUMBER, IT'S A  
21 ONE-TIME BALANCE. SO, ONCE YOU'VE SPENT THE 135, IT'S GONE. I  
22 MEAN, WE...

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDER-- WELL, IT'S NOT GONE BECAUSE,  
2 HOPEFULLY, YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE REIMBURSEMENT ON THE 160  
3 EVENTUALLY.

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** OH, YEAH, EXACTLY. YEAH. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT  
6 THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE 135 AFTER WE TAKE CARE OF THE 165.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, IN THE PROJECTIONS THAT WE'RE  
9 LOOKING AT ON ITEM NUMBER 19, WHICH IS BEING UTILIZING TOBACCO  
10 FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, I KNOW WE'RE NOT  
11 ON THAT ISSUE AS YET BUT I WANT TO FOLLOW THE MONEY ON IT. HOW  
12 MUCH OF THAT IS BEING USED?

13

14 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING IS, FOR THE CURRENT YEAR,  
15 WHAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT IS \$25 MILLION, AND FOR NEXT FISCAL  
16 YEAR, ABOUT \$45 MILLION, FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$70 MILLION THAT  
17 WOULD BE USED FROM THE TOBACCO FUNDS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT OFF THE TOP, NOT-- THIS IS NOT THE  
20 INTEREST...

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT OFF THE TOP AND THEN THE SECURITIZATION  
23 WOULD COME FROM FISCAL YEARS BEGIN-- I BELIEVE, BEGINNING IN  
24 2012, THERE WOULD BE A SERIES OF YEARS THERE THAT THE PROCEEDS



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1 WOULD BASICALLY BE SOLD, DISCOUNTED AND SOLD TO BRING IN AN  
2 AMOUNT TO THE COUNTY TO BE USED FOR THE PROPOSAL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND RIGHT NOW, PRESENTLY, WHAT I'M NOT SURE ON  
5 19, I'M GOING TO ASK THE QUESTIONS WHEN WE GET THERE, RIGHT  
6 NOW ON WHAT WE'RE PAYING IN INDEBTEDNESS IS WHAT TOTAL OF YOUR  
7 BUDGET NOW?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** PER THE C.A.O.'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 23, 2006,  
10 WHICH I BELIEVE IS ITEM 19 ON YOUR AGENDA, FOR THE CURRENT  
11 YEAR, THERE'S EXISTING DEBT SERVICE FOR '05/'06 OF ABOUT  
12 \$153.4 MILLION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO IF, IN FACT, WE WERE TO TAKE  
15 ADVANTAGE OF THE FINANCING MECHANISM AND, UNDER 19, RIGHT NOW  
16 YOU ARE PAYING OUT OF THE HEALTH BUDGET, I'M ASSUMING THE  
17 FIGURE THAT YOU GAVE ME, 153.4 MILLION, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DOES THIS FREE 153?

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** PARDON ME? CAN YOU REPEAT?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THIS FREE 153 MILLION?



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2 **GARY WELLS:** NO.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOES NOT?

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DOES IT DO?

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** [ LAUGHS ] BASICALLY, I THINK WHAT THE C.A.O.'S  
11 PROPOSAL CONTEMPLATES IS ADDING TO THE EXISTING SERVICE COST  
12 FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND, WHEN THAT'S ADDED, THE-- UNDER  
13 THE CURRENT SCENARIO, WITHOUT ADOPTING THE PROPOSAL, OUR  
14 EXISTING DEBT SERVICE WOULD GO UP TO ABOUT \$185 MILLION. UNDER  
15 THE PROPOSAL, IT WOULD BE LESS, SLIGHTLY, ABOUT \$179 MILLION.  
16 IT'S PRETTY FLAT FOR THE FIRST COUPLE YEARS AND THEN THE  
17 BENEFITS ARE A LITTLE BIT BETTER, LIKE IN YEARS THREE THROUGH  
18 SIX OF-- OR FOUR THROUGH SIX OF THE PROPOSAL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY, BECAUSE I'M  
21 TRYING TO FOLLOW THE MONEY ALONG HERE. I THOUGHT THAT, BY  
22 UTILIZING THE MECHANISM UNDER ITEM NUMBER 19, WE ARE GOING TO  
23 FREE UP MONEY FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

24



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1 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING, AGAIN, I WOULD REALLY LIKE  
2 TO DEFER TO THE C.A.O. TO EXPLAIN THIS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENT ON THE  
5 SAME QUESTION.

6

7 **JAN TAKATA:** UNDER OUR CURRENT FINANCING, WE HAVE 153 MILLION--  
8 WE HAVE 153 MILLION IN CURRENT DEBT SERVICE 2000, '05/'06.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S JUST THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CORRECT?

11

12 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT'S JUST THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THAT'S THE  
13 CURRENT OUTSTANDING DEBT...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY PAY THAT EVERY YEAR?

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT'S WHAT THEY PAID THIS YEAR. IT VARIES. IT  
18 GOES DOWN TO 148 MILLION NEXT YEAR, 147. IT GRADUALLY  
19 DECREASES DOWN TO 125 MILLION IN 2010/'11.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST ASK A REAL QUICK QUESTION.  
22 SO YOU INCORPORATED THAT IN YOUR DEFICIT, CORRECT?

23

24 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THE DEBT SERVICE, RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

2

3 **JAN TAKATA:** AND THEN, IN 2011/'12, THE DEBT SERVICE-- BECAUSE  
4 THE FINAL MATURITY OF THE PENSION BOND DROPS DRAMATICALLY TO  
5 9.9 MILLION.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MUCH?

8

9 **JAN TAKATA:** 9.9 MILLION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** 9.9 MILLION?

12

13 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, IN THIS DEFICIT THAT I'M GOING THROUGH, IT  
16 CARRIES THAT DEBT, RIGHT? THIS DEFICIT CARRIES THAT 100 AND--  
17 STARTS AT 153 AND GOES-- IT KEEPS DROPPING?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. IT'S RECOGNIZED EVERY YEAR THROUGH 2009,  
20 2010, WHICH IS THE END OF THE FIVE-YEAR FORECASTING PERIOD  
21 THAT WE PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, IN 2011, YOU ARE FREE OF APPROXIMATELY AS  
24 MUCH AS A HUNDRED AND, POTENTIALLY, 40 MIL? YEAH, BECAUSE  
25 THAT'S JUST WHAT HE SAID.



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2 **GARY WELLS:** YES, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THAT BASE IS. YEAH, IF YOU  
3 START AT 153 THIS YEAR, IT GOES DOWN 10 MILLION SO...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** MORE OR LESS. SO, AGAIN, IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
6 MOTION, THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD GET MORE  
7 INFORMATION ON. IT'S JUST THAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, WHERE  
8 IS THE MONEY ON ALL OF THIS. NOW...

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, BUT I JUST CAUTION YOU ON ONE POINT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

13

14 **GARY WELLS:** UNLESS YOU GUYS WANT US TO LOOK OUT FARTHER-- IT'S  
15 VERY HARD, IN HEALTHCARE, TO LOOK OUT VERY MANY YEARS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. WE'RE LOOKING OUT RIGHT NOW FOR FIVE YEARS,  
20 FOR '09/'10. THIS DROP-OFF DOESN'T OCCUR UNTIL '11/'12.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. SO IT'S TWO YEARS AFTER THIS. ALL  
23 RIGHT. THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW. BUT SO THEN, THAT'S ONE OF THE  
24 THINGS BUT IF YOU WERE PAYING THIS EVERY SINGLE YEAR, RIGHT?  
25 NOW, ON THE 276 MILLION, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THAT ON



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1 THE RODDY HARRIS IS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-- WAIT, WAIT. DON'T  
2 GO. I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ON THE TOBACCO MONEY. [ LAUGHTER ] I  
3 JUST-- DON'T GO. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THAT IS CAPITAL AND  
4 YOU MIGHT KNOW.

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, I HAVE THAT INFORMATION BUT IF I COULD  
7 PROVIDE-- I TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A SCHEDULE ON THE  
8 276 AND HOW IT INTERFACES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I'M JUST-- WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS  
11 THAT, IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, HE'S ASKING FOR A PLAN AND I  
12 WANT TO KNOW, TOO, BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO GET YOU TO EXPLAIN  
13 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON SO  
14 THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE IS THE MONEY, WHERE IS-- SO WE CAN  
15 GET A BETTER EXPLANATION AND I'M HOPING, WHEN YOU RESPOND TO  
16 HIS MOTION, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO LET US KNOW SOME OF THESE  
17 THINGS, BECAUSE I SEE THEM AND I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND  
18 WHERE THE MONEY IS AT. SO THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION  
19 ABOUT THIS PROCESS AND WHERE IT ENDS. IN THE 276 MILLION, I  
20 DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THAT IS CAPITAL. I'D LIKE TO KNOW. AND  
21 WHAT THE INTENT IS OF THE DEPARTMENT AS TO HOW THEY'RE GOING  
22 TO FINANCE IT. OF COURSE, THIS IS JUST THE DEPARTMENT, IT'S  
23 THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO FINANCE THOSE  
24 IMPROVEMENTS, CORRECT? BECAUSE SOME OF IT IS CAPITAL. NOT ALL



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1 OF IT BUT SOME-- A MAJORITY OF IT IS CAPITAL, OKAY? SO I'D  
2 LIKE TO KNOW THAT.

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. I JUST DON'T HAVE IT AT MY FINGERTIPS,  
5 SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, NO, I APPRECIATE THAT YOU DON'T.

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. BUT I'LL CERTAINLY PROVIDE IT TO YOU ALONG  
10 WITH THE...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, AND I KNOW BUT FOR US TO BETTER HAVE A BETTER  
13 HANDLE ON SOME OF WHERE WE'RE GOING FOR THE MONEY, I JUST WANT  
14 TO FOLLOW IT ALONG THE WAY. NOW-- AND THE C.A.O.'S  
15 RECOMMENDATION AND WHAT PART OF THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF IT IS  
16 THAT, IF WE UTILIZE TOBACCO MONEY UNDER THIS SCENARIO, I DON'T  
17 WANT TO CALL IT A SCHEME, UNDER THIS SCENARIO, THE POSITIVE  
18 ASPECT OF IT IS IT'S SUPPOSED TO FREE UP MONEY IN THE HEALTH  
19 DEPARTMENT. THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD. IS THAT TRUE OR NOT TRUE?

20

21 **JAN TAKATA:** YES, IT IS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. HOW MUCH IS FREED UP EVERY YEAR FOR THE  
24 DEPARTMENT?

25



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** IT WILL VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR. 6 MILLION  
2 BEGINNING THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COSTS NEXT YEAR  
3 OF 8 MILLION, SAVINGS OF 7.3 MILLION, THE FOLLOWING YEAR,  
4 SAVINGS OF 40 BILLION, THE YEAR AFTER THAT, SAVINGS OF 33  
5 MILLION THE YEAR AFTER THAT, SAVINGS OF 29 MILLION THE YEAR  
6 AFTER THAT. BETWEEN NOW AND 2010/'11, WE'RE ESTIMATING THAT  
7 THE SAVINGS WOULD EQUAL ABOUT \$108 MILLION.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** A HUNDRED AND WHAT?

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** 108 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE INVESTMENT THAT WE MAKE TODAY IS HOW  
14 MUCH?

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** 70.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** 70?

19

20 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT, BETWEEN THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR. 25  
21 MILLION THIS YEAR, 45 MILLION NEXT YEAR.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF TOBACCO MONEY.

24

25 **JAN TAKATA:** OF TOBACCO DESIGNATION, YES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT AREN'T YOU JUST EXCHANGING ONE DEBT SERVICE  
3 FOR THE OTHER?

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5 **JAN TAKATA:** WHAT WE'RE DOING IS FREEING UP THE COMMERCIAL  
6 PAPER PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWS US TO DEFER THE DEBT SERVICE ON  
7 THE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, IT ALLOWS US TO REDEEM THE COMMERCIAL  
8 PAPER ON THE MED CENTER PROJECT AND WITHOUT ISSUING BONDS. BUT  
9 IT GIVES US, THE DEPARTMENT, MORE FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN NOW AND  
10 2011/'12 AND, AT THAT POINT, WE WOULD LOSE A PORTION OF THE  
11 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, 25% WOULD BE THE APPROXIMATE  
12 RATIO BUT WE'VE DONE THAT AND PUSHED THAT TO 2011/'12 WHERE WE  
13 HAVE THIS HUGE DROP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DEBT SERVICE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THE FLEXIBILITY IS NOT IN ISSUING BONDS?

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** THE FLEXIBILITY IS NOT HAVING TO BE SADDLED WITH  
18 ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE COSTS BETWEEN NOW AND 2011/'12. WE  
19 PUSHED IT TO '11/'12 BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN WE REALIZE THE BIG  
20 SAVINGS IN THE EXISTING DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, IN THIS APPROACH, IS IT AS JUST TO-- I DON'T  
23 WANT TO CALL IT REFINANCING BUT REORGANIZE OUR PRESENT DEBT,  
24 NOT NEW DEBT? OR DOES IT ALSO GIVE US ADDITIONAL MONEY TO  
25 CARRY OUT NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS?



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** IT DOES NOT RECONFIGURE THE EXISTING DEBT. THE  
3 EXISTING DEBT WOULD REMAIN AS IT IS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY FREE UP MONEY FOR THE  
6 DEPARTMENT UNTIL AFTER THIS FIVE-YEAR FORECAST?

7

8 **JAN TAKATA:** IT WOULD FREE UP MONEY...

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, IT'S \$8 MILLION.

11

12 **JAN TAKATA:** WHAT WE'RE DOING IS RECONFIGURING THE NEW DEBT  
13 SERVICE. IF WE DID NOTHING, WE WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE LONG-TERM  
14 BONDS TO REDEEM THE COMMERCIAL PAPER ON THE MED CENTER AND  
15 INITIATE DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS ON THE MED CENTER IN '08/'09.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** GARY, I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT NUMBER 19  
18 AND I'M NOT SURE. IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD DEAL BUT I DON'T KNOW  
19 IT'S A GOOD DEAL. ALL RIGHT, I'M TOLD IT'S A GOOD DEAL AND I'M  
20 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS BUT WE NEED YOU TO TELL US HOW  
21 THIS REALLY SAVES MONEY, BECAUSE THAT'S-- I MEAN, DAVID  
22 JANSSEN SAID, "GLORIA, IT'S A GOOD DEAL, WE'RE GOING SAVE  
23 MONEY FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT," WHEREAS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
24 ENCUMBERING TOBACCO TAX MONEY THAT HAS THE MOST FLEXIBILITY OF  
25 ANYTHING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND I'M CONCERNED-- YOU



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1 KNOW, WE COULD PUT IT INTO OPERATIONS, IT ISN'T EXCLUSIVELY A  
2 CAPITAL MONEY, AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT AND MAYBE THERE'S  
3 OTHER OPTIONS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPLORED, LIKE ONE-TIME  
4 MONEYS TO PAY OFF A RECONSTRUCTION OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.  
5 I DON'T KNOW THOSE THINGS. I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION ON  
6 IT. BUT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE, AND I DON'T KNOW IF NUMBER 19  
7 IS GOING TO BE APPROVED TODAY, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S CLEAR  
8 SAILING FOR IT, I'M NOT SO SURE WE'RE READY FOR IT BECAUSE I'D  
9 LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT AFFECTS THE DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE, AT THE  
10 END OF THE DAY, IF YOU LOOK AT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S PLAN,  
11 WHAT IS NOT IN THIS DEFICIT IS THE TOBACCO MONEY.

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS A POTENTIAL SOLUTION. POTENTIAL. AND  
16 I'M NOT SAYING IT'S THE SOLUTION BUT IT'S A POTENTIAL  
17 SOLUTION. ANOTHER SOLUTION IS TAKING ONE-TIME MONEYS WHICH  
18 WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE AND UTILIZING THAT BUT I DON'T KNOW  
19 ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT ONE-TIME MONEY WE HAVE AND WHETHER THAT'S A  
20 SMART DEAL OR NOT BECAUSE IT COULD BE FOCUSED IN OTHER  
21 DIRECTIONS. BUT TAKING TOBACCO MONEY, WHICH IS THE ONLY  
22 FLEXIBLE OPERATIONS MONEY WE HAVE, IS-- I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT  
23 AND IT'S NOT A HUGE AMOUNT BUT-- AND IF IT DOESN'T CREATE A  
24 SAVINGS IN MY NEXT FIVE YEARS, I'M NOT SURE HOW I'M SAVING



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1 MYSELF. THAT'S THE QUESTION I HAVE. DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR  
2 ME?

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4 **JAN TAKATA:** THE BASE ASSUMPTION IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
5 FIGHT LONG-TERM FINANCE, THE MEDICAL CENTER, L.A.C./U.S.C.  
6 MEDICAL CENTER, ONCE IT'S COMPLETED. THAT IS THE BASE  
7 ASSUMPTION. THOSE DEBT SERVICE FIGURES, 22.8 MILLION A YEAR,  
8 ARE CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FORECAST. THOSE  
9 PAYMENTS BEGAN IN 2008/'09. IF WE FOLLOW THAT PLAN OF FINANCE  
10 IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE OTHER PROJECTS, BECAUSE WE DON'T  
11 HAVE A SOURCE OF LIQUID FUNDING AVAILABLE...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND OTHER PROJECT BEING WHAT?

14

15 **JAN TAKATA:** THE 1953 SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECTS. WE'RE  
16 BASICALLY OUT OF TIME. TO MEET THE DEADLINES, WE HAVE TO  
17 REALLY PROCEED NOW AND FINISH DESIGN AND INITIATE  
18 CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE A DEADLINE, UNDER STATE STATUTES OF  
19 2013. WE'LL BE COMING TO THE BOARD WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
20 WORKS TO FORWARD THOSE. SO WE HAVE THOSE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE  
21 TO GO FORWARD WITH. THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT THE BOARD HAS  
22 CONSIDERED IN THE PAST, HAS NOT GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO, BUT,  
23 IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS EXERCISE THAT WE WERE REQUESTED TO DO  
24 BY THE BOARD, A FUNDING PLAN FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, FOR HEALTH,  
25 WE HAD PROJECTS SUCH AS THE OLIVE VIEW...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT BUT WHY IS IT THAT  
3 IT'S ADVANTAGEOUS, IF IT IS A GOOD ARRANGEMENT, WHY IS IT  
4 ADVANTAGEOUS TO USE TOBACCO MONEY THAT HAS THE MOST  
5 FLEXIBILITY SHOULD WE NEED IT FOR OPERATIONS AND WHY NOT TAKE  
6 ONE-TIME MONEY TO UTILIZE IT IN THIS?

7

8 **JAN TAKATA:** AND ONE-TIME MONEY WOULD...

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WOULD DO THE SAME THING?

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12 **JAN TAKATA:** WOULD DO THE SAME THING.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, MEMBERS, I KNOW THAT THERE'S A RUSH ON  
15 THIS THING FOR-- AND I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY OF  
16 IT ALL BUT I REALLY THINK THAT PART OF THE FIX HERE IS IN THIS  
17 RECONCILIATION AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE DEPARTMENT WAS  
18 INVOLVED IN THIS OTHER SCENARIO AND I DON'T KNOW AND IT'S  
19 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IT BECAUSE WHAT INTIMIDATES ME ABOUT  
20 TOBACCO MONEY IS IT'S THE ONLY SOURCE OF REVENUE, WE'RE SO  
21 FORTUNATE TO HAVE IT, THAT DOES NOT COME ENCUMBERED IN ANY  
22 OTHER WAY. IT IS A WHEN WE NEED IT IN OPERATIONS, IT'S THE  
23 ONLY PLACE WE HAVE IT. EVERYTHING ELSE, WE CAN'T BORROW MONEY  
24 FOR OPERATIONS, WE CAN'T RELY THAT THE FEDS ARE GOING TO  
25 CHANGE THEIR FORMULA TOMORROW OR THAT THE STATE ONE DAY IS



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1 GOING TO WAKE UP AND REALIZE HOW FAR BEHIND WE ARE ON OUR  
2 REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND THAT, WE KNOW, IS WHAT'S KEEPING US  
3 BEHIND ALL OF THE TIME. AND THE OTHER THING, AS WE KNOW, IS  
4 THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE UTILIZATION IN OUR OPERATIONS. I  
5 MEAN, THE REALITY IS THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE UTILIZING  
6 OUR SERVICES THAN EVER BEFORE. SO-- AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S AN  
7 INTEREST IN MOVING THIS FORWARD AND I'LL ASK THOSE QUESTIONS  
8 WHEN WE GET TO 19, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT THERE HAS  
9 BEEN A REAL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THIS  
10 PROCESS AND, BASED ON A MOTION THAT I HAD INTRODUCED ABOUT  
11 INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE, YOU KNOW,  
12 UTILIZING OUR TOBACCO MONEY. I THOUGHT ALSO, AND I MAY BE  
13 MISTAKEN BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ON IT, THAT  
14 WE WERE ALSO UTILIZING IT TO LEVERAGE OR TO GET MONEY FOR  
15 FUTURE PROJECTS BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, IT'S TO ALLOW THE FUTURE PROJECTS-- WELL,  
18 THERE'S TWO THINGS. IT ALLOWS THE OTHER PROJECTS TO PROCEED  
19 AND IT DOES PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO PROVIDE INTERIM FINANCING  
20 FOR FUTURE PROJECTS. WE GAVE-- THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDED  
21 YOUR BOARD WITH A LIST OF 774 MILLION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** NOT COUNTING THE MED CENTER.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

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4 **JAN TAKATA:** THE PROPOSAL WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT BASED ON THE  
5 PROGRESS WE'VE MADE ON CERTAIN PROJECTS IS LIMITED TO 419  
6 MILLION OF THAT 774. THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROVIDES THE MOST  
7 LIQUID AND MOST EFFECTIVE AND MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF  
8 PROVIDING INTERIM FINANCING FOR ALL THE PROJECTS. RIGHT NOW,  
9 THOUGH, IT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE MED CENTER.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN, AGAIN, IT ISN'T WHEN WE DO THE ITEM  
12 NUMBER 19 UNDER THAT SCENARIO, IT IS LOOKING AT FINANCING ALL  
13 OF THE OTHER PROJECTS?

14

15 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, IT IS LOOKING TO REDEEM THE COMMERCIAL PAPER  
16 OUTSTANDING ON THE MEDICAL CENTER BUT THAT WOULD ALLOW THE  
17 COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM TO BE UTILIZED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE WE WOULD BE-- I DON'T KNOW--  
20 WE WOULD BE TAKING THIS AND SETTING IT ASIDE SO THAT RELIEVES  
21 THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMERCIAL.

22

23 **JAN TAKATA:** IT'S LIKE A LINE OF CREDIT THAT YOU TAKE OUT.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE. SURE.



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** WE'RE TRYING TO REPLENISH IT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. BUT I DO THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE. I DON'T  
5 KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE, IN THIS SCENARIO,  
6 AND I THINK IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, THE PLANNING PROCESS,  
7 WE NEED TO KNOW SOME OF THESE POTENTIAL SCENARIOS. RIGHT NOW,  
8 WE'RE GETTING HARDCORE DEFICIT DOLLARS AND I APPRECIATE WHAT  
9 YOU NEED TO DO IN A 5-YEAR FORECAST BUT WHAT WE'RE NOT  
10 UNDERSTANDING IS WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PLANS? AND THERE ARE  
11 SOME PLANS IN PLACE. I MEAN, YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT. THE THING  
12 IS THAT THIS DOESN'T SHOW IT AS YET AND I THINK WE NEED TO  
13 HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT TRACK WE'RE ON AND  
14 THAT'S WHERE I DON'T SEE THIS, BECAUSE I SEE UTILIZATION OF  
15 THIS TOBACCO MONEY AS THE ANSWER AND I'M CONCERNED THAT WE  
16 SHOULD KEEP THAT MONEY FREE AND EVEN LOOK AT THE OPTION OF  
17 ONE-TIME MONEY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PLAN OR OTHER KINDS  
18 OF THINGS. IT'S AN OPTION BUT IT'S NOT EVEN BEING REVIEWED. I  
19 MEAN, WE'RE NOT EVEN BEING GIVEN THAT OPTION. YOU GUYS PACKAGE  
20 THIS PROCESS FOR US IN TAKING AN OPTION, WHICH MAYBE THIS  
21 BOARD MAY WANT TO DO. I AM TROUBLED BY IT BECAUSE IT'S THE  
22 ONLY FREE MONEY WE HAVE IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THE  
23 DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE CONCERNED AS WELL. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T DO  
24 WHAT THEY CLAIM IT'S GOING TO DO: SAVE MONEY FOR THE  
25 DEPARTMENT IN THE LONG RUN.



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** IS YOUR CONCERN, SUPERVISOR, OVER THE 70 MILLION  
3 COMMITTED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, BECAUSE THAT'S WHY I WAS FOLLOWING THE  
6 TOBACCO MONEY. HE NEEDS TO HAVE 165 IN THERE AT ALL TIME. HE  
7 USES 109 ALL OF THE TIME. THAT LEAVES US 135, AS I UNDERSTAND,  
8 OKAY? AND WE'RE GOING TO BE USING AT LEAST, WHAT, 80 MILLION  
9 FOR THIS?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** 70.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** 70 MILLION FOR THIS. THAT'S, YEAH, THAT'S A CHUNK  
14 OF CHANGE OF MONEY THAT COULD BE PUT INTO POTENTIALLY, THIS  
15 BOARD HAS TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, TO FREE US UP SO THAT WE  
16 DON'T GO OFF THE CLIFF IN '07/'08 OR '08/'09. JUST AN OPTION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON THAT, WHAT  
19 PERCENTAGE OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ARE YOU RECOMMENDING?  
20 PARDON?

21

22 **JAN TAKATA:** 25.9%.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ABOUT 25%? SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANT TO GET CLEAR ON THIS AND I'M GETTING  
2 BACK TO THE DEFICIT ISSUE AND THEN WE'LL GET-- WE ARE GOING TO  
3 DISCUSS 19, I ASSUME. MR. CHAIRMAN?

4  
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES?

6  
7 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS 19 LATER?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO THAT BUT I WANT  
12 TO GET BACK TO THE DEFICIT ISSUE AND GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF  
13 IT. IN THAT 1.1 BILLION, DO YOU INCLUDE THE 300 MILLION-- DOES  
14 IT ASSUME THAT THAT 300 MILLION THAT IS AT PRESENT AND WHAT  
15 YOU REFERRED TO AS THE BANK ACCOUNT, THAT THAT HAS BEEN  
16 UTILIZED?

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** NO.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** OR AT THAT 1.1, WE STILL HAVE THE 300?

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT. ALTHOUGH 165 OF THAT, AGAIN, IS RESERVED  
23 AGAINST CASH FLOW THAT WE'RE OWED BY THE STATE BUT THEY  
24 HAVEN'T PAID.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IF EVERYTHING GOES RIGHT, THE 165 IS RELEASED  
2 AS SOON AS WE FINISH THE AUDIT?

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** YES, CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO THAT THAT 165, WHILE THERE MAY NOT BE AN  
7 AUDIT BUT WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THAT AUDIT WOULD TAKE PLACE  
8 BEFORE 2010.

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** I CERTAINLY HOPE SO. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THAT, BASICALLY, WE DO HAVE THE 300 AT THAT  
13 POINT. AND THEN THE 109, I WANT TO GET A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF  
14 THAT. YOU SAY, AT PRESENT, WE'RE USING OF THE 109 ABOUT 25  
15 MILLION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FOR AMBULATORY CARE BUT IF  
16 YOU DON'T UTILIZE THAT 109 EVERY YEAR FOR THOSE PARTICULAR--  
17 WHAT WE'VE USED IT FOR THIS YEAR, DO WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF  
18 ACCUMULATING THOSE FUNDS AND HOW MUCH OF IT? AND THIS IS  
19 LEAVING 19 AWAY, JUST ASSUME WE DON'T DO THAT, HOW MUCH OF  
20 THAT 109 DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO USE IN FUTURE YEARS?

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE ENTIRE 109 IS DISCRETIONARY WITH THE  
23 BOARD AND, AS PART OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST, WE INCLUDE  
24 USES OF THAT MONEY AND THEN, WHEN THE BOARD APPROVES OUR  
25 BUDGET REQUEST, THEREFORE YOU EXERCISE YOUR DISCRETION TO USE



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1 THAT MONEY. SO ALL OF THAT MONEY IS POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE BUT  
2 WHAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THERE ARE CERTAIN PROGRAMS THAT  
3 ARE CURRENTLY BEING DRIVEN WITH THOSE FUNDS AND THOSE PROGRAMS  
4 WOULD EXPIRE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE USE OF THE 109.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** OF THE ONES THAT YOU LISTED, YOU LISTED AMBULATORY  
7 CARE, YOU LISTED CAPITAL PROJECTS, WHICH I ASSUME ARE NEW  
8 PROJECTS OR ARE THOSE EXISTING PROJECTS DEBT SERVICE?

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** SOME OF THEM ARE EXISTING, I THINK.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW MUCH OF THE 109 IS FREE FROM THE PRESENTLY  
13 ENCUMBERED PROGRAM?

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** I WOULD SAY NONE OF IT BECAUSE ALL OF IT'S BEING  
16 OBLIGATED-- 60 MILLION OF IT, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WAS THE  
17 COUNTY'S PLEDGE AS PART OF THE WAIVER EXTENSION TO GET THE  
18 FEDS AND THE STATE TO PLAY BALL WITH US AND SO THAT 60 MILLION  
19 IS REALLY A GENERAL SUBSIDY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND, YOU KNOW,  
20 WE'D HAVE TO CUT SOMETHING OR FIND AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF  
21 FUNDS TO MAKE UP FOR THAT 60 IF WE WEREN'T USING IT EVERY YEAR  
22 TO FINANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THAT'S BASICALLY A MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.

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1 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. EXACTLY.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THAT 109 IS MADE UP, AS I UNDERSTAND, OF  
4 INTEREST AND THE ONGOING PAYMENTS, RIGHT?

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT, YEAH, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THIS YEAR, ABOUT  
7 104.6 OF IT ARE THE PROCEEDS AND ABOUT 4.7 IS INTEREST.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IF WE-- WHEN WE GET TO 19, WE THEN ARE TAKING  
10 65 OF THAT, IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** YOU'RE TAKING 65 OUT OF THE BALANCE OF ABOUT 300  
13 MILLION, RECOGNIZING THAT THAT-- 165 OF THAT BALANCE IS TIED  
14 UP, PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THESE AUDITS OR OTHER STATE  
15 ACTIONS TO FLOW MONEY TO THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THOSE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** THE 65 IS COMING OUT OF THE 300, IT'S NOT COMING  
18 OUT OF THE 109?

19

20 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. THE 109-- THE 109 IS-- I MEAN, IT'S KIND OF  
21 LIKE-- THE 109 IS THE INCOME THAT I EARN DURING THE YEAR, SO  
22 LIKE MY PAYCHECK, AND THEN THE 300 IS WHAT I'VE GOT IN THE  
23 BANK.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. BUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOUR PAYCHECK IS  
2 ALREADY COMMITTED TO CERTAIN ONGOING PROJECTS ALREADY?

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, I'M BASICALLY SPENDING EVERYTHING I'M  
5 EARNING, CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO IN HERE, THE 109 IS UTILIZED AS YOU GET TO  
8 2010. YOU ALREADY HAVE-- YOU HAVE THIS BUDGETED AS YOU GO  
9 FORWARD, THEN, IS THAT RIGHT?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** PRETTY MUCH. THERE'S A COUPLE ONE-TIME ELEMENTS,  
12 THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, FIXED ASSETS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW ARE JUST REFLECTED IN ONE  
14 YEAR. I DON'T PERSONALLY KNOW WHETHER THOSE ARE ONGOING  
15 INTENTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OR NOT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** SEE, WHERE I GOT VERY CONFUSED WAS WHEN HE SAID  
18 YOU COULD HAVE ONE-TIME MONEY AND TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THESE  
19 THINGS. THAT, WITH ONE-TIME MONEY, YOU COULD PAY FOR THE  
20 COMMERCIAL PAPER, RETIRE THE COMMERCIAL PAPER THAT'S U.S.C.  
21 AND ALSO PROVIDE FOR THESE PROJECTS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.  
22 WE'RE NOT COMMITTING TO THE PROJECTS BUT WE'VE IDENTIFIED  
23 CERTAIN PROJECTS, SOME OF WHICH I THOUGHT WE HAD COMMITTED AND  
24 SO I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHEN HE SAID WITH THE ONE-TIME MONEY,



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1 WHEN YOU GET OVER TO 19, THAT YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF IT IF, IN  
2 FACT, THE 109 IS ALREADY PROGRAMMED EXCEPT FOR A FEW THINGS.

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** DO YOU HAVE THE ITEM 19 C.A.O. DOCUMENT THERE?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, I HAVE IT.

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. AND C.A.O., JUMP IN AT ANY TIME IF YOU THINK  
9 I'M MISINTERPRETING THIS, OKAY?

10

11 **SHARON HARPER:** WE WILL.

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** IF YOU LOOK AT EXHIBIT 2, OKAY, WHICH IS SIDEWAYS  
14 ON THE PAGE THERE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THIS 2?

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE NEXT TO THE LAST  
19 COLUMN AND THE FIRST NUMBER IN THAT COLUMN IS \$6,090,667, DO  
20 YOU SEE IT THERE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, YES.

23

24 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. THAT DIFFERENCE-- THAT NEGATIVE NUMBER  
25 REPRESENTS A SAVINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT IF YOU ADOPT ITEM 19 IN



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1 THE FIRST YEAR OVER WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED FOR  
2 EXISTING DEBT SERVICE PLUS NEW DEBT SERVICE ON I THINK IT WAS--  
3 - WAS IT 419 OF NEW PROJECTS, OKAY?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** SO ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS, AND I THINK JAN  
8 TAKATA, WHEN HE WAS UP HERE A COUPLE MINUTES AGO, HE  
9 BASICALLY, I THINK, ADDED UP THE FIRST FIVE NUMBERS IN THE  
10 COLUMN TO GET THE 108. IS THAT RIGHT, JAN? FIRST SIX? OKAY,  
11 FIRST SIX EQUALS 108. SO THAT'S ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE FIRST  
12 LINE THERE, THE FIRST SIX NUMBERS AND THERE'S A LINE UNDER  
13 THEM. SO THE NET BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT IS \$108 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I FOLLOW THAT. WHAT I DON'T FOLLOW IS  
16 THE STATEMENT THAT WE COULD USE ONE-TIME MONEY AND STILL--  
17 BECAUSE, IF WE DON'T USE THIS MECHANISM, WE DO HAVE TO ISSUE  
18 THE BONDS FOR U.S.C., RIGHT?

19

20 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT AND I HAVE TO LET HIM EXPLAIN THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IF WE ISSUE THE BONDS FOR U.S.C. AND MY  
23 RECOLLECTION IS THAT THE DEBT SERVICE ON THAT, IS IT 22?

24

25 **JAN TAKATA:** THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE MED CENTER IS 22.8.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WITH THE BONDS, OR WITH JUST THE COMMERCIAL  
3 PAPER?

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5 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT'S IF WE ISSUE BONDS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** IF WE ISSUE THE BONDS, IT'S 22 MILLION. NOW, YOU  
8 PAY THAT HOW? DON'T YOU HAVE TO PAY IT, THEN, OUT OF THAT 109?  
9 OR WHERE DO YOU PAY IT?

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** IT'S PAID FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU HAVE THAT IN YOUR BUDGET?

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT IS PART OF THIS DEFICIT?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. I MEAN, IT'S PART OF THE EXPENSES THAT  
20 CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOTTOM LINE OF OUR SURPLUS WE'RE GOING TO  
21 GENERATE THIS YEAR AND THE SHORTFALLS THAT WERE PROJECTED  
22 FORWARD.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE 22 MILLION INCLUDES FOR '06/'07 THE TWO--  
2 THE 65 MILLION-DOLLAR DEFICIT? OH, NO, YOU DON'T START PAYING  
3 IT 'TIL -- YOU START PAYING THE 22 IN WHAT YEAR?

4

5 **JAN TAKATA:** '08/'09.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** '08/'09. SO, IN '08/'09, THAT'S WHERE YOU GET THE  
8 781, RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I SEE HERE AS THE DEFICIT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET THE TREASURER UP  
11 HERE. HE'S HERE. ON THE BONDS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, GET THE  
14 TREASURER.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** MARK, COME ON UP.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WHAT-- SO WHAT HE'S ALSO SAYING, THE 22 IS  
19 PART OF HOW YOU GET TO THIS DEFICIT OF 781.

20

21 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE 22, AT THAT POINT, YOU  
24 HAVE 108 YOU HAVE RECEIVED?

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** I GUESS THE SIMPLE WAY I WOULD LIKE AT IT IS...

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT'S NOT RECONCILED. I AGREE. THAT'S THE  
4 NUMBER I'D LIKE TO SEE, TOO.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE 108 IS WHAT YOUR SAVINGS ONCE YOU ISSUE THE  
7 BONDS?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** THE WAY I LOOK AT IS THAT, AGAIN, IF YOU'RE  
10 LOOKING ON EXHIBIT 2 AT THAT NEXT TO LAST COLUMN AND IF YOU  
11 ADD UP THE FIRST SIX NUMBERS, THAT'S \$108 MILLION LESS OR \$108  
12 MILLION SAVINGS OVER WHAT IT WOULD BE WITHOUT THE PROPOSAL FOR  
13 THE FIRST SIX YEARS. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROPOSAL, WE  
14 NEED TO KICK IN \$25 MILLION THIS YEAR AND \$45 MILLION NEXT  
15 YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF \$70 MILLION. THAT \$70 MILLION, IN ONE-TIME  
16 FUNDS THAT ARE TAKEN OUT OF THE TOBACCO BALANCE, WILL  
17 GENERATE...

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** OUT OF WHICH BALANCE? OUT OF THE 300 OR THE 109?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** OUT OF THE 300.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** OUT OF THE 300?

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, OKAY?



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** GARY, I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT YOU JUST ONE SECOND.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE TIME IT'S TAKEN OUT? JUST THESE TWO  
5 YEARS? 40 AND 30?

6

7 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, 10 MILLION OF THAT IS COMING FROM THE BOND,  
8 ISN'T IT? THE 70 MILLION FROM THE TOBACCO DESIGNATION, IT'S  
9 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT IT IS USED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF  
10 THE L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. WHAT MARK'S ITEM AND SALE  
11 AND SECURITIZATION ITEM PROPOSES WILL GENERATE 285 MILLION. WE  
12 NEED 275 MILLION TO REDEEM THE OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL PAPER.  
13 THE PROJECT-- WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH THE PROJECT, MED CENTER  
14 PROJECT, IS 355. SO THE 285 PLUS THE 70 WILL REDEEM THE  
15 COMMERCIAL PAPER AND COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MED CENTER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND LET ME ASK YOU THIS. IF YOU PUT-- WHAT AMOUNT  
18 WERE YOU GOING TO BOND IF YOU BONDED THE MED CENTER? 350? OR  
19 WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO BOND?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO BOND FOR THE 355.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IS THAT DEBT SERVICE THE 22 MILLION?

24

25 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WELL, WE'RE GOING TO...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT ON TOP OF THE OTHER 153 MILLION YOU TALKED  
5 ABOUT EARLIER, THE 22 IF YOU WERE TO BOND?

6

7 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. LET ME GET ON SOMETHING ELSE, THEN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE ISSUE OF ONE-TIME MONEY COULD BE USED.  
12 YOU COULD CHANGE EITHER SOURCE.

13

14 **JAN TAKATA:** YES. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT. IT'S NOT BEING  
15 USED TECHNICALLY TO REDEEM COMMERCIAL PAPER. IT IS BEING USED  
16 TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MED CENTER, AND THAT'S WHY WE  
17 WERE LOOKING TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESOURCES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE 300-- IF YOU USED ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE  
20 THERE IN THE BANK AND YOU STILL-- YOU WOULD HAVE-- I DON'T SEE  
21 HOW YOU GET TO THE 350...

22

23 **JAN TAKATA:** YOU NEED 355. WE'VE ISSUED TO DATE...

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ...TO BOND. I MEAN, YOU'RE ASSUMING-- WHEN YOU SAY  
2 ONE-TIME MONEY, YOU STILL ASSUME YOU BOND THE 350?

3

4 **JAN TAKATA:** NO. THIS IS...

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU JUST TAKE THE 300 OUT OF THE...

7

8 **JAN TAKATA:** THIS IS AN ALTERNATIVE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT ONE-TIME MONEY DO YOU USE?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, MS. BURKE, THE REASON I USED THAT IS WHEN  
13 THE REVENUE SOURCE FOR NUMBER 19 IS TOBACCO TAX.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. SETTLEMENT MONEY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY, EXCUSE ME, TOBACCO  
18 SETTLEMENT MONEY, AND WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT'S FREE MONEY  
19 THAT WE COULD USE. IT HAS NO ENCUMBRANCES...

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEE, THAT'S NOT WHAT HE'S SAYING. HE'S  
22 SAYING THAT THIS 109 IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND I  
23 ASKED HIM WHAT, IN THE 109, DON'T YOU USE BECAUSE YOU USE...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** 109, HE BROKE UP. IT IS BEING USED NOW.



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S BEING USED NOW.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONE-TIME MONEY I'M TALKING  
5 ABOUT. I'M TALKING ABOUT THAT WE COULD TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN  
6 OUR BUDGET THIS YEAR, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AVAILABLE TO US  
7 MONEYS BECAUSE-- THAT ARE BASICALLY GOING TO BE ONE-TIME  
8 BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ONGOING REVENUE, BECAUSE WHATEVER  
9 THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND ALL THAT KIND OF MONEY, WE'RE  
10 NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COUNT ON IT EVERY YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN  
11 A GOOD YEAR, SO THERE IS GOING TO BE ONE-TIME MONEY THAT DAVID  
12 ALWAYS CHARACTERIZES IT, IT WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND  
13 NEXT YEAR, BUT NOT ALL...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ONE-TIME NUMBERS  
16 ARE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE DON'T KNOW. THEY HAVE AN ESTIMATE. WE DON'T  
19 KNOW AS YET BUT YOU COULD TRADE ONE-TIME MONEY AND GET INTO  
20 THIS FINANCING DEAL AND NOT NECESSARILY TOUCH THE TOBACCO TAX-  
21 - TOBACCO SETTLEMENT DOLLARS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, SO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE 70 MILLION. ARE  
24 YOU TALKING ABOUT THE 70 MILLION?

25



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1 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT, BY THE SAME TOKEN, WHATEVER...

2

3 SUP. BURKE: THAT YOU'RE TAKING OUT OF THE 300?

4

5 SUP. MOLINA: YES, YES.

6

7 SUP. BURKE: OKAY. THE 70 MILLION. OKAY. ONE TIME YOU COULD  
8 IDENTIFY 70 MILLION.

9

10 SUP. MOLINA: THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHATEVER ONE-TIME MONEY YOU USE-- WHATEVER  
13 ONE-TIME MONEY YOU DON'T USE THIS YEAR PRESUMABLY WILL BE  
14 AVAILABLE, IF IT'S NOT SPENT ON SOMETHING ELSE, IN THE  
15 SUBSEQUENT YEAR. SO IT'S REALLY JUST A QUESTION OF WHICH  
16 ACCOUNT YOU'RE TAKING IT FROM.

17

18 SUP. MOLINA: THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S CORRECT. AND, OF COURSE,  
19 THE TOBACCO MONEY BEING OUR MOST FLEXIBLE MONEY FOR  
20 OPERATIONAL USE.

21

22 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL, THAT'S NOT-- THERE ARE A LOT OF  
23 FLEXIBLE-- EQUALLY FLEXIBLE SOURCES. IN THE HUNDREDS OF  
24 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE SITTING AROUND.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE GENERAL FUND. THE GENERAL FUND.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SEE, I MISUNDERSTOOD. I THOUGHT YOU WERE  
6 TALKING ABOUT ONGOING, THAT ALL OF THE FUNDS, ALL OF THE  
7 AMOUNT THAT YOU WOULD BE UTILIZING TO PROVIDE DEBT SERVICE ON  
8 THESE SETTLEMENT BONDS, THAT THERE WAS ACTUALLY ONE-TIME MONEY  
9 YOU COULD UTILIZE FOR ALL OF THESE PROJECTS INSTEAD OF THAT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DID NOT SAY THAT. I DID NOT MEAN THAT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT THE 70  
14 MILLION. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT?

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. LET ME ASK, I'M BACK TO THE  
19 DEFICIT NOW. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT FUNDS THAT ARE BEING  
20 FORECAST, DOES THIS ASSUME THAT THE DISABLED AND SENIORS WOULD  
21 BE PART OF C.H.P. OR WOULD BE-- WE WOULD RECEIVE THAT?

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** NO. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET DOESN'T  
24 ANTICIPATE RECEIPT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF \$180 MILLION  
25 THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY BE AVAILABLE TO



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1 THE STATE HAD THEY AGREED TO MEET CERTAIN MILESTONES WITH  
2 RESPECT TO S.B.D.S BEING MANDATORILY PUT INTO MANAGED CARE.  
3 THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET DOES PROVIDE, AS I BELIEVE, ABOUT \$2  
4 MILLION TO INCREASE VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT OF THAT POPULATION OF  
5 MANAGED CARE AND THERE'S ALSO MENTION OF PILOTS IN TWO  
6 COUNTIES FOR MANDATORY ENROLLMENT. TO THE BEST OF MY  
7 KNOWLEDGE, THOSE TWO COUNTIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT  
8 THE IMPORTANT THING IS, IS THE \$180 MILLION FOR THE FIRST TWO  
9 YEARS OF THE MEDI-CAL REDESIGN WAIVER IS PROBABLY, AT LEAST AT  
10 THIS POINT, LOOKED AT AS BEING FORFEITED BY THE STATE BECAUSE  
11 THEY AREN'T ANTICIPATING MEETING THE MILESTONES THAT ARE THE  
12 REQUIREMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF THOSE FUNDS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE AREN'T LOOKING AT IT AS A PILOT?

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** NO, WE'RE NOT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I KNOW HAS CHANGED IN TERMS  
19 OF WHEN WE STARTED OUT WITH OUR ORIGINAL PLAN, WHICH WAS, OF  
20 COURSE, CHANGED IN TERMS OF THE HARRIS DECISION AND RODDY, BUT  
21 ALSO MY RECOLLECTION THERE WAS A 16% DECREASE IN MARTIN LUTHER  
22 KING. THAT PROBABLY HAS OCCURRED, HASN'T IT?

23

24 **GARY WELLS:** NO, NOT REALLY. WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH THAT IS  
25 BASICALLY PUSH IT FORWARD. AT THE TIME THAT THE PROBLEMS AT



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1 KING BECAME, YOU KNOW, TO THE HEIGHT THAT THEY WERE-- THAT  
2 THEY DID, THE THOUGHT WAS, IN BRINGING NAVIGANT IN, THAT THE  
3 PATIENT CARE ISSUES WERE SO PARAMOUNT THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO  
4 TRY AND COMPLICATE THE SITUATION WITH TRYING TO ACHIEVE  
5 EFFICIENCIES IN THE MIDST OF TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE  
6 PATIENT CARE PROBLEMS AT THE FACILITY. WE DO CURRENTLY AND I  
7 THINK YOU PROBABLY CAN SEE THAT, IF YOU LOOK AT ATTACHMENT B,  
8 AGAIN, TO OUR MEMO THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING AS PART OF THIS ITEM  
9 AND IF YOU LOOK AT NOTE "A", THE THIRD BULLET DOWN SAYS:  
10 INCLUDES EFFICIENCY SAVINGS FOR KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER OF  
11 20.9, 29.5, ET CETERA. SO THEY BASICALLY HAVE BEEN MOVED OUT  
12 IN TIME AND, STARTING NEXT...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH CHART ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** I'M LOOKING AT ATTACHMENT "B" TO OUR...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ATTACHMENT "B"?

19

20 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. TO OUR JANUARY 13TH BOARD MEMO.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. I GOT IT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S DOWN...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

2

3 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. AGAIN, LOOKING AT NOTE "A" THERE AT THE  
4 BOTTOM, IF YOU LOOK AT THE THIRD BULLET, IT SAYS: INCLUDES  
5 EFFICIENCY SAVINGS FOR KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER OF 20.9, 29.5  
6 AND SO ON, BEGINNING IN '06/'07. SO RIGHT NOW, THIS ASSUMES  
7 THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET \$20.9 MILLION IN EFFICIENCY SAVINGS  
8 OUT OF KING STARTING NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AS A PART OF THE BUDGET  
9 PROCESS THAT DR. CHERNOF IS ENGAGED IN, WE'RE GOING TO BE  
10 LOOKING AT THAT 20.9 AND ASKING OURSELVES, IS THAT THE RIGHT  
11 NUMBER, SHOULD IT BE HIGHER, SHOULD IT BE LOWER? BUT RIGHT  
12 NOW, THAT'S SORT OF THE PLACEHOLDER NUMBER BASED ON THE  
13 ORIGINAL ESTIMATES THAT WERE IN THE 2002 PLAN.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I THOUGHT MOST OF THOSE EFFICIENCIES CAME FROM  
16 REDUCTION OF EMPLOYEES.

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, PROBABLY 65 TO 70% OF THE COST AT A MEDICAL  
19 CENTER, WHETHER IT BE KING OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL CENTER, IS  
20 SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. SO TO GET THOSE KINDS OF  
21 SAVINGS, IT'S PRETTY TOUGH NOT TO TOUCH THE EMPLOYEES BUT,  
22 BASICALLY, IN THE 2002 PLAN, THERE WAS A COMPARISON OF THE  
23 COSTS AT KING TO THE COSTS AT HARBOR AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT  
24 COMPARISON, THE THOUGHT WAS IS THAT WE WOULD TRY TO TAKE THE  
25 COSTS AT KING DOWN A TOTAL OF-- I THINK IT WAS 16% OVER A



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1 FOUR-YEAR PERIOD IN 5% INCREMENTS FOR THREE YEARS AND 1% IN  
2 THE FOURTH YEAR. THOSE SAVINGS ESSENTIALLY DIDN'T OCCUR  
3 BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE INVESTMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN KING  
4 OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PATIENT CARE  
5 PROBLEMS. AND SO NOW THAT NAVIGANT IS PHASING OUT, WE HAVE A  
6 NEW ADMINISTRATOR, WE HAVE A NEW ACTING DIRECTOR, THE THOUGHT  
7 IS IS TO TRY TO REVISIT THOSE EFFICIENCY SAVINGS IN '06/'07,  
8 AND WHAT I'M SAYING IS 20.9 IS A NUMBER THAT WAS DETERMINED IN  
9 2002. I THINK WE PROBABLY NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK, IN THE  
10 NEXT FEW WEEKS OR NEXT MONTH OR SO, TO SEE IF THAT'S THE RIGHT  
11 NUMBER, THE RIGHT TARGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH ISN'T HERE. WHAT I WAS  
14 GOING TO REALLY SUGGEST IS THAT, RATHER THAN YOU SPENDING THE  
15 TIME BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, IT SEEMS A  
16 VERY LEGITIMATE KIND OF PROJECTION YOU WOULD MAKE AT THE TIME  
17 WE APPROVE THE BUDGET AND THAT-- WHERE IS HE? WHEN HE COMES  
18 BACK, I WOULD LIKE TO GET HIS REACTION TO, INSTEAD OF SAYING  
19 THAT IT WOULD BE DONE IN APRIL, THAT AT THE TIME THAT WE  
20 CONSIDER THE BUDGET, THAT WE LOOK AT ALL OF THESE IN TERMS OF  
21 FUTURE PROJECTIONS. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD HAVE RESOLVED SOME  
22 OF THESE OTHER ISSUES AND A LOT OF UNCERTAINTIES WE HAVE RIGHT  
23 NOW THAT I ASSUME WE WOULD KNOW ABOUT. SO THAT WOULD BE JUST  
24 WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST TO HIM.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE WAIT UNTIL HE GETS BACK AND  
2 THEN WE'LL DO THAT. MR. KNABE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I HAD-- ARE WE GOING TO FINISH-- I MEAN, I  
5 WAS SORT OF TIED INTO ITEM 19 HERE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE CAN TALK ABOUT THEM  
8 INTERCHANGEABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE INTERCHANGEABLE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE STILL HAVE A BIGGER ISSUE AS RELATED TO  
11 WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS ADVOCATING THE USE OF THESE TOBACCO  
12 FUNDS. I MEAN, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, I MEAN, UP UNTIL NOW, WE  
13 HAVEN'T REALLY USED THEM FOR ANY NON-TOBACCO KINDS OF, YOU  
14 KNOW, DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, EVEN  
15 CAPITAL PROJECTS, HAVE WE?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** YES, WE HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ONE?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THAT'S WHY-- THE 109 MILLION THAT WE GET IN  
22 INCOME THIS YEAR IS BASICALLY BEING SPENT. THE BIGGEST PIECE  
23 IS THE \$60 MILLION THAT REALLY IS A GENERAL SUBSIDY DUE TO THE  
24 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION AND WAS AGREED TO WHEN WE RENEWED THE  
25 WAIVER IN 2000. AND THEN THE OTHER ITEMS THAT WE MENTIONED ARE



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1 ALSO BEING SPENT ON ONGOING PROGRAMS, BASICALLY, TO-- PRETTY  
2 MUCH THE EXHAUSTION OF THE ENTIRE INCOME STREAM IN THE CURRENT  
3 YEAR.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW, 24.3 IS BEING USED...

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THE 109.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 19...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WITHIN THE TAX MONEY. THAT DOESN'T DIP  
14 INTO THE...

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THAT'S-- WE'RE SPENDING OUR INCOME BUT WE  
17 HAVE A BALANCE IN GROSS TERMS OF ABOUT \$300 MILLION.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. AS IT RELATES TO-- JUST SOME CLARIFICATION  
20 ON ITEM 19 AS WELL. IF WE APPROVE THAT ISSUE TODAY, ITEM 19,  
21 AGAIN, WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE IMMEDIATELY AS IT RELATES  
22 TO THE DEFICITS FOR '06/'07 AND '07/'08?

23



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1 **GARY WELLS:** IF YOU LOOK AT-- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE IT  
2 THERE, SUPERVISOR, BUT IF YOU HAVE THE ITEM 19 DOCUMENT,  
3 EXHIBIT 2...

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I DO HAVE IT.

6  
7 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY. WE WOULD TAKE \$70 MILLION, 25 MILLION THIS  
8 YEAR AND \$45 MILLION NEXT YEAR OUT OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
9 BALANCE, NOT OUT OF THE 109 THAT'S THE ONGOING INCOME BUT OUT  
10 OF THE \$300 MILLION BALANCE. THAT MONEY WOULD BE USED IN  
11 COMBINATION WITH THE NEW FINANCING PROPOSAL BASICALLY TO  
12 RETIRE THE DEBT AT L.A.C./U.S.C. AND PAY FOR THE BALANCE OF  
13 THE PROJECT AFTER THE F.E.M.A. FUNDS BUT THE IMPACT ON OUR  
14 ANNUAL BUDGET, SINCE NOBODY IS CONTEMPLATING, AT THIS POINT,  
15 TAKING THAT 70 MILLION OUT OF THE 300 AND DUMPING IT IN OUR  
16 BUDGET, I MEAN, THE BOARD MAY WANT TO DO THAT AT SOME POINT IN  
17 TIME BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT ON THE TABLE. SO THAT 70 MILLION  
18 GENERATES THE RESULTS IN THE NEXT TO THE LAST COLUMN ON  
19 EXHIBIT 2 OF THE ITEM 19 DOCUMENT. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IN  
20 '05/'06, OUR DEBT SERVICE WOULD BE \$6 MILLION LESS THAN IT  
21 WOULD BE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF ITEM 19 BASED ON THE  
22 FINANCING OR THE PAYMENT FOR THE MEDICAL CENTER DEBT AND THE  
23 \$419 MILLION IN CAPITAL PROJECTS. SO ASSUMING WE'RE GOING TO  
24 DO BOTH THOSE THINGS, WE'RE \$6 MILLION BETTER OFF IN THE  
25 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WE'RE 8 MILLION WORSE OFF IN YEAR 2, BUT



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1 THE NEXT FOUR YEARS ARE ALL POSITIVE SAVINGS TO THE HEALTH  
2 SERVICES BUDGET. AND IF YOU GO DOWN THE COLUMN, YOU KNOW, THIS  
3 SCHEDULE GOES, WHAT, 35 YEARS OR SO. AS SOON AS THE NUMBERS  
4 START TURNING POSITIVE, THEN WE'RE ACTUALLY SPENDING MORE THAN  
5 WE WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE SPENT BUT THE RATIONALE IS, IS THAT  
6 OUR TOTAL DEBT SERVICE IN THOSE YEARS IS GREATLY REDUCED AND  
7 WE PROBABLY COULD AFFORD TO PAY THOSE SMALL INCREMENTAL  
8 AMOUNTS IN THE OUT YEARS WHICH BEGIN IN ABOUT 2013/'14. IF YOU  
9 SEE THE 3 MILLION 058 DOWN THERE, THAT'S WHEN IT STARTS  
10 COSTING US A LITTLE BIT MORE. BUT IF YOU MOVE A COLUMN TO THE  
11 LEFT THERE, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE TOTAL DEBT SERVICE IS ONLY  
12 ABOUT 60.8 OR 60.7 MILLION. RIGHT NOW, OUR DEBT SERVICE IN THE  
13 FIRST YEAR WOULD BE 178 MILLION. SO THE TOTAL DEBT SERVICE HAS  
14 GONE DOWN DRAMATICALLY BY THE TIME WE GET IN A POSITION WHERE  
15 IT STARTS COSTING US A LITTLE BIT MORE UNDER THE NEW PROPOSAL  
16 THAN UNDER THE OLD PROPOSAL. IT STARTS IN 2013, 2014. I DON'T  
17 KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE DOCUMENT THERE, SUPERVISOR, BUT YOU  
18 CAN...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, THE DEBT IS...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE GO OVER THE CLIFF WAY BACK-- WAY BEFORE  
23 THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, '06/'07 IS THE HIGHEST DEBT AND THEN IT'S  
2 DRAMATICALLY REDUCED ONCE YOU GET IN THOSE OUT YEARS.

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU DIDN'T APPROVE ITEM 19, HOW  
7 WOULD YOU PAY FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECTS?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** PAY IT OUT OF OUR BUDGET AND THOSE NUMBERS WOULD  
10 GO INTO WHAT OUR PROJECTED SHORTFALLS WOULD BE AND SO WHAT THE  
11 C.A.O. POINTED OUT IS THROUGH YEAR SIX, THE FIRST SIX NUMBERS,  
12 AGAIN, IN THAT NEXT TO LAST COLUMN, THERE'S \$108 MILLION OF  
13 REDUCED DEBT SERVICE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD CHANGE OUR  
14 PROJECTIONS TO BE \$108 MILLION BETTER OVER THAT SIX-YEAR  
15 PERIOD. WHAT IT'S COSTING THE COUNTY IS \$70 MILLION IN TOBACCO  
16 SETTLEMENT FUNDS, 25 THIS YEAR AND 45 NEXT YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT DOESN'T AFFECT-- I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT  
19 IT DOESN'T AFFECT THIS FIVE-YEAR SCENARIO. I THOUGHT YOU IT  
20 DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL 2011. I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT DOESN'T-- THAT  
21 IT DOESN'T AFFECT THIS FIVE-YEAR SCENARIO AND IT DOESN'T  
22 AFFECT IT UNTIL 2011. AND YOU'RE SAYING IT WAS LIKE 8 MILLION  
23 AND 7 MILLION AND...

24



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** THE PROPOSED PLAN VERSUS THE CURRENT FINANCING  
2 PLAN. IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE CURRENT FINANCING PLAN, IT  
3 ASSUMES AS THE COMMERCIAL PAPER WOULD STILL BE OUTSTANDING, WE  
4 WOULD STILL BE MAKING INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THAT COMMERCIAL  
5 PAPER, WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO DRAW ON THE TOBACCO DESIGNATION  
6 OR SOME OTHER ONE-TIME SOURCE AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OTHER  
7 PROJECTS...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I THOUGHT-- DID YOU NOT JUST SAY TO ME THAT  
10 IT DOESN'T AFFECT THIS FIVE-YEAR, THAT IT DOESN'T...

11

12 **JAN TAKATA:** THE PROPOSED PLAN-- WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PROPOSED  
13 PLAN VERSUS THE CURRENT PLAN, IT BENEFITS THE DEPARTMENT. THIS  
14 IS ASSUMING THAT THESE PROJECTS GO FORWARD, THAT WE COMPLETE  
15 THE MED CENTER...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S THE ISSUES THAT WE DON'T KNOW YET  
18 BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T RECONCILED THAT, RIGHT? THIS SCENARIO DOES  
19 NOT INCLUDE NUMBER 19 BEING APPROVED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU SAID IT ONLY AFFECTS IT BY 6 OR 8 MILLION  
24 A YEAR.

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1 **SPEAKER:** IN THE FIRST YEAR. BETWEEN NOW AND 2010/'11, THE  
2 PROPOSED PLAN WILL SAVE THE DEPARTMENT 108 MILLION VERSUS THE  
3 CURRENT FINANCING PLAN.

4  
5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT THIS ONLY TAKES US TO '09/'10.

6  
7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. IF YOU LOOK AT EXHIBIT 2.

8  
9 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I'M LOOKING AT IT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE SECOND TO LAST COLUMN, THE ANSWER TO  
12 MR. KNABE-- THE QUESTION MR. KNABE ASKED OR MR. ANTONOVICH  
13 ASKED WAS, HOW WOULD WE PAY FOR IT IF WE DIDN'T DO THIS? I  
14 WOULD MODIFY THAT QUESTION TO SAY, HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST US  
15 IF WE DIDN'T DO THIS? AND I THINK THAT'S THE UNDERLYING  
16 QUESTION HERE. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF DOING THIS? AS I  
17 UNDERSTAND IT, TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE THAT I  
18 UNDERSTAND, LOOKING AT THIS, IS THAT YOUR DEBT SERVICE OF THE  
19 COUNTY'S DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
20 DROPS PRECIPITOUSLY IN FISCAL YEAR 2012, CORRECT?

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES IT DROP FROM? FROM WHAT TO WHAT?

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, IF YOU LOOK AT THE COLUMN JUST TO THE LEFT  
2 OF THE ONE THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT, SUPERVISOR? YOU CAN SEE...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT GOES FROM 134.8 MILLION TO 58.2 MILLION.  
5 IN ONE YEAR, IT DROPS BY ALMOST-- BY 80 MILLION THEREABOUTS.

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 78 MILLION. SO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, AS  
10 I UNDERSTAND IT AND IT MAKES PERFECTLY GOOD SENSE TO ME AND IT  
11 OUGHT TO BE RECONCILED BUT THAT'S AN ARITHMETIC ISSUE, I THINK  
12 THIS MAKES EMINENTLY GOOD SENSE, TALKING ABOUT NUMBER 19, IS  
13 THAT YOU'RE TRYING-- YOU'RE BUYING TIME SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE  
14 TO INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS, THE ADDITIONAL COSTS BEING IF YOU  
15 DIDN'T DO THIS, IT WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 7.3 MILLION IN  
16 '07/'08 AND AN ADDITIONAL 40 MILLION THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AN  
17 ADDITIONAL 33 AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL 29 MILLION, AN ADDITIONAL  
18 4 MILLION IN THOSE SUBSEQUENT YEARS FOR A TOTAL OF 108  
19 MILLION. SO YOU'RE TRYING TO-- YOU'RE TRYING TO GET TO 2012 SO  
20 THAT MONEY THAT WE OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE USED AT A TIME WHEN WE  
21 HAD \$150 MILLION WORTH OF DEBT-- OR \$130 MILLION WORTH OF DEBT  
22 IS NOW GOING TO BE, WHATEVER IT IS, 80 MILLION LESS, YOU NOW  
23 ARE FREED UP TO PAY UP THAT DEBT. IF YOU COULD GET FROM HERE  
24 TO THERE, IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BRIDGE FROM HERE TO THERE, SO



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1 THAT IT MANAGES-- IT HELPS US MANAGE OUR FINANCIAL  
2 REQUIREMENTS OVER THIS PERIOD OF TIME, RIGHT?

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHETHER IT COMES FROM TOBACCO FUNDS OR  
7 WHETHER IT COMES FROM PROP 62 OR WHETHER IT COMES FROM CAPITAL  
8 IMPROVEMENT OR ANY OTHER ONE-TIME MONEY THAT'S SITTING AROUND,  
9 THE CONCEPT IS-- I THINK, IS SOUND AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM  
10 MR. SALADINO, BECAUSE HE'S BEEN SITTING HERE WITHOUT BEING  
11 ASKED A QUESTION, AND NO FREE RIDES, MR. TREASURER. HAVE YOU  
12 REVIEWED THIS PROPOSAL, SPEAKING NOW OF ITEM 19?

13

14 **MARK SALADINO, TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS...

17

18 **MARK SALADINO:** IT'S MY RECOMMENDATION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

21

22 **MARK SALADINO:** IT IS. AND, BASED ON MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE  
23 C.A.O. AND HAS BEEN POINTED OUT EARLIER, THE REASON THAT THE  
24 DEBT SERVICE DROPS SO DRAMATICALLY IN 2011/2012, IS BECAUSE  
25 THE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS THAT WE ISSUED TO FULLY FUND



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1 LACERA WILL BE PAID OFF. AND SO IF YOU'RE BUDGETING AT THAT  
2 SAME HIGHER LEVEL, THEN YOU CAN AFFORD TO TAKE SOME OF THIS  
3 TOBACCO MONEY OR FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, TO START PAYING DEBT  
4 SERVICE ON THE HOSPITAL IN THOSE YEARS WITHOUT REALLY  
5 AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE BEEN RELIEVED  
6 OF ONE OBLIGATION SO THEY CAN ASSUME ANOTHER ONE AND IT WILL  
7 SMOOTH OUT THEIR CASH FLOW REQUIREMENTS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. SO INSTEAD OF HAVING A CLIFF, SO TO  
10 SPEAK, BETWEEN NOW AND 2012, WE JUST KIND OF HAVE A PLATEAU.

11

12 **MARK SALADINO:** RIGHT. THAT'S THE BUDGETARY IMPACT. I MEAN,  
13 THERE'S ANOTHER, I THINK, BENEFIT FROM FINANCING THE HOSPITAL  
14 IN THIS WAY AND THAT-- AS CONTRASTED WITH THE CURRENT PLAN,  
15 WHICH IS TO ISSUE A LEASE REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE THE  
16 HOSPITAL, IF YOU USE THE CURRENT PLAN, WE'RE NOT GOING TO OWN  
17 THE HOSPITAL UNTIL THE BONDS ARE PAID OFF. IF YOU USE THE  
18 TOBACCO MONEY AND SECURITIZE THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO OWN THE  
19 HOSPITAL OUTRIGHT AND COULD THEN LEVERAGE THAT EQUITY FOR  
20 OTHER PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE IF NEED BE. IT WOULD GIVE THE  
21 BOARD MORE FLEXIBILITY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK ANOTHER QUESTION. PROCEEDS FROM  
24 THIS PROPOSAL ON ITEM 19, THIS FINANCING PROPOSAL, THE



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1 PROCEEDS FROM THIS PROPOSAL, DO THEY HAVE TO BE USED AS YOU  
2 PROPOSE TO USE THEM?

3

4 **MARK SALADINO:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD THEY BE PUT IN THE BANK? JUST  
7 HYPOTHETICALLY-- I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE DO IT.

8

9 **MARK SALADINO:** NO. THEY HAVE TO BE SPENT...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS? THEY HAVE TO BE  
12 SPENT ON WHAT?

13

14 **MARK SALADINO:** ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WITHIN THREE YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHIN THREE YEARS.

17

18 **MARK SALADINO:** BECAUSE WE'RE PROPOSING TAX EXEMPT BONDS AND,  
19 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS, YOU HAVE TO SPEND  
20 THE MONEY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AND THE LIST OF PROJECTS WHICH  
23 HAVE BEEN-- THAT WERE SUBMITTED AFTER I WENT HOME LATE LAST  
24 NIGHT, SO I'VE JUST HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THEM FOR THE FIRST



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1 TIME, THE FINAL LIST, ARE THEY TIED TO THIS OR CAN THEY BE  
2 MODIFIED DOWN THE LINE IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS?

3

4 **MARK SALADINO:** I'LL LET THE C.A.O. ANSWER THAT.

5

6 **JAN TAKATA, CAO'S OFFICE:** THEY CAN BE MODIFIED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND...

9

10 **MARK SALADINO:** THIS BOND ISSUE IS THE FIRST PART OF THE  
11 OVERALL CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM THAT'S IN THE JANUARY 23RD  
12 MEMO FROM THE C.A.O.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. AT SOME POINT, I'D LIKE TO  
15 UNDERSTAND-- I MEAN, I KNOW THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. PROJECT HAS  
16 BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME AND IT'S LONG OVERDUE AND I'M NOT--  
17 THE OLIVE VIEW, EMERGENCY ROOM TUBERCULOSIS, THIS IS SOMETHING  
18 WE DISCUSSED SOME MONTHS AGO HERE, WAS IT NOT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ISN'T THAT TO REPLACE THE ONE AT HIGH  
21 DESERT THAT WAS...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WAS THE ONLY T.B. WARD IN THE  
2 COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE ONE AT OLIVE  
5 VIEW-- THAT WAS ONE OF THE-- IS THAT THE ONLY CAPITAL PROGRAM  
6 THAT WAS RECOMMEND FOR OLIVE VIEW IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO?

7

8 **JAN TAKATA:** WE ALSO HAVE THE SEISMIC RETROFIT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T WE ALSO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH-- PSYCH--  
11 IS THAT FINANCED?

12

13 **JAN TAKATA:** THERE IS A PSYCH-- A MODIFICATION TO THE PSYCH--  
14 PSYCHIATRY E.R. WHICH WE'RE LOOKING AT DEVELOPING RIGHT NOW  
15 BUT THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT TO THE BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. BUT THIS IS ON THE CAMPUS AT OLIVE  
18 VIEW, IS IT NOT?

19

20 **JAN TAKATA:** RIGHT. WE'RE LOOKING AT MODIFICATION TO THE SPACE  
21 THAT WOULD BE VACATED BY THE EXISTING EMERGENCY ROOM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST? DO YOU KNOW OFF  
24 THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD?

25



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR YET.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DID THE 70-MILLION-DOLLAR HIGH DESERT  
4 MAC PROJECT COME FROM? THIS IS THE FIRST, I THINK, IT'S BEEN  
5 BEFORE THE BOARD. HAS IT BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD BEFORE?

6

7 **JAN TAKATA:** THE CONCEPT OF THE MAC CONVERSION HAS BEEN  
8 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD. WE TRIED TO MAKE IT WORK,  
9 THE CONFIGURATION OF THE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL REALLY PRECLUDES  
10 US FROM DOING THAT. WE LOOKED AT PROPOSALS ON IF WE COULD  
11 MODIFY THE HOSPITAL, WE ALSO LOOKED AT PROPOSALS IF WE BUILD A  
12 NEW SITE. WHAT YOU'RE-- WE PUT IN THE FIGURE THERE WAS THE  
13 ASSUMPTION OF A NEW SITE AND A NEW BUILDING. SO WE'RE LOOKING  
14 AT THAT PROJECT IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO  
15 MEET THE CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OR DIRECTION THAT THE BOARD  
16 APPROVED AND WE'LL BE BACK TO THE BOARD PRETTY MUCH THE SAME  
17 TIME AS WE COME BACK WITH DESIGN DOCUMENTS ON THE OLIVE VIEW  
18 E.R.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WAS RETROFITTING THE EXISTING HIGH  
21 DESERT SITE DEEMED UNWORKABLE?

22

23 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF THING-- A LOT OF PROBLEMS  
24 AND OBSTACLES THERE. NUMBER ONE, THE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL IS  
25 DESIGNED LIKE A HOSPITAL, WHICH IS A LOT OF WINGS, PATIENT



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1 WINGS FOR PATIENT ROOMS WITH WINDOWS. AMBULATORY CARE CENTERS  
2 ARE BASICALLY BIG BOXES FOR CIRCULATION, PATIENT-- OUTPATIENT  
3 CLINIC FLOW. BECAUSE OF THE WINGS, IT'S A SINGLE STORY,  
4 THEY'RE VERY SMALL, NARROW WINGS, THE CIRCULATION WAS ALMOST  
5 IMPOSSIBLE. WE HAD THE MIDDLE AISLES AND CONNECTING HALLWAYS,  
6 CORRIDORS, JUST CONSTANTLY CLOGGED UP AND EVERYBODY BUMPING  
7 INTO EACH OTHER TRYING TO GET TO DIFFERENT WINGS. SECOND, THE  
8 BUILDING SYSTEM SUPPORT AT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL IS ALMOST  
9 NONEXISTENT. THEIR POWER GENERATION, THEIR CHILLING, THEIR  
10 COOLING IS REALLY FROM A CONNECTION FROM THE NEXT DOOR PRISON  
11 RUN BY THE SHERIFF. THEY DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN MECHANICAL  
12 SYSTEMS, PER SE. SO WE COULDN'T MAKE IT...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE YOU PROPOSING TO DO WITH THE  
15 EXISTING HOSPITAL SITE?

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** WE ARE LOOKING AT PROGRAMMING IDEAS OF THAT FOR  
18 THAT BUILDING THAT WE'LL BRING BACK TO THE BOARD. IF WE CAN  
19 MAKE ANOTHER SITE WITH A SMALLER BUILDING, MORE EFFICIENT  
20 BUILDING FOR THE MAC AT ANOTHER LOCATION, WE CAN MAKE THAT  
21 WORK.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST-- I THINK I'D LIKE TO SEE A FULLER  
24 DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND POTENTIAL OTHER THINGS IN A LIST  
25 RATHER THAN WE APPROVE SOMETHING IN CONCEPT AND ALL OF A



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1 SUDDEN IT'S A BIG-- IT'S A BIG NUMBER AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD  
2 IDEA. THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE SEEN IT. IT'S A GROWING  
3 COMMUNITY. I THINK THE AMBULATORY CARE IDEA IS ONE THAT WE  
4 UNDER-UTILIZE AS A SOCIETY BUT, AGAIN, I LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT  
5 THESE THINGS, WHEN I'M ASKED TO VOTE ON THEM SOONER THAN 5:00  
6 THE NIGHT BEFORE OR 8:00 THE NIGHT BEFORE, AS THE CASE WAS.

7

8 **JAN TAKATA:** THE ITEM 19 WHICH YOU'RE VOTING ON, SUPERVISOR, IS  
9 NOT THE PROJECT BUT THE FINANCING MECHANISM.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I UNDERSTAND THAT. ALL  
12 RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS ON THE OCTOBER 12TH?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS-- 74-MILLION-DOLLAR FIGURE WAS ON  
17 OCTOBER 12TH?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE INFORMATION FROM THE HIGH DESERT  
20 HEALTH SYSTEMS MEMO WAS OCTOBER 12TH...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES IT SAY?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TO TIM MOORE, THE ASSISTANT  
25 ADMINISTRATOR.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHAT DOES IT SAY?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT SAYS RELATIVE TO PROVIDE FURTHER  
5 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE HIGH DESERT MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY  
6 REPLACEMENT PROJECT, THE REASON IS BECAUSE THE LOCATION OF THE  
7 POPULATION, THE AGE OF THE CURRENT FACILITY, THE CONFIGURATION  
8 OF THE CURRENT FACILITY WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF THE BOARD OFFICES  
9 WAS C.C.'D ON THIS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY BOARD OFFICE, AT  
12 LEAST NOT MINE, HAS RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A 74-  
13 MILLION-DOLLAR PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF  
14 THIS FINANCING SCHEME, AND I WILL STAND CORRECTED IF YOU CAN  
15 SHOW ME A DOCUMENT THAT SAYS THAT BUT I BELIEVE WE'VE NOT SEEN  
16 THAT. HAVE WE, JAN?

17

18 **JAN TAKATA:** I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'VE SEEN THE DOLLAR AMOUNT BUT  
19 THE BASIC PROGRAM AND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM WAS...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED  
22 FOR YEARS SINCE WE CLOSED THE HOSPITAL BUT THE-- BUT THIS  
23 PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, I'M SURE THAT MR. ANTONOVICH IS FAMILIAR  
24 WITH IT BECAUSE HE TAKES GOOD CARE OF HIS DISTRICT BUT I HAVE  
25 NOT AND SINCE...



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PART OF THAT WAS WHEN WE DOWNSIZED IN  
3 THE PREVIOUS BUDGETS THE FACILITY AT HIGH DESERT, THIS WAS...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS THE ALTERNATIVE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ...THE PROJECTS THAT WE WERE MOVING  
8 FORWARD TO DOING AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROVIDE THAT TYPE OF  
9 SERVICE FOR THE VALLEY AND TO BE PART OF THAT BUDGET  
10 DELIBERATION WHEN WE ELIMINATED THE 24-HOUR TYPE OF  
11 FACILITY...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT, MIKE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ...AND WENT TO AMBULATORY CARE SO THAT  
16 WAS PART OF THAT AGENDA...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT. THE ONLY THING I'M  
19 SAYING IS THAT THE FIGURE, DOLLAR FIGURE WAS NEVER ATTACHED TO  
20 IT UNTIL LAST NIGHT, AS LEAST AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, AND  
21 THAT'S A BIG NUMBER AND I WANT TO HAVE IT DEFENDED, THAT'S  
22 ALL. LAST NIGHT, I HEARD THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THEY DIDN'T  
23 WANT TO DO IT AT THE ORIGINAL SITE IS BECAUSE THE BUS LINE  
24 DIDN'T SERVE THE EXISTING SITE. I SAID, FOR \$74 MILLION, YOU  
25 COULD BUY A BUS COMPANY AND SERVE IT. APPARENTLY, THERE'S MORE



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1 TO IT THAN JUST THAT THE BUS LINE DOESN'T SERVE IT. I'D LIKE  
2 TO UNDERSTAND IT, THAT'S ALL. I'M NOT...

3

4 **JAN TAKATA:** AND WE'LL BE REPORTING BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WASN'T THAT ON THE SEPTEMBER 20TH,  
7 ITEM 57 WITH THE COST ESTIMATES...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN FOOTNOTE NUMBER 3.

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** IT WAS INCLUDED ON THE LIST THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED  
12 ON SEPTEMBER 16TH.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU ARRIVE AT A 74-MILLION-DOLLAR  
15 FIGURE?

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** OVER THE SUMMER.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU PUT IT INTO A  
20 DOCUMENT THAT WAS CIRCULATED TO ALL FIVE OFFICERS?

21

22 **JAN TAKATA:** SEPTEMBER.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** \$74 MILLION?

25



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** 74 MILLION.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GET ME A COPY OF THAT MEMO?

4

5 **JAN TAKATA:** YES, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO SEE IT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME  
8 YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT FINANCING IT THIS WAY, HOWEVER, IS THAT  
9 CORRECT?

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** YES, AND...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS OPPOSED TO OUT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS'  
14 BUDGET OR ANYTHING ELSE?

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, IT WOULD STILL BE PART OF THE CAPITAL  
17 PROJECTS' BUDGET.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND BUT OUT OF THE CAPITAL...

20

21 **JAN TAKATA:** BUT WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO IS MORE OR LESS OF A  
22 STRESS TEST, TAKING THE HIGHER NUMBER. WE DO MENTION THAT WE  
23 ARE LOOKING AT OTHER LESS COSTLY ALTERNATIVES THAT WE'LL BE  
24 REPORTING BACK TO YOUR BOARD ON. WE WANTED TO SHOW THAT, AT  
25 THE HIGHER LEVEL, THE FINANCING MECHANISM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LAST QUESTION TO MR. SALADINO. IS  
3 THERE A TIMING ISSUE ON THIS? I WAS TOLD BY MY STAFF THAT THE  
4 BOND-- THAT THE FINANCING INTEREST RATES, ALL THAT SORT OF  
5 THING.

6

7 **MARK SALADINO:** YES, THERE IS SOME URGENCY. THERE ARE TWO OTHER  
8 AGENCIES THAT HAVE TO APPROVE THE BOND ISSUE AFTER YOUR BOARD  
9 TAKES ACTION. THERE'S A JOINT POWERS OF AUTHORITY THAT'S  
10 ACTUALLY GOING TO BE THE BOND ISSUER AND A NONPROFIT  
11 CORPORATION THAT'S YET TO BE FORMED. THE BONDS HAVE ALREADY  
12 BEEN PUBLICLY NOTICED FOR SALE NEXT WEEK, SO IF YOUR BOARD  
13 CONTINUES THE ITEM ANOTHER WEEK, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE  
14 ENOUGH TIME TO SELL THE BONDS NEXT WEEK AS WELL, SO WE WOULD  
15 HAVE TO CANCEL THE BOND SALE FOR NEXT WEEK AND THEN RESCHEDULE  
16 IT. THAT CERTAINLY IS POSSIBLE AND WE CAN DO THAT BUT I  
17 WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST OF ALL, OUR  
18 INVESTMENT BANKERS HAVE TOLD US THAT THERE'S A WINDOW OF  
19 OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW. IN FACT, WE'RE A LITTLE LATE GETTING  
20 THROUGH THAT WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY. THERE'S QUITE A DEMAND FOR  
21 THESE TYPES OF BONDS. \$400 MILLION IN LONG-DATED TOBACCO BONDS  
22 ARE NOT EXACTLY THE EASIEST THING TO SELL, SO THEY'VE  
23 ENCOURAGED US TO GET TO THE MARKET SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.  
24 SO WE RUN A RISK THAT THE MARKET MAY NOT HAVE THE SAME  
25 APPETITE THAT IT DOES RIGHT NOW IF WE HAVE TO DELAY TWO OR



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1 THREE WEEKS. ALSO, THE TIMING OF THE BOND ISSUE, WE CAN'T JUST  
2 PICK A DAY AND SAY, ALL RIGHT, INSTEAD OF SELLING NEXT WEEK,  
3 WE'LL SELL A WEEK LATER. IT REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT ELSE IS  
4 COMING TO THE MARKET ON THE FINANCING CALENDAR, SO WE MAY BE  
5 DELAYED BY SEVERAL WEEKS. THE SECOND REASON IS, THE WHOLE  
6 MARKET IS VERY SKITTISH ABOUT A CASE THAT'S CURRENTLY PENDING  
7 IN THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT. IN 2000, A FLORIDA TRIAL  
8 COURT...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THAT COURT.

11

12 **MARK SALADINO:** ...ENTERED A JUDGMENT AGAINST THE TOBACCO  
13 COMPANIES, PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145 BILLION. AS  
14 YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE M.S.A. PAYMENTS, THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
15 PAYMENTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED FOREVER AND ALWAYS. THERE ARE A  
16 NUMBER OF THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE  
17 OBLIGATION OF THE TOBACCO COMPANIES TO MAKE THOSE PAYMENTS AND  
18 ONE OF THE THINGS IS IF THEY GO BANKRUPT. THAT PUNITIVE DAMAGE  
19 JUDGMENT, WHICH IS WIDELY BELIEVED WOULD BANKRUPT THE  
20 COMPANIES INVOLVED, 145 BILLION IS PRETTY SIGNIFICANT PUNITIVE  
21 DAMAGE AWARD, THAT WAS REVERSED BY THE COURT OF APPEAL IN  
22 FLORIDA AND IT'S CURRENTLY ON APPEAL TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME  
23 COURT. THE CASE WAS ARGUED IN THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT MORE  
24 THAN A YEAR AGO, SO WE'RE EXPECTING A JUDGMENT ANY DAY NOW. IF  
25 THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT REINSTATES THAT PUNITIVE DAMAGE



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1 AWARD, IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A CERTAINTY THAT THE PAYMENTS  
2 WOULD GO AWAY BUT THE MARKET-- IT WOULD BASICALLY MAKE IT VERY  
3 DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR US TO SELL TOBACCO BONDS  
4 BETWEEN THE YEARS 2011 AND 2030.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK A COROLLARY QUESTION. IF WE SELL  
7 THE BONDS NOW BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA MAKES A  
8 RULING, WE HAVE THE CASH IN OUR POCKET, SO TO SPEAK...

9

10 **MARK SALADINO:** CORRECT. ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AND THE BURDEN WOULD BE ON CREDITORS...

13

14 **MARK SALADINO:** THE BONDHOLDERS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BONDHOLDERS.

17

18 **MARK SALADINO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. ANOTHER BENEFIT OF  
19 SECURITIZING THE TOBACCO PAYMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATER  
20 YEARS WHERE A LOT OF UNCERTAINTIES COULD ARISE, IS THAT YOU  
21 SHIFT THE RISK THAT THOSE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE RECEIVED FROM  
22 THE COUNTY TO THE BONDHOLDERS. THERE IS NO RECOURSE TO THE  
23 COUNTY GENERAL FUND OR COUNTY REVENUES AT ALL. SO THAT'S  
24 ANOTHER REASON WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SECURITIZING THEIR



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1 TOBACCO REVENUES TO SHIFT THAT RISK OF A PRECIPITOUS DECLINE  
2 IN THOSE REVENUES IN THE FUTURE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. RELATIVE TO THE SET ITEM, WE  
7 DON'T HAVE ANYBODY SIGNED UP FOR THAT BUT WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE  
8 SIGNED UP FOR ITEM 19.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MS. BURKE, WHILE YOU WERE OUT  
11 OF THE ROOM, HAD A SUGGESTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HER SUGGESTION IS APPROPRIATE. TO  
14 MOVE THAT TO MARCH 21ST BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE BOARD  
15 OFFICES HAVE IT PRIOR TO MARCH 21ST SO WE COULD BE PREPARED  
16 FOR THE MARCH 21ST MEETING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON  
17 ITEM 19, GARCIA STARLIGHT, MARTIN BARRERRA-MARTINEZ AND DR.  
18 CLAVREUL.

19

20 **STARLIGHT GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STARLIGHT  
21 GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND LATINO CULTURE HEALTH  
22 INITIATIVES WITH THE THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. OUR  
23 MISSION IS TO REDUCE THE DISABILITY AND DEATH FROM  
24 CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE. SO, TODAY, I'M HERE TO  
25 SPEAK ON THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, ITEM 19. BEFORE I



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1 BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE  
2 BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO HONOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE  
3 M.S.A. FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. UNDER  
4 THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE  
5 STATES AND THE MAJOR TOBACCO COMPANIES IN 1998, CALIFORNIA  
6 RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR 25 YEARS. HALF  
7 OF THESE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. AS THE  
8 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE STATE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ENTITLED TO  
9 APPROXIMATELY 12% OF THE STATE'S ANNUAL REVENUES, WHICH IS  
10 APPROXIMATELY 102 MILLION LAST YEAR AND IS FORECAST TO REACH  
11 200 MILLION IN 2025. THE BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITMENT  
12 TO THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE BY APPROVING THE USE OF M.S.A.  
13 DOLLARS TO SUPPORT TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION SERVICES  
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS IN THE YEAR 2001. WE  
15 UNDERSTAND THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF FUTURE M.S.A. PAYMENTS  
16 PROVIDES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE L.A.C./U.S.C.  
17 MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT FACILITY WHICH IS DESPERATELY  
18 NEEDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE  
19 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU RECONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
20 THE PREVENTION OF DISEASES AND NOT JUST THE TREATMENT OF  
21 DISEASE. ALTHOUGH TOBACCO CONTROL EFFORTS HAVE GREATLY REDUCED  
22 THE PREVALENCE OF SMOKING AMONG ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 TO LESS THAN 16%, THIS STILL TRANSLATES TO THE FACT THAT OVER  
24 ONE MILLION ADULTS CONTINUE TO SMOKE. SMOKING IS A MAJOR CAUSE  
25 OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES, INCLUDING CORONARY HEART DISEASE



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1 AND STROKE. IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MODIFIER RISK FACTOR FOR  
2 CHRONIC HEART DISEASES. SMOKING IS THE SINGLE MOST PREVENTABLE  
3 CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S., CLAIMING MORE THAN 400,000 LIVES  
4 ANNUALLY, WITH 170,000 OF THOSE DEATHS COMING FROM SMOKING  
5 RELATED TO CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES. SO WE ARE HERE TODAY TO  
6 ASK THAT, WHILE YOU ARE CONSIDERING USING M.S.A. FUNDS FOR  
7 TREATING DISEASE, YOU ALSO RECONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
8 TOBACCO PREVENTION STATION EFFORTS BY ALLOCATING 5% OF M.S.A.  
9 FUNDS TO EXPAND TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES IN THE COUNTY,  
10 ESPECIALLY FOR MEDICALLY INDIGENT, TO REDUCE ADDICTION TO  
11 TOBACCO PRODUCTS. IN ADDITION, WE ASK THAT A PORTION OF FUNDS  
12 BE USED FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE THE  
13 BURDEN OF HEART DISEASE, CANCER, AND ASTHMA IN LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY. I URGE YOU TO RECONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO TOBACCO  
15 PREVENTION AND CESSATION EFFORTS TO SAVE LIVES. THANK YOU FOR  
16 YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

17

18 **MARTIN BARRERA-MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTIN  
19 BARRERA-MARTINEZ AND I'M THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE FOR SOUTHERN  
20 CALIFORNIA FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND I'M HERE TO  
21 ECHO WHAT MY COLLEAGUE HAS SAID AS FAR AS THE MASTER  
22 SETTLEMENT TOBACCO DOLLARS. WE WOULD BE HOPEFULLY IN SUPPORT  
23 OF YOU NOT USING THAT MONEY IN SECURITIZATION BECAUSE OF THE  
24 LONG-TERM EFFECTS THAT THAT HOLDS OUT FOR OTHER COUNTIES THAT  
25 HAVE USED IT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE SOME ISSUES THAT



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1 YOU'RE GRAPPLING WITH BUT, WITH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT, YOU KNOW,  
2 THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE SETTLEMENT WAS FOR TOBACCO CESSATION  
3 AND TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESSES AND AS WE ALL KNOW THAT THE LUNG  
4 CANCER THROUGH TOBACCO AND ALL THE SECONDARY HEALTH RISKS LIKE  
5 DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, CAN ALL BE AFFECTED ONE WAY AND  
6 THAT'S THROUGH TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAMS, CESSATION PROGRAMS  
7 THAT DEAL WITH INDIGENTS, ESPECIALLY IN OUR AREAS OF COLOR AND  
8 WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO AT LEAST TAKE THE TIME TO REALLY DEBATE  
9 AND THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU GO AHEAD AND PASS A SECURITIZATION  
10 OF YOUR M.S.A. FUNDS. AS FAR AS CESSATION AND YOUR BUDGET IS  
11 CONCERNED, WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT THE COUNTY LOOK AT FUNDING  
12 ALL CESSATION SERVICES AT THE MAXIMUM THAT YOU CAN AND WITHIN  
13 THE 5% INCREASE FOR NEW CESSATION PROGRAMS. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY  
14 QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MYSELF. MY NAME IS MARTIN  
15 BARRERA-MARTINEZ WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND WE'D  
16 LIKE TO BE A RESOURCE FOR YOU IF YOU DO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.  
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
20 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. FIRST OF ALL, I DID NOT SIGN UP FOR  
21 ITEM 19 BUT I SIGNED UP FOR S-1, SO I WILL ADDRESS S-1 AT THIS  
22 TIME. MANY OF YOU COMPLAIN THAT YOU RECEIVED THE DOCUMENT ONLY  
23 LAST NIGHT. WELL, IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE AS  
24 OF NOW, I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COPY OF THAT BUDGET. AND  
25 THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO GET A COPY, A COPY AT THE TIME



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1 YOU'RE DISCUSSING THE ITEM. I MEAN, FOR YOU WHO HAVE IT IN  
2 FRONT OF YOUR EYES, THE COPY OF THE BUDGET, YOU COULDN'T EVEN  
3 FOLLOW IT. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE US, THE PUBLIC, WHO DO NOT HAVE  
4 A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT. AS USUAL, YOU HAVE AN INTENT TO  
5 PREVENT THE PUBLIC TO GET DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED  
6 TO. AND I WANT TO BRING BACK TO YOU ANOTHER BUT FIRST I FILE A  
7 REQUEST OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTING EVERY EMAIL EXCHANGED  
8 BETWEEN YAROSLAVSKY, BURKE AND COMPANY ON NAVIGANT AND CAMBIO  
9 PROJECT. TO THIS DATE, I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING. I AM NOT GOING  
10 TO GIVE UP AND I WILL ASK ALL THE TIME UNTIL I GET IT. THANK  
11 YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. DID YOU WANT TO  
14 COMMENT ON S-1, OR-- YOU HAD SIGNED UP FOR THAT AND I JUST...

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I DIDN'T SEE THE DOCUMENT SO TO MAKE  
17 APPROPRIATE, EDUCATED GUESS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MICHAEL BAUER. MICHAEL BAUER.

20

21 **MICHAEL BAUER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M ALSO  
22 COMMENTING ON YOUR BUDGET PLAN FOR THE TOBACCO SITUATION THAT  
23 YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO FUND DUE TO THE FACT THAT I AM A HEAVY  
24 SMOKER AND IT IS A VERY BAD HABIT AND IT IS VERY HARD TO QUIT.  
25 IT'S ONE OF THE MOST ADDICTIVE DRUGS IN SOCIETY TODAY, MORE



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1 ADDICTIVE THAN COFFEE AND, I HATE TO SAY THIS, MORE ADDICTIVE  
2 THAN, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T DO IT, CRACK AND SOME OF THE OTHER  
3 COCAINE-- COCAINE USERS THAT I'VE ACTUALLY HEARD FROM.  
4 USUALLY, WHEN THEY SAY THEY QUIT, THEY TURN TO CIGARETTES AND  
5 THEY CANNOT GET OFF OF IT ONCE THEY START. THE FUNDING NOT  
6 SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR NOT ONLY TAXES BUT YOU ALSO SHOULD BE  
7 ABLE TO USE THE FUND FOR RESEARCH AND SOME KIND OF WAY TO FIND  
8 OUT PROGRAMS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FUNDED BY THE STATE OF  
9 CALIFORNIA AND BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN HELPING PEOPLE  
10 QUIT. I HAVE SOMETHING I GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS. MY UNCLE, WHO  
11 LIVES IN MINNESOTA, IS AN EX-MILITARY PERSON. HE WAS AFFECTED  
12 BY AGENT ORANGE IN THE VIETNAM WAR AND HE HAS NOW GOT LUNG  
13 CANCER AND THEY ONLY SAY HE'S GOT ABOUT THREE MONTHS-- SORRY,  
14 THREE YEARS TO LIVE DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE'S BEEN SMOKING  
15 SINCE HE'S BEEN IN THE BEGINNING IN THE MILITARY. AND I  
16 ALREADY STARTED TO GET SIGNS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO  
17 SMOKING, TOO. I'VE BEEN SMOKING SINCE I WAS 16, SORRY, PARENTS  
18 DIDN'T KNOW IT AND I'M NOW 32 AND I'VE GOT BRONCHITIS WITH A  
19 BORDERLINE PNEUMONIA. I THINK SOME OF THE TAX FUNDS THAT YOU  
20 ARE TRYING TO USE TO TAX CIGARETTES SHOULD NOT EVEN BE-- HOW  
21 COULD I SAY THIS-- BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR JUST THE TAXES BUT  
22 YOU MUST ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO THE SITUATION WHOSE HEALTH  
23 YOU'RE PUTTING AT RISK. YOU ALSO GOT TO REMEMBER, IT'S JUST  
24 NOT THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT IS ALSO SMOKING  
25 AND ACTUALLY PAYING FOR THESE CIGARETTES, IT'S ALSO SOME OF



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1 YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES, SOME OF THE ATTORNEYS, SOME OF THE JUDGES,  
2 SOME OF YOUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES SMOKE. NOW, WOULD YOU RATHER  
3 FUND THEM ACTUALLY HELP THEM BUY CIGARETTES BY MAKING THE TAX  
4 THING FOR THE CIGARETTES OR WOULD YOU RATHER PUT SOME OF THAT  
5 MONEY ASIDE SO THEY HAVE RESOURCES TO GO TO ACTUALLY JUST IN  
6 CASE THEY WANT TO QUIT? THE AVERAGE SMOKER NOWADAYS SMOKES  
7 ABOUT A PACK AND A HALF TO TWO PACKS A DAY. DOUBLE THAT FOR A  
8 NONSMOKER AND SECONDHAND SMOKE IS ONE OF THE NUMBER ONE CAUSES  
9 OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. ITEM 19.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE APPROVAL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED. ANY  
16 OBJECTION? 19. ANY OBJECTION? YOU'RE FINE. SO ORDERED. OKAY.  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL ADJOURNMENTS, MAYOR,  
20 THAT I DIDN'T HAVE WITH ME. BONITA VAN LEEUWEN PASSED AWAY ON  
21 JANUARY 14TH. SHE WAS MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND, MORRIS, FOR 43  
22 YEARS BEFORE HIS PASSING FOUR YEARS AGO. SHE HAS A GREAT  
23 FAMILY, SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, CANDICE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN  
24 AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
25 MEMORY OF TERRY JOE CUSICK. TERRY IS THE WIFE OF JIM, WHO



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1 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. WAS  
2 VERY SUDDEN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JIM, HER  
3 DAUGHTERS, JAIME, JACKIE, JOELLE, JILL, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND  
4 LEAVES BEHIND A VERY LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY, AND IS A BELOVED  
5 AUNT OF JOHNNY NAP, A DEAR FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY. THOSE ARE MY  
6 ADJOURNMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
9 ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN I HAD SOME QUESTIONS ON ITEM 6.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM 6. WE ALSO HAVE A SPEAKER  
14 ON THAT AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW. IN ADDITION TO-- I'D LIKE TO MAYBE  
17 CALL THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH FOLKS UP  
18 AS WELL WITH REGARDS TO THIS PARTICULAR QUESTION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS ITEM 6?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 6.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS YOUR ITEM. I SHARE SUPERVISOR BURKE'S  
25 CONCERN, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO NON-REGULATION. I JUST



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1 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SORT OF BARKING UP THE WRONG--  
2 YOU KNOW, RIGHT TREE HERE. THE MOTION CALLS FOR A REVIEW OF  
3 ALL SOBER-LIVING APPLICATIONS. DO SOBER-LIVING FACILITIES  
4 SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY OR STATE?

5

6 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THEY DON'T NEED-- BECAUSE THEY'RE  
7 UNLICENSED, THEY DON'T NEEDS A HEALTH PERMIT, PER SE. ON THE  
8 OTHER HAND, A FACILITY SUCH AS THIS, WHICH IS AN APARTMENT  
9 BUILDING, HAS A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT AS AN APARTMENT HOUSE.  
10 THEY MAY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS  
11 PERHAPS TO DIFFERENT CITIES, SO THERE COULD BE SOME  
12 APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE FACILITIES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THE APARTMENT BUILDING IN QUESTION, MAYBE  
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE CAN ANSWER IT, WAS IT A SOBER-LIVING  
16 FACILITY?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS JUST AN APARTMENT BUILDING. MY  
19 UNDERSTANDING IS THEY HAD NO LICENSE AT ALL.

20

21 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY...

24



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1    **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THERE IS NO LICENSURE FOR A SOBER-LIVING  
2    FACILITY. AND, ESSENTIALLY, ANYBODY CAN CALL THEMSELVES A  
3    SOBER-LIVING FACILITY IF THEY WISH TO.

4

5    **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, MARV SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF THE  
6    DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK THE CORE ISSUE IS THAT  
7    SOBER-LIVING FACILITIES CAN FULFILL A REALLY IMPORTANT NEED OF  
8    THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY BUT THE DIFFICULTY IS FACILITIES WHO  
9    MASQUERADE AS BEING SOBER-LIVING WHILE IN ACTUAL FACT THEY ARE  
10   SOMETHING ELSE, AND I THINK THAT WAS THE CONCERN ABOUT THIS  
11   PARTICULAR FACILITY, THAT THEY DID NOT, IN FACT, SUPPORT  
12   SOBRIETY, PERHAPS EVEN THE OPPOSITE OF THAT AND THAT WAS OUR  
13   OVERALL CONCERN.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, SO, I MEAN, GOING AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW,  
16   LEGITIMATE SOBER-LIVING HOMES, ARE WE TRYING TO DO THAT, ARE  
17   WE TRYING TO UNWIND TO FIND ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS LIKE THIS,  
18   WHICH WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF?

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS ADDRESS THOSE  
21   SITUATIONS OF WHERE PEOPLE ARE RECRUITED INTO A FACILITY WITH  
22   THE REPRESENTATION THEY'RE GOING TO GET CARE AND GET INTO A  
23   SITUATION WHERE THEY'RE JUST REALLY ALMOST LIKE A HOMELESS  
24   SHELTER AND IT'S NO SERVICES PROVIDED AND, IN THIS CASE, OF  
25   COURSE, IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THAT, WAS THERE WAS VIOLENCE



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1 INVOLVED. NOW, MAYBE WHAT ULTIMATELY HAS TO HAPPEN IS THAT WE  
2 HAVE TO LOOK AT EXPANSION OF THE BOARD IN CARE OF STATE  
3 LICENSING, BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME IF A BOARD AND CARE FACILITY  
4 HAS TO BE LICENSED, AND I WAS THE ONE, I THINK, WHO INTRODUCED  
5 BOARD AND CARE LICENSURE WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE,  
6 SOBER-LIVING, IT SEEMS TO ME, SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF  
7 REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF SPACE, YOU COULDN'T PUT 10 PEOPLE IN  
8 A ROOM OR YOU COULDN'T HAVE-- AND THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE  
9 SOME BASIC KIND OF SAFETY...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I-- I MEAN, IS THAT A  
12 LEGISLATIVE-- THAT'S PROBABLY A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, I MEAN,  
13 BECAUSE I AGREE WITH THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT'S WHAT MY QUESTION REALLY IS, DO WE HAVE  
16 TO GET LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THEM IN SOME OF THE  
17 REQUIREMENTS OF, FOR INSTANCE, BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES?

18

19 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WELL, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT, TOO, AND THE  
24 OTHER QUESTION I HAVE, I MEAN, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, IS I THINK  
25 IT'S SORT OF A TWO PRONGED PROBLEM, ONE IS TO LOOK AT THAT



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1 PARTICULAR ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE CAN SORT OF  
2 LEGISLATIVELY PROTECT OURSELVES. THE OTHER PART IS, DO YOU  
3 THINK PART OF THIS IS OUR DROP-OFF PROBLEM, BOTH IN SKID ROW  
4 AND FROM HOSPITALS AND-- I MEAN, IS THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM  
5 AS WELL, TOO, AS TO HOW WE LOOK AT THAT OR HOW WE DO THAT?

6

7 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I'M UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS,  
8 IN PART, A DROP-OFF PROBLEM. IT APPEARED THAT THERE WERE AT  
9 LEAST A COUPLE HOSPITALS THAT WERE USING THESE KINDS OF  
10 FACILITIES AS A PART OF THEIR DISCHARGE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WERE THOSE HOSPITALS USING THIS PARTICULAR  
13 APARTMENT BUILDING?

14

15 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** YES, IT APPEARS THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST A  
16 COUPLE HOSPITALS WHO HAVE DONE THAT AND WE ARE-- THOSE  
17 HOSPITALS ARE BEING-- A FOCUS REVIEW IS BEING DONE ON THEIR  
18 ABILITY TO RECEIVE 5150S BECAUSE SOME OF THE HOSPITALS WE'VE  
19 HAD PREVIOUS BAD EXPERIENCES WITH AND SO WE'RE DOING A REVIEW  
20 OF THOSE. SO THAT IS A PART OF THE ISSUE BUT PROBABLY A BIGGER  
21 PIECE APPEARS TO BE ACTUAL RECRUITMENT OF CLIENTS BY THESE  
22 FACILITIES ON SKID ROW AND OTHER PLACES WHERE HOMELESS PEOPLE  
23 CONGREGATE WITH THE PROMISE THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE  
24 TO AMEND THEIR LIFESTYLE TO RECEIVE SHELTER IN THOSE



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1 FACILITIES. AND, TO ME, THAT IS PROBABLY THE LARGEST PORTION  
2 OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BASICALLY, THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO FILL ROOMS.

5

6 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** FILL ROOMS AND BECOME, IN SOME CASES, THE  
7 SUBSTITUTE PAYEE SO THAT THE LANDLORDS GET THE S.S.I. CHECK  
8 AND THEN, IF THE PERSON WANTS TO LEAVE, THEY CAN'T EVEN LEAVE  
9 BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR S.S.I. BASICALLY SEQUESTERED TO THE  
10 LANDLORD. THOSE ARE THE SORTS OF ABUSES THAT WE'VE JOINED THE  
11 COUNTY TASK FORCE TO KIND OF ADDRESS AND WE ARE ADDRESSING IT  
12 IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN, THE INTENT OF YOUR MOTION, THEN,  
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, DEALING WITH THIS  
16 PARTICULAR ISSUE BUT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THAT--  
17 THE ISSUE THAT'S IMPACTED HERE BY THIS APARTMENT BUILDING  
18 VERSUS GOING AFTER ALL THE LEGITIMATE SOBER-LIVING FACILITIES  
19 OTHER THAN TO LOOK AT THE LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS SO THAT  
20 THEY'RE UNDER SOME KIND OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. IS THAT  
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, BUT I THINK THAT, ULTIMATELY, IF WE'RE  
24 GOING TO AVOID THIS KIND OF A PROBLEM, WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO  
25 HAVE TO GET SOME KIND OF STATE LEGISLATION.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THAT'S WHERE YOU NEED TO HAVE THE  
3 C.U.P. REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE CITING OF THESE  
4 FACILITIES SO THAT THERE IS INPUT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE'S AN OPINION, APPARENTLY, BY THE LEGISLATIVE  
7 COUNSEL THAT WE CAN'T EVEN DO THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF THERE WAS STATE LAW, YOU COULD.  
10 THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, WITH STATE LEGISLATION, WE COULD DO  
11 THAT. THAT'S THE REQUEST.

12

13 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISORS, THERE IS AN ATTEMPT AMONG THE  
14 LOCAL SOBER-LIVING COMMUNITY TO SELF-REGULATE. THERE'S A  
15 SOBER-LIVING COALITION THAT UPHOLDS CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR  
16 THEIR MEMBERS AND THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
17 HEALTH IS ONLY TO REFER TO MEMBERS OF THAT SELF-POLICING  
18 COALITION FOR CLIENT REFERRALS AS A WAY OF RAISING THE  
19 STANDARD BUT-- AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT'S WHY THE RECRUITMENT  
20 TAKES PLACE IN THE LESS WELL-PERFORMING FACILITIES BECAUSE  
21 THEY CAN'T GET DIRECT REFERRALS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. SO THAT THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE SELF-  
24 REGULATING GROUP AND, IN ORDER TO GET REFERRALS, THAT'S WHAT  
25 YOU HAVE TO DO, YOU HAVE TO JOIN IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS. OKAY. WE HAVE A  
3 KEN SCHONLAUN AND MICHAEL BAUER. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD  
4 BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

5

6 **KEN SCHONLAUN:** YES. KEN SCHONLAUN. I'M THE VOLUNTEER PROJECT  
7 DIRECTOR OF THE SOBER-LIVING NETWORK. SOBER-LIVING NETWORK IS  
8 A SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES TRAINING, TECHNICAL  
9 ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO FIVE COUNTY SOBER-  
10 LIVING COALITIONS. THE THING I WOULD LIKE TO REALLY GET ACROSS  
11 HERE IS THE FACT THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM IS, FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
12 CLIENTS, THERE IS NOT ADEQUATE PLACES FOR THEM TO SLEEP AT  
13 NIGHT THAT'S HEALTHY AND SAFE. FOR PEOPLE IN THE ALCOHOL AND  
14 DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION WHO COMPLETE TREATMENT, THERE IS A  
15 NEGLECT OF HAVING LONG-TERM RECOVERY SUPPORT RESOURCES,  
16 INCLUDING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO  
17 MAINTAIN LONG-TERM SOBRIETY. SO THERE IS A SOLUTION TO THIS  
18 PROBLEM AND I JUST HOPE THAT SOMEHOW THE SUPERVISORS CAN DO  
19 THIS, BECAUSE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. YOU KNOW, YOU DID A  
20 MOTION BACK IN 19-- 2003, SET UP A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY  
21 COMMITTEE FOR THE SAME KIND OF SITUATION. SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY MADE A MOTION BACK IN 2000, SET UP A SOBER AND  
23 CONJUGATE LIVING TASK FORCE THAT MET FOR A YEAR AND GOT VERY  
24 COMPLICATED BECAUSE THERE WAS A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE,  
25 THERE WAS ABOUT 36 PEOPLE DUE TO AN AMENDMENT. THEY GOT SO



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1 CONFUSED, THEY ENDED UP WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT WENT TO THE  
2 COUNTY COUNSEL. COUNTY COUNSEL SAID IT'S UNTENTATIVE. SO WE'VE  
3 BEEN MAKING AN EFFORT TO TRY AND GET THE COUNTY TO BE AWARE  
4 THAT THERE IS A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND IT'S BASICALLY A  
5 PUBLIC/PRIVATE TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP. YOU KNOW, THE BIG PICTURE  
6 IS THERE'S ABOUT 800 OF THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES, I WOULD SAY  
7 HALF OF THEM COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SOBER-LIVING HOUSES  
8 ACCORDING TO FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS, ACCORDING TO THE  
9 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND ACCORDING TO THE SOBER-  
10 LIVING NETWORK. THIS PLACE IN LENNOX IS NOT A SOBER-LIVING  
11 HOUSE AND IT SHOULDN'T BE CALLED A SOBER-LIVING HOUSE. IT'S A  
12 DISCREDIT TO THE GOOD QUALITY SOBER-LIVING HOUSES THAT EXIST  
13 THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY. WITHOUT THESE HOUSES, BELIEVE ME, YOU  
14 WOULD HAVE MUCH BIGGER COST FOR HEALTHCARE, FOR CRIMINAL  
15 JUSTICE AND A LOT BIGGER HOMELESSNESS. SO YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK  
16 AT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. AND, AGAIN, THERE ARE FEDERAL  
17 AND STATE FAIR HOUSING LAWS THAT BASICALLY STATE THAT PEOPLE  
18 WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING ALCOHOLICS AND ADDICTS, HAVE A  
19 RIGHT TO LIVE IN ANY HOUSING THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE AN EQUAL  
20 NUMBER OF RELATED FAMILY MEMBERS. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO SEND  
21 SOMETHING TO THE STATE AND SAY THE STATE'S GOING TO REGULATE  
22 THIS, IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN UNLESS YOU REALLY ALTER  
23 AND COMPLETELY DILUTE THESE FAIR HOUSING LAWS, WHICH I'M SURE  
24 YOU DON'T WANT TO DO TYPE OF THING. SO YOU'VE GOT TO FIND A  
25 SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. YOU KNOW, THE STATE HAS BILLS EVERY



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1 YEAR TO LICENSE SOMETHING AND LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, LEGISLATIVE  
2 COUNSEL CAME OUT WITH AN OPINION THAT SAID YOU JUST CAN'T  
3 REGULATE THESE PLACES BUT YOU CAN IF YOU DO IT THROUGH A  
4 PUBLIC/PRIVATE TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP. SO I HOPE WE FORM A GROUP,  
5 IF WE FORM A GREAT BIG GROUP LIKE YOU HAVE BEFORE AND  
6 EVERYBODY SITS THERE AND THEY'RE VERY INTERESTED IN THEIR  
7 TERRITORY AND ALL THAT KIND OF THING, THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
8 FIND A SOLUTION, YOU KNOW. THE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS NEED A  
9 SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. WHY THERE'S SO MANY MENTALLY ILL  
10 PEOPLE IN JAILS AND ON THE STREET IS JUST A CRIME THAT THE  
11 COUNTY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE AND THERE IS A  
12 SOLUTION. I KNOW THAT THERE IS A SOLUTION BUT IT'S VERY  
13 DIFFICULT TO GET THE SYSTEM, WITH ALL ITS COMPARTMENTS AND TO  
14 BE ABLE TO KIND OF REALLY LOOK INTO THE WHOLE SITUATION AND  
15 SAY, WHAT CAN WE DO THAT'S REALLY CONSTRUCTIVE TOWARDS THIS  
16 THING?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. BAUER? THE SERGEANT WILL TAKE  
23 THAT. DO YOU WANT US TO HAVE COPIES OF THAT?

24



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1 **KEN SCHONLAUN:** YEAH. I GOT FIVE LITTLE PACKETS FOR YOU WITH  
2 ALL KINDS OF-- AND IT'S RESEARCH PROVEN THAT A GOOD QUALITY  
3 SOBER-LIVING HOUSE, OPERATING AS A FAMILY OF PEOPLE WITH  
4 DISABILITIES AND MUTUAL SUPPORT ARE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN  
5 HELPING PEOPLE AND THERE'S PROOF IN THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. BAUER?

8

9 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE  
10 THIS MORNING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON  
11 HUMAN RIGHTS, WHO AN AGENCY THAT IS TRYING TO SHUT DOWN THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DUE TO THE FRAUDULENT BUSINESS  
13 THEY ACTUALLY DO. THEY HAVE REPORTS AND LAWS AND ACTUALLY  
14 STATEMENTS, NOT ONLY FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES BUT FROM BOOKS  
15 THAT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY LOOKED INTO. ONE OF THE BOOKS IS  
16 CALLED "BEDLAM" AND IT'S TALKING ABOUT ALL THE ABUSE IN THE  
17 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND IN THE MENTAL HEALTH INDUSTRY  
18 ITSELF. ALSO, ONE OF THE REPORTS I ACTUALLY HAVE TALKS ABOUT  
19 MASSIVE FRAUD, HOW THEY ACTUALLY DO FALSE STATEMENTS TO PUT  
20 PEOPLE ON 5150'S, TO GIVE MEDICATION AND TO EITHER FORCE  
21 PEOPLE TO TAKE MEDICATION. AS A WITNESS TO THIS MYSELF, JUST  
22 RECENTLY LAST WEEK I WAS PUT ON A 5150 HOLD OVER AT HARBOR-  
23 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. I WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO DELAMA  
24 HOSPITAL. I CALLED CITIZEN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM DEL  
25 AMO HOSPITAL. NOW, NOT ONLY IS HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER



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1 GETTING INVESTIGATED BY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
2 BUT ALSO IS DEL AMO HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY SAID I HAD NO REASON  
3 TO GO THERE AND THAT U.C.L.A. HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER HAD NO  
4 RIGHT TO EVEN GIVE ME ANY MEDICATION BY THREATENING ME IF I  
5 DIDN'T TAKE IT TO GIVE IT TO ME. I ALSO WILL TRY TO MAKE SOME  
6 COPIES FOR YOU, THE MAYOR, OF THIS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE  
7 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS ALREADY SLAMMED TWO  
8 INVESTIGATIONS ON METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL, AND NAPA STATE  
9 HOSPITAL AND THEY'RE TRYING TO GET ACCESS TO OTHER HOSPITALS.  
10 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SAYS THEY ARE NOT GOING  
11 TO LET THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO THESE HOSPITALS,  
12 BUT SINCE THEY ARE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND HAVE FEDERAL  
13 INVESTIGATORS, THE STATE HAS NO SAY SO. NOW, IN SITUATIONS  
14 LIKE THIS, MAYBE THEY WERE ACTUALLY LISTED AS A SOBER-LIVING  
15 HOME FOR THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX JUST SO THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY  
16 TREAT THE MENTALLY ILL IN AN ABUSIVE MANNER AND FRAUDULENT  
17 MANNER. MAYBE THEY KNEW THEY WERE ACTUALLY GETTING MENTALLY  
18 ILL PEOPLE INTO THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX BUT JUST DIDN'T WANT  
19 THEM REGISTERED AS A BOARD AND CARE BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO DO  
20 ABUSE. ANOTHER THING I WANT TO STATE IS THIS SHOULD BE ALSO  
21 APPLIED TO FOR NOT ONLY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT MAYBE EVEN  
22 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT ANY PERSON THAT WORKS IN A MENTAL  
23 HEALTH FACILITY, BOARD AND CARE, HOSPITAL, SUB ACUTE HOSPITAL,  
24 MUST HAVE A THOROUGH CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK JUST IN CASE  
25 THEY HAVE HAD REPORTS OF ABUSE BEFORE, BECAUSE IF YOU ASK



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1 SOMEBODY WITH ABUSE HISTORY BEFORE, WHY WOULD YOU ACTUALLY  
2 HIRE THEM IN ANOTHER FACILITY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION BY  
5 BURKE AS AMENDED. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAD A FATALITY, A FREEWAY SHOOTING  
11 THIS PAST FRIDAY ON THE HIGHWAY 14 ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY ON  
12 JANUARY 20TH. A 1991 BLUE HONDA CIVIC ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANES  
13 SOUTH OF AVENUE "S" NEAR ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY OFF-RAMP.  
14 CARLOS RAMIREZ, A 23-YEAR-OLD PASSENGER IN A HONDA CIVIC, WAS  
15 SHOT AND PRONOUNCED DEAD SHORTLY THEREAFTER AT SOUTH VALLEY  
16 MEDICAL CENTER. THE SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE BUREAU IS SEEKING  
17 ASSISTANCE FROM ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION THAT COULD  
18 LEAD TO THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. I WOULD MOVE  
19 THAT THE BOARD OFFER A REWARD FOR \$10,000 FOR INFORMATION  
20 LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON OR PERSONS  
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRING AT THE 1991 BLUE HONDA CIVIC ON THE  
22 SOUTHBOUND FREEWAY LANES OF ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY 14 ON  
23 JANUARY 20TH AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 P.M. SECONDED BY BURKE.  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
25 IN THE MEMORY OF PETER SALATA, RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 FOR THE PAST 81 YEARS, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 30TH. HE  
2 SUPERVISED MUCH OF THE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION OF LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY THROUGH HIS LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54  
4 YEARS, DOROTHY, AND DAUGHTERS, DAWN SALATA PAVLOVICH, SON,  
5 NICK SALATA, AND SON-IN-LAW, MICKEY AND GRANDCHILDREN  
6 DANIELLA, ADRIANA, KRISTINA, TIANA, CAITLIN, AND KEVIN AND  
7 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, CATHY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHERS PAUL,  
8 TED, JOHN, TOM AND GEORGE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAME HERE.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND PETER WATCHED ME, I GUESS, BEING  
15 BORN AND QUITE CLOSE INCIDENT WITH OUR FAMILY AND HIS FAMILY  
16 HAS BEEN SUCH GREAT CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR COUNTY'S BUSINESS  
17 SECTOR AND ALSO IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR  
18 YOUNG PEOPLE AND JUST GOOD PEOPLE. IT'S A BIG LOSS. CONRAD  
19 WIRTH, JR., RETIRED HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER, FORMER RESIDENT OF  
20 LA CRESCENTA AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DORLENE, SONS,  
21 WAYNE, WARREN, WADE, AND HIS BROTHER, RICHARD, AND SISTER,  
22 NANCY. HE PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH AND WE GIVE OUR  
23 SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY. FRANCIS MONTGOMERY. HE WAS A REAL  
24 ESTATE MANAGER FOR OVER 60 YEARS. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
25 94. HE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE NEWMAN



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1 CLUB, SARA INTERNATIONAL, QUITE ACTIVE REPUBLICAN PARTY,  
2 SERVED AS COMMISSIONER OF EL PUEBLA DE LOS ANGELES AND WAS  
3 LIEUTENANT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
4 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN MARK, ELAINE, DENNIS AND MARY  
5 AND BY THREE GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES  
6 AND NEPHEWS. HE WAS ONE OF THE BIG FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS AT  
7 THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE, THE GREAT BOOKS COLLEGE WHICH IS NOW  
8 LOCATED IN OHI, CALIFORNIA, ONE OF THE TOP SMALL COLLEGES IN  
9 THE UNITED STATES AND HE WAS INTEGRAL IN GETTING THE FINANCING  
10 TO PERSONALLY GIVE TO THAT COLLEGE TO PROVIDE THE GREAT  
11 EDUCATION THAT THEY DO PROVIDE. BRUCE BREMBERG, HE WAS MAYOR  
12 BREMBERG'S HUSBAND, WHO HAD PASSED AWAY SATURDAY NIGH AT  
13 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. HE WAS IN THE NAVY, SERVED IN WORLD WAR II  
14 AND KOREA. HE SPENT HIS DAYS HELPING GINGER, WHO WAS QUITE  
15 INVOLVED SERVING FOUR TERMS AS CITY COUNCILWOMAN IN GLENDALE  
16 AND AS THE MAYOR IN GLENDALE AND HE LIVES HIS WIFE, GINGER AND  
17 HIS TWO SONS, CHUCK AND BLAIR. A GREAT MAN AND A GREAT LOSS TO  
18 OUR COMMUNITY. JOHN FRANCIS GALIER. HE AND HIS THREE BROTHERS  
19 OWNED AND OPERATED QUALITY AGGREGATE IN LITTLE ROCK. HE SPENT  
20 MUCH TIME AS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE PALMDALE  
21 LIBRARY. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, SARA, AND HIS  
22 CHILDREN. LORENZO GARCIA, WHO, ANOTHER RESIDENT OF GLENDALE.  
23 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 17 YEARS, KAY KOURY GARCIA, AND  
24 HIS SON, VINCENT GARCIA, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, GLORIA AND  
25 GRANDSON, ROSS. EDWARD HALL, RETIRED COLONEL OF THE UNITED



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1 STATES AIR FORCE AND HE WAS THE FATHER OF THE MINUTEMAN  
2 INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM. THAT IS THE CORE  
3 OF THIS COUNTRY'S MISSILE DEFENSE. HE ALSO DEVELOPED A SOLID  
4 FUEL ROCKET TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPED DEVELOP AND WAS  
5 SUBSEQUENTLY USED IN MOST OTHER U.S. MISSILES INCLUDING THE  
6 POLARIS TITAN 3, 4 BOOSTERS AND THE SPACE SHUTTLE. MARY  
7 PAPARIAN. AMY PISTON, WHO IS THE MOTHER AND-- OF A FORMER GOOD  
8 FRIEND OF OURS, WAYDE PISTON AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
9 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, CLAUDIA AND HER GRANDSONS, TAYLOR AND MATTHEW  
10 AND DENISE. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. SERGEANT WILLIAM REESE, LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
12 58. AND RICHARD WARREN ROSE, AN ARCHITECT WHO WAS AMONG THOSE  
13 WHO REFURBISHED OLD TOWN PASADENA. AND RONALD BAKER, RESIDENT  
14 OF ARCADIA, SUPERVISING PIPELINE-- PIPING DESIGNER WITH WORLEY  
15 PARSONS FOR OVER 35 YEARS. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 16. WE HAVE A PERSON SIGNED  
17 UP FOR THAT. DR. CLAVREUL. DOCTOR? YOU'RE UP. YOU ALSO SIGNED  
18 UP FOR A-3, SO YOU'LL DO A-3 AND 16.

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
21 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, ON ITEM 16, TO SEE THAT YOU  
22 ARE WAIVING THE RESIDENCY FOR A COMMISSION IS UNBELIEVABLE. WE  
23 ARE A COUNTY OF 10.5 MILLION PEOPLE. TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY,  
24 THAT'S STUPID. THAT'S SAYING PEOPLE IN RHODE ISLAND WILL HAVE  
25 TO LOOK AT PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THEIR STATE TO GET SOMEBODY ON



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1 THE COMMISSION. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. BUT, AS USUAL, I'M  
2 SURE YOU HAVE A SPECIAL REASON TO KILL A CERTAIN PERSON IN THE  
3 COMMISSION OR PUT A PERSON OUT OF COMMISSION. THAT'S NOT WHAT  
4 THE COMMISSION ARE FOR. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT THE  
5 PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. BY SELECTING SOMEBODY OUTSIDE OF THE  
6 COUNTY, ONCE AGAIN YOU FAIL IN YOUR DUTY BUT I KNOW YOU WILL  
7 VOTE FOR IT ANYWAY, SO THIS IS FOR THE RECORD, BECAUSE TO SAY  
8 THAT, IN A POPULATION OF 10.5 MILLION YOU CANNOT FIND A  
9 REPRESENTATIVE FOR ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS IS ABSURD. IT'S  
10 TOTALLY ABSURD. LOOK AT THE NUMBERS. ANYWAY, ON A-3, I WOULD  
11 LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE ORDER FOR THOSE VAPOR VENTILATORS. I  
12 HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT THE VENDOR WITH SIGNATURE LEE.  
13 THERE IS NO IDENTIFICATION OF WHERE THAT VENDOR IS LOCATED OR  
14 HOW THEY WERE SELECTED. I JUST WONDER, IS IT \$41,000 IS PRE-  
15 RECALL OR AFTER RECALL OF THE FDA ON THAT EQUIPMENT AND I  
16 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO HAS SELECTED THAT COMPANY. IT'S  
17 INEXCUSABLE THAT WE PUT AN ORDER OF EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN  
18 RECALLED.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM?

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** SOMEONE IS LOOKING INTO THAT AND APPARENTLY IT IS  
23 NOT AS SIMPLE AS YOU HAD REPRESENTED BUT THEY'RE LOOKING AT IT  
24 AND I THINK THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR THERE IS GOING BACK AND  
25 CHECKING ON IT.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, BUT WE SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO  
3 IDENTIFY THE VENDOR. HOW COME THE VENDOR IS A MYSTERY? I ASKED  
4 TWO OF THE HEALTH DEPUTIES HERE AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO  
5 THE VENDOR WAS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, OUR OFFICE IS LOOKING INTO IT AND ALSO THE  
8 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HOSPITAL IS LOOKING INTO IT.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, SOMEBODY IS GETTING SOME MONEY  
11 SOMEWHERE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED  
14 BY MOLINA AND I'LL BE VOTING "NO". PASSED 4-TO-1. OKAY. ITEM  
15 14, THE SHERIFF AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS AN  
16 AMENDMENT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT I DID BUT CAN I HAVE THE AUDITOR  
19 UP HERE, MR. MACAULAY? SORRY YOU SAT HERE ALL DAY. THERE'S GOT  
20 TO BE A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS. WE ASKED YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
21 THE COMPANY IN QUESTION AND-- ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AND-- I  
22 THINK YESTERDAY AND, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU'VE TAKEN A  
23 PRELIMINARY LOOK. WHAT WOULD YOUR RECOMMENDATION BE FOR US  
24 TODAY? MY CONCERN WAS THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE COMPANY  
25 WITH WHICH WE WERE BEING ASKED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT.



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2 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I'M TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR, CONTROLLER.  
3 YES, WE DID TAKE A LOOK. THE ORIGINAL BID WAS BY A COMPANY  
4 THAT WE LOOKED AT THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE FINANCIAL  
5 CONDITION WE LISTED AS POOR AND, SINCE THAT TIME, THAT COMPANY  
6 HAS MERGED WITH ANOTHER COMPANY AND THE MERGED AUDITED  
7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS LOOK BETTER BUT WE STILL HAVE GIVEN THEM  
8 A RATING OF FAIR. AND I WOULD INDULGE-- IF YOUR BOARD WOULD  
9 INDULGE ME, I'D LIKE ANOTHER WEEK TO EVALUATE THE REFERENCES  
10 AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION I CAN OBTAIN TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR  
11 NOT THERE'S ANY FINANCIAL RISK OR ANYTHING OF THIS COMPANY NOT  
12 BEING ABLE TO PERFORM UNDER THE CONTRACT. I DON'T KNOW IF THE  
13 NEW COMPANY HAS BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS LONG, AND THEREFORE WILL  
14 BE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE CONTRACT. SO THOSE ARE JUST A  
15 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE JUST A WEEK TO TAKE A LOOK  
16 AT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD-- DO YOU HAVE ANY  
19 OBJECTION TO A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT  
20 YOU'VE SAT HERE ALL-- WHERE-- ARE YOU GUYS FROM THE  
21 DEPARTMENTS ON THE? I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE I WASN'T AWARE OF  
22 THIS UNTIL ABOUT 20 MINUTES AGO.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID THE CONTRACT END, SO WE CAN EXTEND  
2 IT ON A WEEK TO WEEK OR MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS? IT'S A NEW ONE?  
3 OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ONE WEEK? WE'LL TRY TO TAKE IT UP, LIKE,  
6 FIRST THING SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO SIT HERE FOR FOUR HOURS.  
7 THANKS. MY FAULT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY DON'T WE MAKE IT A SET ITEM AT  
10 10:15 NEXT MONDAY-- OR, EXCUSE ME, TUESDAY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIGHT EVEN BE A CONSENT ITEM BY THEN. THANK  
13 YOU. ONE WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SET ITEM, 10:15 NEXT TUESDAY.  
16 CONTINUED ONE WEEK BY YAROSLAVSKY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** IT MIGHT BE A CONSENT ITEM.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT MIGHT BE EARLIER THAN 10:15.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT, RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
23 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HANG ON, I HAD-- I'M SORRY. I HAD--  
3 OH.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST HAVE TO LEAVE. I'M SORRY. I'M ASKING THAT  
6 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MANUELA GUTIERREZ. SHE IS THE  
7 MOTHER OF MARIA GUTIERREZ, WHO SOME OF US HAVE HAD A LONG  
8 RELATIONSHIP. SHE'S A LONG-TIME LEADER IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE  
9 MEDIA. MISS GUTIERREZ, ALONG WITH HER FAMILY, HAVE ESTABLISHED  
10 A SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT LATINO STUDENTS AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
11 UNIVERSITY. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO MARIA AND HER  
12 ENTIRE FAMILY FOR HER LOSS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. ALL  
19 MEMBERS. ANY OTHER ITEMS, SUPERVISOR BURKE?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, THAT WE ADJOURN  
22 IN MEMORY OF LOUIS WHITE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY  
23 19TH, AT DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITAL. HE WAS 79 YEARS OF AGE. HE  
24 WAS CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE FORMER L.A. CITY COUNCILMAN NATE  
25 HOLDMAN FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES AND WELL KNOWN IN POLITICAL,



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1 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CIRCLES IN AND OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY HALL.  
2 HE RETIRED JULY 2003. WHEN HE WAS 13, HIS YOUNGER SISTER AND  
3 PARENTS WERE KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND HE WAS TAKEN IN BY  
4 THE FAMILY OF MOTOWN FAME. AS A TEENAGER, LEWIS PARKED CARS,  
5 CADDIED AT THE GOLF CLUB AND DID ASSORTED ODD JOBS. FOLLOWING  
6 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY AND  
7 SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, HE MOVED TO SAN  
8 FRANCISCO AND STARTED A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AND WAS  
9 EVENTUALLY DRAWN INTO THE POLITICAL ARENA, JOINING WILLIE  
10 BROWN'S CAMPAIGN FOR STATE ASSEMBLY. AFTER MOVING TO LOS  
11 ANGELES, LEWIS BECAME ACTIVE IN THE NEW FRONTIER DEMOCRATIC  
12 CLUB, A VENERABLE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND  
13 SERVED IN MANY IMPORTANT CAPACITIES. HE LATER WORKED IN PUBLIC  
14 RELATIONS FOR PLAYBOY ENTERPRISES, WAS ALSO A FINANCIAL  
15 COORDINATOR FOR TOM BRADLEY'S FIRST WINNING MAYORAL CAMPAIGN.  
16 LEWIS WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF COALITION OF A HUNDRED  
17 BLACK MEN, A CIVIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION. HE IS  
18 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, JESSICA, A STUDENT AT  
19 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY AND GWENDOLYN WHITE. AND  
20 FLOOD C. WASHINGTON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
21 DISTRICT AND A MEMBER OF VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH SINCE 1955. HE  
22 WORKED FOR THE RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT M.T.A. FOR 32 YEARS. HE  
23 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY TWO DAUGHTERS, DIANE JOHNSON AND  
24 MARY LAVALAIS AND SONS DAMON BROWN, JAMES WILLIAMS AND CHARLES  
25 JOHNSON, GRANDDAUGHTER, COURTNEY JOHNSON, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN



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1 AND A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. AND BARTOLO "BART"  
2 CASTILLO TOBIAS, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CARSON  
3 AND AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER. ALSO DR. ALTON ROBERSON  
4 AND HE PASSED AWAY JANUARY 19TH. HE BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST 5  
5 BLACK NEUROSURGEONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND WAS LICENSED IN  
6 MARYLAND, GEORGIA, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND CALIFORNIA. HE WAS  
7 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHARLES R. DREW MEDICAL SOCIETY, HE WAS  
8 A CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY AT WHITE  
9 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CALIFORNIA, FROM '69 TO '77 AND A CLINICAL  
10 INSTRUCTOR AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AND AT DREW  
11 UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL FROM '72, '73 AND '79 AND  
12 ESTABLISHED THE NEUROSURGERY DIVISION AND INITIATED  
13 PERFORMANCE OF NEUROSURGERY AT KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER, AT  
14 HUBERT HUMPHREY MEDICAL CENTER AND ALSO AT THE OUTPATIENT  
15 FACILITY. HE WAS CHIEF OF NEUROSURGERY AND NEUROLOGY FROM '98,  
16 '99. HE SERVED ON NUMEROUS BOARDS, INCLUDING OF BOARD OF  
17 DIRECTORS AT CHARLES R. DREW AND AUTHORED THE PROPOSAL FOR  
18 DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AT CHARLES  
19 DREW. HE WAS A MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY AND A  
20 PARTICIPANT IN NUMEROUS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE LEAVES TO  
21 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, KAREN MCCLAIN ROBERTSON, TWO  
22 DAUGHTERS, DEBORAH ROBERSON-SIMMS, KIMBERLY BURT, A SON, ALTON  
23 ARTEMIS ROBERSON, III. TWO SISTERS, ELMA MANN AND EMNORA  
24 BRYANT, A BROTHER, WALLACE ROBERSON, 7 GRANDCHILDREN, A GREAT-  
25 GRANDCHILD AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, AUNTS AND COUSINS.



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1 AND ANTHONY FANCIOSA, STAR OF STAGE, FILM AND TELEVISION  
2 PASSED AWAY THURSDAY, JULY 19TH AT U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER  
3 AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE. HE WAS 77 YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS A  
4 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND LONG-TIME CIVIL RIGHTS SUPPORTER.  
5 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RITA, HIS CHILDREN NINA,  
6 CHRISTOPHER AND MARCO AND A GRANDDAUGHTER. AND GEORGE WAYMAN  
7 JONES WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, THE THIRD CHILD OF CHARLES AND  
8 ALBERTA JONES. GEORGE WAS EDUCATED IN LOS ANGELES SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT, SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY AND, UPON HIS HONORABLE  
10 DISCHARGE, WENT TO WORK FOR SAFEWAY STORES AT THEIR  
11 DISTRIBUTION CENTER FROM WHICH HE RETIRED AFTER 37 YEARS. HE  
12 LEAVES HIS BELOVED WIFE, EMILY, OF 65 YEARS, HIS GOD-  
13 DAUGHTER, LYNN BURKE, TWO BROTHERS, CHARLES AND ERNEST JONES,  
14 TWO SISTERS, THELMA ADAMS AND LUCILLE LEWIS AND THREE SISTERS-  
15 IN-LAW, ADDIE JONES, DOLORES JONES AND GEORGIA JONES, NIECES  
16 AND NEPHEWS AND EXTENDED FAMILY.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19 ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 12.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE GARY MARTIN. GARY MARTIN? OF  
24 CALIFORNIA SECURITY AND PETER BAXTER. THIS WAS THE ISSUE FROM  
25 LAST WEEK RELATIVE TO...



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. I THINK WE HAVE A REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TYLER? OR-- OKAY. YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE  
5 THE REPORT ON THAT?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT GARY MARTIN. MR. MARTIN WAS NOT ABLE TO COME  
8 IN. HE REQUESTING TO SEE IF IT CAN BE CONTINUED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, YOU CAN SPEAK FOR HIM. LET US  
11 FIRST HEAR THE REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THEN WE'LL  
12 ASK YOU YOUR COMMENTS.

13

14 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AS  
15 REQUESTED BY YOUR BOARD, WE LOOKED INTO THIS CONTRACT AND THE  
16 ISSUED TO US IS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE CONTRACT CALLED  
17 FOR A GUARANTEE BOND, A GUARANTEE AND IT WAS NOT PROVIDED AND  
18 SO THE BID WAS DISQUALIFIED AND WAS NOT REALLY EVALUATED. AND  
19 SO THE OTHERS DID IT, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION LAST WEEK  
20 ABOUT THE CONFUSION OVER IT AND, ACTUALLY, THE CONFUSION WAS  
21 OVER THE PERFORMANCE BOND, NOT THE GUARANTEE. SO IT COMES DOWN  
22 TO, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, COMES DOWN TO JUST THE INTEGRITY OF  
23 THE BIDDING PROCESS. IT WAS REQUESTED, IT WAS NOT PROVIDED AND  
24 IT WAS DISQUALIFIED BASED ON THAT.

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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL, MR. MARTIN AND I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER TODAY  
2 FROM THE AUDITORS SAYING THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE  
3 PERFORMANCE BOND AND THE GUARANTEE BOND, SO HE'S REQUESTING TO  
4 SEE IF IT CAN BE EXTENDED, CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK SO THAT  
5 HE CAN BE PRESENT FOR IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** PRESENT FOR WHAT? I MEAN, IT EITHER IS OR IT  
8 ISN'T, I MEAN, THAT'S THE POINT WE'RE TRYING TO GET AT HERE,  
9 RIGHT? I MEAN, YOU'RE SAYING-- YOU KNOW...

10

11 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IT WAS REQUIRED AND IT WAS NOT PROVIDED.  
12 AND, IN A GUARANTEE, THE DEPARTMENT, IN TALKING TO THEM, THIS  
13 PARTICULAR FIRM DID NOT PROVIDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PERFORMANCE  
14 BOND DURING THE LAST PERIOD OF TIME WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED  
15 TO. THE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T CATCH THAT UNTIL ABOUT 18 MONTHS  
16 INTO THE CONTRACT AND DECIDED NOT TO PUSH IT. HOWEVER, THERE  
17 ARE REASONS FOR THESE BONDS-- I MEAN, THESE GUARANTEES AND SO  
18 THEREFORE IT WAS REQUESTED, THERE WAS A BIDDERS' CONFERENCE.  
19 IF THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP AT  
20 THAT TIME. AND IT WAS NOT, I WAS TOLD, SO I JUST FEEL THAT IT  
21 COMES DOWN TO-- IT WAS A FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD REJECTION OF A  
22 BID THAT DID NOT QUALIFY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PETER BAXTER.

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1 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
2 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
3 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS  
4 AGENDA ITEM IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
5 WORKS, MR. DONALD L. WHITE, TO INSTRUCT THE MAYOR TO SIGN A  
6 ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 PUBLIC WORKS. THIS, THEN, IS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A  
8 CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED EXPRESSLY AND EXPLICITLY BY, IN MR.  
9 WOLFE'S SPECIFICATION, THE MAYOR. IF THIS CONTRACT IS, IN  
10 FACT, SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, AS SPECIFIED BY DIRECTOR WOLFE,  
11 SHALL IT BE ENFORCEABLE IN THE COURTS? WHO IS THIS MAYOR THAT  
12 DIRECTOR WOLFE IS TRUSTING HIS CONTRACT TO? HOW VALID WILL BE  
13 A SIGNATURE WHERE IT IS REPRESENTED AS BEING THE SIGNATURE OF  
14 A PRINCIPAL TO THE CONTRACT WHO IS NOT, IN FACT, NOR IN LAW  
15 THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS IS ASSERTED IN THIS  
16 AGENDA ITEM BY DIRECTOR WOLFE AND AS IS ACCEPTED, APPARENTLY,  
17 BY MR. TYLER MCCAULEY, THE AUDITOR. THIS STRANGE-- THIS IS A  
18 STRANGE SITUATION TO ME. HERE WE HAVE A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
19 AND MOSTLY A DEPARTMENT HEAD IS LIKE A PURCHASING AGENT, HE  
20 BUYS SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WITH PUBLIC MONEY AND NEVERTHELESS,  
21 ON THIS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT CONTRACT, HE SAYS-- HE ASKS THE  
22 MAYOR, YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT. BUT WHO IS THE MAYOR? THE MAYOR  
23 IS NOT EXISTENT. THIS IS WHAT IS SO STRANGE AND THIS IS WHAT  
24 MAKES ME THINK ABOUT THE WAY I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT  
25 ANYTHING AT ALL FROM-- ABOUT FIREFIGHTING. IT'S ALWAYS



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1 PRESENTED TO ME AS IF THE PRESENT SITUATION IS JUST WONDERFUL  
2 AND THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT AND IT'S THE SAME THING  
3 WITH THE COURTHOUSE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. OH, EVERYTHING'S  
4 WONDERFUL, THERE'S NO EXPLANATION FOR IT. AND HERE IN THIS  
5 SITUATION HERE, WHETHER A MAN IS-- WHETHER THE CHAIRMAN IS A  
6 MAYOR OR NOT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT TO EACH MEMBER OF  
7 THIS BOARD. AND ONE MEMBER, THE THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
8 SAYS, NO. HE SAYS, I'M NOT GOING TO GO ALONG WITH THE MAYOR  
9 IDEA. NEVERTHELESS, THE BOARD, AS A WHOLE, AND, AS I SAY, THE  
10 COUNTY AUDITOR HERE, MR. TYLER MCCAULEY, ACCEPT THE IDEA OF  
11 HAVING CONTRACTS ORDERED, SIGNED, INSTRUCTED TO BE SIGNED BY A  
12 NONEXISTENT ENTITY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BAXTER.

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16 **PETER BAXTER:** ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK  
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND WE'RE TAKING THAT UPON THE  
21 RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, WHO WAS ASKED TO  
22 REVIEW THAT LAST WEEK. THANK YOU.

23

24 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST OF ALL,  
4 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LONG-TIME GAY AND LESBIAN  
5 COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND THERAPIST, BETTY BERZON, WHO DIED THIS  
6 MORNING. BETTY WAS 78 YEARS OLD, PARTNER OF TERRY DE  
7 CRESCENZO, WHO WAS ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS AND HERSELF A  
8 LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE ON A NUMBER  
9 OF FRONTS, HELPED DESIGN THE ORIGINAL LOS ANGELES GAY AND  
10 LESBIAN CENTER, FIRST WOMAN WHO WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
11 OF THE CENTER, CO-FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL GAY ACADEMIC UNION  
12 AND A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA SELF-ESTEEM TASK FORCE, AMONG  
13 MANY OTHER THINGS, SO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. ASK  
14 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVID R. BARCLAY, LONG-TIME  
15 RESIDENT OF OUR DIRECT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A  
16 CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, CO-FOUNDER OF OUR HUMAN RELATIONS  
17 COMMISSION'S CORPORATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH STRONGLY  
18 SUPPORTS THE COMMISSION AND ITS PROGRAMS THROUGH GENEROUS  
19 CONTRIBUTIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PAULINE, A SON,  
20 STEVE AND A DAUGHTER, DANIELLE MORENO. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF  
21 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED. ANY MOTIONS?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOTHING.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE GARY BARNETT, MICHAEL  
4 BAUER AND NORA DVOSIN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS YVONNE STILL HERE?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE'S DOING A INTERVIEW.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

11

12 **GARY BARNETT:** HI. MY NAME IS MR. GARY BARNETT. I JUST WANTED  
13 TO GIVE VERIFICATION TO MR. ANTONOVICH IF HE GOT A LETTER FROM  
14 MR. \_\_\_\_\_ REGARDING ABOUT BEVERLYWOOD CENTER?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, HE WILL BE RIGHT BACK. HE JUST STEPPED  
17 OUT FOR ONE MINUTE, SO PERHAPS JUST STAY THERE.

18

19 **GARY BARNETT:** ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL TAKE THIS LADY HERE. IF YOU COULD  
22 IDENTIFY YOURSELF, WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU AT THIS TIME.

23

24 **NORA DVOSIN:** MY NAME IS NORA DVOSIN AND I'M A LONG-TIME  
25 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN LOS ANGELES SINCE



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1 1972, I'M A TEACHER AND I'VE HAD A CAREER IN THE FILM INDUSTRY  
2 AND I AM IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY  
3 TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT A  
4 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MORATORIUM ON THE DEATH PENALTY  
5 WHILE THE STATE COMMISSION IS WORKING ON ISSUES OF CRIMINAL  
6 JUSTICE AND WHETHER OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS FAIR. I'M  
7 SPEAKING TODAY BECAUSE I THINK-- I CAME HERE TO SPEAK ONCE  
8 BEFORE AND I SPOKE NOT FROM THE HEART BUT FROM THE FACTS. BUT  
9 TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FROM THE HEART. I THINK NOW IN  
10 CALIFORNIA, WHICH HAS HAD AN EXECUTION IN DECEMBER, AN  
11 EXECUTION IN JANUARY, AN EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY,  
12 THAT WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE ISSUE OF OUR STATE  
13 COMMISSION LOOKING INTO OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE  
14 ALREADY KNOW THAT, NATIONWIDE, ONLY 2% OF THE DEATH PENALTY  
15 CASES-- ONLY 2% OF MURDERS GO TO DEATH PENALTY CASES, WHICH  
16 MEANS THAT ALL THOSE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE MURDERED AND HAVE  
17 TRIALS DO NOT COME TO THAT KIND OF EXTREME PUNISHMENT. WE, IN  
18 CALIFORNIA, IN OUR ORGANIZATION, HAVE OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND  
19 SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO SUPPORT A  
20 MORATORIUM. MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE MAY SUPPORT THE DEATH  
21 PENALTY. MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE AMBIVALENT. WHAT WE ARE  
22 ASKING FOR FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SOME SUPPORT FOR  
23 THE NOTION THAT, WHILE WE HAVE A STUDY IN PROGRESS, WE DO NOT  
24 EXECUTE PEOPLE. WHILE WE HAVE THIS STUDY. WE CAN ALWAYS  
25 EXECUTE PEOPLE IN A YEAR. WE HAVE PEOPLE LANGUISHING ON DEATH



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1 ROW FOR 20 YEARS, 25 YEARS. WE CAN EXECUTE THEM TWO YEARS DOWN  
2 THE LINE AND WE CAN-- OR-- AND WE CAN LET OUR COMMISSION STUDY  
3 OUR SYSTEM TO SEE THAT IT IS FAIR AND JUST. EVEN IN YOUR  
4 DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE HAVE OVER 28,000  
5 SIGNATURES SUPPORTING A MORATORIUM. AGAIN, SOME OF THOSE  
6 PEOPLE-- WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A HOT BUTTON ISSUE, WE KNOW THAT  
7 THE DEATH PENALTY IS A HOT BUTTON ISSUE. WE ARE NOT ASKING  
8 THAT YOU COMMIT YOURSELF TO SUPPORTING OR NOT SUPPORTING THE  
9 DEATH PENALTY; WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU COMMIT YOURSELF TO  
10 SAYING, WHILE OUR STATE, WHICH HAS ALREADY AGREED TO STUDY OUR  
11 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHILE WE ARE STUDYING THIS, TO SEE  
12 HOW THE DEATH PENALTY AND OTHER ISSUES ARE TREATED IN THE  
13 LEGAL SYSTEM, WE WILL NOT EXECUTE CONVICTED CRIMINALS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **NORA DVOSIN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP NERMAN HENDERSON AND K.  
20 BANDELL. YES, YOU HAD...

21

22 **GARY BARNETT:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MR. BARNETT. I GOT A  
23 LETTER FROM YOU. I THANK YOU FOR THIS. DID YOU EVER GET A  
24 RESPONSE YET REGARDING ABOUT BEVERLEY WOOD?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I DON'T KNOW BUT LET ME CHECK WITH--  
2 SANDRA OVER THERE AND SHE'LL CHECK.

3

4 **GARY BARNETT:** OKAY. LISTEN. WHAT MR. MARVIN HAS SAID ABOUT OUR  
5 SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS AT BOARD AND CARE HOMES, YES, THAT IS  
6 TRUE BECAUSE I LIVE AT BEVERLY WOOD AND THE STAFF MEMBERS ARE  
7 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR CHECKS, THEY'RE FORGING IT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AT THE BEVERLYWOOD FACILITY?

10

11 **GARY BARNETT:** YEAH, WHAT I'M SAYING THAT. HIS NAME IS MR.  
12 RICK.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, IT'S BEEN RESOLVED NOW?

15

16 **GARY BARNETT:** NO.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT.

21

22 **GARY BARNETT:** YEAH, BECAUSE THEY'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF  
23 PEOPLE'S MONEY.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, THEY CAN'T.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

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4 **GARY BARNETT:** THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT, THOUGH.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** IS IT THE SAME OWNER?

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8 **GARY BARNETT:** THE SAME GUY NAMED RICK AND THE OWNER IS MR.

9 LYNCH BROTMAN.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IN BEVERLYWOOD?

12

13 **GARY BARNETT:** YEAH, IN BEVERLYWOOD, BECAUSE I LIVE THERE RIGHT

14 NOW, MISS YVONNE BURKE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COME OVER HERE AND SOMEBODY WILL CHECK

17 WITH YOU.

18

19 **GARY BARNETT:** ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** AND OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, IF NOTHING ELSE, CAN GET

22 ON THAT ONE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DID YOU USED TO HAVE

25 A FATHER THAT CAME DOWN HERE?



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2 **GARY BARNETT:** A FATHER?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH. THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN THAT  
5 LOOKED JUST LIKE YOU THAT USED TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK ALL THE  
6 TIME.

7

8 **GARY BARNETT:** WELL, I HAVEN'T SEEN MY FAMILY FOR 24 YEARS  
9 BECAUSE OF A CAR ACCIDENT, I GOT HIT...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU LOOK LIKE HIS SON. ANYWAY, HE WAS  
12 A VERY FINE MAN. HE USED TO COME DOWN EVERY MEETING FOR-- I  
13 KNOW WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THEN  
14 HE QUIT COMING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM, SO...

15

16 **GARY BARNETT:** OH, OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU. DR. DOLORES  
19 ELAINE.

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21 **JOANNE BERLIN:** SHE LEFT.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE LEFT? OKAY. JOANNE BERLIN. JOANNE  
24 IS HERE? OKAY. JUST PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

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1 **HERMAN HENDERSON:** YES. MY NAME IS HERMAN HENDERSON AND I'M A  
2 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND I'M ALSO WORKING WITH THE CAMPAIGN  
3 TO END THE DEATH PENALTY. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR TEMPORARY STAY  
4 OF EXECUTION TO EXAMINE SOME OF THE FLAWS IN THE DEATH PENALTY  
5 AND ONE OF THE FLAWS THAT WE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE LOOKED  
6 INTO IS RACISM AND WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY TARGET THE POOR AND  
7 EXECUTE THE POOR AT A HIGH DISPROPORTIONAL RATE OF THOSE  
8 PEOPLE THAT HAVE MONEY, WHICH IS THE RICH, AND WE ALSO WOULD  
9 LIKE TO LOOK AT THE DEATH PENALTY BECAUSE IT'S INHUMANE AND IT  
10 DOES NOT DETER CRIME, AND IT'S NOT THE SOLUTION TO A CRIME, IT  
11 NEVER HAS BEEN. AND WE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE REALLY EXEMPT  
12 BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT INNOCENT LIVES IS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE OF  
13 LYING FROM JAILHOUSE INFORMANTS AND LACK OF DEFENSE FOR THE  
14 POOR PEOPLES ON DEATH ROW AND THE STATE HAVE ALREADY EXECUTED  
15 ONE INMATE AND WAS EXECUTED DECEMBER, THIS MONTH AND HAVE  
16 EXECUTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH, WHICH IS VERY, VERY  
17 INHUMANE AND IT'S NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO BE STUDIED AND SOME OF  
18 THE FLAWS THAT'S IN THE SYSTEM AND WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT LIKE  
19 THE STATE OF ILLINOIS LOOKED AT IT AND WHERE THEY HAD THEIR  
20 MORATORIUM ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY AND I THINK NEW JERSEY IS  
21 ANOTHER STATE THAT'S PASSED A RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH PENALTY.  
22 SO WE JUST ASKING FOR YOU HAVE A LOOK AT IT AND GIVE US SOME  
23 KIND OF CONSIDERATION ABOUT DEALING WITH THIS DEATH PENALTY.  
24 THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP SHELDON  
2 PLOTKIN. SHELDON? YES, JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD  
3 BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

4  
5 **K. BANDELL:** YES, MY NAME IS K. BANDELL. BETWEEN 1983 AND 1989,  
6 I WORKED AS A NURSE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, CHARLES R. DREW  
7 MEDICAL CENTER. I WAS THEREFORE BOTH IMPRESSED AND TOUCHED BY  
8 THE COMPASSION AND BY THE PASSION WHICH INSEMINATED CONCERNS  
9 EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD DURING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT  
10 LIFE-AND-DEATH ISSUES EMERGING FROM THE INCONSISTENT  
11 APPLICATIONS OF MEDICAL STANDARDS OF CARE AND OF PRACTICE.  
12 WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PLEAD FOR A MORATORIUM, THEY PLEAD  
13 WITH COMPASSION AND WITH PASSION ABOUT FUNDAMENTALLY THE SAME  
14 THINGS, THE APPLICATIONS OF STANDARDS OF LAW TO THE CASES OF  
15 CONDEMNED FELLOW CITIZENS AND TO ISSUES IN WHICH LIFE AND  
16 DEATH HANG IN THE BALANCE. THE REACTION OF THE BOARD, HOWEVER,  
17 SUGGESTS THAT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN M.L.K. AND A MORATORIUM HAVE  
18 NOT BEEN MADE. THE BOARD HAS, IN FACT, NOT REACTED. WE ARE  
19 MYSTIFIED. ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2005, A GROUP OF POLITICALLY  
20 NAIVE SUPPORTERS OF A MORATORIUM EMBARKED ON WHAT WAS  
21 CONCEIVED AS A JOURNEY WITH YOU. AS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS  
22 WERE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CELEBRATED, WE BELIEVED THAT  
23 AN ANIMATED AND A RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE WOULD ENSUE AND THAT THE  
24 FOUNDATION FOR THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A  
25 MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS IN CALIFORNIA WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.



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1 WE HAVE SOBERLY LEARNED ABOUT AND HAVE BEEN STUPEFIED BY HOW  
2 CYNICALLY INSIGNIFICANT CAN BE THE ATTENTION PAID. TWO PEOPLE  
3 HAVE, SINCE SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, BEEN EXECUTED. ONE ACTIVE  
4 EXECUTION IS PENDING. WHAT HAVE WE DONE EITHER WRONG OR NOT  
5 DONE? HOW AND IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE MOVE YOU? SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH, ALTHOUGH YOU AND I MAY DISAGREE, I WANT TO THANK  
7 YOU FOR HAVING ARTICULATED A POSITION ABOUT STANLEY TOOKIE  
8 WILLIAMS. WHILE OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE REMAINED, THROUGH THEIR  
9 SILENCE, RISK AVERSE, YOU CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR  
10 BELIEFS. I AND OTHERS ARE APPRECIATIVE. I'M SORRY. I HAVE,  
11 MOREOVER, FOR YOU AND FOR OTHERS A LITTLE PRESENT AT THE BACK  
12 OF EACH OF THESE PACKETS THAT IS AN ARTICLE RELATING TO A  
13 LETTER SENT IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
14 ASSEMBLY AND SIGNED BY 40 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHICH  
15 SPEAKS IN FAVOR OF A MORATORIUM. SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT  
16 YOU'VE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, I THINK THAT  
17 THIS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR  
18 STAFF, AMONGST ALL SUPERVISORY STAFF, HAS BEEN MOST  
19 ACCOMMODATING. THEY SEEMED READY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO  
20 PROCEED WITH FLOATING A MOTION. THEIR PROCEEDING, HOWEVER,  
21 DEPENDS ON YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU ARE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY  
22 KNOWN AS AN ETHICAL AND AS A POLITICAL CLASS ACT. WHERE DO YOU  
23 STAND ON THIS ISSUE AND WHAT INHIBITS YOU FROM ACTING? WE  
24 CONTINUE WITH RESOLVE AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **JOANNE BERLIN:** MY NAME IS JOANNE BERLIN AND I'M A PHYSICIAN  
4 ASSISTANT. I VOLUNTEER AT THE VENICE FAMILY CLINIC AND I LIVE  
5 IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. AND I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE  
6 TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY BECAUSE, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, AT THE  
7 END OF LAST WEEK, THERE WERE ARTICLES IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT  
8 HOW THE MORATORIUM BILL THAT IS BEFORE THE STATE ASSEMBLY IS  
9 NOW CAUGHT IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND SOME OF WHAT  
10 WAS SAID IN SOME OF THOSE NEWS ARTICLES AROUND THAT REALLY  
11 DISTURBED ME BECAUSE IT JUST SHOWS THAT POLITICIANS ARE  
12 MISTAKEN IN HOW MUCH AWARENESS THEY HAVE OF HOW MUCH SUPPORT  
13 THERE IS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE FOR A TIMEOUT ON  
14 EXECUTIONS AT THIS POINT IN OUR HISTORY AS A STATE. YOU'VE  
15 HEARD MANY PEOPLE MENTION THE COMMISSION. I THINK YOU KNOW  
16 WHAT THE COMMISSION IS ABOUT, THE STATE SENATE DECIDED THAT  
17 THERE WERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS, IN FACT, IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
18 SYSTEM TO WARRANT A COMMISSION BEING PUT TOGETHER TO LOOK AT  
19 IT AND THERE IS NOW A BIPARTISAN COMMISSION MEETING AND THEY  
20 HOPE TO BE HOLDING HEARINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS SOON, PROBABLY IN  
21 THE SPRING. BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE WE SPOKE TO YOU  
22 LAST. AS OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED, NOT ONLY ARE THERE EXECUTIONS  
23 THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND MORE IN THE WORKS, BUT THERE ARE MORE  
24 PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE MORATORIUM. MOST  
25 MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE STATE HAVE EDITORIALS THAT SUPPORT THE



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1 MORATORIUM. THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS OF CALIFORNIA  
2 HAS URGED SUPPORT OF A MORATORIUM. AS K. TOLD YOU, THERE IS  
3 THIS LETTER FROM 40 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, CURRENT AND  
4 FORMER PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL  
5 SUPPORTING MORATORIUM. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO  
6 MAKE THIS A PARTISAN ISSUE AND HAVE DONE SO IN THE ASSEMBLY  
7 AND THAT IS WHY THE BILL IS NOW STUCK IN APPROPRIATION BUT WE  
8 ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE ABLE TO BE A BILL INTRODUCED IN  
9 THE SENATE, SO THIS IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY AS AN ISSUE THIS  
10 YEAR. SO I URGE YOU VERY STRONGLY TO, I WAS GOING TO SAY GIVE  
11 SOME LEADERSHIP BUT WHAT I THINK YOU NEED TO DO IS TO FOLLOW  
12 YOUR CONSTITUENTS. I THINK YOUR CONSTITUENTS, IF YOU TALK TO  
13 10 PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND EXPLAIN TO THEM WHERE WE ARE IN  
14 TERMS OF THE COMMISSION DOING ITS STUDY AND THE NUMBER OF  
15 EXECUTIONS THAT MAY BE COMING UP WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, I  
16 THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PEOPLE,  
17 PROBABLY 9 OUT OF 10 WOULD SAY, YES, IT'S ONLY REASONABLE,  
18 IT'S COMMON SENSE, YOU TAKE A TIME OUT NOW, YOU STOP NOW UNTIL  
19 YOU SEE WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE IN THE SYSTEM AND MAKE IT MORE  
20 FAIR AND JUST.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. C.K. TILLMAN.

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24 **DR. SHELDON C. PLOTKIN:** YES, SIR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE NEXT.

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3 **DR. SHELDON C. PLOTKIN:** SOMEBODY ELSE--

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S COMING UP TO SPEAK AFTER YOU.

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7 **DR. SHELDON C. PLOTKIN:** OH. EXCUSE ME. I'M DR. SHELDON C.  
8 PLOTKIN, CONSULTING SYSTEMS AND SAFETY ENGINEER IN PRIVATE  
9 PRACTICE IN WEST LOS ANGELES AND I HAVE TWO THINGS I WANT TO  
10 TOUCH ON. ONE IS INFORMATION FROM A VERY CREDIBLE SOURCE IS  
11 THAT THESE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC COMMENT  
12 PERIODS ARE ONLY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OR WINDOW DRESSING  
13 PURPOSES. MY SOURCE SAYS THAT INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE  
14 NO BEARING WHATSOEVER ON THE ACTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. IN THE  
15 HOPES THAT THIS INFORMATION IS INCORRECT AND THAT MY VIEWS  
16 MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT, I'LL CONTINUE. AND THE QUESTION  
17 INVOLVED WITH HAVING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS IS  
18 WHETHER OR NOT CALIFORNIANS REALLY CARE ABOUT JUSTICE OR A  
19 VALUE FOR HUMAN LIFE. THE ERRORS IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
20 SYSTEM, AS EVIDENCED BY THE NUMBER OF DEATH ROW INMATES THAT  
21 HAVE BEEN FOUND INNOCENT. THE RATIONALE FOR HOW INNOCENT  
22 PEOPLE MIGHT GET CONVICTED IS TRULY MULTIFACETED, INADEQUATE  
23 FUNDING FOR DEFENSE, RELIANCE ON CONFESSIONS PRESENTED BY  
24 LYING JAILHOUSE INFORMANTS, ERRONEOUS EYEBALL WITNESS  
25 TESTIMONY, ERRONEOUS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, FORENSIC LABORATORY



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1 ERRORS, RACISM AND OTHER PREJUDICES, ET CETERA. SO WHAT'S  
2 WRONG WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSING A RESOLUTION  
3 SIMPLY SAYING MAYBE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON EXECUTIONS UNTIL THE  
4 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE HAS PUBLISHED ITS REPORT EVALUATING THE  
5 CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM? I FIND IT COMPLETELY  
6 INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOT PASSED  
7 SUCH AN INNOCUOUS RESOLUTION YET, CONSIDERING THE LARGE NUMBER  
8 AND HUGE COST OF MURDER CASES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
9 AFTER ALL, A RESOLUTION WOULD BE ONLY A SUGGESTION AND HAVE NO  
10 LEGALLY BINDING SIGNIFICANCE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. TILLMAN.

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14 **MR. TILLMAN:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
15 BEFORE YOU AGAIN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND, OF COURSE, MY  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M QUITE TOUCHED BY THE CONSTITUENTS  
17 THAT ARE HERE EXPRESSING THEMSELVES ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY.  
18 ALTHOUGH I HAVE SOME STRONG SENTIMENTS, I WON'T COMMENT, EVEN  
19 THOUGH THERE'S A STRONG TEMPTATION TO DO SO. I'M HERE IN  
20 REFERENCE TO A LETTER THAT I WROTE ON JANUARY 23RD TO THE  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND, OF  
22 COURSE, TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND TO COUNTY COUNSEL WHO I'VE  
23 TRIED PROBABLY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO GET A MEETING WITH AND  
24 IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT. THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR  
25 NOT THE LIBRARY BOARD CAN RETAIN THE SAME LAW FIRM, LAW FIRM



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1 BEING THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHICH IS THE COUNTY LAW FIRM, AS THE  
2 LAW FIRM THAT REPRESENTS OUR DIRECTOR, MRS. BARBARA PEARSON,  
3 WHO FIRED MRS. GOMEZ AND WE'RE NOW IN AN APPEALS PROCESS AND I  
4 THINK THERE IS A STRONG CONFLICT OF INTEREST BASED UPON MY  
5 ATTORNEY ADVICE AND AFTER REVIEWING ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS  
6 AND SOME COURT CASES AND I WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
7 AND FOR MAYBE THE BOARD TO REVIEW THIS PRACTICE OF ALLOWING  
8 COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT A BOARD AND THEN ALSO THEIR  
9 EMPLOYEES WHEN IT'S INVOLVING LITIGATION. IT GIVES THE STRONG  
10 IMPRESSION OF IMPROPRIETY AND IT GIVES THE STRONG IMPRESSION  
11 THAT THE VICTIM OR THE ONE THAT'S BEING FIRED CANNOT GET A  
12 FAIR HEARING BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SAME COUNSEL AND IT GIVES THE  
13 IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE ALREADY CONDONING THE ACTION, EVEN  
14 BEFORE WE GO INTO DELIBERATIONS. AND THEN ON THE BOARD FOR THE  
15 FIRST TIME AND I THANK YOU FOR THE APPOINTMENT ON NOVEMBER  
16 15TH, AND I STILL YET NEED TO TAKE THE LONG FORM OATH OF  
17 OFFICE FROM YOU SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT, PROVIDED I CAN TAKE  
18 THE LONG FORM OATH OF OFFICE. THAT'S A ISSUE THAT WE VISITED  
19 SOME TIME AGO, MEANING THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO  
20 TAKE THE LONG FORM BECAUSE IT SAYS THAT WE'RE NOT A TERRORIST  
21 AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN SO FOR FIVE YEARS. I HAVEN'T BEEN A  
22 TERRORIST AND HAVEN'T BEEN SO FOR FIVE YEARS, SO I DON'T MIND  
23 VOLUNTARILY TAKING THE OATH OF THE LONG FORM AND I DO ASK FOR  
24 YOUR PERMISSION TO DO SO, BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE SOME RED TAPE  
25 IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THEY'RE NOT



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1 SET UP TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE LONG FORM, THEY ONLY  
2 HAVE THE SHORT FORM BUT I DIGRESS FOR A MOMENT. LET ME GET  
3 BACK ON TRACK AND MY MAIN FOCUS HERE IS FOR YOU TO REVIEW THE  
4 PRACTICE OF ALLOWING COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT CONFLICTING  
5 INTERESTS AND, IF IT IS LEGAL, AS COUNTY COUNSEL SAID IT WAS,  
6 IT GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF IMPROPRIETY AND I FEEL  
7 UNCOMFORTABLE BEING A PART OF IT. AND SO THAT'S MY WISH, THAT  
8 YOU COULD LOOK INTO...

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOUR QUESTION IS, IS THERE A  
11 CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT COUNTY COUNSEL IS THE COUNSEL TO THE  
12 LIBRARY BOARD?

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14 **MR. TILLMAN:** AND ALSO TO THE DIRECTOR, BARBARA PEARSON, WHO IS  
15 ALSO BEING SCRUTINIZED FOR FIRING A LATINO AND WE HAVE A  
16 TRIBUNAL SORT OF SET UP AND WE ARE THE TRIER OF FACT AND THE  
17 JUDGE AND TWO COUNTY COUNSELS GO BACK AND FORTH AND THEY GIVE  
18 US ADVICE AND I CAN TELL BY THEIR ADVICE THAT THERE'S AN  
19 AFFINITY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTY COUNSELS WHO HAVE THE SAME  
20 DEPARTMENT AND I JUST THINK IT'S A CONFLICT AND I WON'T BE A  
21 PART OF IT.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU SAID YOU MAILED A LETTER ON  
24 THE 23RD OF JANUARY?

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1 **MR. TILLMAN:** ACTUALLY, IT WAS HAND DELIVERED TO THE EXECUTIVE  
2 OFFICE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THE 23RD. OKAY. THAT WILL BE  
5 REFERRED TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND THEY'LL MAKE A-- REPLY TO YOU  
6 AND THE LIBRARY BOARD RELATIVE TO THE QUESTION THAT YOU  
7 RAISED.

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9 **MR. TILLMAN:** AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. TILLMAN.

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13 **MR. TILLMAN:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE ADJOURN.

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