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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 ON PAGE 267]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE
6 WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
8 FEBRUARY 12TH, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL, HEALTHY
9 COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR
11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL NOW BEGIN
12 WITH THE INVOCATION, LED BY THE REVEREND VAN EDWARD WHITE, OF
13 THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PASADENA, IN
14 OUR FIFTH DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE,
15 LED BY ADAMS FEI, FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES ARMY, OF
16 ROWLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND IF
17 YOU'RE ABLE.

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19 **REV. VAN EDWARD WHITE:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH
20 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THE INVOCATION TODAY. SHALL WE
21 PRAY? OUR LORD, THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY YOU HAVE GIVEN EACH OF
22 US. IN THE SCRIPTURES YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE CITIZENS OUGHT TO
23 OBEY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES, SINCE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED
24 THOSE AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ORDER.
25 THEREFORE, I PRAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR THE

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1 VARIOUS LEVELS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THIS
2 ASSEMBLED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I PRAY FOR THE AGENDA SET
3 BEFORE THEM TODAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM THE ASSURANCE THAT THE
4 DECISIONS MADE TODAY WILL PLEASE YOU AND WILL BENEFIT THE
5 LIVES AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. IT IS IN YOUR BLESSED NAME I PRAY, AMEN.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AMEN.

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10 **ADAMS FEI:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
11 YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND
12 SALUTE, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
13 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING REVEREND VAN E. WHITE
16 FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. REVEREND WHITE IS
17 A NATIVE OF THREE RIVERS, MICHIGAN, THE SON OF TWO PREACHERS,
18 REVEREND LAWRENCE WHITE, SR., AND REVEREND BERNICE DIANE
19 WHITE. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY
20 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, AND IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING
21 THE SEMINARY AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE IS WORKING
22 TO EARN HIS MASTER OF DIVINITY. REVEREND WHITE WAS ORDAINED IN
23 OCTOBER 2018, AND CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE MINISTERIAL STAFF OF
24 THE FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH, PASADENA, AS THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
25 TO THE SENIOR PASTOR, AND THE YOUTH COORDINATOR. REVEREND

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1 WHITE IS A MILITARY VETERAN WHO PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED
2 STATES MARINE CORPS, AND RETIRED AS A MAJOR AFTER 20 YEARS OF
3 HONORABLE SERVICE. REVEREND WHITE, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN
4 THE INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR DUTY TO THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE
8 SPECIALIST ADAMS FEI, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING.
9 SPECIALIST FEI SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 2009 TO
10 2012, AND IN HONOR OF HIS DEDICATED SERVICE, HE RECEIVED THE
11 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL,
12 THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
13 MEDAL. SPECIALIST FEI IS A RESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND
14 WORKS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS AN
15 ELIGIBILITY WORKER. AND WHILE WORKING FULL-TIME, HE'S
16 COMPLETED TWO MASTER'S DEGREES, THE FIRST IN MUSIC EDUCATION,
17 AND THE SECOND IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. AND IN HIS FREE TIME-
18 - WHAT FREE TIME? IN HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYS HIKING AND
19 PHOTOGRAPHY. ON BEHALF OF MY FOURTH DISTRICT, AND CERTAINLY
20 THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
21 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, AND WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE HAD YOU
22 LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING. LET'S HEAR IT FOR ADAMS
23 FEI. [APPLAUSE.] MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL OUR
24 AGENDA?

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL
3 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON PAGE 4, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
5 HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
6 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT
7 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16. ON ITEM 3,
8 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
9 ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO ITEM 11.
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE
12 BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 9, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
13 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
15 FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
16 ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 17,
19 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ITEMS 17 THROUGH 37. ON ITEM 18, 20,
20 21, 22, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
21 HELD. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL REQUEST THAT THIS
22 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 25. MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF
24 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL REQUEST
25 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT, AS

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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
2 ITEM 24. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 26TH, 2019. THE
4 REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 34 ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE
8 ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL THEN BE THE
9 ORDER.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 30, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
12 ITEM CS-3, THIS IS AN ADDITION, AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
15 NO. 5.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** AUTHOR ALAN LAKEIN SAID, "PLANNING IS BRINGING
18 THE FUTURE TO THE PRESENT, SO THAT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT
19 IT NOW." THIS IS TRULY ALIGNED WITH THE MISSION OF OUR
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, A TEAM OF DILIGENT AND
21 FORWARD-THINKING PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO WORK TO STRATEGIZE AND
22 SHAPE OUR MOST CRITICAL PLANNING PROJECTS. FOR LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY TO SUCCEED, WE NEED SMART, HARDWORKING PEOPLE TO
24 SPEARHEAD THE PLANNING EFFORTS. MARK CHILD HAS BEEN
25 INSTRUMENTAL IN THESE GOALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING FOR TWO DECADES, HELPING TO FACILITATE PROJECTS THAT
2 HAVE MADE A HUGE IMPACT. AS MARK GETS READY TO RETIRE THIS
3 WEEK, WE'RE SAD TO SEE HIM GO, BUT SO GRATEFUL FOR HIS
4 SERVICE. SINCE 2014, MARK HAS SERVED AS REGIONAL PLANNING'S
5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED PLANNING DIVISION, WHERE HE IS
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR LONG-RANGE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR ALL
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. IN THIS ROLE, HIS
8 PORTFOLIO INCLUDES THE UPDATE OF THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, THE
9 UPDATE FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN, AND THE DEVELOPMENT
10 OF THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. THIS TRULY IS NO SMALL
11 FEAT. BUT MARK HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE TOP DOG. HIS STORY SHOWS
12 THAT WITH DETERMINATION AND A LOT OF PLANNING, IT'S POSSIBLE
13 TO CLIMB THE LADDER. HE BEGAN HIS COUNTY CAREER 24 YEARS AGO
14 AS A REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT IN THE ZONING PERMIT SECTION,
15 WHERE HIS JOB ENTAILED PERMITTING, RANGING FROM ANIMALS TO OAK
16 TREES. THROUGHOUT HIS TIME IN THE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS PROMOTED
17 TO SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT, PRINCIPAL REGIONAL
18 PLANNER, SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
19 IN THE CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION, AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR
20 OF ADVANCED PLANNING. IN THESE ROLES, HE WORKED ON PROJECTS
21 FOR THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOX AIRFIELD, AND THE
22 LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. HE ALSO OVERSAW THE PROCESS
23 OF THE LANCASTER ETHANOL PLANT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY, SETTING A VALUABLE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE
25 PROJECTS. AND AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HIS PORTFOLIO INCLUDED SOME

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1 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MOST COMPLEX ISSUES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL
2 PLAN UPDATE AND THE A.B. PLAN UPDATE, AND THE SANTA MONICA
3 MOUNTAINS LOCAL PROGRAM. WHAT A LEGACY HE IS LEAVING, I THINK
4 WE WOULD ALL AGREE. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
5 ALL THAT. [APPLAUSE.] MARK, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR 24
6 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO L.A. COUNTY, AND I, FOR ONE, AM GOING
7 TO MISS YOU. YOU NOT ONLY GET THE JOB DONE, BUT YOU DO IT WITH
8 SUCH CLASS AND WITH SUCH IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S REALLY
9 GOING TO BE A VOID THAT'S GOING TO BE HELD IN THIS COUNTY. BUT
10 WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOT OF HEALTH AND
11 HAPPINESS IN YOUR NEXT CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **MARK CHILD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. WORKING FOR THE COUNTY HAS
14 BEEN A GREAT PLACE TO SPEND MY CAREER. I HAVE BEEN VERY
15 THANKFUL TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME MEANINGFUL, AS
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED, SOME VERY MEANINGFUL PROJECTS
17 THAT'S MADE MY CAREER MEAN SOMETHING TO ME, AND HOPEFULLY HAS
18 HAD EFFECT ON MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO-- I FEEL
19 THANKFUL FOR THAT. I'D LIKE TO GIVE SOME THANKS TO OUR
20 DEPARTMENT'S MANAGEMENT, AMY BODEK AND DENNIS SLAVIN, FOR
21 THEIR ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP AND STRONG STAFF COMMITMENT THAT
22 HAS MADE REGIONAL PLANNING A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, AND A GREAT
23 FUTURE FOR THE PLANNERS WHO ARE STILL IN THE DEPARTMENT. BUT
24 ALSO, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A REALLY SINCERE THANKS TO THE ADVANCED
25 PLANNING TEAM. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF LEADING THAT TEAM FOR

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1 THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THEY'RE ALL VERY DEDICATED AND COMMITTED
2 TO THE CAUSE. ALONG THE WAY, THEY HAVE HELPED ME TO GROW AS A
3 PERSON AND AS A TEAM LEADER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.
4 AT THIS POINT, I'D LIKE TO SAY A SINCERE THANKS TO THE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS AND TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ALL
6 OF THE GUIDANCE THAT THEY'VE GIVEN ME AND OUR TEAM IN THE
7 PAST, AND ALSO A FAREWELL TO ALL MY FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE
8 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SPEAKER:** LOOK AT THAT STANDING OVATION FOR MARK. HE SO
11 DESERVES IT. IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH MARK OVER
12 THE PAST YEAR, AND I HAVE SEEN HIM GROW IN HIS ROLE. AND I
13 TRULY FEEL THAT HE EPITOMIZES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PUBLIC
14 SERVANT. HE HAS A QUIET DEMEANOR, BUT ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT THE
15 END GOAL IS, AND IS SO GOOD AT BALANCING THE DIFFERENT NEEDS
16 OF THE STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE
17 PROJECT. AND THAT IS A RARE TREAT IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT. AND
18 SO TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING VARIOUS FACTIONS TOGETHER AND
19 ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH A SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE OR PROGRAM SPEAKS
20 VOLUMES TO THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON WHO'S LEADING THAT. I
21 CAN'T AGREE MORE WITH MARK THAT THE STAFF IN REGIONAL PLANNING
22 ARE ABSOLUTELY THE TOP-NOTCH STAFF, AND ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF
23 LEADING WITHOUT MARK THERE. IT MAY BE A LITTLE ROUGH FOR THEM
24 IN THE BEGINNING, BUT I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL RISE TO THE
25 OCCASION. I CAN'T THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENOUGH FOR

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1 YOUR SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND FOR MARK. AND I JUST
2 WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT THERE IS HOPE. YOU CAN RETIRE YOUNG
3 AND HEALTHY. [LAUGHTER.] AND MARK IS THE EPITOME OF THAT AS HE
4 BEGINS HIS NEXT VENTURE MOVING BACK TO HIS NATIVE ENGLAND. SO
5 THIS TRULY IS A GOODBYE FOR MARK FROM L.A. COUNTY AS A WHOLE.
6 SO HE WILL DEFINITELY BE MISSED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND LAST, BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, THIS IS
9 CHELSEA. AND IT SAYS THAT CHELSEA IS A BORDER MIX, BUT I THINK
10 SHE'S GOT A LITTLE BIT OF PINSCHER IN HER. SHE'S THREE MONTHS
11 OLD, FEMALE, NEUTERED, AND IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME, AT
12 OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. YOU CAN ADOPT CHELSEA BY CALLING 562-728-
13 4610. AND THERE ARE MANY MORE CHELSEAS LOOKING TO BE ADOPTED.
14 THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG ONE. YES, YOU ARE. AND SHE'S VERY
15 LOVEABLE AND VERY SWEET. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A CAT
16 TODAY, BUT THERE ARE MANY CATS ALSO IN OUR SHELTERS THAT ARE
17 LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. SO WITH THAT, THOSE ARE MY
18 PRESENTATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I BELIEVE. NO,
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE NEXT. YEAH, NO CATS TODAY. THEY KNEW
22 YOU WERE TOO WEAK TO RESIST A CAT, SO WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ANY
23 TODAY.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE
2 CELEBRATING HEART MONTH AND HANDS-ONLY C.P.R. AND WITH ME
3 TODAY ARE DR. FERRER, L.A. COUNTY CHIEF OSBY, DR. CHRISTINA
4 GHALY, NORMA VEGA, AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND DR. JOHN HAROLD,
5 THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, AND THE L.A. CITY FIRE
6 ASSISTANT CHIEF ELLSWORTH FORTMAN, WHO HAVE JOINED US HERE
7 TODAY IN THIS CELEBRATION. YOU KNOW, FEBRUARY'S A SPECIAL
8 TIME. IT'S GOING TO BE VALENTINE'S DAY IN A MATTER OF DAYS.
9 BUT WE'RE ALSO CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. BUT WHAT MANY
10 DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES IS THAT FEBRUARY IS ALSO THE
11 AMERICAN HEART MONTH. AND THE AMERICAN HEART MONTH IS A MONTH-
12 LONG UNITED STATES OBSERVANCE TO PROMOTE THE MESSAGE OF
13 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN HEART-HEALTHY ACTIVITIES TO
14 REDUCE THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE, AS WELL AS LEARN AND
15 PRACTICE THE LIFESAVING SKILLS OF C.P.R. HEART DISEASE IS THE
16 LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN PREMATURE DEATH IN LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY, AND CONTINUES TO BE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE
18 COUNTRY. APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER OUT-OF-
19 HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARRESTS DIE. BUT IF C.P.R.'S PERFORMED
20 IMMEDIATELY AND PROPERLY, WE CAN DOUBLE OR TRIPLE A VICTIM'S
21 CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. I'M PLEASED TO BE JOINED TODAY BY OUR
22 COUNTY FIRE, HEALTH SERVICES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
23 ALONG WITH THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE AMERICAN HEART
24 ASSOCIATION, AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. AND JUST A NOTE: I
25 WANT TO SAY THAT THIS MEANS SO MUCH TODAY FOR ME, BECAUSE JUST

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1 TWO WEEKS AGO, MY MOTHER-- WE FOUND THAT SHE HAD HEART
2 FAILURE. SO SHE'S DIAGNOSED WITH A HEART PROBLEM. AND WE KNOW
3 THAT EVERY SINGLE MINUTE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY AND OUR HEALTH
4 OFFICIALS CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE MEANS A WHOLE LOT TO SO MANY
5 FAMILIES. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
6 DIRECTOR, DR. BARBARA FERRER, AND OUR COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, DARYL
7 OSBY, TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF HEALTHY HEART AND HANDS-
8 ONLY C.P.R. INITIATIVE.

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10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
11 THANKS TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO HIGHLIGHT
12 BOTH HEART MONTH AND OUR LAUNCH TODAY OF OUR HEART CHAMPIONS.
13 WE WANT TO NOTE THAT EVERYBODY THAT'S IN THIS ROOM, THE
14 LIKELIHOOD THAT YOU EITHER WILL KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS HEART
15 DISEASE, OR YOU'LL BE AFFECTED BY HEART DISEASE YOURSELVES, IS
16 VERY HIGH. AND WE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ALL
17 THOSE WHO STAND WITH US TODAY, ENCOURAGE HEART-HEALTHY
18 ACTIVITIES FOR PREVENTION OF HEART DISEASE, THIS MONTH AND ALL
19 YEAR ROUND. BUT IN SPITE OF OUR BEST EFFORTS, WE KNOW THAT
20 MANY PEOPLE ARE AT RISK FOR A HEART-RELATED EMERGENCY AT ANY
21 TIME, SUCH AS A CARDIAC ARREST. ACCORDING TO DATA FROM L.A.
22 COUNTY E.M.S., THERE WERE ABOUT 7300 OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC
23 ARRESTS WHERE RESUSCITATION WAS ATTEMPTED IN L.A. COUNTY LAST
24 YEAR. AND OF THOSE, 16 PERCENT OF FOLKS WERE SUCCESSFULLY
25 RESUSCITATED. NOW, THESE NUMBERS ARE LOWER THAN WE WANT THEM

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1 TO BE. BUT THERE ARE PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT ARE
2 FIGHTING BACK. THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA FOR SEATTLE, KING
3 COUNTY, SHOWS THAT THEY'VE ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST SURVIVAL RATE
4 FOR CARDIAC ARREST, AT 62 PERCENT. WHEN THEY STARTED THEIR
5 CAMPAIGN, THEY WERE AT 27 PERCENT. KING COUNTY ATTRIBUTES
6 THEIR SUCCESS TO MANY DIFFERENT PARTS OF THEIR CAMPAIGN. BUT
7 ONE THING THAT WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THERE WAS THEY HAVE
8 VERY HIGH RATES OF PARTICIPATION IN C.P.R. TRAINING FOR LOCAL
9 RESIDENTS, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, OFTENTIMES IN AN EMERGENCY,
10 THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE ARE THE FIRST RESPONDERS, AND
11 THOSE ARE NOT NECESSARILY OUR WONDERFUL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
12 E.M.S. DEPARTMENT FOLKS. THOSE ARE USUALLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 RIGHT NEXT TO A PERSON WHO SUFFERS FROM A LIFE-THREATENING
14 EMERGENCY. THAT'S YOU AND ME. SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
15 OURSELVES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. I'M
16 HERE WITH OUR PARTNERS, DR. CHRISTINA GHALY FROM THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, CHIEF OSBY FROM L.A. COUNTY
18 FIRE DEPARTMENT, ASSISTANT CHIEF ELLSWORTH FORTMAN,
19 REPRESENTING CHIEF TERRAZAS FROM THE L.A. CITY FIRE
20 DEPARTMENT, NORMA VEGA, REPRESENTING JARRETT BARRIOS FROM
21 AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND DR. JOHN HAROLD FROM THE AMERICAN
22 HEART ASSOCIATION. AND TOGETHER WE'RE PROMOTING AND
23 ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO USE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO LEARN THE
24 LIFESAVING SKILL OF C.P.R. TOGETHER WE'RE ALSO LAUNCHING OUR
25 HEART HEROES CAMPAIGN TODAY, WHERE WE PLAN TO COLLECTIVELY

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1 TRAIN 100,000 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN HANDS-ONLY C.P.R., GIVING
2 AN OPPORTUNITY IF YOU'RE HERE TODAY TO GO UPSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY
3 FOLLOWING THIS PROCLAMATION, IN ROOM 860, WHERE WE WILL TRAIN
4 YOU ON HANDS-ONLY C.P.R. 15 MINUTES. 15 MINUTES AND YOU, TOO,
5 CAN SAVE A LIFE AND BE ONE OF OUR HEART HEROES. SO OUR
6 PARTNERS ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SCHEDULED EVENTS IN ALL OF OUR
7 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH, AND ON INTO THE REST OF THE
8 YEAR. WE HAVE A SITE ON OUR WEBSITE AT
9 PUBLICHEALTHLACOUNTY.GOV, WHERE YOU CAN ACTUALLY GET A LISTING
10 OF ALL OF THE EVENTS WHERE YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR
11 FRIENDS AND YOUR LOVED ONES CAN GET THIS LIFESAVING TRAINING.
12 SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS. I WANT TO THANK
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING OUR CHAMPION TODAY. I WANT TO
14 ENCOURAGE US ALL TO TAKE ALL THE STEPS WE NEED TO KEEP OUR
15 HEARTS HEALTHY, BUT, IMPORTANTLY, IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY,
16 GET YOURSELVES TRAINED IN A LIFESAVING MEASURE, HANDS-ONLY
17 C.P.R. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **CHIEF OSBY:** WELL, SHE TOOK ALL THE SPEAKING POINTS. WELL, GOOD
20 MORNING. MY NAME IS DARYL OSBY. I'M THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO
22 THANK OUR HONORABLE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CHAMPIONING THIS
23 CAUSE, AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING
24 THIS CAUSE. I'M PROUD, AS A MEMBER OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY,
25 ALONG WITH MY PARTNERS FROM L.A. CITY, AMERICAN HEART

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1 ASSOCIATION, THE RED CROSS, PUBLIC HEALTH, OUR HEALTH
2 DEPARTMENT, OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO COLLABORATE IN THIS INITIATIVE TO TRAIN
4 100,000 CITIZENS HOW TO DO HANDS-ONLY C.P.R. AS A FIRST
5 RESPONDER-- AND I'M STANDING HERE NEXT TO MY COUNTERPARTS FROM
6 LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT-- WE RESPOND IN OVER TWO-
7 THIRDS OF THE CALLS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MOST
8 PEOPLE THAT SUFFER FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST HAPPENS IN A
9 RESIDENTIAL OR OUTSIDE OF A MEDICAL FACILITY. SO WE'RE GOING
10 TO ASK THAT OUR CITIZENS PARTNER WITH US TO BECOME FIRST
11 RESPONDERS. OUR MOTTO IS "PROUD PROTECTORS OF LIFE AND
12 PROPERTY." WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO PARTNER WITH US TO HELP
13 US SAVE LIVES. STATISTICS INDICATE THAT IF CITIZEN C.P.R. IS
14 CONDUCTED PRIOR TO FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC ARRIVAL THAT YOU CAN
15 DOUBLE OR TRIPLE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SOMEONE SURVIVING. AFTER
16 YOU'RE TRAINED IN C.P.R. BY ONE OF THE RESPECTIVE
17 ORGANIZATIONS, WE ALSO HAVE AN APP CALLED PULSEPOINT, THAT YOU
18 WILL BE TIED INTO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
19 DISPATCH CENTER OR THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
20 DISPATCH CENTER. SO IF YOU'RE IN A PUBLIC SETTING AND YOU'RE
21 WITHIN A CERTAIN GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF A CITIZEN SUDDEN CARDIAC
22 ARREST, YOU WILL ALSO GET NOTIFIED TO BECOME A FIRST RESPONDER
23 TO HELP US IN PROTECTING AND SAVING LIVES. SO ONCE AGAIN,
24 THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CHAMPIONING THIS

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1 CAUSE, AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ENHANCING OUR ABILITY TO
2 SAVE LIVES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
5 COLLEAGUES. WE CONTINUE OUR SERIES IN HONOR OF AFRICAN-
6 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, AND TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE YET ANOTHER
7 HISTORY MAKER. SHE IS THE ONE AND ONLY STEPHANIE WIGGINS. GIVE
8 HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] IN OTHER
9 WORDS, WIGGINS IS IN THE HOUSE. AND SO, FOR WELL OVER A
10 DECADE, MANY OF US HAVE RELIED ON STEPHANIE AS A COMPETENT AND
11 VISIONARY STEWARD FOR L.A. METRO. SHE STARTED HER WORK AT
12 METRO ON AN ISSUE THAT MANY OF US KNOW ABOUT AND HAVE COME TO
13 APPRECIATE-- THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPRESS LANES PROGRAM--
14 AND WORKED HER WAY UP TO BECOME THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER. IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S THE NUMBER-2 PERSON WHO RUNS
16 THAT MASSIVE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, A TRAILBLAZER IN HER OWN
17 RIGHT. IT WAS JUST OVER A MONTH AGO THAT STEPHANIE MADE
18 HISTORY WHEN SHE WAS APPOINTED AS THE FIRST FEMALE AND THE
19 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF METROLINK.
20 I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S GOT A LOT GOING ON. [APPLAUSE.] IN THIS
21 ROLE, SHE IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR A COMMUTER RAILROAD THAT
22 COVERS OVER 2.8 MILLION TRAIN MILES AND TRANSPORTS, OVER 400
23 MILLION PASSENGERS PER YEAR. I WANT TO SAY THAT GREAT VISION
24 WITHOUT GREAT PEOPLE IS IRRELEVANT, IS INCONSEQUENTIAL, AND
25 THEREFORE WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE STEPHANIE, BECAUSE SHE'S UP

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1 TO THE TASK AND SHE EMBODIES BOTH. OVER HER 24-YEAR CAREER IN
2 TRANSPORTATION, SHE HAS MADE HER MARK, NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY
3 BUT IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY
4 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
5 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. AND I PRESUME THAT THERE ARE FEW
6 PEOPLE, IF ANY, THAT HAVE WORKED FOR THREE OF THE FIVE
7 TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES THAT COLLECTIVELY GOVERN METROLINK. SO
8 SHE'S READY. SHE HAS THE EXPERIENCE, THE BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE,
9 AND THE CAPACITY TO DO THIS JOB, AND DO IT WELL. I HAVE THE
10 UTMOST ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR THE INITIATIVES THAT I'VE
11 SEEN STEPHANIE LEAD. NOT ONLY DID SHE HELP INITIATE A NEW
12 CONVERSATION AROUND CONGESTION PRICING IN L.A. COUNTY, SHE
13 ELEVATED OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY
14 AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT METRO, THROUGH HER OVERSIGHT
15 OF THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. AND MORE RECENTLY,
16 SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING THE METRO BOARD AND THIS
17 BOARD-- AND ALL FIVE OF US ARE MEMBERS OF THE METRO BOARD-- TO
18 PLAN FOR MEASURE M, AND THEN PLAYED A NOTABLE ROLE IN HELPING
19 US TO SHAPE THE S.E.E.D. L.A. PUBLIC BOARDING SCHOOL THAT
20 FOCUSES ON CAREERS IN TRANSPORTATION. AND SO SHE IS AN
21 EXECUTIVE WITH INNOVATIVE CAPACITY, AND FOR THAT, SHE IS
22 CELEBRATED. AND SPEAKING OF EDUCATION, SHE ALSO LEADS BY
23 EXAMPLE, GRADUATING FROM WHITTIER COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S OF
24 ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND A MASTER'S OF
25 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

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1 CALIFORNIA. HER HARD WORK HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED, AS SHE WAS
2 THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 WOMEN WHO MOVE THE NATION AWARD, BY
3 THE CONFERENCE OF MINORITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS. AND HER
4 HISTORIC APPOINTMENT AT METROLINK AS A C.E.O. IS SURE TO
5 INSPIRE YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN ALIKE AROUND THE STATE TO
6 EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY, WHERE YOU CAN
7 MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AS IS BEING EVIDENCED BY THE LEADERSHIP AND
8 THE ROLE-MODELING OF STEPHANIE WIGGINS. AND SO IT'S ON BEHALF
9 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE OVER 10 MILLION
10 PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THIS COUNTY THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
11 TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR HISTORIC APPOINTMENT AND YOUR STELLAR
12 CAREER TO DATE IN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY. AND WE KNOW THE
13 BEST IS YET TO COME. STEPHANIE IS JUST GETTING STARTED. KEEP
14 YOUR EYE ON STEPHANIE WIGGINS. AND WHILE YOU DO THAT, GIVE HER
15 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND TELL HER THAT WE ADMIRE AND
16 RESPECT HER. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BEFORE STEPHANIE
19 SPEAKS, SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME
20 REMARKS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS YOU
23 WISH.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'LL DEFER FIRST TO SHEILA. SHE'S THE CHAIR OF THE
3 METRO BOARD.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU'RE VERY KIND, BUT WE HAVE BEEN, I THINK,
6 EQUALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS. ALL FIVE OF US SERVE ON THE
7 METRO BOARD. AND IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT WHEN YOU KNOW THAT
8 SOMEONE IS SO EXTRAORDINARY AND THEY'RE MAKING SUCH A
9 DIFFERENCE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION. AND STEPHANIE, I THINK YOU
10 KNOW, SINCE SO MANY OF US, SOMEWHAT SADLY BUT SOMEWHAT
11 EXCITEDLY, ENCOURAGED YOU TO GO FOR IT THAT WE HAVE SUCH DEEP
12 RESPECT FOR YOU. I DON'T THINK EVEN YOU KNOW WHAT A DIFFERENCE
13 YOU'VE MADE AT METRO. IT'S ALWAYS HARD TO TELL. COMING EVERY
14 DAY, WE DO OUR JOB, ET CETERA. BUT YOU BECAME THE, REALLY, THE
15 GO-TO CHANGE-MAKER. IF SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE AN IDEA. THEY WOULD
16 THINK, "I KNOW PHIL WILL LIKE THIS, BUT I BETTER TALK TO
17 STEPHANIE FIRST." YOU WERE A SILO-BREAKER. YOU SAID, "I SEE A
18 WAY FOR THESE TWO THINGS TO COME TOGETHER." IT MADE A HUGE
19 DIFFERENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION. SO I PRAISE THE METROLINK
20 BOARD FOR UNDERSTANDING WHAT A FIND YOU WERE FOR THEM, AND
21 WHAT A GREAT FIT YOU ARE FOR THIS. SO I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED.
22 YOU'RE NOT GOING VERY FAR. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE TRANSIT
23 DISTRICTS ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT WERE THINKING, "OH, WHAT
24 WE REALLY NEED IS A STEPHANIE WIGGINS," BUT WE KEPT YOU HERE
25 IN L.A. AND I THINK METRO AND METROLINK WILL BE EVEN MORE

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1 CLOSELY ALIGNED AND MORE CLOSELY ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER. BUT I
2 CONGRATULATE YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT PHASE IN WHAT
3 HAS ALREADY BEEN A STELLAR CAREER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M JUST SO
9 THRILLED AND EXCITED, STEPHANIE, THAT YOU TOOK THE LEAP. BUT I
10 RECALL THOSE FIVE YEARS AGO, FOUR YEARS AGO NOW, WHEN I MET
11 YOU AT METRO. AND YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE FACES THAT WAS JUST
12 SHINING BRIGHT, COMFORTING, ACKNOWLEDGING, AND SENSITIVE. AND
13 YOU BRING THOSE QUALITIES TO THIS NEW JOB WITH METROLINK. AND
14 I'M JUST SO HAPPY THAT YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WAS CHOSEN.
15 WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT WAS UNANIMOUS. AND I KNOW THERE'S NO GOING
16 BACK. SO WE WANT TO KEEP YOU THERE. YOU'RE GOING TO HELP
17 ENLIGHTEN THAT BOARD, THAT STRUCTURE, AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE OTHER COUNTIES THAT YOU WILL NOW
19 BE WORKING WITH AT METROLINK. SO CONTINUE TO DO THE GOOD WORK.
20 I'M SO HAPPY AND DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE A FEMALE, A WOMAN OF
21 COLOR, THAT IS LEADING THE WAY. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ECHO WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE
2 SAID. AND I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE THAT WHILE YOU'RE LEAVING
3 METRO, I GET TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU AT METROLINK. AND IN
4 THE SHORT TIME YOU'VE BEEN THERE, I'VE ALREADY SEEN A
5 DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF YOUR VISION AND HOW YOU'RE LAYING IT
6 OUT. BUT I THINK WHAT REALLY SPOKE TO ME IS WHEN WE WERE
7 MAKING THE DECISION, IT'S ALWAYS PERCEIVED THAT METRO IS THE
8 AGENCY THAT ALWAYS TRIES TO TAKE OVER. BUT WITH ALL THE
9 COUNTIES, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT YOU HAD EXPERIENCE FROM SAN
10 BERNARDINO COUNTY AND, I BELIEVE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. AND YOU
11 UNDERSTOOD THE COMPLEXITIES OF EACH COUNTY, AND THE CHALLENGES
12 OF EACH COUNTY. AND THEY KNEW THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BE FAIR
13 IN LOOKING AT THE J.P.A. MOVING FORWARD, AND REALLY LOOK AT
14 WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF METROLINK. AND, STEPHANIE,
15 THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THIS METROLINK BOARD IS
16 FOCUSED ON LIABILITY, QUALITY SERVICE, INCREASING RIDERSHIP,
17 AND YOU ARE THAT PERSON THAT'S GOING TO SHEPHERD US INTO THAT
18 ARENA AND MAKE US REALLY STATE-OF-THE-ART, I THINK, IN THE
19 NATION. SO I'M EXCITED. I'M SORRY YOU LEFT METRO, BUT I'M
20 EXCITED THAT YOU'RE ON METROLINK AND THAT I CONTINUE TO GET TO
21 WORK WITH YOU. YOU REALLY ARE SOMEONE WHO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE,
22 ESPECIALLY YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR, LOOK UP TO, AND RECOGNIZE
23 THAT THERE'S NO END TO WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU WORK HARD AND
24 YOU PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE AND TAKE CHANCES. AND THAT'S

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1 EXACTLY WHAT'S GOT YOU TO THIS PLACE TODAY. SO
2 CONGRATULATIONS, AND I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND LET ME ADD MY BIT OF
5 CONGRATULATIONS, AS WELL, TO YOU, STEPHANIE. HAVING WATCHED
6 YOU FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AS ONE OF THE NEWER MEMBERS ON
7 THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I'VE BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH YOUR
8 PASSION, YOUR DEDICATION, AND YOUR PERSPECTIVE. I THINK, YOU
9 KNOW, A LOT OF TIMES I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE WOMEN TALK ABOUT A
10 LOT, IS THAT WHEN WE GET TO "THE TABLE," WHATEVER TABLE THAT
11 IS, WE BRING WITH US A DIFFERENT SET OF LIFE EXPERIENCES AND A
12 DIFFERENT SET OF PERSPECTIVES ON HOW WE LOOK AT THINGS. AND
13 I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRERD YOU FOR MAKING SURE THAT THAT STORY GETS
14 TOLD, PARTICULARLY WITH WOMEN WHO MAY HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT
15 GOING INTO A CAREER IN TRANSPORTATION. AND I WANTED TO THANK
16 YOU FOR THE MANY WORKSHOPS YOU DID FOR WOMEN BUILD,
17 ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING
18 GOOD CAREERS IN TRANSPORTATION. AND I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE
19 YOUR MAYBE UNWANTED POSITION AS A ROLE MODEL, BUT YOU ARE. AND
20 SO FAR, I THINK YOU'VE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB AT THAT, AND WE
21 WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. CONGRATULATIONS, STEPHANIE. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** STEPHANIE WIGGINS.

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1 **STEPHANIE WIGGINS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS. I'M REALLY HONORED BY THIS RECOGNITION. TO THE CHAIR
3 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, YOU ARE MY SHEROES. I ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION
5 TODAY ON BEHALF OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. REALLY, I ACCEPT IT ON
6 BEHALF OF MY PARENTS. WHILE THEY ARE NO LONGER WITH ME, THEY
7 RAISED ME TO VALUE HARD WORK, SERVICE, AND KNOW THAT MY VOICE
8 MATTERS. AND SO I THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT TODAY.
9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BRING HER UP HERE FOR THE PHOTO.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME IF YOU
14 START CLAPPING NOW, BECAUSE THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF
15 YOUNG PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S SHOW THEM THIS IS... YEAH.
16 YEAH. THEY'RE STYLIN' AND PROFILIN'. THEY HAVE THEIR SCROLLS
17 READY. SO THIS MORNING, I'M DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL THE
18 GRADUATES OF THE LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
19 PROGRAM, BETTER KNOWN AS L.A.M.T., AND ITS PROGRAM PARTNERS.
20 TODAY WE RECOGNIZE-- ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?-- THE FIRST ALL-
21 FEMALE AND THE FINAL COHORT OF THE L.A.M.T. PILOT PROGRAM. YOU
22 SHOULD GIVE THEM A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I SAID, THE
23 FIRST. [APPLAUSE.] YEAH, YEAH. YEAH. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE
24 REPRESENTING. THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOREVER BY THE
25 EXPERIENCE IN THIS PROGRAM, AND THEY HAVE TESTIMONIALS TO THAT

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1 EFFECT. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, LIFE
2 COACHING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE,
3 MENTORING, AND INTEGRATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. IT IS AN
4 INTENSIVE FIVE-MONTH EARN-AND-LEARN MODEL DESIGNED TO
5 INTRODUCE YOUNG ADULTS TO SUSTAINABLE CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE
6 PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH SECTORS. AND AFTER SUCCESSFULLY
7 COMPLETING THE PROGRAM, GRADUATES ARE GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT.
8 IS THAT ALL RIGHT? [APPLAUSE.] IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE HOOKED
9 UP WHEN THEY LEAVE HERE, AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. BUT MORE
10 THAN A START IN A SUSTAINABLE CAREER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
11 WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS
12 IMPORTANTLY ABOUT SELF-DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND
13 TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL THOSE THAT GRADUATE THROUGH ITS RANKS.
14 ITS SUCCESS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF
15 VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: PHILANTHROPY, PRIVATE
16 CORPORATIONS, FAITH IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, MANY OF
17 WHICH ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. AND ON THE DAIS, WE HAVE THE
18 DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS. WE BEGIN WITH
19 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE CHIEF IS HERE. SHOUTOUT TO CHIEF
20 OSBY. GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AND THE WHOLE TEAM OF
21 THOSE WHO ARE WORKING THE PROGRAM. I TAKE NOTE OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS IN PLAY, AS WELL, BECAUSE OF
23 THE WORK THAT THEY DO. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
24 [APPLAUSE.] AND BOTH DEPARTMENTS ARE DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE DAY-
25 TO-DAY ACTIVITIES, AND, SIMPLY PUT, INTEGRAL TO THE SUCCESS OF

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1 THIS MODEL. IN ADDITION, WE ARE JOINED BY OTHER PROGRAM
2 PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE WORKERS EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER,
3 WHICH OPERATES THE PROGRAM WE CALL AT WORK. GIVE THEM A BIG
4 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. DIANE IS IN THE HOUSE. THE CENTRAL BAPTIST
5 CHURCH, WHICH HOSTED THE TRAINING AND THE FACILITIES THERE,
6 GIVE THE PASTOR AND FIRST LADY OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH A BIG
7 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 STENTORIANS, THEY STEPPED UP AND MADE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
9 FOR THEM. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. THE
10 STENTORIANS ARE IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND, FINALLY,
11 MCCORMICK AMBULANCE. GIVE MCCORMICK A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
12 THEY'RE PROVIDING JOBS AND DOING THE GOOD THING. [APPLAUSE.]
13 NOW, THESE PARTNERS REMAINED COMMITTED BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE
14 THAT THIS PROGRAM CHANGES LIVES. AND FOR THIS, FOR THOSE IN
15 THE AUDIENCE, YOU OUGHT TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. FOR
16 THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM
17 OTHERWISE, IF YOU'RE HERE, WHY DON'T YOU STAND SO WE CAN GIVE
18 YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND SALUTE YOU, AS WELL, THOSE IN THE
19 AUDIENCE. [APPLAUSE.] BECAUSE OF ITS SUCCESS, THIS MODEL WAS
20 IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNTY'S PREPARING LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
21 COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, OUR P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM, AND AS A PIPELINE
22 FOR TRAINING POTENTIAL FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS. AND I SIMPLY WANT
23 TO SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS PROGRAM SCALED UP FROM A
24 PILOT TO A FULL-FLEDGED PROGRAM. THE C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, HAS
25 LEANED IN AND GIVEN THIS SPECIAL ATTENTION. THIS IS THE THIRD

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1 COHORT. BUT ONE AND TWO WERE ALL-MALE, AND SOME CAME FORWARD
2 AND SAID, "WE'RE NOT HAVING THAT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."
3 THEREFORE, YOU SEE THESE YOUNG WOMEN STEPPING FORWARD AND
4 DOING WHAT THEY DO. AND SO WE WISH TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO
5 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. THE THIRD COHORT OF THE L.A.E.M.T.
6 PILOT PROGRAM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SHOW THEM YOUR LOVE AND
7 RESPECT. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S NOW HEAR FROM CHIEF OSBY, AND THEN
8 WE'LL HEAR FROM ONE OF THE PROGRAM GRADUATES, AYANA ROSS
9 TORRANCE. ALL RIGHT, CHIEF, THANK YOU.

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11 **CHIEF OSBY:** GOOD MORNING. DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
13 HONORABLE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE REST OF THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT OF L.A.E.M.T. BUT
15 PARTICULARLY, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST THANK THE HONORABLE
16 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS GOES BACK TO EIGHT YEARS
17 AGO, WHEN I GOT APPOINTED TO FIRE CHIEF, ABOUT DOING THINGS IN
18 THE COMMUNITY THAT MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. AND, YOU
19 KNOW, WE'VE MAINTAINED THIS COMMITMENT FOR THE ENTIRE EIGHT
20 YEARS, AND THIS IS THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR. I'M KIND OF
21 EMOTIONAL, IN A SENSE, AS I LOOK AT THESE YOUNG LADIES,
22 BECAUSE I SAW THEM FIVE MONTHS AGO TO WHERE THEY ARE TODAY,
23 AND THE GROWTH IS JUST AMAZING. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
24 ALREADY MENTIONED ALL THE PARTNERS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
25 COLLABORATIVE, AND IT WAS A COLLABORATIVE, AND I JUST WANT TO

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1 THANK THEM. I JUST CAN'T THANK THEM ENOUGH FOR WHAT THEY'VE
2 DONE FOR MY STAFF, TO THE PASTOR, TO THE COUNTY FAMILY,
3 BECAUSE YOU HAVE DEFINITELY EXCEEDED THE EXPECTATION. I KNOW
4 THAT SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ALSO BRIEFLY MENTIONED OUR
5 C.E.O., BECAUSE SHE ALSO GAVE US ADDITIONAL FUNDS. SO YOU
6 CAN'T DO THINGS WITHOUT MONEY. SO I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE
7 THAT. BUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT, AS I SAY THIS IN CONCLUSION,
8 IS THAT ONCE AGAIN, AS I SAID IN MY EARLIER COMMENTS, THE
9 MOTTO OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS "PROUD
10 PROTECTORS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY." AND AS IT RELATES TO THIS
11 PERSPECTIVE, WE FOUND SOME WOMEN THAT HAD A NEED TO BE
12 MENTORED AND TO BE DEVELOPED, ENABLING THEM TO HAVE CAREERS AS
13 AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS OR FIRST RESPONDERS OR ANY OTHER CAREER
14 THAT THEY CHOOSE. AND I THINK THAT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE WE'VE
15 DEFINITELY MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THEIR LIVES. BUT I
16 WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, BECAUSE WHAT YOU DID
17 WAS NOT EASY. IT WAS FIVE MONTHS OF HARD WORK. AND YOU KNOW
18 WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. YOU HAVE YOUR INSTRUCTOR BACK HERE,
19 KENNY LEE, RIGHT? SO IT WASN'T EASY. BUT LIFE ISN'T EASY. SO
20 WHAT WE DID WAS WE GAVE YOU THE TOOLS AND THE THINGS THAT ARE
21 NECESSARY FOR YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO IT'S YOUR
22 RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND TAKE IT FROM HERE. BUT
23 I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM, YOUNG LADIES.
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS AYANA ROSS
2 TORRANCE, AND FIRST I WANT TO THANK THE MOST HIGH GOD FOR
3 WAKING ME UP AND GETTING ME HERE TODAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK
4 MY GRANDPARENTS THAT ARE SITTING OVER THERE. THEY'VE BEEN AT
5 EVERY SINGLE PRESENTATION OF MY LIFE, EVER. THANK YOU TO ALL
6 OF YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT TODAY TO BE HERE. SPECIAL
7 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE CALIFORNIA
8 ENDOWMENT, WORKERS EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER, DIANE
9 FACTOR, BRENDAN MISTER, KEN WOODS, L.A.'S COUNTY STENTORIANS,
10 AND OUR INSTRUCTOR KENNETH LEE. I REMEMBER WHEN WE ALL STARTED
11 THIS COURSE. THE CLASS WAS FULL AND WE WERE ALL UNSURE OF WHAT
12 TO EXPECT. WE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE IN FRONT OF US THAT WE HAD
13 NEVER SEEN, BESIDES THOUGH THAT MAYBE WE MET DURING OUR
14 TESTING OR OUR ACCEPTANCE INTERVIEWS. NOW WE HAVE REACHED THE
15 LAST FEW INCHES OF OUR MILE. TIME CAN HOLD SO MUCH CHANGE AND
16 PROMISE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE AREN'T READY. THAT BEING SAID, I
17 AM THANKFUL TO HAVE HAD THESE WOMEN OF COHORT 3 TO BRAVE IT
18 ALL WITH ME. THROUGH THIS CLASS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO
19 MEET SOME OF THE MOST FORCEFULLY DRIVEN AND WELL-ROUNDED WOMEN
20 I HAVE EVER MET. THEY HAVE MADE SACRIFICES TO TIME, ENERGY,
21 RELATIONSHIPS, TO KEEP ON A PATH TOWARD THEIR GOALS. WE WERE
22 INTERVIEWED AND CHOSEN TO TAKE ON THIS CLASS TO HAVE THE
23 DESIRE AND MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR LIVES TOWARD THE
24 CAREERS THAT WE WANT. FOR ME, PERSONALLY, THIS CLASS WAS
25 DEFINITELY A SECOND CHANCE. A COUPLE YEARS AGO, I TOOK AN

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1 L.A.E.M.T. COURSE. I PASSED THE PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS, I FINISHED
2 THE CLASS, AND FOR SOME REASON I COULDN'T GET PAST THE
3 NATIONAL REGISTRY. AT THAT TIME, I FELT LIKE I FAILED MYSELF
4 AND THAT MAYBE I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE AN E.M.T. BUT NOW I
5 REALIZED AN EXPEDITED SIX-WEEK COURSE IS NOT FOR ME, AND THAT
6 IT JUST WASN'T THE RIGHT TIME. WITH THAT SAID, L.A.E.M.T. CAME
7 AT THE RIGHT PLACE, THE RIGHT TIME, AND THE RIGHT PEOPLE
8 SURROUNDING ME, AND FOR THAT I AM TRULY GRATEFUL. THANK YOU TO
9 PROGRAMS LIKE THIS, AND WE CAN TAKE FOR SOME OF US OUR FIRST
10 STEPS INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD, AND I'M GLAD TO HAVE THESE
11 LADIES CONTINUE ON THIS JOURNEY WITH ME. THANK YOU.

12 [APPLAUSE.] [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M PLEASED TO NOW
15 RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FOR BEING NAMED WINNER OF THE
16 MODEL COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM OUR SOUTH COAST AIR
17 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
18 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND HERE, REPRESENTING PARAMOUNT, WE
19 HAVE MAYOR DIANE MARTINEZ AND VICE MAYOR TOM HANSON. THIS
20 AWARD IS GIVEN TO PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WHO
21 HAVE DELIVERED ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECTS OR HELPED TO
22 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. WHEN PARAMOUNT WAS
23 EXPERIENCING ELEVATED LEVELS OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, THE CITY
24 TOOK ACTION AND HOSTED TOWN HALLS, COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS,
25 AND CREATED A WEBSITE TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY INFORMED ABOUT

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1 THESE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. AND THEY FORMED THE CITY COUNCIL
2 AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP NEW MANUFACTURING ZONE
3 REGULATIONS. THEIR EFFORTS ALSO INCLUDED TEAMING UP WITH
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A.Q.M.D. AND OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING OUR
5 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS WAS ACTUALLY ONE
6 OF THE FIRST BIG ISSUES THAT I BECAME INVOLVED WITH WHEN I
7 BECAME NEW AS A COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AND OF COURSE REPRESENTING
8 THE GREAT CITY OF PARAMOUNT. IN 2017, THE CITY COUNCIL
9 IMPLEMENTED A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL METAL-RELATED
10 BUSINESSES, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKED TO OVERHAUL THE CITY'S
11 INDUSTRIAL ZONING REGULATIONS, AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES THAT
12 ELIMINATED MANY OUTDATED PRACTICES THAT PRODUCE ODORS, NOISE,
13 AND POLLUTION. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE FINALIZED PLAN
14 AND THE ZONING CHANGES, MAKING PARAMOUNT A HEALTHIER PLACE TO
15 LIVE IN THE FUTURE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE MY FRIEND MAYOR
16 DIANE MARTINEZ, VICE MAYOR TOM HANSON, THE WHOLE CITY OF
17 PARAMOUNT FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN HELPING IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
18 LIFE FOR YOUR RESIDENTS. YOUR AWARD IS WELL DESERVED. I WANT
19 TO NOW INVITE THE MAYOR TO SAY A FEW REMARKS BEFORE I GIVE YOU
20 THIS GORGEOUS SCROLL.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** VICE MAYOR HANSON AND I ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT THIS
23 AWARD FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD. THE PAST 2-1/2 YEARS
24 HAVE BEEN A TIME OF EDUCATION FOR US, REGARDING AIR QUALITY
25 ISSUES. WE WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH NUMEROUS AGENCIES, INCLUDING

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1 THE COUNTY AND SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D., TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF
2 OUR COMMUNITY, WHILE MAINTAINING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. SO ON
3 BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, WE ARE HONORED TO RECEIVE
4 THIS RECOGNITION FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD. THANK
5 YOU.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VICE MAYOR, DID YOU WANT TO SAY
8 SOMETHING?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** NO, SHE SAID IT ALL.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE SAID IT ALL. OKAY. HERE WE GO. OKAY,
13 THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
17 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
19 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
20 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
22 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
23 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
24 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
25 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE

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1 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
2 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
3 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
4 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
5 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
6 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
7 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
8 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
9 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
10 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
11 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
12 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
13 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
14 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
15 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
16 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
17 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
18 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
19 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 COOPERATION.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CERTAINLY HAVE A BIG AGENDA TODAY,
23 BIG ITEMS, BIG DECISIONS BEFORE US. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF
24 PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR WAY DOWN TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING. I THINK WE HAVE OVER A HUNDRED

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1 SPEAKING ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS. SO THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING
2 TO DO. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH THE BIGGEST ITEM, ITEM 25 AND
3 24. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THOSE UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 4
4 AND 11, WHICH ALSO WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. AND THIS PRETTY
5 MUCH MAKES UP OUR ITEMS RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CRIMINAL
6 JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO FIRST, COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE FOR OUR
7 C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, TO MAKE SOME BRIEF REMARKS THAT EXPLAIN
8 HOW WE GOT TO THIS POINT TODAY, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM
9 25. MS. HAMAI?

10

11 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SO
12 I JUST KIND OF WANT TO GO THROUGH THE HISTORY, AND THEN WHERE
13 WE ARE TODAY. SO, BETWEEN 2013 AND 2018, THE BOARD APPROVED
14 VARIOUS ACTIONS TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF THE
15 PROPOSED WOMEN'S FACILITY IN MIRA LOMA AND THE PROPOSED
16 CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY, OTHERWISE KNOWN
17 AS THE C.C.T.F., TO BE BUILT ON THE EXISTING SITE OF MEN'S
18 CENTRAL JAIL. THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT WAS INTENDED AS A SOLUTION
19 TO THE INEFFICIENT PROGRAMMATIC NONGENDER RESPONSIVE
20 ENVIRONMENT THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS AT THE CENTURY REGIONAL
21 DETENTION FACILITY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS C.R.D.F. C.R.D.F. WAS
22 ORIGINALLY BUILT AS A MEDIUM- TO HIGH-SECURITY MALE FACILITY,
23 WHICH IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO REHABILITATION, PROGRAMMING, OR
24 WELLNESS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN. IF THE BOARD ELECTS TO NOT
25 MOVE FORWARD WITH MIRA LOMA, A NEW GENDER RESPONSIVE FACILITY

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1 WILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED ELSEWHERE, OR C.R.D.F. WILL NEED TO
2 BE IMPROVED, RENOVATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE ELEMENTS OF A
3 GENDER-RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENT. TO DETERMINE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS
4 ARE REQUIRED AT C.R.D.F., AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PHYSICAL
5 FACILITY WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS AGING INFRASTRUCTURE.
6 ALSO IN CONJUNCTION WITH GENDER-RESPONSIVE CONSULTANTS,
7 C.R.D.F. SHOULD BE EVALUATED TO DEFINE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS.
8 THESE COULD INCLUDE RENOVATIONS AND/OR THE ADDITION OF A
9 PROGRAMMING ANNEX, WHICH WOULD INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE
10 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND VISITATIONS IN AN ENVIRONMENT
11 CONDUCIVE TO THE WELLBEING OF FEMALE INMATES. THE CURRENT
12 STRUCTURE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A TRULY GENDER-RESPONSIVE
13 ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT MOVE FORWARD
14 WITH THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT, WE WILL NEED TO WORK WITH THE
15 BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO REQUEST THAT THE
16 \$100 MILLION IN A.B. 900 FUNDS, WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO THE
17 MIRA LOMA SITE, BE UTILIZED FOR ANOTHER PROJECT SITE. AS FOR
18 THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY,
19 THIS PROJECT WAS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
20 IT WAS INTENDED TO BE A FACILITY TO TREAT A RANGE OF MEDICAL
21 AND MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS.
22 THE MAJORITY OF BEDS AT C.C.T.F., APPROXIMATELY 95 PERCENT
23 WERE DESIGNATED FOR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THESE
24 BEDS, WITH THE EXTENSIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, WERE
25 INTENDED TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM, WHILE HELPING INDIVIDUALS

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1 SUCCESSFULLY RE-ENTER THEIR COMMUNITIES. IF THE BOARD ELECTS
2 TO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE C.C.T.F. PROJECT, THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH
4 MAY MAKE THE COUNTY VULNERABLE TO THE RISK OF ADDITIONAL
5 LITIGATION OVER MEDICAL TREATMENT OF INMATES IN THE OUTDATED
6 FACILITY, AS WELL AS WORKER COMPENSATION CLAIMS FROM EMPLOYEES
7 WORKING IN THE CURRENT FACILITY. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT
8 ALONE. THE MAJORITY OF COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES ARE MORE THAN 40
9 YEARS OLD. THEY ARE INEFFICIENT AND OUTDATED, WITH CONDITIONS
10 INSIDE RANGING FROM POOR TO GOOD, DEPENDING ON THE FACILITY.
11 ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2019, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WROTE A LETTER
12 DIRECTING OUR C.E.O. PROJECT TEAM TO RESPOND TO A SERIES OF
13 QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE PROJECTS, THEIR HISTORY, AND POTENTIAL
14 IMPACT ON DIVERSION AND OTHER INITIATIVES. MANY OF OUR
15 RESPONSES ARE SUMMARIZED IN MY STATEMENTS TO YOU HERE TODAY.
16 TODAY, WITH THE MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS BEFORE YOUR BOARD, AND
17 SHOULD YOUR BOARD APPROVE THESE MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS, OUR
18 TEAM IS READY TO PUSH FORWARD WITH THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF CARE
19 FIRST VERSUS JAIL FIRST, AND LOOK AT THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF A
20 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER. THE OVERALL CONCEPT FOR A NEW
21 TREATMENT CENTER IS TO ADDRESS THE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
22 NEEDS OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF
23 BEDS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
24 TREATMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FACILITY IS ENVISIONED AS PART
25 OF THE LARGER CONTINUUM OF CARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: A

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1 SERIES OF MEASURES TO REDUCE THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION AND
2 PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THESE INCLUDE THE
3 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, THE
4 EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS
5 RESTORATIVE CARE FACILITIES, PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS,
6 AND SOBERING CENTERS. ALL OF THESE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR
7 SERVICES, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO KEEP INDIVIDUALS FROM ENTERING
8 THE JAIL SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WE'RE TAKING UP ITEM 25. IT
11 WAS HELD BY ME. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE SOME OPENING COMMENTS,
12 AND THEN I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SOME
13 COMMENTS. THE ONLY THING I WOULD ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE YOUR
14 COMMENTS, BUT IF WE COULD WAIT TILL AFTER THE PRESENTATION BY
15 OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS BEFORE YOU ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, THAT I
16 WOULD APPRECIATE. AND I'LL PUT YOU RIGHT BACK ON THE FIRST OF
17 THE QUEUE TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, BUT I WOULD REALLY LIKE THEM
18 TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, AND THEN IT WILL SET THE STAGE BETTER
19 FOR US TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS. SO THAT'S THE ONLY THING I WOULD
20 ASK. AND I'M ALSO GOING TO REVISE MY AMENDMENT THAT WAS POSTED
21 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
22 HEALTH IN OUR DIRECTIVES 2 AND 3. SO, COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE
23 BEFORE US A NUMBER OF MOTIONS TODAY THAT WILL CHART FORWARD,
24 CHART THE PATH FORWARD, HOW WE RESHAPE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
25 SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL OF THESE MOTIONS, I BELIEVE,

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1 REFLECT THE PROGRESSIVE, FORWARD-THINKING NATURE OF THIS
2 BOARD, AND NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED ON THIS SCALE IN
3 ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO DIMINISH
4 THE DECADE-LONG EFFORTS OF COUNTY STAFF AND OTHERS THAT HAVE
5 ENDEAVORED TO GET US TO THIS POINT, BUT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED
6 IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF OUR LONG-TERM GOALS. IN PARTICULAR,
7 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DEBATE ABOUT THIS ITEM AND PLANS TO
8 REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS A DECREPIT
9 OUTDATED FACILITY, INCONSISTENT WITH HUMAN VALUES AND BASIC
10 DECENCY. IT PUTS BOTH OUR INMATES AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES
11 AT RISK. IT'S TIME FOR IT TO BE TORN DOWN. THERE'S BEEN MUCH
12 DEBATE ABOUT WHAT TO REPLACE IT WITH, BUT THE LONG-PROPOSED
13 CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY-- WE'VE BEEN
14 CALLING IT C.C.T.F.-- IS NOT THE ANSWER. STUDY AFTER STUDY
15 HAVE SHOWN THAT PUNITIVE ENVIRONMENTS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO
16 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WILL NEVER RECEIVE
17 ENOUGH TRAINING TO BECOME MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, NOR
18 SHOULD THEY. AND JAILERS ARMED WITH TASERS AND PEPPER SPRAY
19 ARE INHERENTLY DETRIMENTAL TO CREATING THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT
20 NECESSARY FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE. C.C.T.F., AS PLANNED, IS A
21 JAIL. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. "CORRECTIONAL" IS IN THE TITLE. AND
22 ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE IT WAS WELL INTENDED, IT IS NOT A CONCEPT
23 THAT I CAN SUPPORT. THE TRUTH IS, WE DO NOT NEED A NEW JAIL.
24 THIS BOARD HAS A SHARED VISION OF A FUTURE IN WHICH WE
25 DRASTICALLY REDUCE OUR JAIL POPULATION BY DIVERTING MENTALLY

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1 ILL INDIVIDUALS AWAY FROM JAIL AND INTO TREATMENT. THE OFFICE
2 OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HAS MORE WORK TO DO ON THIS FRONT,
3 BUT THEIR WORK HAS BEEN LIMITED BY OUR COUNTY'S SEVERE LACK OF
4 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITIES WHERE THEY CAN PLACE
5 PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I ARE TODAY
6 PROPOSING SCRAPPING THE PLANS FOR C.C.T.F., AND INSTEAD
7 REPLACING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH A MENTAL HEALTH
8 TREATMENT CENTER. THIS WOULD NOT BE A JAIL OPERATED BY THE
9 SHERIFF, BUT WOULD BE A TREATMENT-CENTRIC FACILITY FOCUSED ON
10 HEALING, OPERATED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
11 STAFFED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH UNDER THE
12 SUPERVISION OF DR. SHERIN. PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE FACILITY
13 MAY BE UNDER VARIED DEGREES OF SECURITY AND SUPERVISION,
14 DEPENDING ON THE DANGER THEY POSE TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.
15 THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE FACILITY WILL BE DIVERTING PATIENTS
16 TO COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THIS IS AN
17 ABRUPT DEPARTURE FROM THE C.C.T.F. PLANS THAT HAVE LONG BEEN
18 IN THE WORKS, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO
19 MOVE FORWARD. THE GOOD NEWS IS WE DON'T HAVE TO START FROM
20 SQUARE ONE. RATHER, DURING A 12-MONTH VALIDATION PERIOD, OUR
21 DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, CAN WORK WITH
22 THE EXISTING DESIGN BUILD TEAM TO DEVELOP A DESIGN FOR THE
23 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR
24 POPULATION. THIS FACILITY IS NOT THE END-ALL-BE-ALL OF OUR
25 COUNTY'S DIVERSION NEEDS. I WANT TO STATE MY ENTHUSIASTIC

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1 SUPPORT FOR THE MOTIONS PUT FORWARD TODAY BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS
2 AND KUEHL TO STUDY THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION AND
3 TREATMENT CAPACITY, AND TO REIMAGINE ALTERNATIVES TO
4 INCARCERATION. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO
5 INCARCERATED WOMEN, AND HOW WE CAN TAILOR CARE TO THEIR NEEDS.
6 THESE EFFORTS ARE VITAL, AND THEY NEED TO BE TREATED WITH
7 GREATER WEIGHT AND INVESTMENT, AND I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES'
8 ATTENTION TO THESE ISSUES. AND TO MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS, YOUR DISTRICT IS HOME TO SOME INCREDIBLE COUNTY
10 FACILITIES: THE MUSIC CENTER, ONE OF OUR NATION'S LARGEST
11 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER; THE LOS ANGELES CATHEDRAL, THE MOTHER
12 CHURCH FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. BUT YOU ARE ALSO
13 HOME TO SOME 7,000 OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY INMATES. AND THAT
14 IS A BURDEN I DO NOT BEAR IN MY DISTRICT, AND I RESPECT YOUR
15 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PLAN. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THE
16 RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO MOVE FORWARD. OUR AMENDMENT TO ITEM 25
17 WILL AWARD A DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT TO MCCARTHY, END PLANS TO
18 BUILD THE CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY, AND
19 INSTEAD INSTRUCT MCCARTHY TO BUILD THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
20 CENTER; INSTRUCT THE DIRECTORS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH
21 SERVICES TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 180 DAYS AND PERIODICALLY
22 THEREAFTER ON HOW TO STAFF AND OPERATE THIS MENTAL HEALTH
23 TREATMENT CENTER; INSTRUCT THE DIRECTORS OF MENTAL HEALTH,
24 HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH OUR
25 C.E.O. AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SHERIFF, TO WORK WITH THE

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1 DESIGN BUILD TEAM TO DEVELOP A DESIGN FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH
2 TREATMENT CENTER THAT IS INFORMED BY LEADING RESEARCH. THE
3 DESIGN MUST SUPPORT A TREATMENT-FIRST APPROACH WITH
4 APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL
5 OF DIVERSION TO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
6 WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE DESIGN PROCESS SHOULD ALSO BE DONE IN
7 COORDINATION WITH OTHER EFFORTS IN L.A. COUNTY TO UNDERSTAND
8 THE NEEDS OF THOSE INCARCERATED, AND EXPAND DIVERSION AND
9 ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WITH CLINICAL
10 NEEDS. THERE ARE PEOPLE, AND I KNOW I'M GOING TO HEAR IT THIS
11 MORNING, WHO WILL SAY THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS STILL A JAIL. I
12 DISAGREE. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY
13 COMPLETELY CHANGES THE PARADIGM OF HOW WE TREAT THOSE WHO NEED
14 OUR HELP AND NOT OUR PUNISHMENT. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. I'M
15 SAYING THIS NOW. I MAY NOT SAY IT AFTER THE NEXT HOUR. BUT
16 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAS COME HERE TODAY.
17 IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SHOWN UP TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS
18 ISSUE. AND I DO APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN
19 TO AN ISSUE AND TO A POPULATION THAT IS TOO MANY TIMES
20 OVERLOOKED. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CALL ON MY COLLEAGUES. BUT,
21 AGAIN, IF YOU COULD HOLD YOUR QUESTIONS-- I HAVE QUESTIONS,
22 TOO-- UNTIL AFTER THEIR PRESENTATION. BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO
23 MAKE YOUR OPENING STATEMENT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S
2 OFTEN LOST IN A LOT OF THE TRANSLATION INTO MEDIA REPORTS AND
3 JUST POSTINGS EXACTLY WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE TO THINK
4 THROUGH SOME OF THE LARGEST ISSUES OF YOUR TIME. I CONSIDER IT
5 A GREAT PRIVILEGE, AS WELL AS... I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT A
6 BURDEN. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF LOST SLEEP, HONESTLY, AMONG THE
7 FIVE OF US, AND I DON'T THINK PEOPLE KNOW. SECOND THING I WANT
8 TO SAY IS TO THE ADVOCATES. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. YOU
9 HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.
10 [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE TAKING UP ITEM 24 AND 25 TOGETHER, SO I WANT
11 TO BEGIN BY TALKING ABOUT MIRA LOMA. TODAY I AM GOING TO READ
12 IN A MOTION WHICH I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER, SO I'M
13 GOING TO REALLY START WITH THAT, AND THEN GET TO A BRIEF
14 STATEMENT ABOUT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 25. WE'VE HAD A LOT
15 OF TALK ABOUT WOMEN BEING VERY DIFFERENT FROM MEN IN VERY MANY
16 WAYS, THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY APPROACH LIFE, THE WAYS IN WHICH
17 THEY HAVE TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITIES. JUSTICE-INVOLVED WOMEN
18 IN L.A. COUNTY AND EVERYWHERE ELSE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FROM
19 IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES, MANY TIMES HAVE VERY LITTLE FAMILY
20 SUPPORT, VERY OFTEN ARE CUSTODIAL PARENTS AND SINGLE PARENTS,
21 AS WELL. AROUND HALF OF THE WOMEN WHO ARE IN CUSTODY NOW
22 HAVEN'T EVEN HAD THEIR TRIAL YET BECAUSE THEY CAN'T MAKE BAIL.
23 AND AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION LAST WEEK ASKS US
24 TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND NOT WAIT FOR THE STATE TO GET
25 THROUGH THEIR PROCESS, AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT THOSE WHO CAN BE

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1 TRUSTED ON THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCE GET AN OPPORTUNITY DO THAT,
2 AND THAT, I THINK, WILL LOWER THE NUMBERS. IT'S ALSO ESTIMATED
3 THAT ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF ALL THE WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED
4 COME FROM BACKGROUNDS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE: SEXUAL ABUSE,
5 PHYSICAL ABUSE, EVERY KIND YOU CAN IMAGINE. THIS CREATES
6 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, AND ALSO BECAUSE
7 THEY'RE MOTHERS OR THEY CAN'T GET TO JOB TRAINING. WHEN A
8 MOTHER WHO IS ARRESTED, EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME, HAS TO SPEND
9 HER TIME IN JAIL, IT CAN HAVE LONG-TERM NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS
10 THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE FOR NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS. HER CHILDREN
11 MIGHT BE TAKEN AWAY, PUT IN FOSTER CARE, AND SHE MIGHT LOSE
12 HER HOUSING BECAUSE OF HER ARREST AND NEVER BE ABLE TO GET IT
13 BACK. THERE'S A RESEARCH GROUP AT U.C.L.A., A GREAT ONE,
14 CALLED MILLION DOLLAR HOODS. [APPLAUSE] AND THEY INDICATE--
15 YES, DOING GREAT WORK. THEY INDICATE THAT THE FIVE MOST COMMON
16 REASONS WOMEN ARE JAILED-- LISTEN TO THIS-- ARE FOR THEFT,
17 DRUG POSSESSION, DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE, DRIVING UNDER
18 THE INFLUENCE, AND FAILURE TO APPEAR. THOSE ARE NOT THE CRIMES
19 OF THE CENTURY, USUALLY, BUT THEY'RE CERTAINLY ENOUGH TO
20 DISRUPT AND DEVASTATE A FAMILY. SO IT'S ESSENTIALLY THAT THE
21 COUNTY DEVELOP A FORWARD-THINKING, GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLAN FOR
22 JUSTICE-INVOLVED WOMEN, IN PARTICULAR. AND AS OUR C.E.O. HAS
23 INDICATED, WE, IF WE DO NOT GO FORWARD WITH MIRA LOMA, WE NEED
24 TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP SUCH A FACILITY. AND I'M 100-PERCENT
25 DEVOTED TO HELPING WITH THAT DESIGN: A FACILITY ACCESSIBLE TO

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1 WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, TO THE FAMILIES
2 THAT NEED TO VISIT THEM, TO RESOURCES THAT WILL HELP THEM RE-
3 ENTER SOCIETY. WE'VE ASKED IN OTHER MOTIONS TODAY FOR GENDER-
4 RESPONSIVE WORK, CONSULTANTS, THINGS THAT WE THINK WILL PUT
5 THIS FORWARD. SO LET ME READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION, WHICH I
6 WOULD HOPE TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR VOTE ON A BOARD LETTER ON
7 ITEM 24, RELATED TO MIRA LOMA. AND I'LL JUST READ THE
8 DIRECTIVES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 ONE, CANCEL THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE MIRA LOMA
10 WOMEN'S CENTER PROJECT; FIND THAT THE PROPOSALS-- [APPLAUSE.]
11 IF YOU CAN HOLD-- I REALLY APPRECIATE IT BUT IT'S GOING TO
12 TAKE A LOT MORE TIME, AND I KNOW YOU WANT TO GET TO TALK. FIND
13 THAT THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY BERNARD'S BROTHERS AND LAYTON
14 CONSTRUCTION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR \$150,000 STIPENDS IN ACCORDANCE
15 WITH THE ELEMENTS OF THE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS; AUTHORIZE THE
16 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO
17 AGREEMENTS WITH BERNARDS AND LAYTON, WHEREBY THE COUNTY WILL
18 PAY EACH OF THOSE PROPOSERS STIPENDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 150,000,
19 AND IN EXCHANGE THE COUNTY WILL BE PROVIDED OWNERSHIP AND THE
20 RIGHT TO USE THE CONTENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPOSALS, WHICH
21 WAS PART OF THE R.F.P. TWO, DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
22 TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON ANY POSSIBILITY
23 OF REDIRECTING ASSEMBLY BILL 900 GRANT FUNDS TO A DIFFERENT
24 SITE OR PROJECT, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS.
25 AND PARENTHETICALLY, I'D BE VERY HAPPY TO HELP WITH ANY

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1 CONTACTS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED ON THAT. THREE, DIRECT THE CHIEF
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE SHERIFF, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
3 AND THE HEALTH AGENCY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GENDER-
4 RESPONSIVENESS CONSULTANT, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 180
5 DAYS ON, "A," POTENTIAL LOCATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW GENDER-
6 RESPONSIVE WOMEN'S FACILITY OR FACILITIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
7 INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THE POPULATION STUDY, AS IT INFORMS
8 CAPACITY AND FUNCTION, AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING
9 EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY FOR WOMEN, INCLUDING BAIL
10 REFORM; AND "B," ROUGH COSTS, TIMELINES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WOMEN'S FACILITY AT EACH POTENTIAL
12 LOCATION, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF OPERATING COSTS. SO I
13 WOULD PROPOSE THAT AS A SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR ITEM 24. LET ME
14 THEN GET TO ITEM 25 VERY QUICKLY. A LOT WILL BE SAID. I REALLY
15 APPRECIATE THE PIVOT. I HAVE CHARACTERIZED IT A LITTLE BIT TO
16 PEOPLE AS A KIND OF A HAIL MARY PASS. I MEAN, HERE WE ARE AT
17 THE END OF THE TIME WHEN WE COULD SAY YES OR NO TO THIS
18 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, SAYING, "NO, BUT." WE HAVE THE SPACE.
19 WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE THE BEGINNING OF A DESIGN.
20 AND I REALLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPETUS. I DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS,
21 AND I THOUGHT I WOULD PUT THEM OUT, BECAUSE I THINK OUR
22 EXPERTS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS WILL HOPEFULLY TAKE SOME OF
23 IT INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR PRESENTATION. ONE IS THE SIZE OF SUCH
24 A FACILITY. IN MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM PAST STUDIES AND WORK
25 THAT WE EVEN DID IN SACRAMENTO, IT'S A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT

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1 WAY TO DELIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. JUST A HUMONGOUS PLACE.
2 I REMEMBER WHEN, UNDER REAGAN, EVERYBODY WANTED TO SHUT THEM
3 DOWN BECAUSE THEY WERE ESSENTIALLY WAREHOUSING, COULDN'T GET
4 THE KIND OF SERVICES YOU NEEDED, ET CETERA. WHAT WENT WRONG
5 WITH THAT WAS THE FANTASY THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT
6 COMMUNITY SERVICES. SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH OUR TWO
7 MOTIONS TODAY IS TO SAY WE WANT MORE AND MORE AND MORE AND
8 MORE PLACES TO DIVERT. BUT I THINK EXPERTS HAVE TOLD US,
9 "WE'RE NOT SURE WE'LL EVER GET TO THAT NUMBER." SO I REALLY
10 UNDERSTAND IT. I CAN'T SUPPORT THE GREEN SHEET MOTION TODAY,
11 BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN THAT IT HARDENS OUR INABILITY TO THINK
12 OF OTHER WAYS. I MAY WANT US TO CONSIDER FUNDING, REAL
13 FUNDING, FOR THE KIND OF DIVERSION FACILITIES THAT WE ALL
14 AGREE WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THIS
15 HOSPITAL WOULD BE BIGGER THAN ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS PUT
16 TOGETHER. ALL THE HOSPITALS WE HAVE NOW IN THE COUNTY PUT
17 TOGETHER WOULD NOT BE EVEN AT THIS SIZE. SO, THE DIFFICULTY OF
18 PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. ALSO, THERE ARE VERY DIFFERENT
19 POPULATIONS. I KNOW DR. SHERIN HAS TOLD US IN THE PAST,
20 DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TREATMENT THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. A LOT OF
21 N.C.C., OUR REGULAR COUNTY MONEY, WOULD BE GOING INTO DEBT
22 SERVICE STILL FOR THIS. AND THE PROBLEM WITH BONDING TO BUILD
23 BUILDINGS IS, THE MONEY IN THE BONDS CANNOT GO FOR TREATMENT.
24 SO THERE WOULD BE THE QUESTION ABOUT SUPPORTING TREATMENT. SO
25 I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR

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1 THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ IN THE NEW MOTION, AND ALSO TO COMMENT
2 ON ITEM 25. AND, AGAIN, I WANT THE ADVOCATES TO REALLY
3 UNDERSTAND WHAT A CHANGE THEY HAVE CREATED IN THE ATMOSPHERE
4 AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLE ABOUT THIS POPULATION. YOU
5 KNOW, WE'RE NOT STUPID, BUT WE'RE NOT ON THE GROUND LIKE YOU
6 ARE. AND YOU ARE HEARD. EVEN THE GREEN SHEET MOTION IS, IN ITS
7 OWN WAY, ABOUT HEARING YOU. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
8 WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNICATION.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE I CALL ON SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS, LET ME JUST SAY AGAIN, THESE ISSUES BEFORE US TODAY
12 HAVE CREATED IN THE PAST, ARE CREATING TODAY, TREMENDOUS
13 PASSION, EMOTION, CONSTERNATION. AND I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT
14 THE FIVE OF US UP HERE. [LAUGHTER.] BUT WE'LL ASK THE AUDIENCE
15 THAT IF YOU AGREE WITH SOMETHING THAT IS SAID, ONE OF THE
16 SPEAKERS-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL TAUGHT ME THIS WHEN SHE WAS CHAIR--
17 - JUST PUT YOUR HANDS UP TO RAISE THE ROOF. IF YOU DISAGREE,
18 JUST PRAY ABOUT IT. [LAUGHTER.] I THINK THAT WILL MAKE THE
19 MEETING MOVE QUICKER, AND WE'LL MAKE SURE EVERYBODY WHO'S
20 SIGNED UP HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT,
23 ABOVE ALL, THIS BOARD TRIES TO REMAIN CIVIL, EVEN THOUGH WE
24 DISAGREE-- AND WE DO ON THESE ITEMS, SOME OF THESE ITEMS THAT
25 ARE BEFORE US-- THAT WE MOVE ON. AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE GONE

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1 THROUGH THIS ON MANY OCCASIONS. IN FACT, MORE THAN FOUR YEARS
2 AGO, WE HAD A DEBATE ON THIS VERY ISSUE. AND AT THAT TIME, I
3 COULDN'T EVEN GET ONE VOTE TO MOVE THIS STRUCTURE TO AN EVEN
4 LOWER NUMBER THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY. AND I COULDN'T GET
5 ONE VOTE. IN HINDSIGHT, I THINK, "GEE, WE'VE COME A LONG WAY,
6 BECAUSE NOW WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT INCARCERATION, PER
7 SE, BUT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO DOWNSIZE
8 THAT POPULATION AND REALLY PROVIDE THEM WITH THE ASSISTANCE
9 THAT THEY NEED." AND I THINK WE HAVE-- TODAY WE'LL BE HEARING
10 FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS ABOUT SOME OF THE GOOD WORK THAT THEY'VE
11 DONE ALREADY, BUT MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. WITH RESPECT TO
12 O.D.R. AND BEING ABLE TO TURN AROUND OVER 2500 PEOPLE ALREADY,
13 KEEPING THEM OUT OF JAIL, IS A TESTAMENT THAT THERE'S MORE TO
14 DO. AND THOSE DOLLARS NEED TO BE DIRECTED IN THOSE EFFORTS,
15 NUMBER ONE, FOR ME, ANYWAY. I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. NUMBER
16 TWO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION ON
17 TAKING MIRA LOMA OFF THE PLATE. I IN NO WAY WANT TO SUPPORT
18 THAT. AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK VERY CAREFULLY WHEN WE DO
19 FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE GOING TO PLACE A WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL
20 FACILITY, THAT WE LOOK AT WHAT CURRENTLY EXISTS. WE HAVE OUR
21 CENTURY JAIL IN LYNWOOD THAT COULD BE RE-PURPOSED, CLEANED UP
22 APPROPRIATELY, TAKING OUT THE INTESTINES, SO TO SPEAK, THAT
23 ARE THERE, CLEANING IT, MAKING IT BETTER, AND HOPEFULLY
24 LOOKING AT HOW TO KEEP THOSE FAMILIES THAT ARE SERVICED THERE
25 IN A BETTER PLACE CLOSER TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT WITH THE

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1 INTENT OF PROVIDING THE BEST MENTAL HEALTH AND DIVERSION.
2 BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU IN THE STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE
3 THAT THESE WOMEN ARE NOT ALL HARDENED CRIMINALS. THE MAJORITY
4 ARE NOT. AND IT BREAKS MY HEART WHEN I HAVE TO READ THAT THEY
5 ARE TORN APART FROM THEIR FAMILIES, THAT THEY CAN'T REUNIFY.
6 WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING THAT SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON ARE
7 DOING BY KEEPING THEIR KIDS AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES, WHEN YOU
8 THINK ABOUT IT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WHILE I SUPPORT THAT
9 MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M NOT
10 CONVINCED-- AND I DO APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO
11 REPURPOSE OR LOOK AT THE CONVERSATION OF REPURPOSING THE JAIL,
12 C.C.T.F. I AM STILL CONFUSED ABOUT HOW WE CAN USE CORRECTIONAL
13 FUNDS, STATE FUNDS, TO BUILD THIS INSTITUTION. WHAT ARE WE
14 REALLY TALKING ABOUT HERE? BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
15 ONCE WE GO DOWN THIS ROAD, EVERY YEAR OR SO, OR EVERY SIX
16 MONTHS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE CORRECTIONAL
17 STATE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THOSE PLANS. I JUST WANT
18 CLARIFICATION ON THAT, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, I DO BELIEVE
19 THAT EVEN IF YOU BUILD SOMETHING AT 3,800 AND WHATEVER NUMBER
20 IT IS, THAT THAT, IN FACT, IS, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'VE SEEN, IN
21 TERMS OF EVIDENCE, SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL EVIDENCE, IS THE
22 WRONG WAY TO GO ABOUT HOUSING PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED HELP.
23 IT'S STILL A JAIL. IT'S STILL WALLS. IT'S STILL PREVENTING
24 PEOPLE FROM HAVING FREEDOM, THE POSSIBILITY OF EVEN
25 REHABILITATION. AND EVEN IF WE SAY THAT A COUPLE OF FLOORS

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1 WOULD BE DEDICATED FOR THE SHERIFFS, WHAT DOES THAT SAY TO THE
2 PUBLIC? I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT. I WANT TO HEAR MORE
3 ABOUT THAT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, YES, IT WAS STATED BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN THAT WE HAVE SOME JEWELS IN THE COUNTY IN THE
5 FIRST DISTRICT. AND ONE OF THE BEST JEWELS THAT I HAVE ARE THE
6 VERY PEOPLE THAT I REPRESENT. AND THOSE PEOPLE DESERVE TO BE
7 HEARD. AND THEY DESERVE TO ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT THEY HAVE HAD
8 TO TAKE ON COURAGEOUSLY MANY PROJECTS THAT HAVE DIVIDED
9 COMMUNITIES. FREEWAYS, JUST TO NAME A FEW. BUT, BY THE WAY,
10 ONE OF THE LARGEST JAILS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND NOW WE'RE
11 PROPOSING THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION, THAT WE KNOW,
12 FOR MANY OF US, IS NOT GOING TO DO WHAT WE THINK IT MIGHT BE
13 DOING. I THINK SOMETIMES WE JUMP AHEAD OF THE GUN, WHERE WE
14 SHOULD ACTUALLY BE HOLDING BACK AND REALLY DECIPHERING WHAT
15 THE POPULATION NEEDS ARE. I DON'T KNOW THAT 3,800 OR SO
16 INMATES ARE ALL SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL. AND WHY DO WE NEED TO
17 PLACE THEM IN A STRUCTURE THAT MAY NOT BE REALLY SET UP FOR
18 THEM? MAYBE WE COULD DO MORE OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL STEPDOWN
19 SERVICES. MAYBE WE COULD BOOST UP THE FUNDING CYCLE AND
20 PROJECTS THAT O.D.R. IS UNDERTAKING. AND MAYBE WE COULD HAVE
21 MORE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY, INSTEAD OF
22 PUTTING THEM ALL IN ONE PARTICULAR AREA NOW, BECAUSE SOMEONE
23 SAYS WE HAVE TO SPEND THE MONEY NOW. I DON'T SEE THAT
24 ANYWHERE. WE STILL HAVE TWO WEEKS. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO
25 ANYTHING TODAY. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS BOARD WOULD THINK

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1 ABOUT THAT: THAT IF WE TOOK TIME OUT, MADE A GOOD,
2 KNOWLEDGEABLE ASSESSMENT, AND INVITING OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
3 OUR MENTAL HEALTH, AND ALSO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS, WHO I
4 DON'T BELIEVE WERE ENGAGED FROM THE GET-GO IN THIS DESIGN, AND
5 I WANT TO ASK THEM POINTEDLY ONCE WE GET TO THE QUESTIONING.
6 BUT THAT'S WHERE I'M COMING FROM. I'M SORRY IF I SOUND
7 DIFFICULT, BUT THIS IS A DIFFICULT DECISION. AND I HAVE TO SAY
8 THAT I'M NOT HERE TO JUST HURRY ALONG TO GET ALONG. AND I HOPE
9 THAT WE REALLY TAKE IN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM OUR
10 CONSTITUENTS. AND I DO ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD THEM, MANY OF THEM
11 THAT COULDN'T EVEN BE HERE, OR MANY THAT TOOK THE TIME OFF TO
12 COME HERE TODAY TO BE HEARD BY US, BECAUSE THAT'S WHO WE'RE
13 ELECTED TO REPRESENT. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. REMEMBER... REMEMBER, LET'S TRY
17 TO REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE OR BOOING TODAY. THANK YOU. I SEE
18 NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE QUEUE, SO WE WILL GO TO OUR
19 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES ON THE OTHER SIDE. WE HAVE DR. SHERIN, WE
20 HAVE DRS. CHRISTINA AND MARK GHALY, WE HAVE DR. FERRER, WE
21 HAVE JUDGE ESPINOZA, WHO ARE ALL HERE TO-- SOME OF YOU ARE
22 GOING TO PRESENT, AND OTHERS ARE HERE FOR THE QUESTIONS THAT I
23 KNOW WILL FOLLOW. SO TAKE IT AWAY.

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1 **DR. MARK GHALY:** SO, MARK GHALY WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WHAT
2 I'M GOING TO TRY TO OUTLINE IS A VISION FOR WHAT WE THINK IS
3 THE CARE-FIRST APPROACH, AS OPPOSED TO THE JAIL-FIRST
4 APPROACH. AND BEFORE I GET INTO THE DETAILS, I WILL SAY,
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT MANY OF US HAVE ALSO SPENT NIGHTS
6 THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE DO WITH THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU'VE
7 ENTRUSTED US TO BUILD. AND WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRYING TO
8 IMPLEMENT THIS WONDERFUL VISION THAT THE BOARD HAS REALLY
9 PUSHED FORWARD THAT STARTED, YOU KNOW, MANY YEARS AGO, BUT
10 REALLY THREE YEARS AGO WITH OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY
11 ASKING THE QUESTION: HOW MANY FOLKS CAN WE GET OUT OF THE
12 CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT THAT NEED HEALTH SERVICES, AND CAN WE BE
13 THE BOLDEST COUNTY IN THE NATION TO BUILD UP THAT
14 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVEST IN IT IN A MEANINGFUL AND REAL WAY?
15 AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SUCCESSES THAT JUDGE
16 ESPINOZA IS GOING TO SHARE. I THINK ONE VERY IMPORTANT ONE
17 THAT I'VE EXPERIENCED AND SHARED WITH MANY OF YOUR STAFF IS
18 THAT THE JUSTICE PARTNERS WHO INITIALLY WERE ASKING QUESTIONS
19 ABOUT WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO DIVERT THIS PERSON OR THAT
20 PERSON OUT OF A CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT TODAY ARE WITH US HAND-IN-
21 HAND, SAYING WE CAN DO MORE, AND THAT WE CAN REALLY MOVE
22 PEOPLE INTO MEANINGFUL, SAFE PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
23 CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY. AND I KNOW THAT'S THE VISION THAT THE
24 BOARD WANTS TO SEE. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 HELP NOT JUST DISCUSS WHAT BUILDINGS WE BUILD, BUT HOW L.A.

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1 BUILDS A NEW KIND OF JUSTICE FOR A LEADING COUNTY IN THE
2 NATION. AND AS WE THINK ABOUT THE BUILDING THAT WE'RE
3 DISCUSSING TODAY, I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY IN
4 FRONT OF US AS ONE WHERE INSTEAD OF PUTTING PEOPLE RIGHT IN
5 FRONT OF THE JAILER OR THE SHERIFF, THAT WE TAKE A MOMENT AND
6 WE RECAST OUR INMATE RECEPTION CENTER AS SOMETHING OF AN
7 ASSESSMENT CENTER, WHERE OUR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND OUR
8 HEALTH STAFF HAVE A CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DROVE SOMEONE
9 IN, AND BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A HEALTH FACILITY,
10 WHETHER IT'S MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES,
11 OR MEDICAL SERVICES IS REALLY WHERE WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE
12 NEEDS FIRST, AND ONLY AS A LAST RESORT DO WE LOOK AT A JAIL
13 BED. IT WAS FAMOUSLY SAID BY SOMEBODY I'VE GROWN TO RESPECT A
14 LOT THAT "THE JAIL BED IS THE BED THAT NEVER SAYS NO." WE ARE
15 A COUNTY THAT WANTS TO SAY THAT'S THE BED THAT WE TURN TO
16 LAST. AND I BELIEVE THAT RECASTING THE C.C.T.F. AS A COMPONENT
17 OF A MUCH BROADER SET OF COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION SERVICES,
18 PRE-ARREST SERVICES, RIGHT? WE'VE LEARNED THAT MANY OF THE
19 FOLKS THAT WE'VE DIVERTED, IF WE COULD ONLY PREVENT THEM FROM
20 GETTING ARRESTED, THINGS LIKE LAW ENFORCEMENT-ASSISTED
21 DIVERSION, THINGS LIKE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS, THINGS LIKE DR.
22 SHERIN'S EXPANDING THE PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS, GIVE
23 US A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN PROGRAMS THAT COULD
24 MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON THE NUMBER OF BEDS, WHATEVER GETS
25 BUILT, THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED TO USE FOR THE CUSTODY

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1 ENVIRONMENT. AND IF YOU COULD, IMAGINE THE ASSESSMENT CENTER
2 WITH A RIGHT DOOR TO TREATMENT FACILITIES, HOPEFULLY THE
3 BIGGEST DOOR IN THE WHOLE PLACE, AND A LEFT DOOR INTO A
4 CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT. AND THAT RIGHT DOOR NEEDS TO NOT JUST BE
5 ON THIS SINGLE CAMPUS, BUT HOPEFULLY, OVER THE NEXT SEVEN
6 YEARS BEFORE THIS FACILITY WOULD EVER OPEN ITS DOOR, WE HAVE A
7 CHANCE TO REALLY BUILD UP THIS CONTINUUM THAT JUDGE ESPINOZA
8 IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT WITH DIVERSION, THAT OUR HEALTH AGENCY
9 PARTNERS ARE GOING TO DISCUSS HAVE BEEN BUILT THROUGH THE
10 HEALTH AGENCY EFFORTS, AND SO, SO MUCH MORE. YOU KNOW, I
11 THINK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU SAID THE "JEWELS OF YOUR
12 DISTRICT" AND, I THINK, OUR ENTIRE COUNTY ARE OUR PEOPLE. AND
13 HOW DO WE CREATE SOMETHING THAT SETS THEM UP FOR SUCCESS, NOT
14 TO DISRUPT THEIR LIVES IN ANY WAY, BUT TO REALLY SET THEM UP
15 WITH SUCCESS? AND I THINK THIS CARE-FIRST APPROACH, RATHER
16 THAN A JAIL-FIRST, IS THE WAY TO DO IT. AND WE TRUST THE
17 WISDOM OF THE BOARD AND OUR PARTNERS TO HELP US BUILD THE KIND
18 OF FACILITIES THAT ALLOW THAT VISION TO BE IMPLEMENTED
19 SUCCESSFULLY.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. SHERIN, DID YOU WANT TO TALK?

22
23 **DR. SHERIN:** SURE. THANK YOU, BOARD. JON SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF
24 MENTAL HEALTH. YOU KNOW, I PREFACE MY COMMENTS BY SAYING THAT
25 I COME AT THIS AND PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING THAT I DO AS A

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1 PSYCHIATRIST, AS A CLINICIAN. AND I WILL SAY THAT, YOU KNOW,
2 AS WE HAVE A STATE OF THE STATE IN SACRAMENTO, PROBABLY RIGHT
3 ABOUT THIS TIME, IT'S VERY HEARTENING TO BE A PART OF A
4 MOVEMENT TO LOOK AT, AS DR. MARK GHALY SAYS, CARE FIRST AND
5 JAIL LAST. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE, AS A JURISDICTION, CAN
6 CLEARLY LEAD. WE CAN LEAD FOR THE STATE. WE CAN LEAD FOR THE
7 COUNTRY. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR WHAT IS A
8 PIVOT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND FOR HAVING CONFIDENCE IN US
9 BROADLY ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE HEALTH
10 AGENCY, TO TAKE A REALLY FUNDAMENTAL AND LEADING ROLE IN
11 FIGURING OUT HOW TO DEVELOP A CARE-FIRST APPROACH. NEEDLESS TO
12 SAY, I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN BOMBARDED BY INPUT FROM EVERY
13 ANGLE REGARDING THIS ISSUE, AND IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT
14 WE WERE UP HERE TALKING ABOUT INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT. YOU KNOW,
15 THE ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE PARAMOUNT,
16 AND THEY'RE VERY CHARGED. AND THERE'S REALLY NOT-- THERE ARE
17 NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS. IF THERE WERE SIMPLE SOLUTIONS, WE WOULD
18 HAVE ALREADY HAD THEM. BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS.
19 AND I DON'T COME AT THIS FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. I'M A
20 DOCTOR. AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER EXPERTS WHO HAVE A LOT MORE
21 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPLICATIONS ABOUT WHAT WE
22 DO. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING, AND HOW DOES
23 AN APPROACH CHANGE THE WHOLE CONTEXT FOR THE FUNDING OF
24 FACILITIES TO DELIVER CARE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THIS BOARD
25 VOTED ON VERY RECENTLY WAS A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE

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1 STATE, URGING PURSUIT OF THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION WAIVER, WHICH IS
2 A BIG DEAL. IT'S A BIG DEAL BECAUSE IT'LL ALLOW US TO DO WHAT
3 I THINK WE ALL BELIEVE NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND THAT IS TO
4 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
5 HOSPITAL BEDS WILL HELP US RESTORE, CARE FOR, REINTEGRATE
6 THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR STREETS AND IN OUR JAIL. AND I THINK THAT
7 THAT HAS BECOME PAINFULLY CLEAR TO ALL OF US, AND THE BOARD IS
8 LEADING THE WAY IN THAT DIRECTION, AND WE REALLY, REALLY
9 APPRECIATE THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP HERE
10 THAT I DO BELIEVE IN DEEPLY IS THAT-- AND I'M AN ASPIRATIONAL
11 GUY, SOMETIMES TO A FAULT-- IS THAT PARTS OF THE PLANET THAT
12 REALLY HAVE DEVELOPED ROBUST COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND
13 ADEQUATE HOUSING AND SUPPORTED HOUSING AND COLLABORATIVE
14 HOUSING DON'T RELY UPON JAILS, THEY REALLY DON'T RELY UPON THE
15 STREETS, AND THEY ACTUALLY DON'T RELY ENTIRELY UPON HOSPITALS,
16 AND LOCKED HOSPITALS, AND INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT, BECAUSE
17 PEOPLE ARE CARED FOR. AND IT'S THAT TYPE OF RELENTLESS PURSUIT
18 OF CARE THAT WE IN THIS DEPARTMENT ARE TRYING, AND I THINK
19 ACROSS THE AGENCY, ARE COMMITTED TO TRYING TO MOVE. AND
20 THERE'S SO MANY PIECES TO THAT SOLUTION, AND WE'RE GOING AFTER
21 ALL OF THEM. AND I SAY THAT NOT JUST ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 HEALTH, BUT OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL. THE FACT THAT THERE
23 HAS BEEN SO MUCH ACTIVITY AND THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY MOTIONS
24 AND DIRECTIVES AROUND STUDYING THE NEEDS AND FIGURING OUT HOW
25 THE NEEDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRIVE OUR DEPLOYMENT OF

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1 RESOURCE SAYS IT ALL, AND I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THERE ARE
2 EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE DIFFERENT STUDIES THAT ARE BEING
3 DONE. I WOULD SAY IN CONCLUSION THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY TIME FOR
4 US TO COME TOGETHER IN THE BROADEST SENSE AS A COLLECTIVE.
5 I'LL TELL YOU THAT, FOR ME, I DON'T HAVE A GREAT SENSE ABOUT
6 THE FLEXIBILITY OF US GOING FORWARD WITH THE CURRENT PLAN, AND
7 THAT ENVIRONMENTS DO MATTER, AND THAT ACCESS TO CARE MATTERS,
8 AND THAT THE QUALITY OF CARE NEEDS TO BE INTACT. AND I BELIEVE
9 THAT AS A TEAM ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AT A NEW LEVEL, WORKING WITH
10 THE C.E.O., WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WORKING WITH THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE AN
12 INVESTMENT AND HAVE A MASSIVE IMPACT ON THOSE WHO ARE JUSTICE-
13 INVOLVED BECAUSE OF A HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL CONDITION. AND
14 I'M TALKING NOT JUST ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS. I'M TALKING ABOUT,
15 ALSO, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND COMORBID SUBSTANCE ABUSE, WHICH
16 REALLY, REALLY DRIVE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE PROBLEM, AND
17 GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HEAL AS A COUNTY.
18 I'LL END MY COMMENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GHALY, OR DR. FERRER, WOULD
21 YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

22

23 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU,
24 EVERYONE, FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION ON THIS MATTER. I'M DR.
25 CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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1 SERVICES. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF, IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR
2 QUESTIONS. I WILL SAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I APPRECIATE ONE OF
3 THE COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE. I AGREE WITH MANY THINGS SAID
4 TODAY, BUT YOU SAID, "THESE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP AND NOT
5 PUNISHMENT." AND I THINK THAT, TO ME, IS ONE OF THE THEMES OF
6 THIS DAY AND THE ISSUE THAT'S BEFORE US. CERTAINLY, THERE IS
7 AN INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SUCH SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY RIGHT
8 NOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE SAME IS TRUE IN OTHER
9 JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THIS STATE AND THIS NATION. AND I THINK
10 THOSE SERVICES NEED TO BE BUILT UP, AND THEY NEED TO BE BUILT
11 UP THOUGHTFULLY AND WITH TIME AND INTENTION AND ATTENTION TO
12 THE DETAILS ABOUT WHAT WOULD SERVE THE POPULATION BEST. THESE
13 ARE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND THEY DESERVE OUR CARE AND OUR
14 ATTENTION. I SHARE SEVERAL OF THE CONCERNS THAT DR. SHERIN
15 RAISED IN SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS ABOUT SIZE,
16 ABOUT FLEXIBILITY, OF THE ABILITY TO PIVOT TO OTHER POTENTIAL
17 STRUCTURES, QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING. BUT I THINK, PRACTICALLY
18 SPEAKING, WE JUST NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT'S THE RIGHT WAY,
19 AND HOW DO WE GET TO WHERE I THINK WE ALL BELIEVE WE NEED TO
20 BE, WHICH IS BUILDING UP A SET OF SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
21 THAT CAN PROVIDE TREATMENT TO THEM WHEN THEY MOST NEED IT. I
22 DO BELIEVE THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST ISSUES OF JUSTICE
23 THAT'S IN OUR TIME TODAY, AND THAT IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR
24 US TO PAY ATTENTION TO, AND ONE THAT WILL HAVE LONG-STANDING
25 REPERCUSSIONS FOR OUR SOCIETY THAT WE LIVE IN.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND TO ALL THE
5 SUPERVISORS, FOR SO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT IS A CRITICALLY
6 IMPORTANT AND DEFINING ISSUE, I THINK, FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE
7 SHARE ALL YOUR CONCERNS. AND I, TOO, WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT,
8 YOU KNOW, AS BEING PART OF THE HEALTH AGENCY, WE'RE VERY
9 INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS
10 NOTION OF CARE FIRST, AND REALLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE BEST
11 THAT WE COULD DO AS A COUNTY IS ENSURE THAT THERE'S A
12 CONTINUUM OF SERVICES, SO IT REALLY IS THE RIGHT CARE IN THE
13 RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. I WANT TO SPEAK JUST FOR A
14 SECOND ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PIECE OF THE PUZZLE
15 HERE, ONLY BECAUSE-- AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL, FOR YOUR COMMENTS EARLIER ABOUT WOMEN WHO ARE
17 INCARCERATED. I ACTUALLY THINK IT HOLDS TRUE FOR MEN, AS WELL.
18 THE NEXUS AROUND INCARCERATION AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IS
19 EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH. AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE IN
20 OUR JAILS AND OUR PRISONS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SUBSTANCE
21 USE DISORDER, AND THAT HAS DRIVEN THEM TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES
22 THAT HAVE LED THEM TO, IN FACT, BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW,
23 WHETHER IT'S FOR POSSESSION OR SALE OR ENGAGING IN SOME OTHER
24 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BECAUSE THEY ARE DRIVEN BY A NEED TO BE ABLE
25 TO FINANCE WHAT ENDS UP BEING A VERY EXPENSIVE ADDICTION.

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1 WHERE WE HAVE FAILED AS A COUNTRY IS IN MAKING SURE THAT WE
2 HAVE SERVICES AND THAT WE REDUCE THE STIGMA SO THAT PEOPLE
3 ACTUALLY COME IN FOR THESE SERVICES AHEAD OF TIME, BECAUSE THE
4 NEXUS BETWEEN PEOPLE BEING IN THE JAILS AND THEIR ADDICTIONS
5 IS SO, SO HIGH. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT DR. SHERIN
6 SAID, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, WE LOOK AT A LOT OF THE FOLKS WHO
7 ARE IN THE JAIL RIGHT NOW WHO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE.
8 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 60 AND 80 PERCENT OF THEM HAVE A CO-
9 OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. SO MAKING SURE, AGAIN, THAT
10 WE'RE THINKING, "WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT NEEDS THAT SERVE BEST
11 THIS POPULATION," I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY AROUND
12 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, YOU WILL FIND THAT, IN GENERAL, PEOPLE
13 NEED RECOVERY THAT'S VERY CLOSE TO WHERE THEIR COMMUNITIES
14 ARE. AND THEY NEED RECOVERY IN SETTINGS THAT OFTEN ARE NOT
15 RESIDENTIAL, AND THAT OFTEN ALLOW THEM TO, IN FACT, TAKE
16 ADVANTAGE OF MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT AT THIS POINT. SO I
17 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CONTINUUM FOR US ON THE SUBSTANCE
18 USE DISORDER SIDE IS HUGE, BECAUSE THERE ARE ALL THESE NEW
19 TREATMENT MODALITIES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER CHANCES
20 OF ALLOWING FOLKS TO REALLY RE-ENGAGE, RECOVER, AND FULLY
21 RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND IN WHICH THEIR
22 FAMILIES LIVE. SO ENCOURAGE US AS WE DO THIS WORK AND WE MOVE
23 FORWARD TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PLANNING AROUND THE
24 CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL TO
25 MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY WE ALL REALLY WANT TO

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1 SEE, WHICH IS ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE BE THE BEST THEY ALL CAN
2 BE. SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR HONOR, DO YOU WANT TO WAIT
5 FOR QUESTIONS OR DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

6

7 **JUDGE ESPINOZA:** MY UNDERSTANDING OF MY ROLE HERE TODAY WAS TO
8 BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORK OF O.D.R. I
9 JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
10 FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THE WORK THAT
11 WE'VE DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS JUST
12 BEGUN. IT'S BEING PERFECTED. AND WE HAVE REMOVED 3,000 INMATES
13 INTO EITHER COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAMS OR PERMANENT
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
15 LOCATIONS. AND I BELIEVE, NOTWITHSTANDING SOME OF THE THINGS
16 THAT I'VE HEARD LEADING UP TO THIS CONVERSATION, THAT IF
17 PROPERLY RESOURCED, WE'RE READY TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM
18 CONSIDERABLY AND IMPACT THE POPULATION OF THE TWIN TOWERS. SO
19 I'M HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, BUT I JUST WANT TO BEGIN MY
20 CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. COLLEAGUES, WHO WANTS TO
23 GET BACK UP TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ASK DR. SHERIN
2 A FEW QUESTIONS, JUST YOUR OPINION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH
3 FACILITIES, IN GENERAL. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT ARE TYPICALLY CONSULTED WHEN DESIGNING MENTAL
5 HEALTH FACILITIES?

6

7 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, I THINK HEALTHCARE FACILITIES THAT CARE FOR
8 PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIORAL ISSUES AND THAT POTENTIAL
9 PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS REQUIRE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIME IN,
10 IN TERMS OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IN THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION REGARDING
13 C.C.T.F. AND THE REPURPOSING OF THIS AS A MENTAL HEALTH
14 FACILITY, IS IT YOUR OPINION THAT THE BOARD OF STATE AND
15 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WOULD BE A CRITICAL SIGNOFF ON THIS
16 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY?

17

18 **DR. SHERIN:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF AN EXPERT IN
19 THAT ARENA, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT-- MY UNDERSTANDING OF A
20 HOSPITAL IS THAT THAT WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE?

23

24 **DR. SHERIN:** NO. BUT AGAIN, I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN THIS ARENA.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THE REASON I BRING IT UP IS BECAUSE IN THE R.F.P.
2 ON PAGE 8, BASIC FACTORS, IT HAS, I THINK, ON THE THIRD
3 BULLET, EACH PHASE OF THE PROJECT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED,
4 COMMISSIONED, AND TESTED, PUNCHED OUT, AND CLOSED OUT, AND
5 SIGNED OFF BY THE BOARD OF STATE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS,
6 KNOWN AS B.S.C.C. AND OTHER REQUIRED JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES,
7 BEFORE IT CAN BE OCCUPIED BY THE COUNTY. SO I'M STATING THAT
8 BECAUSE THAT, IN FACT, IS WHAT IS IN THE BOARD LETTER.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION. DAVID HOWARD
11 FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. EVERYTHING THAT YOU READ IS FROM THE
12 R.F.P. IT'S FACTUALLY CORRECT. WHAT THE BOARD HAD DIRECTED IN
13 2015 WAS A COMPONENT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM, AND IT WAS DESIGNED
14 TO PROVIDE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE IN
15 THE SYSTEM. THAT'S WHY IT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
16 B.S.C.C.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO WOULD WE THEN HAVE TO AMEND THE BOARD LETTER TO
19 REMOVE THAT?

20

21 **DAVID HOWARD:** NO, SUPERVISOR. IT COULD PROCEED AS IT IS.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THEN WE WILL STILL HAVE TO GET-- DOES THIS
24 SOMEHOW, THEN, CONTINUE THE FUNDING FROM B.S.C.C.? IS THIS
25 PART OF OUR AGREEMENT?

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2 **DAVID HOWARD:** I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE CONFUSION ON THE
3 FUNDING SIDE. THE FUNDING THAT WE WERE GETTING FROM THE
4 B.S.C.C. WAS FOR THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT. THE C.C.T.F. PROJECT
5 WAS NEVER RECEIVING FUNDING FROM B.S.C.C.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THIS WOULD BE COUNTY-FUNDED?

8

9 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** FULLY FUNDED.

12

13 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU. ALSO WANTED TO GO
16 BACK TO DR. SHERIN. D.M.H. STAFF ARE ALREADY STRETCHED THIN,
17 AND WE KNOW THAT. HOW WOULD YOUR DEPARTMENT BE ABLE TO HANDLE
18 A FACILITY THE SIZE OF 3,800 BEDS?

19

20 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, YOU KNOW, AT THE CURRENT TIME THERE ARE A
21 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS ACROSS DIFFERENT
22 DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE MANAGING THE POPULATION, AND IF THE
23 DECISION WAS MADE BY THE BOARD AND IT MADE THE MOST SENSE
24 CLINICALLY TO HAVE THAT GROUP OF PROVIDERS BE A PART OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THEN WE CAN MOVE IN THAT

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1 DIRECTION. WE'RE ALSO VERY ACTIVELY RECRUITING ACROSS THE
2 DISCIPLINES FOR ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS, AS WE EXPAND OUR NETWORK
3 OF CARE, WHETHER IT'S HOSPITAL-BASED OR COMMUNITY-BASED.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO RIGHT NOW I KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN MOVING
6 STEADILY, I THINK, ON A SLOWER PACE THAN I WOULD LIKE, BUT
7 NONETHELESS VERY GOOD, IN TERMS OF O.D.R. AND TREATMENT AND
8 THINGS THAT WE'RE NOW EXPLORING, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW FAST WE
9 CAN QUICKLY ORGANIZE AROUND A 3,800 BED FACILITY AND NOT HAVE
10 AN IMPACT, THEN, ON WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO OUTSIDE IN THE
11 COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING THAT TREATMENT AND ONE STEP DOWN, WHERE
12 WE KNOW WE CAN BE BETTER SERVED, AND OUR CLIENTS WOULD BE
13 BETTER SERVED. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU RESPOND TO THAT.

14

15 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT-- YOU KNOW, AND
16 AS I ALLUDED TO IN MY REMARKS, THERE ARE A LOT OF EFFORTS
17 RIGHT NOW ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, AND CERTAINLY THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY THE
19 SERVICE PIECE OF COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. THERE'S ALSO A TON OF
20 EFFORT GOING INTO SHORING UP A LARGER NETWORK OF HOUSING AND
21 BOARDING CARE AND COLLABORATIVE HOUSING APPROACHES. BUT IN
22 ADDITION, AND I THINK QUITE RELEVANT TO THIS MOTION, AS YOU
23 ALL KNOW, WE'RE INVESTING IN WHAT WE CALL RESTORATIVE CARE
24 VILLAGES, RESTORATIVE CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE REALLY RELEVANT
25 IN THIS CONVERSATION. SO THERE'S A GREAT SYNERGY IN THAT

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1 EFFORT. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE PLANNED, WITHIN THE NEXT TWO
2 YEARS, 240 CRISIS RESIDENTIAL BEDS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF URGENT
3 CARES. WE ALSO HAVE RECUPERATIVE CARE. THESE ARE REALLY
4 IMPORTANT PARALLEL ACTIVITIES THAT WILL, AGAIN, GO CARE FIRST
5 WITH THOSE WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS DRIVEN BY A MENTAL ILLNESS PLUS
6 OR MINUS COMORBID SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU KNOW, DR. SHERIN, YOU'RE ONE OF THE UNIQUE
9 INDIVIDUALS THAT MANY OF US HERE ON THE BOARD LOOK UP TO
10 BECAUSE OF YOUR WISDOM AND BECAUSE OF YOUR PAST PRACTICES
11 WORKING WITH THE VETERANS HOMELESS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE
12 NATION. AND I KNOW I RECALL A LETTER THAT YOU SENT BEFORE YOU
13 TOOK THIS JOB, ALSO WITH A DIFFERENT OPINION ABOUT LOOKING AT
14 TREATMENT FIRST, WHICH WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, BUT HOW TO BETTER
15 DO THAT INSTEAD OF BUILDING OUT A JAIL. AND I KNOW SOMETIMES
16 PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR THOUGHTS. I HAVE ON MANY OCCASIONS. BUT I
17 WILL SAY THAT I'M LOOKING FOR, I THINK, BETTER ANSWERS TO HOW
18 WE REALLY CAN TREAT PEOPLE, KNOWING FULLY WHAT THEIR DIAGNOSIS
19 IS, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE'VE DONE A GOOD ENOUGH JOB
20 TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S ABOUT. AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE
21 TWO OTHER MOTIONS LOOKING AT WHAT THAT POPULATION REALLY LOOKS
22 LIKE, AND WHAT KIND OF HEALTHCARE AND TREATMENT THEY REALLY
23 NEED, INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING, "HERE WE GO, HERE'S A SPACE FOR
24 3800, 4,000 PEOPLE. AND THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT." I
25 DON'T BELIEVE THAT. I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT UNTIL I SEE

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1 EVIDENCE. AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT JUST GOING TO BE
2 SOMETHING THAT YOU'LL BE INVOLVED IN, BUT I HOPE THAT WE CAN
3 HAVE BETTER INFORMATION THAT WILL LEAD US. BETTER DATA MAKES
4 BETTER DECISIONS. AND JUST ONE LAST QUESTION FOR YOU, DR.
5 SHERIN. I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU WERE-- WHEN WERE YOU FIRST
6 CONSULTED ABOUT THE C.C.T.F. PROJECT, AND WERE YOU CONTINUALLY
7 INVOLVED IN THAT?

8

9 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, BEFORE I GOT HERE, I THINK THERE WERE POLICY
10 DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZE THE APPROACH TO THIS
11 POPULATION AND TO THESE CHALLENGES. I ACTUALLY WASN'T REALLY
12 AWARE OF HOW MUCH OPPORTUNITY THERE WAS TO BRING THINGS BACK
13 TO THE TABLE THE WAY THAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE, AND TO LOOK AT
14 APPROACHES TO CARE. I'M THRILLED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE'S A
15 FOCUS ON TREATMENT AND CARE. AND I LOOK FORWARD, AS I THINK IS
16 BEING SUGGESTED, IN PLAYING A LEADING ROLE, ALONG WITH MY
17 COLLEAGUES, IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THE BEST
18 SOLUTIONS, AND WHAT MIGHT A FACILITY SUCH AS THIS DO AS A PART
19 OF A LARGER NETWORK, AS DR. MARK GHALY POINTED OUT. IN OTHER
20 WORDS, THE SOLUTION LIES IN A CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT'S
21 DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE COUNTY, AROUND THE CAMPUSES OF LOS
22 ANGELES.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I DID, MADAM CHAIR, WANT TO ASK JUDGE
25 PETER ESPINOZA SOME QUESTIONS. I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR YOUR

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1 REPORT ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DIVERTED
2 THROUGH YOUR PROGRAM. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK YOU WHAT YOUR
3 OPINION WOULD BE, GIVEN THAT WE HAVE LEGISLATION THAT IS
4 SOMEWHAT DRIVING HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT OUR INMATE
5 POPULATION, ONE OF WHICH IS A.B. 1810 AND THE BAIL REFORM
6 INITIATIVES, AND WHERE DO YOU SEE THAT, IN TERMS OF CURRENT
7 POPULATION THAT IS IN OUR CARE?

8

9 **JUDGE ESPINOZA:** SO, I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE PART OF
10 THE MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE AROUND THE ISSUE OF
11 BAIL REFORM HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WHAT I HAVE
12 INDICATED IS THAT OUR OFFICE STANDS READY TO PROVIDE SERVICES
13 TO MENTALLY ILL INMATES WHO WILL NO LONGER BE HELD IN THE
14 COUNTY JAIL BECAUSE THEY CAN'T MAKE BAIL. THEY'RE GOING TO BE
15 FREE TO LEAVE, AND I DON'T THINK THE COUNTY IS READY. I DON'T
16 THINK THE COUNTY HAS ENOUGH COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES TO CARE
17 FOR THAT POPULATION, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE TALKING
18 ABOUT HOW TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY-BASED PLACEMENTS FOR PEOPLE WHO
19 WILL BE COMING OUT OF THE JAIL PRETRIAL, BECAUSE THEY'RE NO
20 LONGER BEING HELD UNDER LARGE AMOUNTS OF BAIL. I DON'T KNOW IF
21 THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE
22 TALKING ABOUT GETTING READY TO HOUSE AND TREAT MENTALLY ILL
23 INMATES COMING OUT OF THE JAIL WHILE THEY WAIT FOR TRIAL.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE IS, GIVEN THAT WE
2 KNOW THAT MAYBE 40 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION CURRENTLY IN THE
3 JAIL IS THERE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T MAKE BAIL BECAUSE THEY'RE
4 POOR, COULDN'T WE BE BETTER SERVED IF WE HAD SERVICES FOR
5 THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHILE THEY AWAIT THEIR SENTENCING OUTSIDE,
6 AND MAYBE GETTING THE TREATMENT THAT O.D.R. IS CURRENTLY
7 PROVIDING, IF WE EXPANDED THAT AND PUT OUR COUNTY FUNDS IN
8 THAT DIRECTION AT THE SAME RATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING
9 MONEY IN TO BUILD SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

10

11 **JUDGE ESPINOZA:** SO, I'M UNCOMFORTABLE COMPARING THE TWO USES
12 OF THE BUDGET, BECAUSE I'M NOT A BUDGET EXPERT, BUT LET ME SAY
13 THAT I THINK O.D.R. HAS CREATED THE MODEL OF SUPERVISION IN
14 THE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED THAT COULD
15 EASILY TRANSLATE INTO SUPERVISING AND CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE WAITING TO GO TO TRIAL, WHO HAVE A SERIOUS OR CHRONIC
17 MENTAL ILLNESS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE READY. WE'RE READY TO
18 DESIGN AND DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND HOUSING TO CARE FOR THAT
19 POPULATION, BUT THE COUNTY HAS TO DECIDE THAT THAT'S WHERE
20 THEY WANT US TO GO WITH THIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THEN FINALLY, FOR OUR C.E.O., SACHI, I WANTED
23 TO ASK, JUST CLARIFY FOR ME, THEN, HOW WE WOULD BE PAYING FOR
24 THIS MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. HOW WOULD THAT FUNDING SCHEME
25 COME ABOUT?

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2 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO, CURRENTLY, SINCE THE INCEPTION AND GOING
3 BACK TO 2013, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN BUDGETING THIS PROJECT
4 THROUGH OUR GENERAL FUND. A GOOD PORTION OF IT WILL BE CASH-
5 FUNDED UP FRONT. AND THEN WE WILL GO TO COMMERCIAL PAPER FOR A
6 VERY SMALL PORTION OF IT, AND THEN WE WILL GO INTO A LONG-TERM
7 BOND FOR THE REMAINING PORTION OF IT. SO WE HAVE BEEN PRE-
8 PLANNING SINCE, I BELIEVE, 2013.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT WE'VE INVESTED, I
11 BELIEVE, ABOUT \$938 MILLION THAT WE'VE ALREADY INVESTED, OR
12 WE'RE LOOKING AT... WELL, WAIT A MINUTE. LET ME REPHRASE THAT.
13 I'M SORRY. BEFORE WE INVEST \$2.2 BILLION OF PREVIOUS-- OF
14 PRECIOUS, NOT PREVIOUS-- PRECIOUS TAXPAYER DOLLARS, WHICH WILL
15 INCLUDE ABOUT 938 MILLION CASH NOW, AND 1.2 BILLION IN BONDS
16 THAT WE WILL HAVE TO PAY 70 MILLION EVERY YEAR UNTIL 2052? IS
17 THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO, I BELIEVE... SO, THE NUMBERS MIGHT BE A
20 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT WHEN YOU GET TO THE BOND FINANCING PIECE
21 OF IT, BECAUSE THE COMMERCIAL PAPER WOULD NOT BE THE SAME
22 AMOUNT AS THE ACTUAL LONG-TERM BOND FINANCING. THE LONG-TERM
23 BOND FINANCING IS ROUGHLY IN THE TUNE OF ABOUT 850,000, OR A
24 LITTLE BIT OVER THAT, FOR THE LONG-TERM BOND FINANCING. THE
25 COMMERCIAL PAPER IS JUST THE SHORT-TERM PAPER NOTE.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAKING A PAYMENT, 70
3 MILLION, EVERY YEAR UNTIL 2052?

4

5 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I BELIEVE THAT THE DEBT SERVICE STARTS, AND IT
6 WOULD BE A 27-YEAR PERIOD. I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT. I BELIEVE
7 IT'S 27 YEARS, CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT COULD BE USED TO BUILD
10 5,000 UNITS OF ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES [APPLAUSE.]
11 AND HOMELESS SHELTERS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TO REMIND YOU WE'VE ASKED YOU NOT TO
14 CLAP OR BOO.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION TO
17 EMBARRASS MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS OR MYSELF.
18 I'M MAINLY HERE TO JUST ASK THE QUESTIONS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
19 I'M PROVIDED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED ME, AND I HAVE THE
20 UTMOST RESPECT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. PLEASE KNOW
21 THAT. I AM NOT DIRECTING THESE IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS YOU. BUT
22 I THINK THIS DOES BEG THE QUESTION THAT WE CAN DO BETTER. AND
23 I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANYTHING IN WRITING THAT ACTUALLY
24 SAYS WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY, THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST

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1 UNTIL FEBRUARY THE 28TH TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND EXPLORE.

2 SO I WOULD LEAVE IT AT THAT, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO I GUESS ONE OF THE SORT
7 OF DIRECT AND EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS, DR. SHERIN, IS, IS THERE
8 REALLY A CAPACITY TO RUN A 3500- OR 3800-BED MENTAL HOSPITAL
9 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH?

10

11 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH WOULD BE RUNNING THE ENTIRE FACILITY. I THINK WHAT WE
13 WOULD BE DOING WOULD BE PROVIDING THE CLINICAL EXPERTISE AND
14 CERTAIN STAFFING FOR A HOSPITAL. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE A NUMBER
15 STAFF, AS I SAID EARLIER, ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, AND PROBABLY
16 STAFF THAT ARE YET UNHIRED, THAT IF THAT WAS THE BOARD'S WILL,
17 WE WOULD LOOK TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE MIGHT ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF KIND OF MAGICAL
20 THINKING THAT WE ENGAGE IN ON THE BOARD, ALWAYS. SOME PEOPLE
21 CALL IT ASPIRATIONAL, AS YOU DID, AND I THINK THAT'S A GOOD
22 THING. I THINK WHAT WE IMAGINE IS A POPULATION THAT GETS THE
23 KIND OF HELP THAT THEY NEED AFTER THEY'VE RUN AFOUL OF THE
24 LAW, AS MY PARENTS USED TO CALL IT, AND SORT OF SORT THEM OUT
25 IN A WAY THAT GETS THEM TREATMENT FIRST, JAIL LAST. AND YET

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1 THIS IS, I THINK, A FACILITY TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE SENTENCED,
2 OR IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE COURT-INVOLVED. SO, IN A WAY, IT'S A
3 JAIL. BUT IT WOULDN'T-- THE THEORY IS IT WOULDN'T OPERATE LIKE
4 A JAIL OR LOOK LIKE A JAIL, OR WOULDN'T BE UNDER THE AEGIS, AS
5 THE CHAIR SAID, OF THE SHERIFF. SO THAT'S THE OPERATIONAL PART
6 OF IT. SO I GUESS MY HOPE WOULD BE-- AND I THINK THIS IS
7 DIRECTLY MOST TO THE C.E.O. AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 WORKS-- IS I WANT US TO STRETCH THE BOUNDARIES OF WHATEVER
9 THIS PLAN IS, IF IT PASSES, TO REALLY EXPLORE, DOES IT HAVE TO
10 BE ONE FACILITY IN THIS FOOTPRINT? ARE THERE POSSIBILITIES OF
11 DOING A SMALLER THIS AND A SMALLER THAT IN THIS FOOTPRINT?
12 SECONDLY, I WANT TO INDICATE THAT I'M GOING TO VERY, VERY
13 STRONGLY PUSH FOR A CONTINUING AND VERY STRONG PROGRAM TO
14 EXPAND THE KINDS OF DIVERSION THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOT IN
15 THIS DOWNTOWN AREA, NECESSARILY, BUT WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT
16 COMMUNITY-BASED, WHAT JUDGE ESPINOZA HAS BEEN DOING AND
17 TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT WE ALL AGREE WORKS BETTER. BUT WE ARE
18 NOT REALLY INVESTING YET IN THAT IN A BIG WAY. AND WHEN WE
19 LOOK AT THE DEBT SERVICE MONEY THAT WE'RE ALREADY PUTTING
20 AWAY, WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT N.C.C. WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THIS
21 PROJECT, I DON'T KNOW HOW FUNGIBLE IT IS FOR OTHER KINDS OF
22 USES, BECAUSE IF WE DO THE BIG FACILITY, WE MAY NEED TO PAY
23 THAT MONEY AND DO THE DEBT SERVICE, OR MAYBE NOT. MAYBE WE
24 WANT TO EXPLORE WHETHER THE BOND CAN ACTUALLY BE SMALLER TO DO
25 THIS, AND TELL MCCARTHY, "WE NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING WITHIN

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1 THIS." PEOPLE SAY, "OH, WELL, IT MIGHT TAKE A WHOLE NEW
2 E.I.R." AND I WOULD SAY, "OKAY, FINE." BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO
3 BE STUCK BY SOMEONE. I MEAN, I'M A BIG ENVIRONMENTAL
4 ASSESSMENT FAN, AS YOU KNOW, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK BY
5 SOMEONE GOING, "OH, WE DON'T WANT TO GET BACK INTO THAT," IF
6 IT MEANS WE'RE RUINING A MILLION LIVES. I MEAN, I THINK WE
7 REALLY HAVE TO BE AS CREATIVE AS POSSIBLE. SO IF THIS PASSES
8 TODAY, MY HOPE WOULD BE-- AND IT'S, OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE WHO
9 ARE FOR IT WHO ARE REALLY SETTING THE AGENDA, SO MY HOPE WOULD
10 BE TO THOSE WHO MIGHT SUPPORT IT, THAT THERE BE SOME DIFFERENT
11 THINKING ABOUT THE NUMBER OF FACILITIES, THE WAY IT'S
12 CONSTRUCTED, HOW MUCH WE PUT INTO IT, WHETHER MONEY CAN BE
13 USED FOR OTHER FACILITIES. AND IN THE WEEKS TO COME, I WANT TO
14 DISCUSS WITH PEOPLE THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING A KIND OF--
15 IT'S NOT REALLY A MANHATTAN PROJECT, BUT THE KIND OF THING
16 THAT, THANKS TO MOLLY REISMAN, WE DID WITH THE SUPPORTIVE
17 HOUSING, AND THAT IS, LET'S START PUTTING SOME MONEY IN EVERY
18 YEAR THAT GROWS AND GROWS AND GROWS. AND JUAN SCHULTZ HAS
19 SAID, WHY DON'T WE DO THIS FOR, YOU KNOW, DIVERSION, AND SEE
20 IF THE COUNTY CAN TRULY INVEST? THE SECOND THING, REALLY,
21 THOUGH, IS STAFFING. I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT IMAGINING THAT
22 MENTAL HEALTH WILL JUST BE ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, STEP UP AND
23 STAFF ALL OF THIS. AND WE HAVE TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO
24 THAT, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE MONEY'S NOT THERE YET. AND THE
25 STAFF IS NOT THERE YET. AND I KNOW WE HAVE MANY YEARS WHILE

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1 THIS THING'S BEING BUILT. AND I LIKE THAT WE'VE BEEN PIVOTING
2 AND PIVOTING TO A MORE REFORM-MINDED, PROGRESSIVE WAY OF
3 APPROACHING IT. SO THAT WOULD BE MY HOPE, IF THIS PASSES IN
4 THE WEEKS TO COME. AND ESPECIALLY, SINCE IF WE'RE GOING TO
5 MOVE ANY MONEY, IT WILL TAKE FOUR VOTES. SO THAT'S ALSO
6 SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WAS GOING TO SAY WELCOME BACK, MAYBE.
9 [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU FOR THOSE REMARKS. AND, OF COURSE,
10 EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID IS EXACTLY WHAT I KNOW-- I CAN'T
11 SPEAK FOR MY CO-AUTHOR, BUT CERTAINLY WHAT I HAVE BEEN
12 THINKING ABOUT, IN TERMS OF THE NEW DIRECTION WE'RE TAKING.
13 AND, AGAIN, NO ONE HAS TALKED THIS MORNING ABOUT THE
14 POPULATION CURRENTLY OF THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE
15 SYSTEM WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. I BELIEVE IT'S
16 AROUND-- MY LATEST FIGURES WAS 3100. DR. GHALY, WERE YOU GOING
17 TO...? YEAH, THAT WE NOW HOUSE IN TWIN TOWERS. AND I GUESS MY
18 QUESTION-- AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER'S ON THE QUEUE-- BUT
19 HOW ARE WE TREATING THEM NOW? AND, IN FACT, WOULD A TREATMENT
20 FACILITY LIKE WE'RE PROPOSING BE A MUCH BETTER WAY, AGAIN, TO
21 GET FOLKS WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
22 THE TREATMENT THEY REALLY NEED-- AND DR. SHERIN IS A
23 PSYCHIATRIST-- THE TREATMENT THEY NEED TO ULTIMATELY, YOU
24 KNOW, START STEPPING DOWN, UNTIL THEY ABSOLUTELY ARE READY TO
25 FIND A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM THAT WORKS FOR THEM. AND I FEEL

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1 LIKE WE'VE ALREADY GOT A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
2 WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO TREAT THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND IN
3 A FACILITY THAT I WOULD ASSUME MAKES THAT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
4 AND ALMOST COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SO, TO ME, THIS ALSO IMMEDIATELY
5 BEGINS TO SERVE THE NEED OF THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY WITHIN OUR
6 CUSTODY, AND MOVING FORWARD WITH THE INVESTMENT IN THE
7 DIVERSION AND THE REENTRY PROGRAM, SO THAT WE DO ENVISION A
8 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ONE DAY WHERE THIS POPULATION IS
9 DIMINISHED. AND THEN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL CALL ON YOU. AND
10 MAYBE, DR. GHALY, AT SOME POINT YOU CAN RE-IMAGINE WHAT THIS
11 RECEPTION CENTER LOOKS LIKE SO WE UNDERSTAND, WHEN SOMEBODY
12 DOES RUN AFOUL OF THE LAW-- THAT'S HOW MY PARENTS SAID IT,
13 TOO-- WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM WHEN THEY COME TO THIS RECEPTION
14 CENTER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. WELL, I'M GOING TO SAVE MY OVERALL
17 REMARKS UNTIL I HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO COME
18 HERE TO TESTIFY, BECAUSE I ACTUALLY DO WANT TO HEAR THE INPUT
19 AS IT RELATES TO THE THOUGHTS MOVING FORWARD. BUT, YOU KNOW,
20 THIS BOARD IS TALKING ABOUT THIS AS THOUGH WE'VE BEEN DOING
21 THINGS IN A VACUUM. THIS BOARD, OVER THE LAST MONTH, HAS TAKEN
22 ACTIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
23 I DID, ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL BEDS, AND POSSIBLY
24 BUILDING A FREESTANDING MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL, THE THOUGHT
25 BEING THAT YOU WANT TO PUT THEM OUT ON CAMPUSES. I DON'T KNOW,

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1 IS IT THERAPEUTIC? I ALWAYS GET THE TERM WRONG, DR. SHERIN.

2 THERAPEUTIC CAMPUSES?

3

4 **DR. SHERIN:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RESTORATIVE CARE CAMPUSES.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. SO THIS BOARD IS ALREADY TAKING THAT
7 ACTION. IT IS NOT AN EITHER/OR. EITHER/OR IS WHAT GOT US INTO
8 THIS MESS. IF YOU TALK TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES OF LOVED
9 ONES THAT ARE AT MEN'S CENTRAL RIGHT NOW, OR AT THE JAILS,
10 SOME OF THEM WOULD TELL YOU THAT THE MENTAL ILLNESS IS WHAT
11 GOT THEM INTO THE JAIL. AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT ONCE YOU
12 ENTER JAIL, WE HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE TO PROVIDE THE
13 CARE. WHEN THEY'RE OUT ON THE STREET, WE DON'T. SO IT'S NOT AN
14 EITHER/OR. WE HAVE TO DO BETTER AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY-
15 BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND BUILDING ON THAT. AND DR. SHERIN AND I
16 HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS. AND THAT HAS BEEN A FAILURE OF THIS
17 BOARD OVER 20 YEARS. WE HAD M.H.S.A. DOLLARS THAT WE COULD
18 HAVE INVESTED IN NEW, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT WE DIDN'T DO.
19 SO HERE WE ARE TODAY. SO, AGAIN, IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR. AND
20 UNFORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, THE REALITY IS THAT WE DO NEED TO
21 BUILD SOME SORT OF INSTITUTION TO ADDRESS NOT ONLY THOSE THAT
22 FACE MENTAL ILLNESS. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE THIRD OF THE
23 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR JAILS RIGHT NOW THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL,
24 DON'T ASSUME THAT ALL OF THEM NEED A HOSPITAL BED. THEY DON'T.
25 AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THE MOTION THAT'S BEING BROUGHT IN

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1 TODAY AS AN AMENDMENT IS INTERESTING TO ME, BECAUSE IT WILL
2 ALLOW US TO TRIAGE AS THEY COME IN, AND DETERMINE WHETHER, IN
3 FACT, THEY NEED TO BE PUT IN THE HOSPITAL OR THEY NEED TO BE
4 PUT IN COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. AND YOU LOOK AT BAIL REFORM, AND
5 BAIL REFORM, IN ITS OWN WAY, IS DOING THE SAME THING. IT'S
6 SAYING YOU DON'T NEED TO BE JAILED BECAUSE OF YOUR INABILITY
7 TO POST BAIL. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN A JAIL OR IN A HOSPITAL
8 BED. YOUR MENTAL ILLNESS IS BETTER TREATED OUT IN THE
9 COMMUNITY. BUT WE NEED TO BUILD THAT INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THE
10 THING THAT I SMILE WHEN I HEAR THE BOARD SAY, "WHAT ABOUT
11 STAFFING?" WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF THINGS HERE, AND DONE IT, AND
12 THEN SAID, "FIGURE OUT HOW TO STAFF IT." THAT'S NOT A BAD
13 THING. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE CONSISTENT WITH HOW YOU APPLY
14 PROGRAMS, WE NEED TO BE CONSISTENT ON THIS. AND WE KNOW THAT
15 WE HAVE A HUGE ISSUE THAT RELATES TO CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES RECRUITMENT. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S GOTTEN MUCH
17 BETTER, BUT I KNOW THAT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE FOR US, AND IT'S
18 GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE. IT TOOK US
19 OVER A YEAR TO FIND A PSYCHIATRIST TO GO UP TO THE ANTELOPE
20 VALLEY. SO DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY. IT'S GOING TO
21 BE A HEAVY LIFT. BUT GIVEN WHERE WE ARE-- AND BY THE WAY, THIS
22 CAN HAS BEEN KICKED SO MANY TIMES, IT CAN'T BE KICKED AGAIN.
23 WE HAVE A JAIL, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT IS NOT ONLY INHUMANE,
24 IT IS UNSAFE TO OUR STAFF. I MEAN, YOU TALK ABOUT THE TYPHUS
25 EPIDEMIC. THERE ARE RATS. IT IS DEPLORABLE. I DON'T KNOW IF

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1 ANY OF Y'ALL BEEN THERE LATELY, BUT IT IS BAD. SO, WHILE THIS
2 AMENDMENT MAY NOT BE THE PERFECT END ALL, I THINK IT IS A
3 GREAT BEGINNING TO LOOK AT HOW WE ARE RE-ENGINEERING THE WAY
4 WE ADDRESS OUR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I
5 DON'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, DR. SHERIN, BECAUSE
6 QUITE FRANKLY, THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. THIS IS SOMETHING
7 THAT COLLABORATIVELY WITH HEALTH SERVICES, WITH PUBLIC HEALTH,
8 WITH O.D.R., WITH CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, HEALTH, WE'RE GOING
9 TO PUT TOGETHER. WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE? I DON'T KNOW. I
10 KNOW THAT ONE OF THE GROUPS THAT I WANT TO HEAR FROM, AS WELL,
11 IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE LET US NOT FORGET THAT
12 THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE COMING IN CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT,
13 WHICH IS BRINGING THEM THERE. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET
14 THEIR INPUT IN TERMS OF WHAT THEIR VISION IS FOR THIS PROJECT.
15 BUT FOR ALL THE ADVOCATES OUT THERE, THE ONE THING I KEPT
16 HEARING SUPERVISOR HAHN SAY IS, SHE DOES NOT WANT THIS TO BE A
17 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, A JAIL. SHE WANTS THIS TO BE REALLY,
18 FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ADDRESSING
19 THOSE THAT ARE COMING IN CONTACT WITH OUR SYSTEM, OUR JUDICIAL
20 SYSTEM. AND I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. IT'S CHANGED A LOT
21 FROM WHEN THIS BOARD ORIGINALLY PASSED MIRA LOMA, WITH THE
22 OTHER PROJECT, AND IT WAS NOT AN EITHER/OR THERE, EITHER. IT
23 WAS A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO, HOW ARE WE GOING TO WORK WITH THIS
24 POPULATION? IF WE WANT TO TAKE MIRA LOMA OFF THE TABLE TODAY
25 AND LOOK AT REPURPOSING ANOTHER FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO BE

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1 MORE IN LINE WITH WHAT THIS BOARD WANTS, I'M OKAY WITH THAT.
2 I'M OKAY WITH THAT, SO LONG AS WE RECOGNIZE THAT BY TAKING
3 MIRA LOMA OFF THE TABLE, WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING TO FILL A
4 VOID SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND WHERE THAT IS, I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW
5 THAT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S BEEN MENTIONING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT
6 THE COUNTY. AND SO WE, AS A BOARD, NEED TO WORK
7 COLLABORATIVELY ON THAT OR REPURPOSING AN EXISTING FACILITY.
8 AND THEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FUNDING. SACHI, THIS IS ALL COUNTY
9 FUNDS. CORRECT? ON THE REBUILD?

10

11 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** ON THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY? CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** SO IT'S COUNTY FUNDS, NOT STATE?

14

15 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, ALSO, FOR THIS BOARD TO
18 RECOGNIZE. BUT AGAIN, IN A PERFECT WORLD...

19

20 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** CAN I JUST SAY THIS?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** OH, GO AHEAD, SACHI.

23

24 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, JUST ALSO IN RESPONSE TO THAT, I
25 THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING INTERNALLY

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1 ABOUT IS, AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND WITH THIS SHIFT, WE WILL BE
2 LOOKING AT WHETHER THERE ARE SOME ALTERNATIVES, AS WELL, FOR
3 THE FUNDING SOURCE OF IT. SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THOSE
4 OPTIONS, AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. BUT, AGAIN, AND I WILL LEAVE MY OVERALL
7 THOUGHTS TILL AFTER WE LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC, BUT LET US NOT
8 MAKE A MISTAKE IN ASSUMING THAT WE HAVE NOT ALREADY MOVED IN
9 THE DIRECTION THIS MOTION IS TAKING US TODAY. JON SHERIN'S GOT
10 A DIRECTIVE, AS IT RELATES TO LOOKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS,
11 I.M.D. BEDS, OR POSSIBLY BUILDING A FREE-STANDING AND/OR P3
12 FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, I.M.D. BEDS. HE'S FIGHTING TO SECURE
13 FUNDING, WHICH, IN THE PAST, HAS NOT OCCURRED, WHICH HAS BEEN
14 PART OF THE REASON WHY WE HAVE A SHORTFALL, AS IT RELATES TO
15 I.M.D. BEDS. SO THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN BOLD ACTION MOVING IN
16 THAT DIRECTION, AND THIS IS ONE MORE PIECE TO THAT PUZZLE. BUT
17 WITHOUT COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO
18 WORK. DIVERSION IS NOT GOING TO WORK, BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO
19 COME IN CONTACT. AND BY THE TIME THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE
20 JUDICIAL SYSTEM OR THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, IT'S A LOT MORE
21 DIFFICULT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES. IT'S BETTER TO GET IT UP
22 FRONT. AND AS IT RELATES TO THE DIVERSION, I LOOKED AT THE
23 STATE AUDIT, AND I HOPE THAT THIS COUNTY IS LOOKING AT WHAT
24 WE'RE DOING WELL AND WHERE WE NEED IMPROVEMENT, BECAUSE I KNOW
25 THAT IN THE STATE AUDIT, THEY ONLY LOOKED AT RECIDIVISM, BUT I

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1 THINK WE NEED TO LOOK OVERALL AT HOW WE ARE DOING AS IT
2 RELATES TO DIVERSION, BECAUSE IF THE MOTION PASSES TODAY
3 THAT'S BEING PROPOSED-- I THINK, NO. 11-- I THINK IT'S
4 IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO LESSONS LEARNED, TAKING A LOOK
5 INTERNALLY AT HOW WE'RE DOING, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE, IN
6 FACT, GETTING THE BEST BANG FOR OUR BUCK, AS IT RELATES TO THE
7 PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE PUTTING OUT THERE, SO THAT WE CAN BUILD
8 UPON THOSE. SO WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
9 PUBLIC AND GETTING THEIR THOUGHTS, MOVING FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, AGAIN, I THINK, COLLEAGUES,
12 IT'S GOING TO BE CRITICAL IN THIS DESIGN PHASE AND THE REPORTS
13 THAT WE'LL BE GETTING BACK IN 90 DAYS, 180 DAYS, AND THE 12-
14 MONTH VALIDATION, IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT THE DESIGN OF THIS
15 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER THAT WILL MAKE ALL THE
16 DIFFERENCE, IN TERMS OF THE OUTCOMES. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I
17 WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PART OF THIS FACILITY BE A MENTAL HEALTH
18 URGENT CARE, A DE-ESCALATION AREA, A LARGE AREA. WE DON'T HAVE
19 ENOUGH OF MENTAL HEALTH-- URGENT CARE'S OUT THERE, AND WE KNOW
20 MANY PEOPLE COME IN CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND WHAT
21 THEY NEED TO DO IS DE-ESCALATE. THEY'RE HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH
22 CRISIS. AND BY THE WAY, ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, ONLY OUR LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN TRANSPORT FOLKS TO A MENTAL HEALTH
24 URGENT CARE. OUR PARAMEDICS, BY STATE LAW, CAN'T DO THAT. SO
25 THEY'RE WELL EQUIPPED TO DO THAT, AND I WOULD HOPE THIS

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1 FACILITY WOULD MAKE ROOM FOR A MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE PIECE
2 FACILITY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO
3 THE AMENDMENT?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, LET ME OFFER THE
6 FOLLOWING. IT WAS ON FEBRUARY 1 THAT WE SOUGHT TO GET THE
7 C.E.O. TO RESPOND TO A RANGE OF QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, AND WE
8 POSED THEM. AND ON FEBRUARY THE EIGHTH, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
9 DID GIVE US A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE THERE. AND I BELIEVE THOSE
10 RESPONSES ARE IN SOME WAYS ADDRESSED BY THE SEVEN MOTIONS THAT
11 ARE ON THE AGENDA TODAY. AND SO MY VIEW OF ITEM 25 AND THE
12 RELATED ITEMS IS THAT THEY ARE LARGELY COMPLEMENTARY.
13 RELATIVELY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF CONFLICT HERE AMONG MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD. WE ARE SIGNALING UNANIMOUSLY, IN MY VIEW, A
15 DIRECTION THAT IS VERY, VERY SUBSTANTIAL; THAT IS, TO
16 DEEMPHASIS THE TRADITIONAL VIEW OF INCARCERATION SCENARIOS, TO
17 GIVE THE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO A NEW OR A DIFFERENT
18 WAY OF ADDRESSING THE CRISES THAT ENVELOP THE LIVES OF WHO
19 WOULD BE DESCRIBED AS INMATES, WHO OUGHT TO MORE APPROPRIATELY
20 BE DESCRIBED AS PATIENTS. FOR MANY OF US, WE'VE HELD FOR MANY
21 YEARS THAT YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL. IF SOMEONE'S SICK,
22 THEY DON'T GO TO THE JAILHOUSE; THEY GO TO A HOSPITAL. AND FOR
23 THOSE WHO COMMIT HEINOUS CRIMES, IT'S NOT THAT THEY BELONG IN
24 A HOSPITAL, DISRUPTING THAT ENVIRONMENT, THAT THEY NEED TO BE
25 INCARCERATED. WE NEED TO RECONCILE THIS WITH A MATURE, WELL-

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1 DEVELOPED POINT OF VIEW. I THANK THE CHAIR AND THE BALANCE OF
2 THE BOARD FOR THE RANGE OF MOTIONS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD,
3 BECAUSE THEY TYPICALLY POINT IN THE DIRECTION THAT I THINK
4 I'VE JUST TRIED TO ARTICULATE. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 25,
5 MADAM CHAIR, I THINK IT WOULD BE ENHANCED BY THE FOLLOWING,
6 AND I READ IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING,
7 BECAUSE IT FURTHER CAUSES US TO BE IN COHERENCE, I BELIEVE. IT
8 IS TO DIRECT THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
11 IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, TO INCLUDE IN
12 THEIR REPORT-BACK OPTIONS TO RIGHTSIZE THE SCALE AND SCOPE OF
13 THE PROJECT, INCLUDING CREATING A CONTINUUM OF CLINICAL
14 FACILITIES OPERATED BY HEALTH PERSONNEL, AND TO ENSURE A
15 DECENTRALIZED, TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS
16 OF IMPROVED TREATMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN CONJUNCTION WITH
17 DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WHEREVER
18 POSSIBLE. IT SEEMS TO ME WE NEED TO HAVE A MORE EXPLICIT
19 RESPONSE TO THAT KIND OF INSIGHT ON THE PART OF WHAT HAPPENS
20 IN ITEM NO. 25. IF WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT, AND I APPEAL TO THE
21 BALANCE OF THE BOARD TO BE SUPPORTIVE, AND I THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORING OF SUCH, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO DO
23 SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT. WE WILL SET A NEW STANDARD, NOT ONLY IN
24 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND

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1 WELL BEYOND. THAT SHOULD BE OUR GOAL, AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT
2 WE CAN GET THERE IF WE HANG TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISORS
5 KUEHL AND SOLIS, AND THEN WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS RELATES TO THE AMENDMENT
8 THAT WAS SIMPLY JUST OFFERED. I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND. MY
9 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE HAS INDICATED THAT HE AND THE CO-AUTHOR
10 WISH TO KNOW ABOUT OPTIONS ON RIGHTSIZING THE SCALE AND SCOPE
11 OF THIS PROJECT. BUT I'M UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT MOVING THE
12 BOARD LETTER FORWARD, EVEN AS AMENDED, TO THE MENTAL HOSPITAL
13 APPROACH RETAINS THE 3800-BED SIZE, AND I WANTED TO SEE IF
14 THERE IS ANY WAY SORT OF TO FOLLOW THE AMENDMENT, IF YOU TALK
15 ABOUT RIGHTSIZING AND SCALING AND DECENTRALIZING, WHICH IS
16 WHAT THE AMENDMENT SAYS, WHETHER IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE IF WE GET
17 AN APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS LETTER TODAY, EVEN AS
18 AMENDED.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR? IF I MAY, MADAM
21 CHAIR?

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE THRUST OF THE AMENDMENT IS TO EXHAUST
2 ALL POSSIBILITIES, IN TERMS OF RIGHTSIZING AND COMMUNITY-BASED
3 DIVERSION SCENARIOS AND THE LIKE, AND IT COMES BACK IN THE
4 CONTEXT OF A REPORT-BACK. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK
5 IT CAN AND SHOULD BE APPRECIATED AND THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW
6 THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO IN ORDER TO GET THIS TO THE
7 PLACE THAT WE WISH FOR IT TO BE. THIS AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN
8 MOTION IS ESSENTIALLY DESIGNED TO SAY, "LOOK, EXHAUST THE
9 RANGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES SO THAT WHAT WE
10 ULTIMATELY WISH TO SEE HAPPEN, IN TERMS OF BETTER PATIENT
11 OUTCOMES, IN TERMS OF MORE PRUDENT USE OF PUBLIC DOLLARS, IS
12 OUR REALITY." AND I FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO FURTHER
13 EXPLICATE THAT POINT, IN ORDER FOR US TO COME BACK WITH
14 SOMETHING THAT WE CAN REVIEW IN THE 90-DAY, THE 180-DAY
15 SCENARIO. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I THINK IT
16 COHERES WITH SOME OF THE OTHER MOTIONS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD.
17 I THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE JUST TO ATTACH IT TO THIS MOTION
18 SO THAT WE ARE IN CONCERT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN BE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, NOW I AM CONFUSED. SO, IN FACT, IF WE MOVE
23 FORWARD WITH THIS SECOND AMENDMENT, THIS DOESN'T PRECLUDE THE
24 ORIGINAL, I GUESS, INTENT, YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT THAT WAS

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1 OFFERED BY BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS, WE'LL GO
2 AHEAD, STILL, WITH THE 3800 FACILITY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'LL GO FORWARD WITH AWARDING THE DESIGN
5 BUILD CONTRACT.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THAT MEANS IT'S GOING TO BE THE 3800, BECAUSE
8 YOU'D HAVE TO THEN AMEND THE E.I.R.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EITHER PUBLIC WORKS OR SACHI CAN ANSWER
11 THAT.

12

13 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO, I THINK I COULD ANSWER THIS. I THINK THAT,
14 AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WITH THE GROUP WHO HAS BID ON THIS
15 PROJECT, I THINK WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH THEM UP TO A
16 RANGE, I BELIEVE, OF MAKING 25-PERCENT MODIFICATIONS. AND,
17 AGAIN, I THINK IT GOES BACK TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S COMMENTS
18 WHERE WE ALL NEED TO GO BACK TO THE TABLE AND REALLY LOOK AT
19 THE FOOTPRINT OF THE FACILITY. AND SO, AGAIN, MAYBE THERE'S A
20 SMALL DOOR OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COMING IN AND REALLY, TRULY
21 HAVE SOME ISSUES THAT NEED TO GO, AND THEY NEED TO GO INTO
22 INCARCERATION. HOWEVER, THE LARGER DOOR MAY BE THE DOOR THAT
23 GOES INTO ANOTHER BUILDING THAT HAS OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO
24 REALLY ARE IN NEED OF WHETHER IT'S DETOXIFICATION, OR IT IS IN
25 NEED OF--

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE.

3

4 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SOME MENTAL SERVICES, URGENT CARE. WE NEED TO GO
5 BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT THAT FOOTPRINT. AND I THINK THAT'S TO
6 THE HEART OF WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAD TALKED ABOUT EARLIER.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO WITH RESPECT TO MR. HOWARD, IF YOU COULD
9 RESPOND, OR D.W.P., I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS
10 TO THE E.I.R.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE E.I.R. GENERALLY GIVES US THE
13 FLEXIBILITY TO DO LESS THAN WHAT THE MAXIMUM SCOPE WAS THAT
14 WAS DESCRIBED. AND IN THE E.I.R. FOR THIS PROJECT, IT WAS
15 ACTUALLY A SCENARIO THAT WAS LOOKED AT AS A 3100-BED FACILITY.
16 SO THAT'S ALREADY ADDRESSED IN THE E.I.R. IT JUST DEPENDS ON
17 HOW FAR WE WANT TO DEVIATE FROM THAT SCOPE. BUT WE KNOW THAT
18 THE 3100 OPTION WAS INCLUDED. IF WE CHANGE IT TOO FAR, THEN IT
19 COULD REOPEN THE E.I.R.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IF WE WENT IN HALF, WE CUT THAT IN HALF?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT CLOSELY WITH
24 COUNSEL, BUT I THINK, AT THAT POINT, THAT'S A PRETTY SEVERE
25 CHANGE. IT ALSO IS THE E.I.R. SIDE, AND AS SACHI WAS

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1 EXPLAINING, THERE'S ALSO CONTRACTUAL CHANGES. IF WE WERE TO
2 CUT THE CONTRACT IN HALF, I THINK WE WOULD NEED TO RESOLICIT
3 THAT CONTRACT.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, I'LL HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, LET'S HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** NO. I WAS GOING TO SAY I THINK THAT YOU ANSWERED
11 IT. IT'S THE R.F.P. THAT WAS IN QUESTION, AND THE 25 PERCENT
12 THRESHOLD. BUT THE FLEXIBILITY IS THERE, BASED ON THIS MOTION,
13 THE WAY THE MOTION'S WRITTEN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. WHAT WE'VE SAID IN TERMS OF THE BID
16 SOLICITATION IS, ANYTHING MORE THAN 25 PERCENT, WE WOULD
17 RECOMPETE THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT
20 HAVE COME DOWN TO HEAR US ON THIS. I BELIEVE WE HAVE OVER 150
21 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THESE TWO ITEMS, 24 AND
22 25. SO AT THIS TIME, THAT'S GOING TO BE OVER THREE HOURS, AS
23 IT STANDS. IS THAT CORRECT? DO THE MATH. SO WE'RE GOING TO
24 HAVE ONE MINUTE APIECE. IF BY CHANCE YOU'D LIKE TO WAIVE YOUR
25 TIME TO ADDRESS THIS BOARD, AND JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU'RE

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1 HERE, YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO THAT TO THE STAFF AT THE RAIL, EVEN
2 IF YOUR NAME HAS BEEN CALLED. AND IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN A
3 MINUTE, OBVIOUSLY, OF TESTIMONY, AND IT'S WRITTEN, PLEASE TURN
4 IT IN TO US, AND EACH ONE OF US WILL READ THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR
5 TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME. SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DID YOU
6 WANT TO START CALLING SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT 150 TO
7 SPEAK?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
10 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ADAM
11 SMITH, ADAM ZARAGOZA, ADAM SIEGEL, ADAM VINE, AMISI SANTINI,
12 ALBERTO RETANA, ALISA BIERRIA, AMPARO OSTOJIC, AMY WANG,
13 ANGELICA MOYES, ANTHONY ROBLES, ASHLEY LUKASHEVSKY, AUDREY
14 GEORGE, BEN BENJAMIN, BRIAN KANEDA, BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, BRUCE
15 PATTON, CALVIN CALLIER, CARTER MOON, CECILIA SWEET-COLL,
16 CHAPMAN CLARK, CHRIS WHITE, CHRISTINA MILLER, CLAIRE SCHNADIG,
17 COCO SEGALLER, COLBY LENZ, COLIN DIAS, DAFINA MATIKU, DANIELLE
18 DUPUY, DANA HAMLES, DAVID TURNER, DELIA BROWN, DESIRE ASEY,
19 DOLORES CANALES, DR. ANYA SNOW, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ELANA
20 BLOOMFIELD, ELEANOR WELLS, ELI LONGNECKER. PLEASE COME FORWARD
21 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND AGAIN, LET ME REMIND THE AUDIENCE
24 THAT WE WANT TO GIVE RESPECT TO EVERYONE WHO HAS THE
25 MICROPHONE. SO IF YOU CAN, REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING, AND JUST

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1 SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY RAISING THE ROOF. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

2 OKAY. WELCOME, FIRST SPEAKER.

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA MILLER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. CHRISTINA
5 MILLER.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND, AGAIN, I WOULD ASK OUR STAFF, OUR
8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, OUR BOARD STAFF, THE WHITE SHIRTS, IF YOU
9 COULD PLEASE WORK ON MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN HEAR THOSE THAT
10 HAVE COME DOWN TO SPEAK. WHEN THERE'S NOISE IN THE AUDIENCE,
11 WE'RE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING UP HERE, AND WE HAVE A HARD TIME
12 HEARING PEOPLE. SO THE QUIETER IT IS OUT THERE, THE MORE WE
13 CAN GIVE OUR SPEAKERS THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.
14 OKAY.

15

16 **DR. CHRISTINA MILLER:** HI. I AM DR. CHRISTINA MILLER, AND I'M
17 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES.
18 I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT MORE TIME BE TAKEN TO CONSIDER THE
19 DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER. AS A
20 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, I'VE WORKED FOR 25 YEARS IN MULTIPLE
21 MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS, INCLUDING INPATIENT, OUTPATIENT,
22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, PRIMARILY
23 SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY. TWO
24 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT WITH
25 ADEQUATE INTEGRATED CARE, PEOPLE DO GET BETTER. BUT EQUALLY

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1 IMPORTANT IS THAT WITHOUT A STRONG CONNECTION AND
2 REINTEGRATION INTO A LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE WE SERVE ARE
3 LIKELY TO CYCLE BACK INTO OUR INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS, AND NOT
4 ACHIEVE ONGOING HEALTH. I BELIEVE THE PROPOSED FACILITY IS FAR
5 TOO LARGE TO EFFECTIVELY DELIVER THE KINDS OF SERVICES THAT
6 THIS POPULATION NEEDS, AND THIS HIGHLY CENTRALIZED EFFORT WILL
7 LIMIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THAT STUDIES SHOW IS
8 ABSOLUTELY NEEDED FOR PEOPLE TO REINTEGRATE INTO OUR
9 COMMUNITIES.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **AMY WANG:** HI. MY NAME IS AMY WANG. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. I JUST WANT TO URGE ALL
15 THE SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY MY OWN TO ACTUALLY REALLY
16 LISTEN TO WHAT JUSTICE-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES IN YOUR CITIES AND
17 YOUR COUNTIES WANT, AND THAT'S NOT INCARCERATION IN THE NAME
18 OF MENTAL HEALTH. I URGE YOU TO JOIN SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
19 KUEHL IN STANDING IN OPPOSITION TO THE MIRA LOMA FACILITY, AND
20 I ALSO URGE YOU TO RESIST THE TYPE OF COMMUNITY-BASED
21 TREATMENT THAT SIMPLY MOVES INCARCERATION INTO PEOPLE'S
22 NEIGHBORHOODS AND INTO THEIR HOMES BY USING TECHNOLOGIES LIKE
23 G.P.S. TRACKING AND ANKLE MONITORS. WE NEED TO FIGHT FOR
24 TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE, REINVESTMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION,

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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AS WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS WHERE
2 PEOPLE ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ALBERTO RETANA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALBERTO RETANA,
7 PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY COALITION. I WANT TO FIRST START BY
8 THANKING THIS BODY FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP AND THE COURAGE
9 TO SAY NO TO INCARCERATION AND YES TO MENTAL HEALTH. THIS IS A
10 DEMAND WE'VE BEEN HAVING FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, AND I'M JUST
11 GLAD TO BE SITTING AND BE A PART OF THIS WITH YOU. WE ALL
12 AGREE THAT IT'S TIME TO TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
13 REPLACE IT WITH THE REIMAGINED SPACE THAT IS GROUNDED IN WHAT
14 NOT ONLY EXPERTS HAVING BEEN SAYING, BUT WHAT THE PEOPLE IN
15 THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN DEMANDING. WE BELIEVE THAT 3800 BEDS
16 IS FAR TOO MANY, AND WE JUST NEED A PROMISE FROM THIS BOARD
17 THAT WHATEVER YOU MOVE THROUGH IS NOT JUST WINDOW DRESSING,
18 IT'S NOT JUST FAKE, IT'S NOT JUST TO APPEASE US, BUT IT'S A
19 REAL COMMITMENT; NOT JUST NICE WORDS ON A MOTION, BUT A REAL
20 COMMITMENT TO REIMAGINE THE WAY WE DO SAFETY IN THIS COUNTY.
21 THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS A DIFFERENT VISION, AND
22 I BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MODEL
23 FOR THE COUNTRY TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST, TO PUT SOUTH L.A. FIRST,
24 TO PUT BLACK AND BROWN FOLKS FIRST, TO PUT OUR COMMUNITY IN

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1 THE CARE OF DOCTORS, AND NOT IN THE CARE OF OUR POLICE
2 DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **CALVIN CALLIER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CALVIN CALLIER, TWO
8 DAYS RELEASED FROM THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY IN A E.O.P.
9 WING OF THAT PRISON. MY EXPERIENCE THERE WAS THAT BY THE TIME
10 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS CAN ACTUALLY SEE THEIR DOCTOR, AND THE
11 DOCTOR GETS TO KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM, THEY'VE USUALLY
12 EITHER HUNG THEIRSELF OR CUT THEIR WRISTS, AND THAT'S JUST
13 PLAIN AND SIMPLE BECAUSE THE DOCTORS CAN'T GET TO THEM OR
14 SPEND ENOUGH TIME WITH THEM TO BE EFFECTIVE, TO EVEN KNOW
15 THEIR PROBLEM. SO, ON A LARGE-SCALE, I DON'T THINK IT WORKS,
16 AND THE REASON BEING THE COMMUNITY CENTER OR COMMUNITY
17 FACILITY WOULD PROBABLY WORK BETTER IS BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE
18 BARS AND POLICE, YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH THE PERSON
19 DEMONSTRATING THINGS FROM POLITICS THAT FRAME THEM A DIFFERENT
20 WAY TO WHERE THE DOCTORS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THEM BECAUSE THEY
21 HAVE POSTURE FROM POLITICS THAT'S FRAMING THEM, INSTEAD OF
22 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE. AGAIN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME. PLEASE, TRY
3 TO REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **DANIELLE DUPUY:** HI. MY NAME IS DANIELLE DUPUY. I'M THE
6 CODIRECTOR OF THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS INITIATIVE AT U.C.L.A.,
7 AND THE LEAD AUTHOR ON THE REPORT CITED BY SHEILA KUEHL
8 EARLIER TODAY. I AM ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH AND
9 PROGRAMS AT BUNCHE CENTER FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES. AND WE
10 RECEIVE DATA DIRECTLY FROM THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, AND WE RECENTLY RELEASED THIS REPORT. AND WE KNOW
12 THAT WOMEN IN YOUR CONSTITUENCIES NEED CARE AND SUPPORT, AND
13 NOT A NEW PLACE TO BE LOCKED UP. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE THE TOP
14 CHARGES ARE CRIMES OF POVERTY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL
15 ILLNESS, AND THAT THIS SUGGESTS THAT WOMEN NEED HEALTH AND
16 TRAUMA SUPPORT SERVICES AND NOT JAIL. WE ALSO KNOW THAT JUST
17 BECAUSE THERE IS MONEY TO DO SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S
18 THE BEST THING TO DO, AND THAT BOOKINGS OF WOMEN INTO THE L.A.
19 COUNTY JAIL DROPPED 25 PERCENT BETWEEN 2010 AND 2016. THE
20 MEDIAN TIME SPENT WAS LESS THAN A WEEK IN JAIL. SO WE SHOULD
21 REALLY RECONSIDER WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THIS MONEY AND TO
22 HELP THIS POPULATION OF WOMEN. FOR THESE REASONS AND MANY
23 OTHERS, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
24 OPPOSE A CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **BRIAN KANEDA:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRIAN KANEDA. I'M

4 WITH CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS, AND

5 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I LIVE IN

6 DISTRICT 1. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO LEFT FOR

7 HER COMMENTS. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED WE HELD A HUGE RALLY TODAY.

8 WE ARE HERE IN NUMBERS ON A TUESDAY MORNING TO SUPPORT THE

9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MOVEMENT TOWARDS HALTING JAIL

10 CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTEAD INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-BASED

11 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE

12 BOARD FOR HEARING EVERYONE'S VOICES. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS

13 ISSUE MEANS A LOT TO MANY PEOPLE HERE. I'VE WORKED AS A MENTAL

14 HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE AND MEDICAL ADVOCATE INSIDE C.I.W. PRISON

15 FOR ALMOST SIX YEARS, AND I CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE

16 BY THE WOMEN THAT I'VE COME TO KNOW, CARE ABOUT, AND RESPECT,

17 YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT

20 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **ELI LONGNECKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ELI LONGNECKER. I'M THE

23 COORDINATOR OF THE LOS ANGELES WORKER CENTER NETWORK. WE WORK

24 WITH YOU ALL ON MINIMUM WAGE OUTREACH. WE ALSO BUILD THE POWER

25 OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND WORKERS OF COLOR AND LOW-WAGE

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1 INDUSTRIES ACROSS L.A. AND I WANT TO REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE
2 NETWORK THAT YOU REVISE THE R.F.P. SO THAT WE CAN HAVE FIVE
3 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, ONE IN EACH DISTRICT, AND NOT A NEW
4 MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. I KNOW THAT PART OF THE CONVERSATION
5 AROUND THIS IS THE CREATION OF GOOD JOBS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT
6 GOOD JOBS ARE MORAL JOBS, AND CREATING A NEW JAIL IS AN
7 IMMORAL ACT. AND SO IN ORDER TO STILL CREATE JOBS IN A MORAL
8 WAY, CREATING THE FIVE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IS A GREAT
9 ALTERNATIVE. SO PLEASE--

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MICHAEL GREEN:** HI. I'M MICHAEL GREEN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR
14 L.A. COUNTY, FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, REPRESENTING OVER 95,000
15 MEMBERS. YOU KNOW, S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS ARE ON THE FRONT LINE
16 DAY AFTER DAY, PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
17 THEY ARE THE NURSES, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, WHO DO
18 INTAKE, EVALUATE, AND ASSESS, AND PROVIDE VITAL QUALITY
19 MEDICAL CARE. AS STAKEHOLDERS, WE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE TOPICS
20 BEING DISCUSSED HERE TODAY. WE BELIEVE ALL PATIENTS DESERVE
21 QUALITY HEALTHCARE, AND WE KNOW THAT THE CURRENT OVERCROWDING
22 IN THE JAILS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT EACH DAY TO DO OUR JOBS
23 AND PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES. THAT'S WHY WE SUPPORT THIS
24 BILL AND THE CONCEPT OF CARE FIRST. AS YOU KNOW, WE ALSO NEED
25 A DEEP PLAN OF THE BEST WAY TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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1 THERE ARE SO MANY PIECES OF THIS PUZZLE OR TO DESIGN, AS YOU
2 SAID, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT WE BELIEVE ALSO ONE SIZE DOES NOT
3 FIT ALL. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT S.E.I.U. 721 MUST BE
4 PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM
5 REFORM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. AND YOU WILL BE PART OF THE
8 DISCUSSIONS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DR. ANYA SNOW:** DR. ANYA SNOW, WITH THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS
11 AND RESIDENTS, READING A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS. AS THE
12 LEADERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS,
13 REPRESENTING 1400 RESIDENT PHYSICIANS WORKING IN THE LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY, WE OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 25. AS FRONTLINE
15 PROVIDERS FOR L.A. COUNTY'S PUBLIC HOSPITALS, OUR MEMBERS WORK
16 WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS DAILY. THESE PATIENTS ARE
17 AMONG OUR MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS. WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THEM
18 SPEND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF TIME IN OUR JAILS OR PRISONS,
19 ACCUSED OF MINOR OFFENSES THAT ARE OFTEN RELATED TO THEIR
20 POORLY CONTROLLED MENTAL ILLNESS, TO HOMELESSNESS, OR TO
21 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SOME MAY STAY IN JAIL FOR LONG PERIODS MERELY
22 BECAUSE THEY ARE FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL OR ARE
23 OTHERWISE INCAPABLE OF POSTING BAIL, DUE TO DISORGANIZATION,
24 SOCIAL ISOLATION, OR POVERTY. AS PHYSICIANS, WE FEEL STRONGLY
25 THAT PSYCHIATRIC DISEASE SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN ILLNESS BY

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1 TRAINED PROVIDERS, AND NOT THROUGH INCARCERATION. ONLY BY
2 ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSE OF DISEASE WILL RECIDIVISM BE
3 DECREASED. EVEN IN THE JAIL'S INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC UNIT,
4 PATIENTS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME ISOLATED AND LOCKED IN THEIR
5 ROOMS, INSTEAD OF RECEIVING THERAPY OR LEARNING HOW TO
6 REINCORPORATE INTO SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **CHRIS WHITE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER WHITE, AND
11 I'M WITH THE COMMUNITY COALITION, AND ALSO REPRESENTATIVE OF
12 SOUTH L.A. AND I AM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BLACK AND BROWN
13 PEOPLE OF THE NATION, PERIOD. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M
14 DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THIS TREATMENT CENTER. BEEN THROUGH
15 THE COUNTY SERVICES INSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL, AND IT'S HORRIBLE.
16 IT IS THE WORST. IT'S THE PITS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU
17 SUFFER MORE THAN YOU GET ANY HEALING THERE. THAT'S NUMBER ONE.
18 NUMBER TWO, IT'S SHORTSIGHTED TO THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER A BAD
19 PROJECT. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT HAWTHORNE J.F.K.
20 HOSPITAL'S SHUT DOWN OVER THERE, SITTING OVER THERE, BEEN SHUT
21 DOWN SINCE THE 1990S, AND WHY CAN'T YOU USE THAT? IT HAD A
22 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES THERE. IT'S SITTING THERE WAITING FOR
23 YOU GUYS TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE STATE AND GO IN THERE AND TURN
24 IT INTO WHAT IT SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE PEOPLE

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1 IN THAT NEGLECTED COMMUNITY. AND FURTHERMORE, I THINK IT'S A
2 HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND A FREEDOM ISSUE COMBINED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **COLIN DIAS:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, MY
7 NAME IS COLIN DIAS. I AM A DOUBLE BOARD CERTIFIED CHILD AND
8 ADOLESCENT ADULT PSYCHIATRIST WHO'S BEEN PRACTICING
9 CONTINUOUSLY IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE 2002. I SERVED FOR 10 YEARS
10 AS THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT LAC+USC
11 MEDICAL CENTER, AND SEVEN YEARS AS THE CHIEF OF EMERGENCY
12 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES THERE. WE ARE AT AN INFLECTION POINT IN
13 THE TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL. YOU CAN'T CREATE A BOX
14 THAT'S GOING TO SHUFFLE THE WAY REALIGNMENT HAS SHUFFLED
15 PATIENTS FROM A FACILITY TO ANOTHER FACILITY, BECAUSE THEY
16 ULTIMATELY END UP ON THE STREET. YOU MUST CHANGE THE PARADIGM.
17 AND I BEG YOU AT THIS INFLECTION POINT OF TREATMENT TO TAKE A
18 FEW MORE WEEKS TO CONSIDER EXPANDING EXISTING COMMUNITY
19 SERVICES. AS JUDGE ESPINOZA REFERRED TO, TAKING THE OFFICE OF
20 DIVERSION, AS DR. SHERIN REFERRED TO, LOOKING AT INTENSIVE
21 COMMUNITY-BASED MODELS THAT ARE RECUPERATIVE IN NATURE,
22 ENHANCING THOSE AND CREATING FIVE DIFFERENT MENTAL HEALTH
23 TREATMENT CENTERS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **ADAM SMITH:** HI. MY NAME'S ADAM SMITH. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH
3 WHITE PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES. PART OF WHAT PRISON ABOLITION
4 MEANS TO ME IS WHAT EDDIE H., AN ORGANIZER AT THE LOS ANGELES
5 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, CALLS DECOLONIZING THE MIND. TO ME,
6 THIS MEANS FIGHTING AGAINST A LOT OF THINGS WE ARE CONDITIONED
7 TO BELIEVE. AND FOR ME AND OTHER WHITE FOLKS, ESPECIALLY, THAT
8 MEANS RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE BENEFICIARIES OF A SOCIALIZATION
9 THAT SEES PUNITIVE MEASURES LIKE INCARCERATION AS THE BEST
10 TOOL TO MAINTAIN A STATUS QUO THAT EXISTS AT THE EXPENSE OF
11 BLACK FOLKS, BROWN FOLKS, POOR FOLKS, TRANS FOLKS, DISABLED
12 FOLKS, AND ALL OTHER FOLKS WHOSE IDENTITIES OUR SOCIETY DEEMS
13 OTHER. THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP AND YEARS OF WORK OF FOLKS
14 LIKE CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND DIGNITY POWER NOW, AND SO MANY
15 OTHERS IN THIS ROOM TODAY, YOU ARE ALL IN THE POWERFUL
16 POSITION TO CONTINUE TO BUILD ON A CULTURE SHIFT AWAY FROM
17 THESE HARMFUL PRACTICES ROOTED IN WHITE SUPREMACIST
18 HETEROPATRIARCHY, AND TOWARD REAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ROOTED IN
19 REAL COMMUNITY POWER. NO NEW JAILS. WE WANT A NEW MENTAL
20 HEALTH FACILITY IN EACH DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **AUDREY GEORGE:** MY NAME IS AUDREY GEORGE, WITH WHITE PEOPLE 4
25 BLACK LIVES. I APPLAUD AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF

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1 CRITICAL RESISTANCE, D.P.N., Y.J.C., JUSTICE L.A., AND ALL THE
2 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING JAIL EXPANSION FOR SO LONG NOW,
3 AND AGAINST THE IDEA THAT INCARCERATION WILL EVER ADDRESS
4 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR HELP HEAL IMPACTED PEOPLE. IT'S
5 GRATIFYING THAT THIS BOARD NOW EMBRACES THE VISION AND PROMISE
6 OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT PAY MORE THAN LIP SERVICE TO
7 THIS IDEAL. NO FACILITY WITH A POPULATION HAVING MENTAL HEALTH
8 ISSUES AND NEEDS SHOULD EVER BE UNDER THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM
9 IN THE FIRST PLACE. THOSE FACILITIES SHOULD BE MOVED, AS WAS
10 THE JUVENILE DETENTION SYSTEM, TO A MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY TO BE
11 SUPERVISED. AS WITH THE OTHERS, I PUT MY VOICE INTO REVISING
12 THE R.F.P. TO CREATE FIVE DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS-- I HATE
13 USING THAT WORD-- TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH, AND DON'T SIGN THE
14 CONTRACT.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ADAM SIEGEL:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ADAM SIEGEL.
19 I'M A CHAPLAIN AT BEIT T'SHUVAH. WE'RE A REENTRY AND ADDICTION
20 RECOVERY CENTER IN WEST L.A. AND I WORK ONE-ON-ONE WITH FOLKS
21 WHO ARE REALLY IN THE MIDST OF STRUGGLING TO REHABILITATE
22 THEMSELVES AND REDEEM THEMSELVES FROM STRUGGLES OF ADDICTION
23 AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. THAT PROCESS TAKES... OFTENTIMES, IT'S
24 A PROCESS OF A LEAP OF FAITH. I THINK WHETHER WE'RE DEALING
25 WITH THE FOLKS THAT I'M SITTING IN FRONT OF LITERALLY NOW OR

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1 THE PEOPLE THAT I'M SITTING IN FRONT OF IN MY OFFICE, EVERYONE
2 IS REQUIRED AT TIMES TO TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH. I TALKED TO THEM
3 ABOUT LISTENING TO THEIR SPIRIT. THERE'S A LOT OF SPIRIT IN
4 THIS ROOM. I THINK WE ALL CAN SENSE THAT. WITH THAT SPIRIT,
5 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF PROGRESS THAT'S GONE ON SO FAR. I
6 REALLY ENCOURAGE AND HOPED THE BOARD CAN CONTINUE TO DRAW UPON
7 THEIR FAITH AND BE OPEN TO THIS PROCESS, AND BE ABLE TO MAKE
8 THE RIGHT DECISION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **BRUCE PATTON:** MY NAME IS BRUCE PATTON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
13 COMMUNITY COALITION. I'M A 66-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE INNER CITY
14 OF L.A. I'M ASKING YOU TO RETHINK THE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT
15 FACILITY AS BEING A CENTRALIZED INSTITUTION. I'M ASKING YOU TO
16 MAKE IT A COMMUNITY-BASED FACILITY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
17 EXPERIENCING AN UPSURGE NOW IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN AN
18 ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. WE WANT INNOVATIVE
19 APPROACHES TO TREATMENT, NOT THE SAME PRIMITIVE APPROACHES
20 THAT HAVE CREATED THE JAIL TYPE FACILITIES THAT WE SEE TODAY
21 ON OUR STREETS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WE SEE TODAY ON OUR
22 STREETS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** HELLO. BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR FOR N.A.M.I., THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL
3 ILLNESS. THE BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING THAT PEOPLE SUFFERING WITH
4 MENTAL ILLNESS DO NOT RECOVER WELL IN A JAIL CELL IS A
5 CONSISTENT THREAT IN ALL OF TODAY'S MOTIONS. BUT LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY SHOULD USE JAIL TO DETAIN PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF PUBLIC
7 SAFETY, NOT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMUNITY TREATMENT
8 OPTIONS. IT'S AWKWARD FOR YOUR BOARD AND OUR BOARD TO CONSIDER
9 MOVING FORWARD WITH ITEM 25, GIVEN THE IMMENSE ENERGY AROUND
10 ALTERNATIVES ALSO TODAY. O.D.R. HAS SHOWN THAT TRUE SCALE IS
11 POSSIBLE. UNFORTUNATELY, NO MATTER HOW SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION
12 IS, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN
13 JAIL, DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THEIR ILLNESS OR THE
14 INELIGIBILITY FOR DIVERSION. TODAY WE NEED MORE FORENSIC
15 I.M.D. BEDS LIKE THOSE AT OLIVE VISTA, PROVIDING OUR C.J.
16 SYSTEM WITH SECURE TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES TO COUNTY JAIL, AND,
17 THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY, WE BELIEVE THE COUNTY WILL
18 FIND THAT EXPANDING CIVIL I.M.D. BED SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 GRAVELY DISABLED WILL KEEP MANY PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
20 ILLNESS OUT OF JAILS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE NEED BOTH. SUPPORT
21 4, 9, AND 11. OPPOSE 24, 25.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **ELANA BLOOMFIELD:** HI. MY NAME IS ELANA BLOOMFIELD, AND I'M
2 WITH BEND THE ARC JEWISH ACTION. MY JEWISH TRADITION CALLS ON
3 ME TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVEST IN SOLUTIONS THAT FOCUS ON
4 HEALING, MAINTAINING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION, AND
5 PROTECTING THE DIGNITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN
6 THE CONTRACT, AND PLEASE EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **BEN BENJAMIN:** HI. BEN BENJAMIN. I'M HERE WITH JUSTICE L.A.,
11 AND I'D LIKE TO LEND A VOICE ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE
12 ONE IN THIS DEBATE, BECAUSE I KNOW FIRSTHAND, THROUGH WATCHING
13 MY COUSIN'S BATTLE TO MITIGATE HIS DEPENDENCY ON PRESCRIPTION
14 MEDICATION, IN AND OUT OF VARIOUS TREATMENT CENTERS AND
15 PROGRAMS, I KNOW THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF A COMMUNITY-BASED
16 APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE SUFFERING THAT CAN BE AN
17 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF LARGE INSTITUTIONS, EVEN WHEN THEY
18 MEAN WELL, WHEN THEY HAVE THE BEST INTENTIONS TREATING
19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. SO PLEASE
20 CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE DECENTRALIZED APPROACH TO DISTRIBUTING
21 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN NEED. PLEASE REVISE THE
22 R.F.P. SO WE CAN GET AT LEAST FIVE MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, ONE
23 IN EACH DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **ASHLEY LUKASHEVSKY:** ASHLEY LUKASHEVSKY, HERE WITH JUSTICE
3 L.A., OPPOSING AGENDA ITEM 24 AND 25. AS YOU KNOW, 80 PERCENT
4 OF INCARCERATED WOMEN ARE MOTHERS, AND YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU
5 CARE ABOUT WOMEN AND CONTINUE TO BUILD ANOTHER TYPE OF PRISON
6 TO TEAR THEM AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, EVEN IF
7 YOU ARE DOING THIS UNDER THE GUISE OF A MENTAL HEALTH
8 FACILITY. PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CANNOT BE TREATED IN
9 JAILS. WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. WE NEED TO KEEP
10 PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND HEAL THOSE COMMUNITIES, NOT
11 ADD TO THE TRAUMA THAT IS ALREADY BEING EXPERIENCED. I'M
12 PUSHING YOU TO PLEASE REVISE THE R.F.P. DON'T SIGN THE
13 CONTRACT. INSTEAD, LET'S INVEST IN SMALLER MENTAL HEALTH
14 CENTERS AND RESOURCES IN DIFFERENT REGIONS. THERE'S NO POINT
15 IN RUSHING THROUGH A CONTRACT THAT NEEDS TO BE DRAMATICALLY
16 CHANGED ANYWAY.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **CECILIA SWEET-COLL:** MY NAME IS CECILIA SWEET-COLL, WITH
21 JUSTICE L.A. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE ORGANIZERS, ADVOCATES,
22 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT BROUGHT US TO THIS MOMENT. THIS IS
23 DECADES IN THE MAKING, AND IT'S INCREDIBLE TO BE A PART OF.
24 I'M HERE TO STATE MY SUPPORT OF REVISING THE R.F.P. SO WE CAN
25 DECENTRALIZE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. DON'T APPROVE THE

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1 CONTRACT IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE IT. I ALSO WANT TO
2 EMPHASIZE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GET MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE SHOULD BE
4 ABLE TO ACCESS THEM OURSELVES. REDIRECT THE FUNDS TO REAL
5 SERVICES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **DESIRE ASEY:** HI. MY NAME IS DESIRE ASEY, AND I AM A MEMBER OF
10 S.C. JUSTICE GROUP. I AM FROM COMPTON, LOS ANGELES, AND I'M
11 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY AGAINST THE NEW JAIL
12 PROJECTS FOR L.A. MY FATHER HAS BEEN INCARCERATED FOR MOST OF
13 MY LIFE, AND I HAD TO GROW UP FASTER BECAUSE OF IT. WHEN MY
14 MOM GOT SICK, I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HER. I NEVER HAD A ROLE
15 MODEL OF A FATHER FIGURE IN THE HOME. PRISONS DIDN'T MAKE MY
16 LIFE SAFER, OR MY COMMUNITIES. IF ANYTHING, IT CAUSED US MORE
17 HARM. INSTEAD OF NEW JAILS IN LOS ANGELES, WE NEED
18 ALTERNATIVES LIKE SCHOOLS, HOMES, AND JOBS FOR LOW-INCOME
19 FAMILIES. AS A MOTHER, I WANT TO SEE SAFER PARKS, MORE YOUTH
20 CENTERS, NOT JAIL BEDS. I WANT MY SON TO GROW UP IN A WORLD
21 WHERE THERE ARE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, JOB TRADE SKILLS, AND
22 WAYS TO MAKE A LIVING, INSTEAD OF MORE INCARCERATION. PLEASE
23 DO NOT SIGN THIS CONTRACT. PLEASE REVISE THE R.F.P.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE YOU GOING TO CALL UP SOME MORE PEOPLE.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
5 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: ELLIOTT
6 CHADWICK, EMILY BELL, ERIC PREVEN, EUGENE PESIKOV, EUNISSES
7 HERNANDEZ, EZAK PEREZ, FELICIA CARBAJAL, GABRIEL MACHAIN, GAY
8 YUEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, GERMAN GALLARDO, GINA CLAYTON JOHNSON,
9 GLORIA GONZALEZ, HARLIN KAHN, HUGO GONZALEZ, ISAAC BRYAN,
10 IVETTE ALE, JAMES NEON, JEREMY TRAMER, JEREMY LEVENSON,
11 JESSICA SANCHEZ. JESSICA RATH, JOANNA NAVARRO, JOHN KIM,
12 JOHNNY TORRES, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, JOSEPH CHOE, JOSEPH PETITT,
13 JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ, JUAN MORALES, JULIA COLE, AND KEU
14 UTSUMI. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ADAM ZARAGOZA:** HI. MY NAME IS ADAM ZARAGOZA. I'M WITH THE
19 COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM EAST L.A., AND I'M HERE TO SAY THE
20 MAJORITY OF MY LIFE I WAS INCARCERATED, FROM 16 TO 28, TRIED
21 AS AN ADULT. WHEN I GOT OUT, I HAD NO LIFE SKILLS, NO BASIC
22 ESSENTIALS. BUT THEN FINDING THESE COMMUNITY-BASED
23 ORGANIZATIONS, THAT HELPED ME GET MY LIFE SKILLS. CAREER
24 DEVELOPMENT, WORK SKILLS IS WHAT'S NEEDED. YOU COULD PUT
25 SOMEONE IN A BOX, BUT IT AIN'T GOING TO CHANGE THE FACT THAT

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1 THEY'RE STILL DEALING WITH TRAUMA. THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS SHOULD
2 BE TRYING TO ADDRESS, THE FACT OF CHANGING THE TRAUMA THAT
3 EVERYBODY HAS. BUILDING THIS FACILITY AIN'T GONNA STOP THE
4 SHERIFF'S BRUTALITY AGAINST THE PEOPLE, SO THAT'S WHAT WE GOT
5 TO FOCUS ON. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **DAVID TURNER:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID
10 TURNER, AND I'M THE MANAGER OF THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES
11 COALITION, REPRESENTING NINE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
12 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. EVEN WHILE I WORK WITH BOYS AND MEN OF
13 COLOR, I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT MY SISTER. MY SISTER WAS
14 INCARCERATED BECAUSE WE CURRENTLY HAVE POOR PUNITIVE RESPONSES
15 TO COMMUNITY TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE, AND WE DO NOT INVEST IN THE
16 RIGHT THINGS. EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS THE ONE THAT WAS HARMED IN A
17 DOMESTIC DISPUTE, SHE SPENT TWO MONTHS IN LYNWOOD'S WOMEN'S
18 FACILITY, REPRESENTING SOME OF THE WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED,
19 RIGHT, AND PUNISHED FOR SURVIVING. WITHOUT THE YOUTH JUSTICE
20 COALITION, MY SISTER WOULDN'T HAVE RECEIVED THE RESOURCES THAT
21 SHE NEEDED TO SUCCEED, AND WOULDN'T HAVE GOT HER RECORD
22 EXPUNGED. TODAY WE'RE AT AN HISTORIC MOMENT, A MOMENT WHERE,
23 AS A BOARD, YOU GET THE CHANCE TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF
24 HISTORY. BY REDRAFTING THE PROPOSAL AND BY BEING IN OPPOSITION
25 TO THIS, YOU GET TO LET EVERYONE KNOW IN HERE THAT WE CAN MAKE

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1 THE RIGHT INVESTMENTS, AND YOU LET MY SISTER KNOW THAT HER
2 BLACK LIFE MATTERS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ANGELICA MOYES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELICA MOYES. I'M
7 HERE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION NO. 4, ITEM NO. 4. AND I WANTED TO
8 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. I'M ALSO HERE TO OPPOSE
9 ITEM NO. 25. I FIRST ENGAGED IN COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE
10 C.C.T.F. IN OCTOBER 2016, AND I AM HERE TODAY AS AN INDIVIDUAL
11 STAKEHOLDER, STILL ECHOING THE SAME CONCERN AND OPPOSITION
12 EXPRESSED IN 2016 BY A COALITION OF CHINATOWN AND OTHER
13 COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT I WORK WITH. WE WERE AGAINST, AND I AM
14 STILL AGAINST, THE CURRENT PLAN, AS IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE
15 BOARD TODAY. AS YOUR CONSTITUENTS, WE TRUST THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS WILL GIVE PAUSE, AND PLEASE DO NOT HASTILY AWARD
17 THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TODAY. IT'S INCUMBENT UPON THE BOARD
18 TO OBTAIN AND DILIGENTLY REVIEW NECESSARY INFORMATION, AND TO
19 MAKE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ASSESSMENTS PRIOR TO EXPENDING OUR
20 TAXPAYER DOLLARS. PLEASE ALLOW THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW
21 PROPOSALS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
24 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **COLBY LENZ:** HI. MY NAME IS COLBY LENZ. I WORK WITH THE
2 CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS, AND SURVIVED AND
3 PUNISHED. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH WOMEN AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE
4 IN THE WOMEN'S PRISONS AND JAILS FOR 18 YEARS, AND I CAN SAY
5 TODAY THAT I THINK, NUMBER ONE, THE BOARD SHOULD BE
6 CONSIDERING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION. BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK
7 AT THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE IN THE WOMEN'S JAILS HERE, YOU'LL
8 SEE THAT A HUGE PERCENTAGE ARE THERE FOR EITHER SELF-DEFENSE
9 OR ACTS UNDER COERCION, AND THAT COULD BE A REALLY EXCELLENT
10 WAY TO ALSO MOVE MORE PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM WHO NEED
11 SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AROUND TRAUMA INSTEAD. AND THE
12 OTHER THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT WHAT I'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST
13 18 YEARS IS THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A SHARP LINE BETWEEN CARE
14 AND CUSTODY, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS BECAUSE OF THE CULTURE OF
15 CUSTODY THAT IS STRONG AND ISOLATING AND FULL OF DIFFERENT
16 FORMS OF TORTURE, THAT THE INCREASING LEVELS OF CARE INCLUDING
17 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, ALWAYS BECOME INCREASING LEVELS OF
18 PUNISHMENT, ISOLATION, AND TORTURE. WE HAVE SEEN THIS IN THE
19 WOMEN'S PRISONS. THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATES IN THE
20 COUNTRY, IN CALIFORNIA. SO I URGE YOU TO PLEASE FOCUS ON
21 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DIVERSION. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **ALISA BIERRIA:** I'M DR. BIERRIA, WITH U.C. RIVERSIDE, COFOUNDER
2 OF SURVIVE AND PUNISH, AND ALSO AN ADVOCATE FOR CRIMINALIZED
3 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE. TO ECHO COLBY LENZ,
4 THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN WOMEN'S PRISONS AND JAILS ARE
5 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, WHICH, IN MY VIEW,
6 IS A CRISIS. PRISONS AND JAILS ARE TRAUMATIC. THEIR PUNITIVE
7 STRUCTURES ARE VIOLENT. CARE IN THOSE CONTEXTS IS USUALLY
8 DISTORTED INTO ABUSIVE PRACTICES, EXTENDING AND EXACERBATING
9 SURVIVORS' EXPERIENCES WITH VIOLENCE. HALTING JAIL
10 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETELY, AND RADICALLY INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-
11 BASED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES IS CRUCIAL TO SUPPORT THE SAFETY
12 AND HEALING OF SURVIVORS. I URGE YOU TO AMEND THE R.F.P. SO WE
13 DON'T BUILD ONE LARGE CENTRAL FACILITY THAT IS VULNERABLE TO
14 CONTINUING CARCERAL GENDER VIOLENCE, AND INSTEAD KEEP
15 HEALTHCARE RESOURCES DECENTRALIZED AND ACCOUNTABLE TO LOCAL
16 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **CLAIRE SCHNADIG:** HI. I'M CLAIRE SCHNADIG. I'M A STUDENT AT THE
21 CLAREMONT COLLEGES, AND I'M REPRESENTING 500 STUDENTS WHO
22 COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER SAYS THAT WE NEED TO
23 FILL THE VOID THAT IS LEFT BY TAKING MIRA LOMA OFF THE TABLE.
24 BUT THE VOID DOES NOT NEED TO BE A LARGE INSTITUTION,
25 PARTICULARLY ONE THAT INVOLVES LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHO HAVE NEVER

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1 BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, PARTICULARLY OF
2 PEOPLE OF COLOR. OUR SOLUTIONS NEED TO BE COMMUNITY-BASED,
3 CLEARLY PRIORITIZING NEEDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS. LARGE MENTAL
4 HEALTH FACILITIES ARE JUST JAILS AND PRISONS WITH A DIFFERENT
5 NAME. THESE FACILITIES ARE NOT DESIGNED TO HELP THE PEOPLE ON
6 THE INSIDE; THEY ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE PEOPLE ON THE
7 OUTSIDE SLEEP AT NIGHT, AS THOSE INSIDE REMAIN OUT OF SIGHT
8 AND OUT OF MIND. PEOPLE NEED THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITY,
9 HUMAN INTERACTION, AND DIGNITY, NONE OF WHICH THEY WILL GET
10 THROUGH A RESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DONNA HURADI, AND I'M HERE WITH
15 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, A 30-YEAR-OLD ORGANIZATION THAT STRIVES TO
16 PROVIDE HOPE, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT TO FORMERLY INCARCERATED
17 AND GANG-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS. OUR VISION AND WORK AT HOMEBOY
18 INDUSTRIES IS PREMISED ON KINSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING,
19 ON CREATING A COMMUNITY WHERE WE ALL STAND AT THE MARGINS
20 UNTIL THE MARGINS ARE ERASED. JAILS RUN COMPLETELY COUNTER TO
21 OUR VALUES. JAILS ARE INSTITUTIONS OF FEAR, VIOLENCE, FAMILY
22 SEPARATION, AND A LOSS OF HOPE. EVERY DAY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS
23 WALK THROUGH OUR DOORS AT HOMEBOY TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR
24 THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES STRONGLY
25 BELIEVES WE SHOULD CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARE TO

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1 FLOURISH IN OUR COMMUNITIES, INSTEAD OF EXPANDING CAGES. AND
2 WE URGE YOU TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT CREATES COMMUNITY-BASED
3 HUBS OF CARE, INSTEAD OF A JAIL OR A LARGE MENTAL HEALTH
4 INSTITUTION THAT ESSENTIALLY FUNCTIONS LIKE A JAIL. PLEASE
5 REVISE THE R.F.P. AND DO NOT SIGN THE CONTRACT TODAY.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
10 HERNANDEZ, L.A. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR JUST LEADERSHIP
11 U.S.A., AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. SO, I
12 THINK THE BIG TOPIC HERE IS NOT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
13 CONTRACT. BUT BEFORE I GET INTO THAT, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
14 TO THE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN BOLD AND PUT FORWARD SOME
15 GREAT AMENDMENTS. BUT ALSO, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
16 FOLKS OUT HERE THAT ARE WEARING ORANGE, THAT NOT ONLY ARE PART
17 OF OUR TEAM, THANK YOU, BUT ALSO--

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN.

20

21 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** BUT ALSO TO THE FOLKS WHO ARE HERE THAT DO
22 THE CONSTRUCTION JOBS. WE ARE ALIGNED WITH THEM. WHY WOULD YOU
23 START THE OTHER DISTRICTS BY BUILDING ONE FACILITY? WHY
24 WOULDN'T YOU BUILD MORE THAN ONE FACILITY, AT LEAST ONE IN ONE
25 DISTRICT? WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THOSE ZIP CODES WHO COULD GET JOBS

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1 THERE. FOLKS NEED JOBS. YOU DON'T NEED TO STARVE THEM BY
2 BUILDING ONE FACILITY. AND SO WE STAND WITH YOU, BUT YOU
3 REALLY CAN'T MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS CONTRACT, BECAUSE THEN WE
4 CAN'T MAKE REAL CHANGES, OKAY? ONE FACILITY HAS BEEN SHOWN TO
5 BE ANTIQUATED. WE'VE SEEN THAT IN THE 60S. THAT'S WHY WE
6 CLOSED THEM DOWN. SO WE'RE URGING YOU, WE'RE DEMANDING, THAT
7 INSTEAD OF BUILDING ONE, YOU INVEST IN ALL DISTRICTS OF THE
8 COUNTY, AND THAT YOU GIVE JOBS, LOCAL ZIP CODE JOBS, TO THE
9 FOLKS THAT ARE OUT HERE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
14 DISTRICT, AND THIS IS A BIG DECISION. AND OBVIOUSLY, IT'S
15 CLEAR THAT YOU SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS CONTRACT. IT IS AN
16 ENORMOUS COMMITMENT, AND IT'S FOR SOMETHING THAT WE WANT, BY
17 OUR OWN WORDS, TO REDUCE AND RETHINK. SO TO AGREE TO A SUCH
18 ENORMOUS COMMITMENT WITH ENORMOUS BOND COSTS IS A BIG MISTAKE.
19 AND IT'S THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE MR.
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS. I'M SURE HE'S HERE. BUT I SAW SOMETHING A
21 FRIEND WROTE ABOUT HOW "PRAY LIKE EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON GOD,
22 BUT ACT LIKE EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON YOU." AND I'M SURE THAT'S
23 BEEN SAID A MILLION TIMES. BUT THE POINT IS, YOU KNOW, WHEN
24 GLORIA MOLINA SAT THERE, THERE WAS A GUY NAMED JAMES AUSTIN
25 DURING THESE ENDLESS DISCUSSIONS AT THE LAST MINUTE. AND HE

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1 SAID, "WHEN YOU EMPTY OUT THE JAIL TO BUILD A NEW ONE, YOU'VE
2 DONE IT, IN THE SMALLER PLACES, IN THE COUNTY LOCKUP." THAT'S
3 ENOUGH. SO WE SHOULD NOT DO THIS. WE SHOULD TAKE THAT MONEY,
4 TALK TO THE HASHTAG NEW GOVERNOR, AND CREATE A SOLUTION.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IVETTE ALE. I'M THE
9 STATEWIDE CO-COORDINATOR FOR CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A
10 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, AND I'M HERE WITH THE JUSTICE L.A.
11 COALITION. I WANT TO START OFF BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 FOR BEING SO BOLD AND REALLY MAKING ME, AS A LATINA, PROUD
13 TODAY. I'M AN IMMIGRANT, I'M A FORMERLY UNDOCUMENTED WOMAN,
14 AND I'M THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSON AND A
15 CEMENT MASON WHO HAS BEEN IN THIS COUNTY FOR OVER 25 YEARS,
16 LAYING CEMENT. AND I CAN ATTEST TO MY FATHER WAKING UP AT 2, 3
17 IN THE MORNING TO DRIVE 70, 80 MILES TO A CONSTRUCTION SITE,
18 WHEN, IF HE HAD A JOB IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, HE COULD HAVE
19 HAD MORE TIME WITH US. HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO TURN TO
20 SUBSTANCES JUST TO STAY AWAKE, AND DEVELOPED A SUBSTANCE USE
21 DISORDER AS A RESULT, WHICH LANDED HIM IN JAIL. LOCAL JOBS
22 HELP FAMILIES. LOCAL JOBS HELP CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. LOCAL
23 JOBS BUILD HEALTHIER, BETTER COMMUNITIES. SAY NO TO THE
24 CONTRACT TODAY. REVISE THE R.F.P. TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 TREATMENT THAT'S GOOD FOR FAMILIES, GOOD FOR INDIVIDUALS, AND
2 GOOD FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ELLIOTT CHADWICK:** HELLO. HI. MY NAME IS ELLIOTT CHADWICK. I'M
7 A REGISTERED NURSE. I'VE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH PEOPLE WITH
8 SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS,
9 PSYCHIATRIC UNITS, AND ON THE STREET, DOING HOMELESS OUTREACH.
10 AND I KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO EFFECTIVELY AND HUMANELY TREAT
11 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IS THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED
12 WRAPAROUND SERVICES. AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO REVISE THE
13 R.F.P. AND REFUSE THE C.C.T.F. CONTRACT. A FACILITY OF THIS
14 SCALE WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE AND HARMFUL, AND WE NEED TO INVEST
15 IN COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND WRAPAROUND
16 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR EACH DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **GERMAN GALLARDO:** MY NAME IS GERMAN GALLARDO. I AM WITH
21 CRITICAL RESISTANCE, JUSTICE L.A., AND I'M ALSO AN EDUCATOR.
22 BEEN TEACHING FOR 10 YEARS IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. I'M
23 HERE TO TALK ABOUT MY STUDENTS, AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
24 SOMETHING SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID ABOUT LOSING SLEEP OVER THIS.
25 I LOSE SLEEP BECAUSE THIS IS MY EXPERIENCE. MY STUDENTS LOSE

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1 SLEEP, AND SO DO MY COMMUNITIES AND THE FAMILIES THAT ARE
2 THERE. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE OF CREATING ANOTHER JAIL
3 THAT NEEDS BEDS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED. THOSE ARE BILLED TO BE
4 FILLED, AND WE NEED NOT HAVE THOSE ANY LONGER. I SEE EVERY DAY
5 THE RAVAGES OF COMPLEX TRAUMA WITHIN MY STUDENTS, AND
6 UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GO. AND THIS SYSTEM IS
7 CREATED TO PUT THOSE KIDS INTO INCARCERATION, INTO CAGES. AND
8 WE NEED TO STOP THAT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU
9 ARE FROM MY DISTRICT AND I APPRECIATE YOU FOR REPRESENTING US
10 WELL. WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS. PLEASE SAY NO TO THE R.F.P.
11 CHANGE IT AND GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JESSICA SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS JESSICA SANCHEZ, AND I AM A
17 TRAINEE AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I ACTUALLY WORK FOR THE
18 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM. I'M HERE JUST TO FIRST OF ALL SAY
19 THANK YOU FOR HEARING US OUT. AND I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT THIS
20 MOTION THAT YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO PASS, I ASK THAT YOU GUYS
21 DON'T SIGN IT. I ASK THAT YOU DON'T PASS IT. ME BEING FROM THE
22 SOUTH CENTRAL AREA, I SEE EVERY DAY THE REAL NEED OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH SERVICES THAT THERE IS, BUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DO
24 NOT HAPPEN WITHIN THE JAILS. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WISH IT
25 WOULD, BUT IT DOESN'T. IT REALLY DOESN'T. BETWEEN THOSE WALLS,

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1 ALL THERE IS NOTHING BUT TRAUMA, AND IT ADDS TO THE MENTAL
2 HEALTH. IT DOESN'T DECREASE IT IN ANY WAY. PLACES JUST LIKE MY
3 JOB, HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, ARE THE
4 PLACES WHERE THE SERVICES SHOULD BE GIVEN. AND THOSE ARE THE
5 PLACES THAT ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE HEAL, OTHER THAN IN THE JAIL.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX
12 ISSUE, AND I THINK, PERSONALLY, YOU SHOULD NOT SIGN ANYTHING
13 TODAY. I THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT THE
14 IMPLICATIONS. IT IS WONDERFUL TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
15 MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT THOSE ARE VERY DIFFERENT. AND YOU
16 NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE APPROPRIATE, TRAINED PEOPLE TO
17 TAKE CARE OF THAT. WHERE WE ARE NOW, MANY TIMES YOU HAVE ONE
18 R.N. FOR 130 PEOPLE. THAT'S INEXCUSABLE. SO REALLY THINK VERY
19 CAREFULLY, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT TO ALLOCATE A LARGE AMOUNT OF
20 MONEY FOR STAFF, AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE STAFF IS
21 APPROPRIATE, OTHERWISE YOU WILL DO WORSE THAN YOU ARE DOING
22 NOW. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **JEREMY LEVENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JEREMY LEVENSON.
2 I'M AN M.B.P.H.C. STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. I JUST WANTED TO BRING
3 UP TWO POINTS. FIRST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE YOU ALL BOLDLY
4 FOLLOWING THE CALL TO ABANDON C.C.T.F. I URGE YOU NOT TO RUSH
5 THE PROCESS OF BUILDING ALTERNATIVES AND BUILDING A NEW
6 FACILITY. SCHOLARS AND CLINICIANS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS,
7 IN DISCIPLINES RANGING FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, MEDICINE,
8 PSYCHIATRY, SOCIOLOGY, GENDER STUDIES, HISTORY, AT U.C.L.A.
9 AND MANY OTHER UNIVERSITIES HAVE A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE AND WANT
10 TO CONTRIBUTE. WHY NOT DRAW ON THIS WEALTH OF RESOURCES RIGHT
11 HERE AT YOUR DISPOSAL? I KNOW, PERSONALLY, MANY LEADERS WHO
12 WANT TO BE HERE, BUT CAN'T, BECAUSE OF THEIR TEACHING
13 SCHEDULE. SECOND, IN STUDYING THE HISTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
14 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, IT IS CLEAR THAT ONE GENERATION'S REFORMS
15 CAN BE THE NEXT GENERATION'S NIGHTMARES. THIS LESSON SUGGESTS
16 THAT WE NEED TO GET THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM RIGHT, AND THE
17 PROCESS RIGHT. THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM IS CRIMINALIZATION. THE
18 PROCESS NEEDS TO INCORPORATE SCHOLARS AND ALSO COMMUNITY
19 MEMBERS MOST AFFECTED. SO I URGE YOU TO ASK OVER AND OVER,
20 DOES THIS LEAD TO LESS CRIMINALIZATION? DOES IT REDUCE THE
21 SIZE OF OUR CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM AND INCREASE THE SIZE OF OUR
22 HEALTH SYSTEM? DOES IT SUPPORT PEOPLE LONG BEFORE THEY ARE IN
23 VIOLATION OF THE LAW?
24
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **EUGENE PESIKOV:** MY NAME'S EUGENE. I'M WITH THE DEMOCRATIC
3 SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA, AND I THINK EVERYBODY HERE HAS PRETTY
4 MUCH SAID WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID. IF YOU ALL HERE ACTUALLY
5 SERVE THE PEOPLE, THEN I WOULD SAY, LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND
6 DO NOT BUILD THIS NEW PRISON, THIS NEW JAIL. EXCUSE ME. AND...
7 YEAH. FOCUS ON WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS, AND THAT IS MORE
8 RESTORATIVE, TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **PASTOR CUE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE, FROM THE
13 CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, SKID ROW, ALSO WITH THE BLACK AND BROWN
14 CLERGY AND COMMUNITY COALITION. FOR 12 YEARS IN SKID ROW, I'VE
15 WATCHED MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WALK THE STREET, DEFECATE ON THE
16 STREET, URINATE ON THE STREET, AND FOR YEARS \$100 MILLION WAS
17 ALLOCATED TO SKID ROW, 85 PERCENT OF IT TOWARDS HOMELESSNESS
18 BY THE WAY, AND 85 PERCENT OF IT WENT TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT.
19 WE DON'T NEED JAILS. WE NEED FACILITIES OF COMPASSION FOR OUR
20 PEOPLE, FACILITIES THAT CARE ABOUT OUR PEOPLE, FACILITIES
21 THAT'S GOING TO LOOK AT THE REAL ISSUES. NO MORE JAIL. AND
22 WE'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR SEVEN YEARS, AND SAYING NO JAIL.
23 WE'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR FIVE YEARS, SAYING NO MORE JAIL.
24 WE'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR THREE YEARS, SAYING NO MORE JAILS.
25 WE'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR TWO YEARS, SAYING NO MORE JAIL. ONE

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1 YEAR AGO, WE CAME HERE, SAYING NO MORE JAILS. AND TODAY WE
2 SAY, NO MORE JAILS. FACILITIES OF COMPASSION FOR OUR PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **GINA CLAYTON JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS GINA CLAYTON JOHNSON. I AM
7 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.C. JUSTICE GROUP, A STATEWIDE
8 ORGANIZATION OF THE ONE IN FOUR WOMEN WHO HAVE LOVED ONES
9 BEHIND BARS DUE TO MASS INCARCERATION. LAST YEAR, WE DID THE
10 FIRST EVER NATIONAL STUDY OF WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED LOVED
11 ONES ON THE ECONOMIC, MENTAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT
12 INCARCERATION HAS ON WOMEN. WE INTERVIEWED OVER 2,000 WOMEN,
13 AND THOSE INTERVIEWED WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY FROM CALIFORNIA,
14 AND THOSE WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY WOMEN LIVING IN YOUR
15 DISTRICTS. BEYOND ALL OTHER STATISTICS, WHAT CUT ACROSS EVERY
16 EXPERIENCE WAS ONE TRUTH: THAT INCARCERATION IS CAUSING LARGE-
17 SCALE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISOLATION OF WOMEN, CONTRIBUTING TO
18 EVERYTHING FROM POVERTY TO THE HIGHEST RATES OF DEPRESSION AND
19 SUICIDALITY. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY DOES NOT RESOLVE THE
20 FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM OF ISOLATION; COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT
21 DOES. DIVERTING PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAILS DO. BUILDING A
22 SEVERAL-THOUSAND-BED FACILITY AND CALLING IT A TREATMENT
23 CENTER DOES NOT SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS WE
24 ARE EXPERIENCING DUE TO INCARCERATION AND THE LACK OF
25 ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THIS COUNTY. 25 PERCENT

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1 MODIFICATIONS IS NOT AN ERNEST CHANGE IN DIRECTION. DO NOT
2 SIGN THIS CONTRACT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **JOHN KIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN KIM, EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU ALL
8 FOR HAVING US. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T HELP BECOME A STUDENT OF
9 HISTORY WHEN YOU DO THIS KIND OF WORK, AND THINK ABOUT THE
10 DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE THAT GOT US HERE. NAMES LIKE REAGAN
11 AND WILSON COME TO MIND. AND WE RECENTLY LOOKED AT ALL THE
12 DATA FOR ALL THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE BY HOW WE'RE DOING IN
13 TERMS OF PERFORMANCE AND RACIAL DISPARITY. AND ON
14 INCARCERATION, SPECIFICALLY, OF ALL 58 COUNTIES, YOU WOULD
15 THINK, GIVEN THE RHETORIC, THAT WE'D BE DOING VERY WELL. BUT
16 ACTUALLY, OF ALL 58 COUNTIES IN THIS STATE, WE ARE THE TENTH
17 WORST IN OUR OVERRELIANCE ON INCARCERATION TO DEAL WITH
18 NONPUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. WE'RE SIMILAR TO KERN COUNTY AND
19 FRESNO COUNTY. OKAY? AND UNSURPRISINGLY, MANY FOLKS BEHIND ME,
20 WE ARE THE SECOND WORST WHEN IT COMES TO RACIAL DISPARITIES IN
21 TERMS OF WHO'S INCARCERATED. THE SECOND WORST. WE'RE WORSE
22 THAN EVERY OTHER COUNTY EXCEPT FOR SUTTER COUNTY. OKAY? YOU
23 KNOW, THE VISION AND RHETORIC OF THIS BOARD OVER THE PAST
24 COUPLE WEEKS HAS BEEN GREAT. BUT SPECIFICALLY, ON ITEM 25, WE
25 NEED TO BE REAL ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION YOU HAVE IN

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1 FRONT OF YOU TO MAKE THIS DECISION. YOU NEED TO DELAY THE VOTE
2 TO GET REAL ABOUT THIS CONTRACT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **HARLIN KAHN:** MY NAME IS HARLIN KAHN. I WANT TO SPEAK AS
7 SOMEONE WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ATTEMPTING TO GET MY SISTER
8 MENTAL HEALTH HELP IN LOS ANGELES. IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.
9 EVERYWHERE WE TURNED WAS UNDERFUNDED, AND SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO
10 GET THE SERVICES SHE NEEDED, WHICH LED TO A DECLINE IN HER
11 HEALTH. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR. I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU APPROVE
12 THIS CONTRACT, YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT YOU ALL BELIEVE THAT MY
13 SISTER DESERVES TO BE LOCKED UP MORE THAN SHE DESERVES HELP.
14 AND THAT'S THE TRUTH. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **JESSICA RATH:** HI. MY NAME IS JESSICA RATH, WITH WHITE PEOPLE 4
19 BLACK LIVES MATTER, A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF L.A. I WANT TO
20 REMIND YOU OF SUCCESSFUL HISTORIES. IN 1980, LANDMARK
21 LEGISLATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS ACT, WAS SIGNED BY
22 PRESIDENT CARTER, PROVIDING GRANTS TO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
23 CENTERS. THESE FUNDS PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR MY PARENTS'
24 THERAPISTS TO SET UP COMMUNITY-BASED REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS
25 FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, I SAW THIS

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1 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM FIRSTHAND AS I GREW UP, AND HOW SMALL
2 PROGRAMS EMBEDDED IN COMMUNITIES CAN HEAL THE MENTALLY ILL FOR
3 HOUSING, LIFE SKILL TRAINING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. PROGRAMS GUIDED BY THE CLIENTS, BY
5 THOSE WHO LIVED THE EXPERIENCE, THAT WAS PIVOTAL TO THE
6 SUCCESS OF THOSE PROGRAMS. FOR 20 YEARS THESE PROGRAMS HEALED
7 AND STRENGTHENED ALL OF US IN THAT COMMUNITY. IT WAS KEY THAT
8 WE WERE STRENGTHENED BY THOSE SERVICES, AND HOW THOSE PEOPLE
9 WERE INTEGRATED BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY. DO NOT ISOLATE THEM
10 WITH MIRA LOMA. BRING THEM BACK TO US IN THE COMMUNITY.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **JOSEPH CHOE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOSEPH CHOE, AND I'M SKIPPING
15 CLASS TODAY TO REPRESENT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGE'S PRISON
16 ABOLITION CLUB, SO I CAN SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I'M VERY
17 ENCOURAGED BY THE DISCUSSION AND THE PROGRESSIVE THINGS THAT
18 YOU ARE TAKING, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO EVEN GO A STEP FURTHER.
19 THE ISSUE I HAVE WITH THIS DISCUSSION TODAY IS THAT WE ARE
20 PRESUPPOSING A STATIC OR GROWING PRISON POPULATION, WHEN IN
21 FACT DOWNSIZING A PRISON IS POSSIBLE. THESE SOLUTIONS DISCUSS
22 MENTAL ILLNESS AND HEALING. BUT WE'RE REALLY MISSING THE FIRST
23 STEP TO HEALING IF THIS HAPPENS IN A VACUUM. THE FIRST STEP IS
24 NOT, AND IT'S TIME THAT WE RECOGNIZE THIS. IT IS NOT TO
25 TRANSFER BLACK AND BROWN BODIES FROM ONE INSTITUTION OR

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1 FACILITY TO ANOTHER. IT IS TO RECONNECT THEM WITH THEIR
2 COMMUNITY, IT IS TO REUNITE THEM WITH THEIR FAMILIES, AND IT'S
3 TIME THAT WE BRING THEM BACK HOME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ.
8 I'M HERE WITH BRAVE NEW FILMS. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A SECOND
9 TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW GRATEFUL AND HOW HONORED I AM TO BE HERE IN
10 THIS SPACE WITH ALL THESE INCREDIBLY BOLD PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE
11 TO SAY, DO NOT SIGN THE R.F.P. WE DON'T NEED A SINGLE
12 FACILITY. WE DON'T NEED A SINGLE STORY OF WHAT CARE LOOKS
13 LIKE. WE NEED A DECENTRALIZED STORY. WE NEED DECENTRALIZED
14 CARE. IT'S TIME TO REIMAGINE JUSTICE. IT'S TIME TO REIMAGINE
15 CARE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **EZAK PEREZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EZAK PEREZ, AND I'M AN EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF GENDER JUSTICE L.A., THE LONGEST RUNNING TRANS
21 ORGANIZATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO HERE AS PART OF THE
22 CAMPAIGN JUSTICE L.A. CAMPAIGN, AND REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS
23 PRIDE L.A. MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S JAIL IS NOT THE SOLUTION, OR ANY
24 JAIL, FOR THAT MATTER. IT REMOVES WOMEN, TRANSWOMEN,
25 NONBINARY, INTERSEX COMMUNITIES FROM THEIR FAMILIES, USUALLY

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1 CHOSEN FAMILY: THE TRANS COMMUNITY, THEIR SUPPORT NETWORK,
2 RIGHT? THE TRANS COMMUNITY WILL MOST LIKELY BE TAKING THE BUS,
3 AND WE KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE-- AN ENTIRE DAY-- TO DO
4 THIS. AND OUR FOLKS DON'T EVEN HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SO, LIVING
5 WELL UNDER THE POVERTY LINE. AND I ALSO WANTED TO JUST SAY
6 THAT, YOU KNOW, GOING TO THIS JAIL TO VISIT THEIR FOLKS WOULD
7 ALSO BE DIFFICULT, IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE ON THE
8 WAY. SO REVISE THE R.F.P., DON'T SIGN THE CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JOANNA NAVARRO:** BUENOS TARDES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
13 IS JOANNA NAVARRO, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE U.C.L.A. RESEARCH
14 PROJECT MILLION DOLLAR HOODS. I AM ALSO A CO-AUTHOR ON THE
15 WOMEN'S REPORT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL CITED EARLIER. IN OUR
16 ANALYSIS, WE FOUND OUT COLLECTIVELY WOMEN IN THE L.A. COUNTY
17 JAIL HAVE SPENT COLLECTIVELY MORE THAN 16,000 YEARS
18 INCARCERATED BETWEEN 2010 AND 2016; AND DISPROPORTIONATELY, 75
19 PERCENT OF THOSE YEARS SPENT HAVE BEEN SPENT BY BLACK AND
20 BROWN WOMEN. AND ALSO, MORE THAN HALF OF THE WOMEN IN THE L.A.
21 COUNTY JAIL ARE INCARCERATED FOR NONVIOLENT CRIMES: CRIMES OF
22 POVERTY AND CRIMES OF DESPERATION. ADDITIONALLY, I AM IN
23 SUPPORT OF ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO DECARCERATE AND PROVIDE
24 THESE WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE PROPER SERVICES AND
25 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED. LASTLY, I REJECT ANY AND ALL EFFORTS

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1 THAT FURTHER CAGE HUMANS AND CRIMINALIZE RESEARCH AND WHAT IS
2 A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ISAAC BRYAN:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, IN
8 PARTICULAR, TODAY. I'M ISAAC BRYAN. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
9 POLICY FOR THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS PROJECT. I'M POLICY
10 ADVISOR TO THE U.C.L.A. BUNCHE CENTER. I JUST WANT TO MAKE
11 SOMETHING CLEAR. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DIDN'T BEGIN WHEN
12 MEN'S CENTRAL AND OTHER JAIL FACILITIES STARTED TO
13 DETERIORATE. RIGHT? THEY BEGAN WHEN WE DECIDED THAT CAGING AND
14 CRIMINALIZING POVERTY AND MENTAL HEALTH WAS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM
15 OF PUBLIC POLICY. IT'S NOT. MAKE NO MISTAKE: A JAIL BY ANY
16 OTHER NAME IS STILL A JAIL. AN AMENDMENT THAT PUSHED THIS
17 PROJECT FORWARD WITHOUT FULLY ADDRESSING THE CORE NEEDS AND
18 CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE NOT ANSWERS. WE NEED MORE MONEY
19 FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES, DECENTRALIZED ALTERNATIVES.
20 WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND TRAUMA. WE NEED TO FUND OPPORTUNITY.
21 THERE'S \$900 MILLION IN CASH THAT THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO
22 SPEND RIGHT NOW. WE NEED TO REOPEN THE R.F.P. AND HAVE A
23 CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **HUGO GONZALEZ:** RIGHT UP HERE IT SAYS, "THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE
3 PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH
4 FROM THIS PLANET EARTH," AND I THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS
5 CONVERSATION WITH US. MY NAME IS HUGO GONZALEZ, AND I'M
6 PROUDLY REPRESENTING HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND THE VITAL INTERNAL
7 HEALING THAT IT STANDS FOR. AT THE AGE OF 16, I WAS SENTENCED
8 TO MULTIPLE LIFE SENTENCES IN AN ADULT PRISON. AND BEFORE
9 RELEASED, AND AFTER SERVING 18 YEARS IN PRISON, I WAS
10 DIAGNOSED WITH ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER, DUE TO THE
11 PAST EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING THE EXPERIENCES THAT I HAD IN
12 PRISON. IT'S THROUGH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, THAT OFFERS
13 LEGITIMATE THERAPY, THAT I FIND TRUE HEALING, AND IT'S NOT A
14 JAIL CELL THAT'S LABELED A SOLUTION. PLEASE DON'T SIGN THE
15 CONTRACT THAT'S BASED ON HOPE AND NOT LOGIC. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JOHNNY TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHNNY TORRES, WITH SOLEDAD
20 ENRICHMENT ACTION COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM FOR EAST LOS ANGELES.
21 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I JUST WANT TO SAY,
22 CURRENTLY, IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1, THERE'S 155 GANGS, NOT
23 INCLUDING THE TAG BANGER CREWS, AND THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY
24 COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES FOR OVER 25 YEARS. THAT'S NOT
25 INCLUDING THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS. THERE'S 16 HARDCORE GANGS

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1 IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER ALONE, ONE OF THEM BEING ON THE GANG
2 INJUNCTION. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, WE NEED TO STOP BEING
3 REACTIONARY WHEN DEALING WITH COMMUNITY ILLNESS, AND WE NEED
4 TO START BEING PROACTIVE. WE NEED TO START PUTTING FUNDS IN
5 INTERVENTION, DIVERSION, PREVENTION, REENTRY, FAMILY
6 DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY PRESERVATION. WE NEED A
7 TREATMENT CENTER IN WHITTIER, AND NOT IN MIRA LOMA. WE NEED TO
8 START TREATING COMMUNITY ILLNESS BEFORE INCARCERATION, AND NOT
9 AFTER. NO ON THE R.F.P. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **JOSEPH PETITT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPH PETITT, AND I'M THE POLICY
15 AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY
16 PARTNERSHIP. L.A.R.P. IS CONCERNED WITH THE CARE, TREATMENT,
17 AND WELLBEING OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND WE
18 STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED 3,885-BED
19 C.C.T.F. FACILITY IN MIRA LOMA PLAN, AS IT IS NOT THE MOST
20 EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE POPULATION OF
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. THE COUNTY
22 SHOULD FOCUS ITS LIMITED RESOURCES ON DEVELOPING MORE
23 COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS TO DIVERT LESS DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS OF
24 MENTAL HEALTH FROM JAILS INTO COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, TREATMENT
25 AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, AND JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS LIKE

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1 RESTORATION REENTRY RESIDENTS OF CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRIES.
2 AND LASTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE REVISION OF THE
3 R.F.P. TO REFLECT DECENTRALIZED SERVICES, AND FOR ALL THE
4 STATED REASONS WE URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT THE CURRENT PLANS.
5 AND THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR COMMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **DOLORES CANALES:** HELLO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME
10 TODAY AND YOUR CONSIDERATION ON THIS VERY SERIOUS MATTER. MY
11 NAME IS DOLORES CANALES, AND I AM DIRECTOR OF TALENT
12 DEVELOPMENT WITH THE BAIL PROJECT. I HAVE SPENT OVER 20 YEARS
13 OF MY LIFE IN FACILITIES AND CAGES, AND I AM HERE TO SAY THAT
14 THERE ARE MANY WOMEN THAT ARE STILL SITTING IN THESE
15 FACILITIES RIGHT NOW, BEING TRAUMATIZED, HAVING TO WITNESS
16 SUICIDE OF THE WOMEN THAT THEY ARE IN THE SAME CELLS WITH.
17 WHEN WE COME HOME, WE COME HOME WITH THIS ANXIETY AND TRAUMA.
18 THESE CAGES ACTUALLY CREATE MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS. THEY DON'T
19 DIVERT FROM IT. SO I'M ASKING THAT TODAY YOU REVISE THE
20 R.F.P., THAT YOU DO NOT SIGN THE CONTRACT. IN NOVEMBER 2008,
21 PROPOSITION 2, CAGE-FREE CHICKENS. CALIFORNIA GOT IT RIGHT FOR
22 CHICKENS. WHY CAN'T WE GET IT RIGHT FOR HUMAN BEINGS AND HAVE
23 CAGE-FREE HUMANS? [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH,
3 AND I WAS JUST HORRIFIED THIS MORNING TO HEAR ABOUT, WHAT IS
4 IT, 500 MILLION BEING SET ASIDE FOR PAYMENTS ON THAT? WHERE
5 WOULD WE BE, HAD THAT MONEY BEEN USED TO DEVELOP DIVERSION, TO
6 DEVELOP MENTAL HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES, AND PREVENT OFFENSES?
7 WHAT NUMBERS WOULD WE BE TALKING ABOUT AS BEING IN THE JAIL?
8 THE C.C.T.F. HAS ALREADY HURT US, AND SEVERELY, AND THUS WILL
9 CONTINUE WITH THE MISSPENDING. NOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU LED
10 THE WAY WITH SOLIS IN THE STUDY OF BEDS. WHERE ARE THEY? HOW
11 DO WE INCREASE THEM, IN THE GENERAL COMMUNITY AS WELL AS FOR
12 JAILED AND CONVICTED AND CHARGED PEOPLE? HOW ABOUT LETTING
13 THAT RUN ITS COURSE? THEN YOU'D KNOW WHAT SIZES YOU NEED, WHAT
14 YOU NEED THE CONTRACT FOR, AND HOW TO DISTRIBUTE IT AMONG
15 CENTRALIZED AND DECENTRALIZED SERVICES. YOU'VE GOT SOME
16 EXPERTS. YOU NEED EXPERT HELP ON THAT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'VE BEEN
21 INCARCERATED, AND DURING MY TIME, I WASN'T TAUGHT ANYTHING
22 ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES. I JUST KNOW THAT IF YOU BREAK THE LAW,
23 YOUR FREEDOM, TIME, LIFE IS TOOK AWAY FROM YOU. WHAT NEEDS TO
24 BE DONE IS INVESTING AND REPORTING DAILY PROGRAM, WHICH IS AN
25 ALTERNATIVE TO THE INCARCERATION. I WANT TO URGE YOU FOR A

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1 BUILDING THAT WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:30 A.M. TO
2 3:30 P.M., AND FOR BEING IN THIS CENTER YOU WILL LEARN
3 TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION AND
4 TREATMENT, JOB READINESS. HOPEFULLY, BY THE TIME YOU'RE DONE
5 SERVING YOUR TIME, COME OUT WITH A JOB INTERNSHIP CERTIFICATE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE MORE
11 TO CALL UP.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
14 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
15 KENNETH KING, KENT MENDOZA, KIKUYE SUGIYAMA, KIM WAGNER,
16 KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, KRISTINA LER, LAMIA ELSDEK, LARRY DAVIS,
17 LAURA SANTOS, LAURA GARCIA, LECHAR TOKI, LAWRENCE FOY, LEX
18 STEPPLING, LILY HASKELL, LUCY VARGAS, LUITA CARBALLO, LYNNE
19 EBKAMP, MARIA CORONADO, MARIA ROMAN, MARIANNE DRUMMOND, MARIE
20 MAZZONE, MARIELLA SABA, MARK TAYLOR, MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON
21 JOHNSON, MARY SUTTON, MEGAN DOBKIN, MIA MORENO, MICHAEL NOVAK,
22 MICHAEL SAAVEDRA, MIGUEL LUGO, MIKE RUSSO, MINDY GARLAND,
23 MORGAN BASSICHIS, MURPHY BEGAY, AND NAJEEBA SYEED. PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES, AND I'M WITH
4 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I'M ACTUALLY A RESIDENT OF
5 DISTRICT 1, AND I WANTED TO THANK HILDA SOLIS FOR HER
6 LEADERSHIP, BUT SHE LEFT THE ROOM.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE CAN HEAR YOU.

9

10 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HUH?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE CAN HEAR YOU. WE CAN HEAR FROM
13 EVERYWHERE.

14

15 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'VE BEEN IN THE
16 L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S A PLACE WHERE, AS A
17 PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY PREDIAGNOSED MENTAL HEALTH
18 CONDITIONS, IT DID MAKE MY MENTAL HEALTH EVEN WORSE, JUST ALL
19 THE STRESS AND ANXIETY BEING IN THERE. SO WE DEMAND THAT YOU
20 CREATE COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTERS TO DIVERT PEOPLE WITH
21 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCIES AND MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, RATHER
22 THAN BUILDING NEW MENTAL HEALTH JAILS, AND EXPAND L.A.
23 COUNTY'S NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DIVERSION DEVELOPMENT INTO A
24 COUNTYWIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND TRANSFER ALL
25 YOUTH UP TO AGE 25 FROM PROBATION AND SHERIFF'S CUSTODY TO

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1 THIS DEPARTMENT IN THEIR CARE. AND DISMANTLE THE CENTRAL
2 JUVENILE HALL AND CREATE A WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' JUSTICE CENTER,
3 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
4 AND UNIONS, TO REPLACE THE PLAN TO BUILD 1500 NEW JAIL BEDS
5 FOR WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COUNTY
6 PLEASE SUPPORT COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO AMEND AND REDIRECT A.B.
7 900 FUNDS TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF JAIL ALTERNATIVES, NOT JUST
8 JAILS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JOASIEL GONZALEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOASIEL GONZALEZ. IT'S J-
13 O-A-S-I-E-L. WHAT I GOT TO SAY MIGHT NOT BE IMPORTANT TO YOU,
14 OR YOU MIGHT REALLY NOT TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION, BUT IF YOU
15 THINK ABOUT IT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATISTICS IN COMMUNITIES
16 THAT GOT HIGH CRIMES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, INSTEAD OF BUILDING
17 A JAIL, HOW COME YOU DON'T BUILD REHABS AND HEALTH CENTERS FOR
18 DAYCARE KIDS AND MOMS AND SINGLE MOMS, AND HELP THEM PROVIDE
19 WITH RESOURCES ON HOW TO BETTER THEIR LIVES, NOT JUST BRINGING
20 US DOWN INSTEAD OF BUILDING THESE JAILS? LIKE SOMEBODY SAID,
21 HOW COME INSTEAD OF GIVING THESE WORKERS THE JOBS, HELP THEM
22 REBUILD THE HOSPITAL THAT'S NOT EVEN BEING USED, YOU KNOW?
23 BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP OUT HERE.
24 IMAGINE YOURSELF BEING IN OUR SHOES. WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?
25 WOULDN'T YOU WANT THE SAME HELP? WOULDN'T ANY OF YOUR KIDS? I

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1 KNOW YOU GOT GRANDCHILDREN. THINK ABOUT THEM, TOO, IF THEY GET
2 ANY TROUBLE. THEY WOULD WANT THE HELP, TOO. SO THINK OF US
3 LIKE YOU WOULD THINK OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU
6 AGAIN, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **JEREMY TRAMER:** I'M JEREMY TRAMER, WITH WHITE PEOPLE 4 BLACK
9 LIVES. THE HEADLINES TOMORROW ARE GOING TO SAY "JAIL PLAN
10 CANCELED," AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CONGRATULATE YOU,
11 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR WHAT WILL SURELY BE
12 PAINTED AS YOU FINALLY SEEING THE LIGHT. YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL
13 LIKE YOU STOOD UP FOR THE RIGHT THING AND YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT
14 SIDE OF HISTORY. BUT BUILDING ONE MONOLITHIC \$2 BILLION, 3800-
15 BED MONUMENT OF VAGUELY WELL-INTENTIONED HALF MEASURES IS NOT
16 THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. ALL OF THESE HEALTH EXPERTS AND
17 JAIL EXPERTS WHO HAVE NO FINANCIAL STAKE IN THIS, INCLUDING
18 THOSE WHO HAVE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE FROM THEIR OWN TIME BEHIND
19 BARS, ARE TELLING YOU THAT THIS FACILITY IS NOT THE RIGHT WAY
20 FORWARD. THIS ABSURD \$2 BILLION HOSPITAL IN NAME ONLY, WITH
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SIGNING OFF ON EVERY STEP OF THE
22 PROCESS, IS NOT THE SOLUTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, ACTUALLY,
23 YES, WE CAN KEEP KICKING THE CAN. WE'LL KEEP KICKING IT UNTIL
24 THERE IS NO PLAN FOR ANY PREPOSTEROUS HALTING MEGASTRUCTURE,
25 AND WE INSTEAD INVEST IN RESTORATIVE, TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

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1 AND COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. IF THIS
2 3800-BED FACILITY IS BUILT, THE \$2 BILLION SPENT ON ITS
3 CONSTRUCTION WILL DOUBLE AS A CAMPAIGN DONATION TO WHOEVER
4 RUNS AGAINST YOU THE NEXT TIME YOUR SEATS ON THE BOARD ARE UP
5 FOR ELECTION.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **KONSTANTINE ANTHONY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. KONSTANTINE ANTHONY,
10 BURBANK ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES. I'D ENCOURAGE
11 EVERYONE IN THE ROOM TO PULL OUT YOUR PHONE AND GOOGLE S.B.
12 1045. THAT'S SENATE BILL 1045. IT AUTHORIZES SAN FRANCISCO,
13 L.A., AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO LOCK UP ALL THE MENTALLY ILL
14 HOMELESS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RIGHTS, IF THEY CAN PROVE THEY
15 HAVE ENOUGH BEDS TO HOUSE THEM. THIS MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
16 WILL DO THAT. IT WILL GIVE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS THE
17 AUTHORITY TO GIVE THE SHERIFF AND ALL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 THE ABILITY TO LOCK UP THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE HOMELESS.
19 BEING CRAZY IS NOT A CRIME. I'M CRAZY AND I'M NOT A CRIMINAL.
20 BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A CRIME. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS SO MANY
21 TIMES IN MY LIFE. AND I'VE NEVER BROKEN THE LAW. GIVE THESE
22 CARPENTERS AND TRADE UNIONS SOMETHING TO BUILD THAT THEY CAN
23 BE PROUD OF. PUBLIC HOUSING. PARKS. COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTERS
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SPEND THAT MONEY THE RIGHT WAY. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. HEY, PEOPLE, HOW MANY OF YOU
5 WERE HERE FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN I SHUT THIS CRACK TRIP JAIL TRIP
6 DOWN? ANY OF YOU REMEMBER THAT, WHEN I SHUT IT DOWN, WITH THE
7 HELP OF ALL OF YOU? AND THAT FOOL JACKIE LACEY, I'M GOING TO
8 TAKE YOUR BAR LICENSE, BECAUSE YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHO DIES.
9 HERE'S THE LATEST D.O.J. STATISTICS YOU NEVER DID NOTHING
10 ABOUT. HERE'S THE INJUNCTION ON THEM ALL TO PUT THEM AWAY IN
11 JAIL. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A REAL GOOD TIME IN THE TWIN
12 TOWERS. 20 MINUTES I GOT THIS PILE, BECAUSE I HAVE FRIENDS
13 THAT ARE VERY DEPRESSED, THAT FEEL LIKE JUMPING OUT OF
14 BUILDINGS. THIS IS HOW YOU GET PEOPLE TO NOT BE DEPRESSED
15 WITHOUT DRUGS, BECAUSE YOU DRUG EVERYBODY TO HELL IN THERE.
16 NOW, YOU PUT ME IN YOUR STUPID MENTAL HEALTH WARD, BECAUSE
17 THAT DR. SHERIN, HE'S GOING TO PRISON, BABY. YOU TOOK YOUR
18 MENTAL HEALTH WARD AND YOU PUT 60 BEDS TO 68. YOU CUT OUT ALL
19 THE CHAIRS. YOU HAD 26 TABLES AND SEATS. YOU HAD 12.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** PRISON. NOT A JOKE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **KIKUYE SUGIYAMA:** HI THERE. MY NAME'S KIKUYE SUGIYAMA, AND I'M
7 A MEMBER OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2. I
8 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING IN HERE AND LISTENING TO US.
9 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO I WANT TO THANK IN THIS AUDIENCE, WHO
10 HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR A LONG TIME. THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE
11 PEOPLE REPRESENTED HERE ARE YOUR COLLEAGUES IN BRINGING
12 DECENTRALIZED TREATMENT TO THE COMMUNITIES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE
13 SAFETY NOT JUST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TREATMENT, BUT FOR THE
14 FAMILIES OF THOSE PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING ANY
15 BOLD ACTION THAT YOU DO, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR TAKING A LEAD ON THIS ONE. THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **KENNETH KING:** MY NAME IS KENNETH KING, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
22 YOU GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DEAL WITH DEPRESSION, PEOPLE THAT
23 DEAL WITH TRAUMA. YOU HAVE KIDS THAT GOT TO TAKE CARE OF
24 THEMSELVES BECAUSE THE FATHER MIGHT BE ON DRUGS OR
25 INCARCERATED. SO YOU GOT TO TAKE INTO PERSPECTIVE EVERYTHING

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1 THAT PEOPLE DEAL WITH, MENTALLY. AND IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO
2 CORRECT IT, IT WOULD BE A BETTER WAY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **KENNETH KING:** A PRISON DON'T WANT TO DO TOO MUCH JUSTICE,
7 BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES, YOU TAKE A PERSON OUT OF A TOXIC
8 ENVIRONMENT, FROM ANOTHER TOXIC ENVIRONMENT, YOU REALLY AIN'T
9 DOING TOO MUCH DIFFERENCE. YOU MIGHT MAKE A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE,
10 BUT NOT A MAJOR DIFFERENCE. THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **RICHARD VAN HORN:** I'M RICHARD VAN HORN, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF
15 MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES. I'VE KNOWN SOME OF YOU
16 FOR YEARS. I'VE BEEN COMING BEFORE THIS BOARD FOR THE LAST 40
17 YEARS, ARGUING FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTHCARE. I STRONGLY
18 SUPPORT ITEMS 4 AND 11, OPPOSE 24 AND 25, AS DEVELOPED. I
19 THINK IT NEEDS TO BE REALLY DISPERSED CARE. WE DON'T NEED 3800
20 BEDS IN ANY ONE PLACE. ACTUALLY, WE DON'T NEED 3800 BEDS. WE
21 NEED THE SLOTS FOR TREATMENT OF THE RIGHT KIND, AT THE RIGHT
22 TIME. MY OWN ORGANIZATION, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, HAS A SLOGAN
23 BEFORE STAGE 4: "START WITH PREVENTION, END UP WITH SCREENING,
24 TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT," AND RECOVERY IS THE PLACE
25 YOU WANT TO GET TO. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MARIA CORONADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S MARIA CORONADO. I'M
5 A PROUD UNION MEMBER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHWEST
6 CARPENTERS. I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 25. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO
7 HIGHLIGHT OUR BOOTS PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. BOOTS STANDS
8 FOR BRIDGING OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH TRADESWOMEN'S
9 FIELDS. THIS IS ONE AMONG A COMPLEMENT OF PROGRAMS WE, THE
10 SOUTHWEST CARPENTERS, OFFER WITH THE STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING
11 AT OUR TRAINING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST. THESE PRE-
12 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO TRANSITION
13 DISADVANTAGED WORKERS INTO MIDDLE-CLASS JOBS. WE HAVE HELPED
14 HOMELESS WOMEN OFF THE STREET BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, MOVING
15 FORWARD TOWARD A LONG-TERM CAREER. WE HAVE MANY SINGLE MOTHERS
16 WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE BOOTS PROGRAM AND ARE SUPPORTING THEIR
17 FAMILIES WITH CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE. WE WORK HARD IN THIS
18 TRADE, AND IT'S AN HONEST DAY'S WORK. I SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY
19 WITHOUT A COLLEGE EDUCATION, WITH A JOURNEYMAN CARD IN MY
20 POCKET, 29 YEARS AS A CARPENTER. THIS PROJECT IS ONE OF MANY.
21 PARTNER WITH OUR PROGRAMS THAT BRING HOPE FOR A SOLID FUTURE
22 TO WOMEN AND WORKING FAMILIES. WE SUPPORT ITEM 25. THANK YOU.
23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. NO, NO APPLAUSE,
2 EVEN FOR THE FIRST PERSON WHO AGREED WITH US. NO APPLAUSE.
3 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4
5 **LEX STEPPLING:** HI. THIS IS LEX STEPPLING. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
6 POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE WERE ALL
7 VERY PLEASED TO READ THE PREAMBLE OF THIS AMENDMENT, TO HEAR
8 YOU ALL USING LANGUAGE THAT WAS AGAINST INCARCERATION, TO USE
9 LANGUAGE THAT WAS AGAINST CAGING, TO HEAR YOU STATE PLAINLY
10 THAT CARE CAN NEVER HAPPEN INSIDE OF A JAIL OR A PRISON, EVER.
11 IT IS PLEASING TO HEAR YOU ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING THAT IS SO
12 TRUE. AND IT IS PLEASING TO SEE A DESIRE TO MOVE IN THE
13 DIRECTION THAT OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN DEMANDING FOR SO MANY
14 GENERATIONS. WHAT IS A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATING IS TO SEE US NOW
15 ARRIVING AT A POINT AND KNOWING THAT THE R.F.P. NEEDS TO BE
16 REVISED, THAT IT CAN'T BE A SINGLE TREATMENT CENTER, THAT THE
17 BED NUMBER CANNOT BE ASSIGNED BASED ON AN AVERAGE DAILY
18 POPULATION THAT LEADS THE PLANET. WE HAVE SET FORTH MOTIONS IN
19 THE LAST MONTH TO HELP US IDENTIFY HOW THOSE NUMBERS CAN BE
20 DRIVEN DOWN, NOT TO REPLACE A BAD SYSTEM WITH ANOTHER BAD
21 SYSTEM, BUT TO REPLACE A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO GO HOME,
22 AND THEN TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO NEED CARE, AND THEN TO DESIGN
23 WHAT NEEDS TO BE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE
24 DISCOVERIES. SO PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. REVISE THE R.F.P.
25 AND CREATE COMMUNITY-BASED CENTERS THROUGHOUT EACH DISTRICT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **LECHAR TOKI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LECHAR TOKI, AND I'M WITH S.C.
6 JUSTICE GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED
7 LOVES ONES, AND HERE WITH JUSTICE L.A., AS WELL. I AM THE WIFE
8 OF AN INCARCERATED PERSON, AND THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF A FORMERLY
9 INCARCERATED WOMAN WHO IS STILL TO THIS DAY SUFFERING IN
10 SILENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL IS NOT
11 HEALTHCARE. IT CAUSES TRAUMA AND ISOLATION IN WOMEN AND
12 CHILDREN LIKE MINE. THIS IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY, TO URGE THE
13 SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT THE JUSTICE L.A. AMENDMENT TO THIS
14 MOTION. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REDESIGN THIS PLAN. THIS
15 DESERVES CARE, NOT CAGES. REVISE THE R.F.P. DON'T SIGN. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MARIE MAZZONE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM MARIE MAZZONE, A MEMBER OF
21 BEND THE ARC JEWISH ACTION. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE
22 BOARD FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF MENTAL ILLNESS AS AN ILLNESS
23 REQUIRING PROPER DIAGNOSIS AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, NOT
24 INCARCERATION. BUT AS SOMEONE WHO REMEMBERS THE HORRORS OF
25 CALIFORNIA'S MASSIVE STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS THAT ULTIMATELY

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1 WERE SHUT DOWN, IN LARGE PART DUE TO CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS,
2 I URGE YOU TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
3 SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE THE COMPASSIONATE CARE THESE
4 CITIZENS DESPERATELY NEED. AND I JUST WANT TO ADD, I HOPE THAT
5 WE CAN REACH A POINT WHERE WE'RE NOT SO FEARFUL OF BROWN,
6 BLACK, AND MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE THAT OUR FIRST THOUGHT IS TO
7 INCARCERATE THEM.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MIGUEL LUGO:** MY NAME IS MIGUEL LUGO. I WORK IN THE FIRST
12 DISTRICT AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, AND I LIVE IN THE FOURTH
13 DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, YOUR DISTRICT. WHEN I WAS
14 INCARCERATED, I HAPPENED TO SEE THREE GUYS HANGING. THEY
15 NEEDED HELP. AND I ASKED MYSELF ONE DAY, "WILL I EVER BE ABLE
16 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?" SO I'M HERE, AND I WANT TO MAKE A
17 DIFFERENCE. I'M TELLING YOU, YOU'RE FROM MY DISTRICT. I VOTED
18 FOR YOU. I VOTED FOR YOU. I WENT TO YOUR TOWN HALL MEETING.
19 I'M TELLING YOU, THIS COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CITY OF
20 L.A. WHATEVER HAPPENS IN L.A., IT GOES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO
21 MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT CANNOT TALK NO MORE.
22 THOSE GENTLEMEN THAT WERE HANGING IN THOSE JAIL CELLS, MAKE
23 THAT DIFFERENCE FOR THEM. MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR THE PEOPLE
24 THAT TRY AND DO THEIR WORK OUT HERE. I WORK IN HOMEBOY
25 INDUSTRIES. I SEE HOMIES WALK THROUGH THERE EVERY DAY THAT

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1 NEED THE HELP. I SEE GREAT THERAPISTS WORKING WITH PEOPLE. I
2 GOT TWO THERAPISTS, YOU KNOW? YOU GOT DRUG COUNSELORS THAT ARE
3 THERE. MY FRIEND EMILY, SHE DOES A GREAT JOB WITH THE HOMELESS
4 WHEN THEY COME IN. PLEASE THINK ABOUT THAT.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **MIKE RUSSO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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13 **MIKE RUSSO:** MY NAME IS MIKE RUSSO, WITH THE ADVANCEMENT
14 PROJECT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE VISION THAT YOU'VE LAID
15 OUT TODAY. I THINK IT'S EXCITING THAT THERE'S NOW A CLEAR
16 MOTION AWAY FROM INCARCERATION, AND TOWARDS SERVICES AND
17 SUPPORTS FOR THE FOLKS WHO ARE MOST IN NEED. BUT WE DO HAVE
18 CONCERNS, BECAUSE, MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE
19 EASY, AND WE'RE DEFINITELY WORRIED THAT MOVING AHEAD WITH THE
20 R.F.P. AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS WOULD TIE A HAND BEHIND YOUR
21 BACK. IT WOULD MAKE IT HARDER TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND
22 THIS FUNDING FOR SERVICES THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO NEED
23 TO ACCOMPLISH THIS VISION. INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT JUST COUNTY-
24 OWNED FACILITIES. IT'S ALSO THE SUPPORT THAT COMMUNITY
25 PROVIDERS NEED TO MEET THE LARGE NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT WE HOPE

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1 WILL BE COMING TO THEM. THEY'RE GOING TO NEED INVESTMENT TO
2 GET THERE, AND TYING DOLLARS UP INTO BUILDING A CONCRETE
3 FACILITY IS NOT THE WAY TO GO. ALSO, THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO
4 HAVE FUNDING FOR THE SERVICES. THE CURRENT APPROACH HAD
5 FUNDING GOING TO SHERIFF, NOT D.M.H., TO OPERATE IT. THAT'S
6 NET COUNTY COST THAT SHOULDN'T BE TIED UP IN DEBT SERVICES.
7 TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME, GET THE DETAILS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD
8 TO SOMETHING GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **MICHAEL SAAVEDRA:** HI. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME,
13 FIRST OF ALL, AND FOR RECONSIDERING THIS ISSUE. MY NAME IS
14 MICHAEL SAAVEDRA, AND I RECENTLY SPENT 19-1/2 YEARS IN PRISON,
15 WITH 12 OF THOSE 19-1/2 YEARS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AND SO
16 I WANT TO GIVE YOU FIRSTHAND TESTIMONY THAT INCARCERATION
17 DOESN'T WORK, BUT WHAT HAS WORKED FOR ME, PERSONALLY, IS
18 EDUCATION. SO I ASK THAT YOU GUYS REALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS TO
19 YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE
20 COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE, BECAUSE
21 IT DOES WORK, ESPECIALLY IN A STATE THAT HAS THE HIGHEST
22 RECIDIVISM RATE IN THE NATION. I ASK YOU AGAIN, PLEASE
23 REALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MARK
3 ANTHONY JOHNSON, JUSTICE L.A. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS,
4 ALL OF YOU, FOR TAKING A COURAGEOUS STEP. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
5 EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR ALMOST A
6 DECADE TO GET US TO THIS POINT, WHERE WE ACTUALLY ARE MARKING
7 THAT WE HAVE TO MOVE AWAY FROM INCARCERATION AND
8 CRIMINALIZATION, PARTICULARLY WITH FOLKS WHO HAVE MENTAL
9 HEALTH CONDITIONS, LIKE OUR FAMILIES AND LIKE OUR PEOPLE.
10 WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TODAY IS THAT WE WANT
11 DECENTRALIZED TREATMENT. RIGHT? WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT WE HAVE
12 SUBMITTED LETTERS TO YOU, WE HAVE SUBMITTED TESTIMONY, AND
13 WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT EXPERTS SAY THAT A 4,000-BED FACILITY
14 WILL NOT BE CONDUCIVE TO TREATMENT. THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK.
15 THE LARGEST MENTAL STATE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE ARE 12,000,
16 1300 BEDS, AND THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN THOSE FACILITIES. DO NOT
17 REPEAT THAT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU IS TO
18 FOCUS ON DECENTRALIZING COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT. GIVE US THE
19 DIGNITY THAT WE NEED, THAT WE KNOW IS POSSIBLE, AND THAT WE'VE
20 BEEN FIGHTING FOR OVER THE LAST DECADE. WE THANK YOU FOR
21 TAKING THIS COURAGEOUS STEP. LET'S KEEP IT PUSHING. DO NOT
22 SIGN THIS, AND REFORMAT THE R.F.P.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **LUCY VARGAS:** HI. MY NAME IS LUCY. I LIVE IN SOUTHEAST L.A.
2 THANK YOU, MS. SOLIS, FOR TRULY REPRESENTING WHAT OUR
3 COMMUNITY REALLY NEEDS. I AM HERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED, TWO OF MY
4 FAMILY MEMBERS. MY DAUGHTER, SHE'S A TEENAGER, AND I SEE HOW
5 EASILY LIVING IN A LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY WHERE PARENTS WORK ALL
6 DAY, LITERALLY, CAN LEAD CHILDREN TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THE
7 LEGAL SYSTEM. I DO NOT WANT-- I DON'T LIKE THAT L.A. IS
8 PREPARING FOR MY DAUGHTER'S FUTURE BY BUILDING MORE JAILS, BY
9 PUTTING SO MUCH MONEY IN THERE, WHEN THEY COULD BE DOING
10 SOMETHING ELSE. AND I ALSO HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO
11 UNFORTUNATELY, INSTEAD OF GETTING THE TREATMENT HE NEEDS OUT
12 HERE WITH US, HIS FAMILY AND HIS CHILDREN, HE'S IN JAIL NOW
13 WAITING, AND THEY'RE HOPING THAT HE GETS BETTER, WE'RE HOPING
14 HE GETS BETTER, BUT WE KNOW WHEN HE COMES OUT, WE STILL HAVE
15 TO DEAL WITH ALL THE TRAUMA THAT HE'S DEALT WITH IN THERE. AND
16 WITH THE CHILDREN, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT TRAUMA. SO THIS
17 MONEY DOES NOT NEED TO GO THERE. THAT'S NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE
18 NEED OR WANT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MEGAN DOBKIN:** MY NAME IS MEGAN DOBKIN, AND I REPRESENT A
23 GROWING POPULATION OF CONSTITUENTS WHO WERE NOT PERSONALLY
24 IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION GROWING UP. MY FAMILY WAS NOT TORN
25 APART BY IT. AND YET I AM HAVING A HARDER TIME WAKING UP EVERY

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1 DAY, UPHOLDING AND BENEFITING FROM A SYSTEM THAT CAGES PEOPLE
2 INSTEAD OF CARING FOR THEM. IT DOESN'T MAKE ME SAFER, AND IT'S
3 CORROSIVE FOR EVERYONE. PEOPLE LIKE ME ARE LATE TO THIS PARTY,
4 BUT WE'RE HERE NOW, AND WE'RE FOLLOWING ACTIVISTS LIKE THE
5 ONES THAT YOU HELD UP IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. THEY'VE BEEN
6 FIGHTING FOR THIS FOR LIFETIMES. WE ARE MOBILIZING UNDER THEIR
7 LEADERSHIP, AND AMONG MANY THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING, WE ARE
8 VOTING ALL THE WAY DOWN THE BALLOT FOR DECARCERATION AND
9 POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. AND 2020 IS A BIG, BIG YEAR FOR THE
10 B.O.S. MANY OF YOU ARE CLEARLY BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF
11 STEPPING INTO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS CONVERSATION, BUT THE
12 HISTORY BOOKS DO NOT SAVE SPACE FOR HALF-STEPS. THIS CONTRACT
13 IS A HALF-STEP. DON'T SIGN THE CONTRACT. REVISE THE R.F.P.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MIA MORENO:** HI. MY NAME IS MIA MORENO, REPRESENTING SOLEDAD
18 ENRICHMENT ACTION. AS WELL, I AM ALSO A COMMUNITY HEALTH
19 WORKER FOR SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1. I WAS BORN AND RAISED THERE,
20 AND I BELIEVE WE GOT FUNDED A PILOT PROGRAM IN JANUARY, AND
21 IT'S BEEN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AND WE HAVE 50-PLUS KIDS,
22 YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS THAT REQUIRE AND NEED OUR SERVICES.
23 THAT'S NOT EVEN COUNTING THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH ARE PROBABLY
24 LARGER THAN JUST ONE OF THEM. AND I JUST WISH THAT PROGRAMS
25 LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN FUNDED YEARS AGO, BECAUSE THEN MOST

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1 OF MY FRIENDS WOULD HAVE MADE IT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, MAYBE
2 EVEN GONE TO COLLEGE, MAYBE EVEN GOT JOBS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY,
3 I HAVE MANY FRIENDS FROM SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1 THAT THOSE
4 SERVICES WEREN'T BEING OFFERED AT THE TIME, SO NOW THEY ARE
5 INCARCERATED, PASSED AWAY, MURDERED, WHATEVER IT MAY HAVE
6 BEEN. BUT I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU REVIEW THIS, AND, YEAH,
7 THAT WE MOVE FORWARD.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **NAJEEBA SYEED:** I'M A PROFESSOR AT CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF
12 THEOLOGY. I'M ALSO A LAWYER, AS WELL AS A 20-YEAR PRACTITIONER
13 OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, AS WELL AS A RESEARCHER. I'VE TRAINED
14 HUNDREDS OF PRISON CHAPLAINS IN THE LAST DECADE, AND ONE THING
15 ALL THE CHAPLAINS HAVE SHARED WITH ME IS IT'S NOT JUST PLACE-
16 BASED HEALING, IT'S MICROPLACE-BASED HEALING. IT MEANS THAT A
17 LARGE CENTRALIZED FACILITY WILL NOT ALLOW FOR THE TRUST OF
18 THOSE THAT ARE SEEKING SERVICES. SO INSTEAD OF RETRAUMATIZING
19 OUR CONSTITUENCIES, LET'S THINK ABOUT INTERRUPTING TRAUMA
20 THROUGH THIS GENERATIONAL DECISION WHICH COULD CHANGE THE
21 FUTURE OF L.A. COUNTY IN ONE DIRECTION OR ANOTHER. SO LET'S
22 PUT HEALING BACK IN THE HANDS OF COMMUNITY, AS EVIDENCE-BASED
23 PROGRAMS HAVE SHOWN US. I'VE BEEN IN THE ROOM WHEN RESTORATIVE
24 JUSTICE WORKS, INSTEAD OF RETRIBUTIVE AND PUNITIVE JUSTICE. IT
25 CHANGES THE LIVES OF OUR WHOLE NATION.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MARY SUTTON:** HI. MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON. I'VE BEEN IN THIS
5 STRUGGLE SINCE 2005, 2006. I WENT HOME IN 2014 AFTER THE BOARD
6 VOTED IN THE WOMEN'S JAIL TO MOVE FORWARD, AND I WENT HOME AND
7 CRIED, SINCE I HAVE A MASTER'S IN URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND I
8 DESIGN COLLECTIVE REMAKE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKER-
9 OWNED BUSINESSES AND OTHER CLIENTS AND COOPERATIVES WITH
10 PEOPLE IN REENTRY AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER MARGINALIZED
11 COMMUNITIES. THERE'S A COUPLE ISSUES THAT STILL AREN'T PART OF
12 THE CONVERSATION. SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALLUDED TO IT, AND WE HAVE
13 TO CRACK THE CODE. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF VIOLENCE
14 AND RACISM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE MUST LOOK AT 50 YEARS OF
15 THE EXTRACTIVE ECONOMY THAT HAS TAKEN PEOPLE FROM THEIR
16 COMMUNITIES, JOBS FROM THE COMMUNITIES, EDUCATION FROM THE
17 COMMUNITIES. WE MUST LOOK WHERE THE REALIGNMENT DOLLARS HAVE
18 GONE, TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE SHERIFFS, AND PUT IT INTO THE
19 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED JOBS. WE NEED HOUSING. THAT IS WHY PEOPLE
20 ARE MENTALLY ILL. PEOPLE ARE MENTALLY ILL FOR A REASON. WOMEN
21 ARE GETTING LOCKED UP BECAUSE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND POVERTY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
24 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MARK TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK TAYLOR. I'M HERE
2 WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I MYSELF WAS SENTENCE TO
3 26 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON. I SPENT 21-1/2 YEARS IN PRISON,
4 AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT PRISON CELLS ARE NOT FOR THOSE WHO ARE
5 SUFFERING WITH MENTAL ISSUES. THAT WILL JUST FURTHER
6 TRAUMATIZE THEM. SO I BELIEVE THAT THIS CONSTRUCTION IS WRONG.
7 I AM DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO IT, BUT I DO WANT TO COMMEND
8 CALIFORNIA FOR ONE THING. THEY ARE LEADING THE NATION, I
9 BELIEVE, IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. WE'RE MAKING BIG STRIDES
10 IN THAT AREA. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. BUT THIS HERE
11 TODAY, IF YOU WERE TO BUILD THIS, REPRESENTS A STEP BACK. SO I
12 WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.
15 NEXT SPEAKER. ANYBODY.

16

17 **LILY HASKELL:** HI. MY NAME'S LILY HASKELL. I'M WITH CRITICAL
18 RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES, AND IN OUR WORK THAT WE DO, WE AREN'T
19 IN THE BUSINESS OF BEING ENGINEERS OR DESIGNERS, BUT WE ARE IN
20 THE BUSINESS OF IMAGINING BETTER POSSIBILITIES FOR L.A.
21 COUNTY, AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU, SUPERVISORS, ARE IN THAT
22 BUSINESS HERE TODAY, AS WELL. AND SO I WANT TO ASK YOU TO TAKE
23 A MOMENT, BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF TESTIMONY, TO
24 JUST IMAGINE A PLACE OF CARE. IMAGINE A PLACE OF WELLBEING
25 WHEN YOU'VE NEEDED THAT. AND THEN TAKE A MOMENT TO IMAGINE A

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1 CAGE. IF YOU WERE THAT ENGINEER, THAT DESIGNER, WOULD YOU
2 CREATE THAT DESIGN THE SAME? WOULD YOU CREATE A JAIL THE SAME
3 AS A PLACE OF CARE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE HELD IN YOUR TRAUMA
4 AND MOVE PAST THAT TRAUMA? WHAT WE NEED IS SMALL,
5 DECENTRALIZED, LOCALIZED FACILITIES, NOT UNDER THE SHERIFF'S
6 AUTHORITY, BUT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
7 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT CAN CARE FOR PEOPLE AND
8 BRING THEM BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE BELIEVE THAT
9 THOSE PEOPLE SITTING OUT THERE, THOSE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS,
10 THEY CAN BE THE ONES TO BUILD THOSE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
13 NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **MARIELLA SABA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. EVERYBODY PRESENT WITH A LOT OF
16 POWER IN YOUR HANDS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY AND TOMORROW.
17 MY NAME IS MARIELLA SABA, AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK, A
18 LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME THROUGH FOR MANY YEARS TO MAKE
19 SURE THAT WE ARE HONORING THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE BEFORE US,
20 WHO ARE ASKING US TO NOT MAKE ANOTHER HARMFUL MISTAKE, AND NOT
21 BUILD MORE HARM INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE ASKING TO BUILD
22 CARE, TO BUILD LOVE, TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, TO BUILD HEALING.
23 JAILS ARE HARMFUL. HARMFUL IS NOT EVEN CLOSE TO THE PAIN, THE
24 TRAUMA, THAT IS FELT. I WANT TO BRING INTO THIS SPACE MY
25 BROTHER, WHO IS INCARCERATED, AND HIS MENTAL HEALTH AND HIS

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1 COPING AND ADDICTION AND THE DRUGS, THE NASTY SYSTEM AND
2 BUSINESS IN THERE THAT HARMS US. I WANT TO BRING MY MOM, WHO
3 COULDN'T BE HERE, AND HER MENTAL HEALTH, AND ALL THE MAMAS WHO
4 HAVE SOMEBODY LOCKED UP AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, AND HOW
5 THEY'RE COPING. I WANT TO BRING IN THE BABIES WHO DO NOT
6 DESERVE TO BE BORN INTO THESE SYSTEMS. WE HERE KNOW MUCH
7 BETTER, AND WE NEED TO SLOW THIS DOWN.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
12 FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I AM KENT MENDOZA, WITH THE ANTI-
13 RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I'M ALSO SUPPORTING THE JUSTICE L.A.
14 COALITION. I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION
15 OF ANY TYPE OF DEHUMANIZING INSTITUTION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
16 DEHUMANIZING THIS POPULATION FOR MANY DECADES AND GENERATIONS.
17 YOU KNOW, AS SOMEONE THAT-- I MEAN, I ALSO SPEND ALMOST NINE
18 MONTHS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL WHEN I WAS JUST 18 YEARS OF
19 AGE. AND JUST FOR ME, JUST BEING IN THAT FACILITY AFTER JUST
20 LIKE BEING TRANSITIONED FROM JUVENILE HALL AND STRAIGHT TO
21 COUNTY, TO ME, THAT IS ALREADY TRAUMATIC ITSELF. I DIDN'T HAVE
22 TO SEE THINGS, OR I DIDN'T HAVE TO WITNESS PHYSICAL THINGS
23 WITH ME TO BE TRAUMATIZED. JUST SEEING THE STRUCTURE, LIVING
24 IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS NOT WELL DESIGNED. JUST THE
25 STRUCTURE ITSELF HAS A NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THIS

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1 POPULATION. SO I'M HERE TO ASK THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THIS
2 CONTRACT AND REDIRECT ALL THIS MONEY THAT IS BEING DIRECTED TO
3 THIS FACILITY TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE MORE TO
6 CALL UP.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
9 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: NICOLAS CONKLIN, OLIVIA
10 TALBOTT, PALOMA HERNANDEZ, PATRISSE CULLORS, PAUL DUMONT,
11 PAULA KAHN, PEGGY BAILY, PETER ELIASBERG, PHAL SOK, RACHEL
12 TORRES, RASHEEDAH ROGERS, REEGIE BUNCH, REVEREND PETER
13 LAARMAN, RICARDO PATLAN, RICHARD VAN HORN, RICK VASQUEZ,
14 ROBERT SMITH, ROBERT LOVELACE, RON MILLER, RUDY RODRIGUEZ,
15 RUTH DAWSON, SAMYRHA SABA, SHAMSHER SAMRA, SHANNEN ROBERTS,
16 SHEILA PINKEL, STEFANIE OKUMURA, STEPHANIE ROMO BUKLY, STEVE
17 DUCEY, TAIJI MIYAGWA, TAYLOR LYTTLE, TED JIMENEZ, TIFANY BROWN,
18 TOVA GOODMAN, VALERIE RIVERA, VICTOR TRUJILLO, VIVIANA VILLA,
19 WENDY BRAZILL, AND ZACH SHERWIN. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
20 WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **KRISTINA LER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KRISTINA LER. I'M A MEMBER OF
25 WHITE PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES, AND A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

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1 ORGANIZER FOR REFORM L.A. JAILS. I JUST WANTED TO REDIRECT A
2 COMMENT THAT WAS MADE BEFORE ABOUT WHAT THE BOARD WANTS, AND
3 TURN IT BACK TO WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID ABOUT REPRESENTING
4 THE PEOPLE. SO, AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THAT
5 YOU ALL REPRESENT, I JUST WANTED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO A
6 PETITION I WAS ABLE TO DELIVER TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FROM A TOWN
7 HALL WE HELD IN DISTRICT, SUPPORTING LIFE-SUSTAINING AND
8 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING THE JOBS THOSE
9 ALTERNATIVES WOULD PROVIDE ALL AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
10 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHOSE
11 NEEDS SHOULDN'T BE ASSOCIATED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
12 INCARCERATION AT ALL. AND I ASK YOU THAT YOU REVISE THE R.F.P.
13 AND DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONTRACT TODAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ. I'M WITH THE
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I'M JUST HERE TO REALLY URGE YOU
19 AND DEMAND YOU TO NOT SIGN THE CONTRACT, AND REVISE THE
20 R.F.P., AND LISTEN TO WHAT ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING.
21 ALL THESE PEOPLE WEARING THESE ORANGE SHIRTS HAVE BEEN SAYING
22 THE SAME THING, WHICH IS THAT YOU CANNOT GET WELL IN A CELL,
23 AND LOOKING AT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT MEANS THAT WE CANNOT
24 BUILD THESE SO-CALLED MENTAL HEALTH JAILS, RIGHT? WHY ARE WE
25 GOING TO HOUSE THESE PEOPLE IN A CELL? HOW CAN YOU GET WELL,

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1 RIGHT? WHAT, DO YOU WANT YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE HAVING
2 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES TO BE PUT IN THIS FACILITY? IS THIS THE
3 SORT OF TREATMENT THAT YOU WOULD WANT? IF IT'S NOT, WHY IS IT
4 THAT YOU WANT US TO BE THERE, RIGHT? WHY IS IT THAT YOU WANT
5 TO CREATE A JAIL FOR MY DAUGHTER, FOR ME, FOR WOMEN? WHY CAN'T
6 WE LOOK AT NOT DOING THAT, AND LOOKING AT THE ALTERNATIVES
7 THAT THE COMMUNITIES ALREADY HAVE, THAT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN
8 SAYING? YOU KNOW, THE EMPHASIS IS THAT YOU CANNOT GET WELL IN
9 A CELL. JUST THINKING ABOUT IT, RIGHT? WHEN YOU LOOK AT
10 SOMEONE THAT HAS THESE PROBLEMS, THAT HAS DEPRESSION, THAT HAS
11 ANXIETY, THAT HAS BIPOLAR DISORDER, HOW CAN THEY GET WELL?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. KIM MCGILL, FROM THE
16 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'RE ALSO PROUD TO BE MEMBERS OF
17 JUSTICE L.A. I WANT TO ASK EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE TO STAND
18 UP IF YOU OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF A GIANT MENTAL HEALTH JAIL,
19 AND INSTEAD WANT SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT CENTERS RUN
20 BY PROFESSIONAL HEALERS, NOT COPS AND CAGES. WE URGE YOU TO
21 CONSIDER THE SAME CORE VALUES WE HAVE COME WITH FOR THE PAST
22 10 YEARS: REDUCTION BEFORE CONSTRUCTION. YOU MUST REJECT THE
23 PROPOSED CONTRACT THAT YOU PLANNED TO BUILD WITH OUR MONEY,
24 UNTIL YOU CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. HOW WOULD THE
25 OPERATIONAL COST, THE ACTUAL TREATMENT COMPONENT FOR THIS

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1 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY, BE FUNDED? BECAUSE THIS IS A
2 LOCKED FACILITY, IT WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID OR
3 OTHER FUNDING SOURCES. WE ALL KNOW WE HAVE A LIMITED POT OF
4 MONEY, SO THIS WOULD TAKE MONEY FROM ALL THE PROJECTS FOR
5 DIVERSION AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE OUTSIDE OF THIS FACILITY.
6 WHAT ARE THE ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE FACILITY? THE
7 100 MILLION WAS BASED ON THIS BEING A JAIL, NOT A TREATMENT
8 CENTER. A CURRENT HOSPITAL WITH APPROXIMATELY 600 BEDS IN OUR
9 COUNTY RIGHT NOW COSTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES 1.5
10 BILLION A YEAR TO OPERATE. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BUILD?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. KIM, KIM.
14 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. OKAY. WE'VE
15 BEEN DOING VERY WELL ALL DAY. WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF
16 SPEAKERS. IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT WE GIVE RESPECT TO EVERYONE
17 WHO HAS BEEN HERE ALL DAY. AND I'VE ASKED YOU RESPECTFULLY, IF
18 YOU SUPPORT SOMETHING, TO RAISE THE ROOF. I WOULD APPRECIATE
19 NOT HAVING FOLKS YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE. THAT'S NOT GOING
20 TO GET US TO THE END OF THIS MEETING ANY QUICKER. OKAY. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **PAUL DUMONT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 PAUL DUMONT. I PROVIDE HOUSING AND ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR
25 PEOPLE EXITING COUNTY JAIL HOSPITALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

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1 AND ESCAPING HOMELESSNESS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. EVERY DAY,
2 I'M BLESSED WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING THESE PEOPLE FIND
3 THEIR PATH TO A BETTER LIFE. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT AS I
4 WAIT IN THE LOBBY AT TWIN TOWERS TO TAKE PEOPLE TO HOUSING AS
5 THEY'RE EXITING COUNTY JAIL WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, I'VE
6 NEVER SEEN BETTER OUTCOMES COMING OUT OF THE JAIL THAN I DO
7 OUT OF COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICS AND THE HOSPITALS. IT'S JUST
8 NOT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR SOMEONE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, IN
9 A CAGE. HAVING 4,000 PEOPLE IN ONE LOCATION? I JUST CAN'T
10 FATHOM HOW ANYONE CAN RECEIVE GOOD TREATMENT IN THAT KIND OF A
11 SETTING. WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS PUT OUT ON
12 FRIDAY NIGHT ON THE GREEN SHEET, A JAIL IS A JAIL IS A JAIL BY
13 ANY NAME. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **TED JIMENEZ:** MY NAME IS TED JIMENEZ. I'M A SOUTHWEST
18 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CARPENTERS UNION. PARDON ME. A LITTLE
19 BIT OF A COLD. I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CREATING ANOTHER JAIL. I
20 THINK WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO IS YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE A
21 DILAPIDATED FACILITY AND CREATE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES.
22 AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE AMENDMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH
23 TREATMENT CENTER, YOU CARE. THAT'S THE STATEMENT THAT YOU WANT
24 TO GIVE THE CARE. SO I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CREATING-- I THINK
25 PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR, DON'T CREATE ANOTHER JAIL. I THINK

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1 YOU'RE TRYING TO CREATE A STATE-OF-THE-ART, IMPROVED FACILITY
2 TO GET PEOPLE OUT INTO THE WORKING WORLD, OR AT LEAST TO GET
3 THEM IN THE RIGHT PATH. THE CARPENTERS PARTICIPATE WITH THE
4 PARTNERS OF THE CALP.I.A., WHICH IS THE CALIFORNIA PRISON
5 INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, AND THE I.W.L., WHICH IS THE INMATE WARD
6 LABOR, WHICH WE WORK IN PRISONS, SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR
7 CERTIFIED, TRAINED INDIVIDUALS TO GIVE THE INMATES WHO QUALIFY
8 AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WHEN THEY LEAVE FOR A BETTER LIFE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. PAUL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
13 COALITION. WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH THE ALPHABET, AND I DON'T
14 REALLY HEAR ANYBODY TALKING ABOUT BUILD A JAIL. RIGHT? AND SO
15 THIS IS THE BACK HALF, AND WE'RE STILL STICKING WITH THE SAME
16 THEME. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER JAIL. SO THE ONE THING I JUST
17 REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS, YOU CAN'T JUST PAINT A LOCKED
18 FACILITY AS A HOSPITAL AND CALL IT A HOSPITAL. I'M SORRY. IT'S
19 NOT. IT'S STILL A JAIL. AS LONG AS YOU LOCK SOMEBODY INSIDE OF
20 A CELL, INSIDE OF A CAGE... CAGES, I SPENT 16, 17 YEARS OF MY
21 LIFE IN. I QUITE HAVE NEVER SEEN CONCRETE HEAL ANYBODY. HAS
22 ANYBODY HERE SEEN CONCRETE HEAL ANYBODY? CONCRETE AND REBAR?
23 I'VE NEVER SEEN CONCRETE AND REBAR HEAL ANYBODY OR CHANGE
24 ANYBODY, MAKE ANYBODY BETTER. THE ONLY THING I'VE SEEN
25 CONCRETE AND REBAR DO IS BUILD STUFF, MAKE STUFF, MAKE STUFF

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1 THAT'S NOT BREAKABLE, MAKE STUFF THAT DOESN'T CHANGE FOR
2 GENERATIONS TO COME. SO JUST REVISIT THE R.F.P. MCCARTHY,
3 ALTHOUGH IT'S A LEADING HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION, THEY ALSO
4 LEAD IN BUILDING JAILS AND PRISONS, AND WHAT THEY CALL
5 COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE NOT COMMUNITY CENTERS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBERG, FROM THE A.C.L.U.
10 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, IN PARTICULAR, I BELIEVE
11 THIS AMENDMENT WAS WELL-INTENTIONED, BUT I WANT TO REPEAT A
12 REALLY IMPORTANT POINT. THE LARGEST STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL IN
13 CALIFORNIA IS 1200 BEDS. IT'S ATASCADERO. IT IS NOT A PLACE OF
14 HEALING. IT NOT A PLACE OF DIVERSION. IT IS NOT PLACE OF
15 RECOVERY. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING SOMETHING THREE TIMES
16 THE SIZE OF ATASCADERO. WHEN I UNVEILED THIS PROPOSAL TO THE
17 HEAD OF THE BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW, HE SAID,
18 "IT'S PREPOSTEROUS. YOU CANNOT PROVIDE GOOD MENTAL HEALTHCARE
19 IN A FACILITY DESIGNED FOR 4,000 PEOPLE. IT IS PREPOSTEROUS."
20 AND THE IDEA THAT YOU CAN AMEND THIS R.F.P., I DON'T BELIEVE
21 IT. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THE C.E.O. WILL TELL YOU THAT YOU CAN
22 BUILD A CAMPUS-LIKE FACILITY OR DISTRIBUTE THESE FACILITIES
23 AROUND THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE
24 THAT WORKS. THIS WILL BE YOUR \$3.5 BILLION LEGACY, AND IT WILL
25 BE A MONUMENTAL FAILURE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **PAULA KAHN:** HI. MY NAME IS PAULA. I'M A CONSULTANT FOR REFRAME
5 HEALTH AND JUSTICE. I'M COFOUNDER OF COSMOVISIONES
6 ANCESTRALES, AND I'M A COMMUNITY HEALER. DID YOU KNOW THAT
7 INDIGENOUS AND AFRICAN SLAVES WERE FORCED TO CONSUME ALCOHOL,
8 CAFFEINE, COCA, AND MARIJUANA OUTSIDE OF A COMMUNAL AND
9 CEREMONIAL CONTEXT UNDER THE CONTEXT OF FORCED LABOR DURING
10 THE COLONIAL ERA, TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT FOR THE NEW GLOBAL
11 ECONOMY? I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THAT, BUT I ADVISE
12 YOU NOT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR A NEW FACILITY TODAY, BECAUSE
13 IT DOESN'T DEMONSTRATE A TRAUMA-INFORMED FRAMEWORK THAT
14 RECOGNIZES THAT CONFINEMENT AND ISOLATION AS A PUNITIVE
15 APPROACH EXACERBATES INTERGENERATIONAL HISTORICAL COLLECTIVE
16 TRAUMA. THE NEW FACILITY WOULD CONTINUE A HISTORICAL LEGACY OF
17 PLANTATIONS, HACIENDAS, MISSIONS, BOARDING SCHOOLS, AND LABOR
18 CAMPS. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND THEIR OFFSPRING
19 AND THE TRANSMISSION OF TRAUMA IN THE FORM OF MENTAL HEALTH
20 ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCY IS PROVEN THROUGH
21 EPIGENETICS. A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH TO INCREASING PUBLIC
22 SAFETY AND WIDESPREAD MENTAL HEALTH MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
23 HISTORICAL ATROCITIES THAT HAVE GONE UNACCOUNTED FOR, SUCH AS
24 THE FORCED SMUGGLING OF OUR INDIGENOUS AND AFRICAN IMMIGRANT
25 ANCESTORS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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4 **PAULA KAHN:** WE NEED A NEW R.F.P. TO ADDRESS INTERGENERATIONAL,
5 COLLECTIVE, AND HISTORICAL TRAUMA.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **OLIVIA TALBOTT:** HI. I'M OLIVIA TALBOT. I'M HERE WITH WHITE
10 PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES, AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
11 BEEN SO SEVERELY DEHUMANIZED WITHIN OUR PRISON INDUSTRIAL
12 COMPLEX. WE HAVE MORE JAILS AND PRISONS THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN
13 THE WORLD IN THIS COUNTRY, AND I THINK IT'S REALLY A SHAME,
14 AND I THINK IT'S REALLY DISGUSTING. AND I THINK EVERY SINGLE
15 NEW JAIL THAT YOU CONSIDER BUILDING, NO MATTER WHAT YOU NAME
16 IT, GOES AGAINST THE HUMANITY AND THE DECENCY AND THE EMPATHY
17 OF EVERY HUMAN BEING AND WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO TO LIVE AS A
18 COLLECTIVE AND CONTRIBUTE GOOD TO THE WORLD. I'M NEW TO PRISON
19 ABOLITION LEARNING. I'M NEW TO A LOT OF LEARNING, AND IT'S
20 VERY FRUSTRATING AND HARD AND SCARY. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT A
21 LOT OF YOU MIGHT BE, TOO. BUT I THINK THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE
22 RIGHT THING IS TO DO. AND I THINK THAT YOU KNOW THAT THE
23 CONCERN ISN'T THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BEDS. IT'S THAT YOU
24 SHOULDN'T BUILD ANY MORE PRISONS OR JAILS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REVEREND PETER
4 LAARMAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3, AND I WORK AS A
5 VOLUNTEER WITH THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS MULTIFAITH PROJECT. A
6 WEEK AGO, WE DELIVERED A LETTER THAT MANY OF YOU SAW THAT WAS
7 SIGNED BY ABOUT 50 DIFFERENT FAITH LEADERS FROM DIFFERENT
8 TRADITIONS, URGING CAUTION AND COMPASSION. AND I SENSE A LOT
9 OF COMPASSION HERE. AND I WANT TO SAY PLEASE TO MY OWN
10 SUPERVISOR, WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU'RE NOT ON THE GROUND WITH
11 THE PEOPLE, ACTUALLY, YOU'RE GETTING THERE. YOU ARE GETTING
12 THERE, AND THAT'S TO BE CELEBRATED, AND ALL OF THE AGREEMENT,
13 IN PRINCIPLE. I MEAN, NO ONE WANTS TO BUILD A JAIL HERE. THINK
14 ABOUT THAT. WE WEREN'T HERE WHEN WE FIRST STARTED TALKING
15 ABOUT THIS. BUT THE CAUTION HERE IS WHAT I WANT TO LEAVE YOU
16 WITH. THE CAUTION. THIS SIMPLY WON'T WORK, AS YOU'VE HEARD
17 REPEATEDLY, IN ITS CURRENT FORM. AND I'M SORRY TO SAY, BUT
18 WITH ALL RESPECT TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THESE ARE NOT
19 COMPLIMENTARY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **RICARDO PATLAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RICARDO. I'M WITH THE
24 MILLION DOLLAR HOODS PROJECT AT U.C.L.A. I'M A DATA ANALYST
25 THERE, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M CONTINUOUSLY HAVING TO

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1 REMIND MYSELF AS I LOOK AT FIGURES, AS I LOOK AT NUMBERS, IS
2 THAT ALTHOUGH WE WORK WITH ARREST DATA, THE PRIMARY AND THE
3 CORE OBJECTIVE OF OUR MISSION IS PEOPLE: REAL HUMAN BEINGS
4 WITH REAL LIVELIHOODS, WITH REAL SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL,
5 AND EVEN EMOTIONAL NETWORKS TO UPHOLD AND TO NURTURE. SO IT
6 BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE OR TO THINK ABOUT THE PERSON WHO'S
7 STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION, WHO GETS THROWN BEHIND BARS INSTEAD
8 OF GETTING THE HELP THAT THEY NEED. IT BREAKS MY HEART TO
9 THINK OF THE PERSON WHOSE LIFE IS UPROOTED SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY
10 FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT, AND POTENTIALLY THE LIVES OF THEIR
11 CHILDREN BEING REORIENTED. SO IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT A LOT OF
12 PEOPLE IN INCARCERATION, THEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
13 SOCIAL SERVICES. THESE ARE A LOT OF TALKING POINTS THAT ARE
14 BEING REPEATED, BUT I THINK, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS BODY HAS
15 ASKED FOR STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED ON INCARCERATION-RELATED
16 ISSUES VERY RECENTLY. I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THIS
17 BODY TO CONSIDER THESE STUDIES AND TO CONSIDER THOSE RESULTS,
18 AND ALLOW THOSE RESULTS TO INFORM A \$2 BILLION DECISION BEFORE
19 WE MAKE IT. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **RON MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON: I'M RON MILLER, EXECUTIVE
24 SECRETARY OF THE L.A. ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
25 TRADES COUNCIL. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OVER 100,000 HARDWORKING

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1 MEN AND WOMEN-- MOTHERS, FATHERS, DAUGHTERS. WE'RE HERE TODAY
2 TO SUPPORT YOUR PLAN FOR A NEW MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER.
3 WE APPLAUD YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE ONGOING CRISIS IN THE
4 COMMUNITY, AND YOUR DESIRE NOT TO PUT THE BRAKES ON AT THIS
5 MOMENT. WE NEED TO BUILD. YOU KNOW, THE GENERAL HOSPITAL TOOK
6 OVER 10 YEARS TO PLAN. IT STARTED OUT AT OVER 1200 BEDS. WE
7 ENDED UP WITH A 600-BED HOSPITAL. IT WAS OUT OF CAPACITY THE
8 DAY IT OPENED. WE CAN KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD, BUT IT'S NOT
9 GOING TO DO ANY GOOD. WE WERE HERE IN 2015. LET'S GET TO
10 BUILDING. LET'S SOLVE THIS CRISIS. IT MAY NOT BE PERFECT, BUT
11 WE GOT TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **RICK VASQUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S
16 RICK VASQUEZ. I'M WITH SPRINKLER FITTERS U.A. LOCAL 709. I
17 REPRESENT OVER 1100 JOURNEYMEN, JOURNEYWOMEN, AND APPRENTICES
18 OF THE SPRINKLER FITTING INDUSTRY. WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF
19 ITEM 25, THAT WILL BRING LIVING WAGES TO OUR MEMBERS THAT LIVE
20 IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME THIS
21 AFTERNOON.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **RUTH DAWSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUTH DAWSON. I'M AN
2 ATTORNEY AT THE A.C.L.U OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FIRST, I WANT
3 TO THANK THE SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE AND
4 TRAUMA FROM THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. AT THE A.C.L.U, WE ARE DEEPLY
5 COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE SYSTEMIC FAILURES THAT ENSNARE
6 WOMEN, DISPROPORTIONATELY THOSE WHO ARE POOR AND OF COLOR, IN
7 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE A.C.L.U SO CAL OPPOSES MOVING
8 AHEAD WITH THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT FOR SEVERAL REASONS. MIRA
9 LOMA'S LOCATION WOULD HAMPER VISITATION, THEREBY INCREASING
10 RECIDIVISM. MIRA LOMA'S LOCATION WOULD UNDERMINE EFFECTIVE
11 LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE MAJORITY OF WOMEN WHO ARE
12 DETAINED PRETRIAL. MIRA LOMA'S LOCATION WOULD REDUCE THE LEVEL
13 OF CHAPLAIN VISITS AND SERVICES BY NONPROFITS TO PEOPLE WHO
14 ARE INCARCERATED THERE. AND THE PLACEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S JAIL
15 IN MIRA LOMA WOULD UNDERMINE NASCENT AND EXISTING PROGRAMS
16 DESIGNED TO BENEFIT PREGNANT, POSTPARTUM, AND PARENTING
17 INCARCERATED PEOPLE. TAKING THE VARIOUS REALITIES OUTLINED BY
18 MOTIONS 3 AND 9 AND SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY INTO
19 CONSIDERATION, NOTABLY THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF
20 INCARCERATED WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, AND MANY OF THEM
21 ARE PARENTS--

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. BEFORE THE
24 NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE MORE TO CALL UP.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD: CARLETTA JACKSON, LIZA DAVIS, TIFFANY JOHNSON,
3 CYNTHIA ANDERSON BARKER, MICHAEL NISHIMURA, BREANNA COLINDRES,
4 STACY ROJAS, JOASIEL GONZALEZ, JOSHUA HERNANDEZ, VARANT
5 ANMAHOUNI, CARLOS DE LEON, AND JACOB JACKSON.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **ROBERT SMITH:** YES. MY NAME IS ROBERT SMITH. I'M THE POLITICAL
10 DIRECTOR FOR THE PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES. WE HAVE ROUGHLY
11 12,000 FOLKS HERE WITHIN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. AND I'D
12 JUST LIKE TO START OFF BY SAYING JUST TO LISTEN TO THE FOLKS
13 THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH HERE TODAY. THE PASSION THAT PEOPLE
14 HAVE WITH THESE ISSUES ARE REAL, AND THEY'RE REAL CONCERNS. I
15 DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY I KNOW WHO DOESN'T HAVE A FAMILY
16 MEMBER THAT'S EITHER, YOU KNOW, HAD DRUG ISSUES OR MENTAL
17 HEALTH ISSUES, AND THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME IN COMING. WE DO
18 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **STAFANIE OKUMURA:** HI. MY NAME IS STEFANIE OKUMURA, AND I'M
23 HERE WITH CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND JUSTICE L.A. I'VE SPENT
24 YEARS WORKING FOR L.A. COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
25 WITH F.S.P., AND I'M CURRENTLY INTERNING AT A PSYCHIATRIC

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1 HOSPITAL. I'M AN M.S.W. CANDIDATE AT U.S.C. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
2 WORK, SET TO GRADUATE IN A FEW MONTHS, AND I'M TIRED OF
3 WRITING ABOUT SOCIAL WORK, AND I'M HERE TO DO SOCIAL WORK. SO
4 I'M HERE TO REPRESENT MY CLIENTS AND PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN
5 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. I WANT TO
6 THANK YOU, THE BOARD, FOR YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION,
7 LISTENING TO PROFESSIONALS, STATISTICS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND
8 ADVOCATES. I ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THESE
9 COMMUNITIES TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T INVOLVE PUNISHMENT,
10 SEGREGATION, AND PUNITIVE MEASURES. PLEASE AMEND THE R.F.P.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **TOVA GOODMAN:** HI. MY NAME IS TOVA GOODMAN. I'M HERE WITH WHITE
15 PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT.
16 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR REPRESENTING US AND FOR
17 ASKING THESE TOUGH QUESTIONS THAT YOU'VE BEEN ASKING. I'M HERE
18 AS A PERSON WHO HAS STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT I'VE
19 BEEN LUCKY TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE CARE I NEED. IF I NEED
20 CHILDCARE TO GO TO THERAPY, I HAVE IT. IF I NEED TO TAKE TIME
21 OFF OF WORK TO DEAL WITH DEPRESSION, I CAN DO THAT. IF I NEED
22 EXTRA TIME TO ADJUST MY MEDICATIONS AND TO GO BACK TO THE
23 THERAPIST OVER AND OVER TO DO IT, I CAN DO THAT. THE PEOPLE
24 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING IN THIS FACILITY DON'T HAVE
25 THOSE LUXURIES. I'M JUST HERE AS A CONSTITUENT WHO SEES AN

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1 INJUSTICE GOING ON AND HOW CRITICAL THIS ISSUE IS, BUT THE
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE THEIR
3 WHOLE LIVES. SO IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE LISTEN TO
4 THEM. AND DON'T SIGN THE CONTRACT, AND REVISE THE R.F.P. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S VALERIE RIVERA, AND I AM
10 THE MOTHER OF ERIC RIVERA, WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY TWO
11 L.A.P.D. OFFICERS. AND THE ONLY JAIL, WHAT I THINK IS THE ONLY
12 JAIL THAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT, IS THE JAIL THAT'S GOING
13 TO BE HOLDING THESE OFFICERS THAT ARE KILLING UNARMED,
14 INNOCENT PEOPLE. AND, YOU KNOW, JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BADGE
15 DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER. AND SO I
16 STRONGLY FEEL LIKE THAT'S THE KIND OF JAIL THAT WE SHOULD BE
17 TALKING ABOUT, IS THE JAIL THAT HOLDS OFFICERS THAT ARE
18 KILLING PEOPLE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THESE OFFICERS JUST GO BACK
19 TO WORK THE NEXT DAY, AND THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THERE
20 NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THESE INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE,
21 BECAUSE IF IT WAS US, WE WOULD BE LOCKED UP. AND
22 UNFORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, THESE OFFICERS ARE GETTING AWAY WITH
23 MURDER, AND THEY NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE JUST LIKE WE
24 WOULD BE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR LISTENING TO ME,
25 AND I APPRECIATE THIS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **SAMYRHA SABA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SAMYRHA SABA. I WANT TO BE
5 THANKFUL TO ALL OF THE COMMUNITY THAT IS IN THIS ROOM, AND WHO
6 IS UPLIFTING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, TALKING ABOUT GENERATIONAL
7 TRAUMA, TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAL. I'M REALLY
8 PROUD OF EVERYBODY'S WORK. I'M PROUD OF WHAT COMES TO THE
9 FUTURE FOR THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE
10 HAVE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT NOT BUILDING A JAIL. IT'S
11 UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS IS WHERE WE'RE AT IN THESE
12 CONVERSATIONS. BUT I'M REALLY GRATEFUL AND PASSIONATE AND
13 EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO CREATE, AND THAT IT BE LED
14 BY COMMUNITY, THAT IT NOT BE CRIMINALIZING, BECAUSE MENTAL
15 HEALTH CONTINUES TO CRIMINALIZE, THAT WE DO IN A WAY THAT IS
16 RESPECTFUL TO OUR ROOTS AND TO OUR PEOPLE AND OUR WAY OF
17 HEALING, AND IS NOT SHAMEFUL AND IS NOT CRIMINALIZING OF OUR
18 BODIES AND OURSELVES AND OUR MEDICINES THAT ARE ALSO
19 CRIMINALIZED ON THESE NATIVE LANDS, AS WELL. SO I WANT TO
20 UPLIFT ALL THE ANCESTORS IN THIS ROOM, AND EVERYBODY, AND ALL
21 THE POSSIBILITIES THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, AND THAT WE NOT HAVE
22 THESE PATHETIC CONVERSATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING IN THE
23 FUTURE.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **STEVE DUCEY:** HI. MY NAME IS STEVE DUCEY. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH
3 DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES. I'M THE CHAIR OF
4 OUR PRISON ABOLITION COMMITTEE, AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF
5 SHEILA KUEHL. I JUST WANT TO ECHO MY COMRADES IN SAYING THAT
6 WE NEED TO REVISE THIS R.F.P. AND THAT WE NEED TO CREATE
7 COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS
8 SOMEBODY WHO IS AN ABOLITIONIST, I KNOW THAT THIS STRUGGLE
9 STARTED LONG, LONG AGO, PRIOR TO SLAVERY, AND THAT THE HORIZON
10 IS THE TOTAL ABOLITION OF THE CARCERAL STATE. AND THERE ARE
11 MANY PEOPLE BEHIND ME WHO 100-PERCENT AGREE WITH THAT. THE
12 TRAUMA THAT IS VISITED UPON PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE
13 JUSTICE SYSTEM LEADS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. IT LEADS TO
14 THE DETERIORATION OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SOCIETY. AND WHAT
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT IS DECADES OF DISINVESTMENT THROUGH AUSTERITY
16 AND NEOLIBERAL CAPITALISM THAT HAS BIFURCATED OUR COMMUNITIES,
17 SEPARATED US FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND HAS RIPPED US APART FROM
18 ONE ANOTHER, AND PREVENTS US FROM BEING ABLE TO RISE UP
19 TOGETHER AS WHOLE INDIVIDUALS. AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO
20 INVEST IN SCHOOLS, HOUSING, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS. THESE ARE THE
21 THINGS THAT WE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR
22 COMMUNITIES SAFE, NOT COPS AND JAILS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **TAIJI MIYAGAWA:** MY NAME IS TAIJI MIYAGAWA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
2 PROGRESSIVE ASIAN NETWORK FOR ACTION, BUT I'M HERE MOSTLY AS
3 AN INDIVIDUAL. I AGREE WITH ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE RED T-SHIRTS
4 THAT WANT TO REVISE THE R.F.P. AND BUILD LOCALIZED COMMUNITY-
5 BASED MENTAL HEALTHCARE CENTERS. I CAME HERE SPEAKING MOSTLY
6 AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LAST YEAR HAD TO SPEND THE BETTER PART OF
7 FOUR MONTHS, 24/7, PROVIDING CARE TO A SISTER WHO IS COMING
8 OUT OF A LONG-TERM ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP. SO I GOT A LOT OF
9 FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE THAT I HADN'T HAD BEFORE AROUND HOW
10 DIFFICULT IT IS OUT THERE. WE WERE TRYING TO GET HER INTO A
11 TRANSITIONAL TYPE OF HOME WHERE SHE'D GET 24/7 CARE. LUCKILY,
12 I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT IN AN AMATEUR FASHION BECAUSE I WAS
13 UNEMPLOYED. THERE WAS A LOT OF FACILITIES THAT WE FOUND THAT
14 DEALT WITH DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE. VERY, VERY LITTLE
15 OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED MENTAL HEALTHCARE. AND I JUST
16 WANT TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME OUT HERE TODAY,
17 THAT'S THE POWER OF COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE
18 COMMUNITY-BASED CENTERS BECAUSE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE ALL OF THAT
19 ENERGY AND UTILIZE EXISTING NETWORKS AND SERVICES IN THE LOCAL
20 COMMUNITIES.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI. MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. I WAS IN THE
2 TWIN TOWERS. I WAS BEATEN. DOCTORS COVERED IT UP WITH THE COPS
3 AND THEY DID A GOOD NUMBER ON ME. I HAD A STAPH INFECTION. I
4 GOT SENT TO PATTON, AND PATTON GOT ME OUT. THE DOCTORS GOT ME
5 OUT. THEY SAW THAT I HAD 24 PROPERTIES AT THE TIME. THEY KNEW
6 I WAS SOMEBODY. BUT I GOT [EXPLETIVE] BY THE SYSTEM. YOU ARE
7 GOING TO PUT A MENTAL HOSPITAL? PUT A HOSPITAL, NOT A JAIL.
8 JUST MAKE SURE YOU SAY IT THAT WAY. BECAUSE THAT LITTLE
9 FRIENDSHIP THEY HAD, I WAS THREE TIMES IN A COMA, BEATEN TO
10 DEATH. A.C.L.U, EVERY GROUP FLIPPED ME OFF, EVEN THE GROUPS
11 THAT RUN THE PRISON THROUGH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MIKE
12 ANTONOVICH, EVERYBODY LAUGHED AT ME. I LOST ALL MY PROJECTS.
13 WE'RE TALKING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTIES.
14 WHY WAS IT TAKEN? THEN THEY WANTED TO MAKE ME MENTAL. OH,
15 RIGHT. GOOD JOB. YOU KNOW WHAT? IT'S YOUR [EXPLETIVE] FAULT.
16 BUT YOU NEED HELP. THE WHOLE 50 STATES AGREE ON MENTAL
17 HOSPITALS, SO NOBODY HAS A SAY-SO. SAD TO SAY. SORRY FOR
18 COMING. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **TIFFANY JOHNSON:** HI. MY NAME IS TIFFANY JOHNSON, AND I AM HERE
23 REPRESENTING WOMEN ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY. ALL
24 OF US ARE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND A NEW WAY OF LIFE. SO,
25 WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS JUST REAL QUICK TO THE POINT. I KNOW A

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1 LOT OF YOU SUPERVISORS HAVE VISITED THE COUNTY JAILS AND SEEN
2 THE MENTAL FACILITIES. AND WHEN YOU GUYS GO, THEY ARE CLEANED
3 UP. RIGHT? THEY ARE ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR. THE WOMEN AND MEN
4 WHO ARE IN THE FACILITY ARE TOLD NOT TO DO OR ACT OR SAY A
5 CERTAIN WAY, BECAUSE WE ARE REPRESENTING YOU. AND SO IF YOU
6 KNOW THAT THE HIDEOUS ROOMS THAT YOU'VE SEEN WHEN YOU WERE
7 THERE, IF THEY WERE CLEANED UP TO THAT POINT, CAN YOU IMAGINE
8 WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH WHEN YOU ARE NOT VISITING?
9 SO I THINK THAT THE FACILITY AND THE JAIL AND THE NAME OF IT
10 IS ERRONEOUS. IT'S TO A POINT WHERE IT REALLY DON'T MATTER. IF
11 WE'RE GOING TO REALLY BUILD OUR COMMUNITIES AND HELP OUR
12 COMMUNITIES, THEN LET'S GO TO A LARGER STRUCTURE IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY RIGHT? INDIVIDUAL ONES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW YOU ALL DOING? JACOB JACKSON. I'M WITH
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I AGREE WITH EVERYBODY THAT'S
19 EVER CAME UP HERE TO COME HERE AND SPEAK UPON NOT SIGNING OFF
20 THE R.F.P. AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS, I ACTUALLY DON'T WANT TO
21 HAVE ANY MORE MEMORIES THAT TELL ME EVERY DAY, OH, YEAH,
22 ANOTHER PERSON JUST WENT TO JAIL. ANOTHER PERSON JUST WENT TO
23 JAIL. HE AIN'T GOING TO BE OUT FOR ANOTHER 15, 20 YEARS. HE
24 ONLY 15 YEARS OLD, 10 YEARS OLD, 11 YEARS OLD. AND I HAVE SO
25 MANY MEMORIES, SO MANY THOUGHTS, AND SO MANY THINGS UPON THAT,

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1 BECAUSE THAT'S MY CHILDHOOD. YOU FEEL ME? THAT'S HOW I WAS
2 RAISED. I WAS RAISED THAT EVERYBODY GOING TO JAIL AND NOBODY
3 COMING OUT. I HAD NO LEADERS. I HAD NO YOUTH CENTERS. I HAD NO
4 HOSPITALS. I HAD NOWHERE TO GO. I HAD NOBODY TO LOOK UP TO
5 BESIDES MY SCHOOL. THEY CAME AND HELPED ME AFTER I WAS JUST
6 PUSHED OUT OF MY SCHOOL BECAUSE I HAD NOBODY TO GO TO. THEY
7 CAME AND GAVE ME A JOB WHEN NOBODY AROUND MY COMMUNITY WANTED
8 TO GIVE ME A JOB. AND LET ME EXPLAIN THIS. THERE IS NO
9 BUILDINGS OVER THERE THAT IS THERE FOR RESOURCES. THEY'RE ALL
10 STORES.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MICHAEL NISHIMURA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
16 MICHAEL NISHIMURA. I WORK AT THE BAIL PROJECT AS A CLIENT
17 ADVOCATE, AND SO I ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE'S PRETRIAL RELEASE AND
18 HELP THEM RETURN TO COURT. I WORK WITH PEOPLE IN COMPTON EVERY
19 SINGLE DAY WHO ARE LIVING WITH CONDITIONS THAT HAVE GONE
20 UNTREATED AND HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY BEING IN JAIL. INSTEAD
21 OF PUTTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS BACK INTO A
22 CYCLE OF INCARCERATION, WE NEED SERVICES AND RESOURCES
23 INFORMED BY THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE PERSONALLY IMPACTED BY
24 THE SYSTEM. BASED ON L.A.S.D. PUBLIC DATA, OUT OF THE DAILY
25 AVERAGE 17,000 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, 42 PERCENT ARE BEING HELD

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1 PRETRIAL, MEANING THAT 7,300 PEOPLE BEING HELD IN DETENTION
2 WITHOUT BEING CONVICTED OF ANYTHING, CONTRIBUTING TO 140
3 PERCENT OVERCROWDING ACROSS L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AS OUR
4 EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN, THE SOLUTION TO THIS GRAVE DETRIMENT TO
5 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY IS TO RELEASE PEOPLE PRETRIAL WITH
6 THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORT,
7 SETTING THEM UP TO SUCCEED RATHER THAN TRAPPING THEM IN CYCLES
8 OF POVERTY. WE NEED TO INVEST IN ADAPTIVE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
9 FOR PEOPLE AWAITING THE RIGHT TO THEIR TRIAL. I WANT TO
10 APPLAUD SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR ADVOCATING FOR A MORE
11 EFFECTIVE AND HUMANE WAY TO RESTORE COMMUNITIES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. WAIT.
14 BEFORE YOU SPEAK, WE HAVE A FEW MORE TO CALL UP.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
17 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: WAYNE QUINT, JOHN HALLOWITZ,
18 AND SARA CLIFTON.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **STACY ROJAS:** MY NAME IS STACY ROJAS. I'M FROM COMPTON. A
23 CERTIFIED CALP.I.A. CARPENTER MYSELF, I SERVED 15 YEARS, AND I
24 BELIEVE WE NEED LOCAL JOBS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED IF WE DON'T
25 BUILD THIS JAIL. WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE SUPPORT JOBS. WE

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1 WANT TO BUILD. BUT WOULD YOU BUILD A DEATH MACHINE JUST FOR
2 THE SAKE OF BUILDING IT? WE WANT OUR VALUABLE WORKERS TO BUILD
3 COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, SCHOOLS, HOUSING. WE
4 WANT TO BUILD A BETTER LOS ANGELES, A BETTER COMPTON. THAT 15
5 YEARS? IT BROKE ME. IT BROKE ME DOWN. I CAME OUT HERE. THEY
6 MADE ME 5150. THESE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT I'M A
7 MEMBER OF, DIFFERENT ONES-- COCO, HOME BOYS, I'VE BEEN A PART
8 OF A.R.C., I WORK FOR THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER.
9 C.C.W.P.-- BUILD ME UP. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY, BECAUSE MY
10 COMMUNITY BUILDS ME UP. SO THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING
13 DOWN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **VARANT ANMAHOUNI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VARANT ANMAHOUNI.
16 I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD LOS
17 ANGELES. THE GUILD, AS YOU MAY WELL KNOW, IS THE OLDEST HUMAN
18 RIGHTS BAR ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IT IS THIS
19 DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH BRINGS ME HERE TODAY. BECAUSE
20 INDEED, HUMAN RIGHTS SUFFER WHEN PROJECTS SEEK TO ALLOCATE
21 FUNDING NOT TOWARDS WOMEN AND THEIR CHALLENGES AND BEING ABLE
22 TO, YOU KNOW, SEEK TREATMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE, BUT
23 RATHER SEEK TO FUND THINGS THAT WOULD LOCK THEM UP. PUTTING
24 PEOPLE IN CAGES HARDLY DOES ANY WORK TO ACTUALLY GIVE THEM THE
25 SHORT-TERM EFFORTS THEY NEED, OR IN TERMS OF GIVING THEM AN

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1 ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO THEIR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, BUT
2 ALSO COMPROMISES THEM LONG TERM AS THEY SEEK TO FIND JOBS, DUE
3 TO THE DELETERIOUS NATURE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
4 STAND WITH COMMUNITIES. STAND WITH MENTAL HEALTH. STAND WITH
5 US. DON'T SIGN THAT CONTRACT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **CYNTHIA ANDERSON BARKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA
10 ANDERSON BARKER. I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE NATIONAL LAWYERS
11 GUILD. I'LL SHARE A VERY PERSONAL STORY ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH
12 AND INCARCERATION. MY LITTLE SISTER SUFFERED FROM
13 SCHIZOPHRENIA. SHE'S DECEASED NOW. BUT SHE WAS IN AND OUT OF
14 COUNTY JAIL FOR MINOR QUALITY-OF-LIFE CRIMES. EACH TIME, HER
15 MENTAL HEALTH DETERIORATED. THEN SHE ENDED UP AT PATTON STATE
16 HOSPITAL. THAT'S A FACILITY RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 CORRECTIONS. IT HAS 1500 BEDS. PATTON WAS A WAREHOUSE. IT WAS
18 EVEN WORSE THAN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. SO I JUST WANT TO URGE YOU
19 TO READ THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL TODAY, AND HERE'S THE QUOTE:
20 "MENTAL HEALTH JAILS WON'T CHANGE THE VERY BAD JAIL AS
21 HEALTHCARE PARADIGM, BUT WOULD NEARLY DRESS IT UP IN MORE
22 CONTEMPORARY CLOTHING." DON'T FUND A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **JUAN MORALES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JUAN MORALES, AND I'M HERE
3 TODAY WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, ALSO IN SUPPORT WITH
4 JUSTICE L.A. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY TALKING ABOUT ALLIES AND
5 WHY I'M HERE TO SUPPORT WOMEN TODAY. BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK
6 TOGETHER. AND IT'S SAD TO SAY THAT AFTER GRADUATING FROM U.C.
7 SAN DIEGO WITH A DEGREE IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
8 CHEMISTRY, I DON'T HAVE ONE FRIEND THAT I GREW UP WITH WHO'S
9 ALSO A COLLEGE GRADUATE. AND SO IN ADDITION TO THAT, I DON'T
10 THINK-- I KNOW. I NEVER WENT TO SAN DIEGO BEFORE I HAD TO GO
11 TO SCHOOL. SO FOR ME, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW
12 THE FAMILIES OF THESE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ANY
13 VISITS. I'LL TIE THAT TO HAVING EXISTED IN THE SPACE AND NOT
14 HAVING RECEIVED ANY VISITS, AND THAT HAVING MADE MY TIME
15 EASIER, AS OPPOSED TO SEEING MY MOTHER IN TO CRY EVERY SINGLE
16 WEEK. I THINK THAT THOSE THINGS ARE MISSED OUT WHEN WE
17 EVALUATE THESE THINGS AND HOW MUCH IT DID FOR ME. TO KNOW THAT
18 I HAD SOMEONE TO SUPPORT ME LED ME TO SEEK MORE SUPPORT. AND
19 THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **WAYNE QUINT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD
24 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS WAYNE QUINT. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
25 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS

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1 ASSOCIATION. P.P.O.A. STRONGLY SUPPORTS AGENDA ITEM NO. 25,
2 ALONG WITH THE C.C.T.F. PROJECTS AND THE MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S
3 CENTER, AS BOTH ARE STRATEGICALLY PLANNED COMPONENTS OF THE
4 COUNTY'S LARGER CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHICH AIMS TO TREAT AND
5 REHABILITATE MALE AND FEMALE RESIDENTS AND PATIENTS WITHIN ITS
6 CARE, RATHER THAN JUST INCARCERATE.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE DON'T YELL FROM THE AUDIENCE. WE'VE
9 GIVEN RESPECT TO EVERYBODY.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THE STATED GOAL IS TO PROVIDE MALE AND FEMALE
12 RESIDENT PATIENTS WITH SKILLS AND RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THEIR
13 SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY, AND THUS REDUCE
14 RECIDIVISM. WE HAVE HAD THIS ISSUE IN FRONT OF US SINCE 2013,
15 2014. IT HAS BEEN VETTED. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE A VOTE ON 25
16 TODAY, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **JOHN HALLOWITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHN HALLOWITZ, ADVOCACY
21 CHAIR FOR N.A.M.I. GLENDALE, AFFILIATE OF N.A.M.I., AND MEMBER
22 OF NATIONAL SHATTERING SILENCE COALITION. I'M GENERALLY IN
23 SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE THRUST OF WHAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN DOING
24 TODAY, ALTHOUGH I'M CERTAINLY QUESTIONING A LARGE-SIZED
25 FACILITY. MY POINT IS, THE INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILY IN RECOVERY

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1 IN TREATMENT IS ESSENTIAL. CLOSE SUPPORTIVE FAMILY
2 RELATIONSHIPS ARE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THIS. NONE OF US IS
3 AN ISLAND. THE CURATIVE POWER OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE
4 CLOSE TO YOU, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADEQUATE SENSITIVE,
5 PERSONAL, EVIDENCE-DRIVEN THERAPY AND CARE CANNOT BE
6 OVERSTATED. MY PLEA IS THAT YOU INFORM ALL YOUR DECISIONS WITH
7 THIS UNDERSTANDING AND BUILD ACCESS THAT'S DECENTRALIZED, TO
8 DECENTRALIZE CARE THAT ENABLES THESE FAMILY CONNECTIONS. ANY
9 LARGE INSTITUTIONAL SETTING-- OH, MY TIME'S UP.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SARAH CLIFTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
14 SARAH CLIFTON. A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TO
15 SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO NO. 24 AND NO. 25. WHETHER YOU CALL IT
16 A CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CENTER OR A MENTAL
17 HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER, THE NAME IS IRRELEVANT. IT IS THE
18 SAME THING. AND TREATMENT WILL NOT BE COVERED BY MEDICAID
19 DOLLARS IF THIS IS A LOCKED FACILITY, REGARDLESS OF THE NAME.
20 ALL THAT THE AMENDED PLAN DOES IS SET US UP FOR FURTHER
21 COMPOUNDING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE COUNTY, WHICH WILL
22 JUST FURTHER DIVERT RESOURCES AWAY FROM COMMUNITY DIVERSION
23 PROGRAMS. PEOPLE NEED TO BE IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS,
24 SMALLER PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY, MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, AND
25 PROGRAMS THAT COVER PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE INTERSECTION OF

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1 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. WE ARE GOING TO JUST
2 CONTINUE TO HAVE RECIDIVISM IF WE JUST BUILD A JAIL OR A
3 TREATMENT CENTER NO MATTER WHAT IT IS CALLED. FURTHERMORE, THE
4 R.F.P. REQUIRES THAT THE BOARD OF STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
5 HAS TO BE INVOLVED IN CERTIFYING ANY FACILITY. I ASK THAT YOU
6 DO NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **ROBERT LOVELACE:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LOVELACE. I AM A
11 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
12 CARPENTERS. I URGE YOU TO NOT KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD. YOU
13 KNOW, IT'S ASTONISHING TO ME THAT IT'S A LITTLE BIT AFTER
14 2:00, AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON OTHER THAN THE CHAIRPERSON HAS
15 MADE MENTION OF THE MEN AND THE WOMEN WHO ARE LIVING IN
16 CONDITIONS WHICH EVERYONE HERE ACKNOWLEDGES ARE DEPLORABLE,
17 INHUMANE, AND MUST BE TORN DOWN. AND THAT'S KIND OF A
18 REMARKABLE CAPTURE OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY. SO
19 I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR TALKING ABOUT THE NEED TO MOVE
20 TOWARD A CARE-PLUS STRATEGY. THAT'S ABSOLUTELY WHAT NEEDS TO
21 BE DONE. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT CARPENTERS ALREADY HAVE
22 SKIN IN THIS GAME, AS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF
23 THE CARPENTERS TODAY. AND THAT CERTAINLY IS TRUE FOR THE
24 BROTHER KEEPERS PROGRAM THAT WE OPERATE, THAT TAKES

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1 INCARCERATED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND TURNS THEM INTO
2 CARPENTERS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT, FOR THE RECORD. YOU GUYS,
7 I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF THIS. I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF
8 THESE PROGRAMS. I'VE BEEN TO JAIL 86 TIMES, OR SOMETHING LIKE
9 THAT. MENTAL HEALTH BELONGS IN MENTAL HEALTH, AND YOU GUYS
10 NEED TO RECONSIDER WHAT YOU GUYS DO. A LOT OF PEOPLE NEED HELP
11 AND THERAPY AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
12 AFRAID TO ACTUALLY GO THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND THINGS LIKE THAT,
13 BECAUSE THEIR PERSONAL BUSINESS GETS ALL BLOWN OUT OF SHAPE
14 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. PLEASE RECONSIDER AND TAKE YOUR TIME TO
15 THINK ABOUT THIS ONE. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **REEGIE BUNCH:** GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REEGIE
20 BUNCH. I WORK WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE ARE PART OF THE
21 COALITION JUSTICE L.A. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE SUPPORT JOBS. WE
22 WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION: WHY WOULD YOU BUILD A DEATH MACHINE
23 FOR THE SAKE OF BUILDING? WE WANT OUR VALUABLE WORKERS TO
24 BUILD COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES: SCHOOLS,
25 HOUSING. WE WANT TO BUILD A BETTER LOS ANGELES. THIS IS A

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1 GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY FOR YOU FIVE COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, BUT THIS IS ALSO A LEGACY AND A FOUNDATION TO
3 LEAVE FOR OTHER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. A PLACE THAT L.A.
4 DOES NOT CONDONE PRISONS OR LOCKING UP MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE.
5 WHY NOT LEAVE THAT FOR THE NEXT PERSON THAT WILL TAKE ON YOUR
6 SEAT? WE NEED TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF CARE AND NOT A LEGACY OF
7 CAGES. THIS IS A GRAND OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
8 YOUR NAME TO BE IN THAT BOOK OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AND
9 NOT IN THE BOOK OF MORE JAILS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER
12 SPEAKERS TO BE CALLED? OKAY. THAT WAS THE LAST OF THE
13 SPEAKERS. HONESTLY, AND I KNOW I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US, THAT WE
14 DO CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU WHO CAME TODAY AND SPOKE.
15 DIFFERENT OPINIONS. BUT I WAS SORT OF NOTICING THAT EVERYBODY
16 WAS TRYING TO GET TO THE SAME PLACE, AND THAT'S PUTTING PEOPLE
17 IN CARE FIRST, AND JAIL AND PUNISHMENT AS A LAST RESORT. I
18 THINK OUR DIFFERENCES ARE JUST GOING TO BE HOW WE GET THERE.
19 BUT I WILL TELL YOU I AM HONORED TO SERVE ON A BOARD WITH FIVE
20 PEOPLE WHO CARE VERY DEEPLY AND HAVE LOST A LOT OF SLEEP AND
21 HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THIS. THIS IS NOT A DECISION, I KNOW,
22 FOR ME THAT, YOU KNOW, IS MADE WITHOUT GREAT THINKING. I DON'T
23 FEEL LIKE WE'RE RUSHING IT, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
24 THIS FOR A VERY, VERY, VERY LONG TIME. AND I KNOW FOR MYSELF,
25 I WOULD NOT BE DOING THIS IF I DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT ULTIMATELY

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1 IT WAS GOING TO BRING THE KIND OF CARE AND TREATMENT TO THOSE
2 WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN OUR SYSTEM THAT THEY NEED. AND WE DO
3 HAVE CURRENTLY OVER 7,000 MEN IN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN
4 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. AND THEY ABSOLUTELY ARE IN FACILITIES
5 THAT PROHIBITS THEM HAVING ANY KIND OF MEANINGFUL CARE OR
6 REHABILITATION. SO I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER, AND I'M PREPARED
7 TO DO THAT TODAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT.
10 YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT THE ONE CONSTANT THEME THAT WE ALL HAVE
11 IS THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WAY IT'S BEING DONE NOW IS NOT
12 WORKING. AND IF ANYTHING IS EXACERBATING THE SITUATION, PEOPLE
13 ARE COMING OUT WITH SERIOUS TRAUMA RELATED TO BEING
14 INCARCERATED. AND ONE ONLY HAS TO WALK DOWN THE STREET TO
15 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW HORRIBLE IT IS. IT'S
16 WORSE THAN A THIRD-WORLD COUNTRY, QUITE FRANKLY. AND SO THE
17 DEBATE TODAY IS, WHAT DO WE DO TO REPLACE THAT FACILITY? ALL
18 ROADS LEAD BACK TO THE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE
19 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. BUT WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? YOU
20 KNOW, I HEAR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE A.C.L.U SAY THAT THAT
21 NUMBER IS TOO BIG. I HEAR MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY SAY THAT
22 IT'S BETTER FOR US TO PUT THESE FACILITIES IN EACH DISTRICT
23 WITHIN, I WOULD ARGUE, WITHIN A HARBOR-U.C.L.A., L.A.
24 COUNTY+U.S.C., UP IN THE HIGH DESERT. I THINK WE ALL AGREE, ON
25 THIS BOARD, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES,

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1 ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH ON THE HOSPITAL
2 SETTING. BUT, AGAIN, I WILL REITERATE. IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR.
3 AND THIS MOTION, TO ME, IS NOT LOCKING THIS BOARD INTO ONE
4 LARGE HOSPITAL. AT LEAST, THAT'S NOT MY INTERPRETATION. I
5 THINK WHAT IT IS DOING IS IT'S INSTRUCTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 MENTAL HEALTH, WORKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH, OFFICE OF
7 DIVERSION, AND WHO AM I FORGETTING? GHALY, DOCTOR GHALY,
8 CORRECTIONAL HOSPITAL, TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT THAT WILL
9 GIVE US A ROADMAP MOVING FORWARD. UNDERSTANDING-- AND, AGAIN,
10 YOU KNOW, JANICE, I THINK YOU'VE TAKEN GREAT PAINS IN NOT
11 USING THE WORD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. BECAUSE IT'S NOT HOW YOU
12 ENVISION THIS TO BE. SO I KNOW IT'S NOT THE IDEAL SITUATION,
13 IN TERMS OF HOW IS THIS PLAYING OUT. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON
14 FOR 12 YEARS. THERE ARE SOME ON THIS BOARD THAT WERE HERE WHEN
15 IT WAS VOTED ON. THERE ARE OTHERS-- MYSELF, JANICE, I KNOW,
16 AND I THINK-- WELL, FOUR OF US. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE HERE,
17 SHEILA, WHEN THIS WAS VOTED ON ORIGINALLY, BUT THE POINT BEING
18 THAT WE'RE WILLING TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS. BUT WE'RE
19 ALSO IN A SITUATION WHERE WE NEED TO ACT, AGAIN, BECAUSE MEN'S
20 CENTRAL JAIL IS A TIME BOMB WAITING TO GO OFF. AND WE'VE
21 ALREADY HAD LAWSUITS FILED, AND WE HAVE MANY ISSUES AS IT
22 RELATES TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS THERE. SO I REALLY AM
23 ANXIOUS TO MOVE THIS FORWARD, HAVE A REPORT BACK. BUT ONE OF
24 THE QUESTIONS I HAVE FOR YOU, SACHI, IS: IF FOR SOME REASON
25 THIS BOARD OR THAT THIS MOTION TRIGGERED THE 25 PERCENT, AND

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1 THEY COME BACK AND SAY THAT IT CAN'T BE DONE WITHIN THE
2 EXISTING R.F.P., WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR THIS BOARD?

3

4 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** AT THAT POINT, IF THE REPORT SOMEHOW SAYS THAT,
5 YOU KNOW, WHATEVER, IT'S NOT WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE 25
6 PERCENT, I WOULD SAY THAT WHATEVER CHANGES BEYOND THAT WOULD
7 PROBABLY TRIGGER ANOTHER E.I.R. PROCESS, AND THEN WOULD
8 TRIGGER ANOTHER R.F.P. PROCESS, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE DAVE HOWARD SAID THAT THE E.I.R.
11 WAS NOT TIED TO THE SIZE. SO I THOUGHT THE R.F.P. WAS MORE
12 ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE R.F.P., NOT THE E.I.R.

13

14 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I THINK DAVE IS STILL HERE. HE CAN TALK ABOUT
15 IT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU, DAVE, YOU TALKED
18 THAT THE E.I.R. IS NOT TIED TO THE SIZE, BECAUSE THE FOOTPRINT
19 IS STILL THERE, BUT IT'S THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HE SAID WE CAN USUALLY GO SMALLER, BUT WE
22 CAN'T GO LARGER.

23

24 **DAVE HOWARD:** GENERALLY SPEAKING, WITH AN E.I.R., YOU CAN BUILD
25 LESS THAN WHAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WAS. IN THIS CASE, THE

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1 E.I.R. ALSO CONTEMPLATED AN OPTION OF 3100 BEDS, SO WE KNOW WE
2 COULD DO THAT. BUT IF YOU DEVIATE TOO FAR, I MEAN, IF WE
3 REALLY RECONFIGURE THIS INTO SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT THAN
4 WHAT IT CONTEMPLATED, AT SOME POINT WE WOULD HAVE TO REVISIT
5 THAT. SO AS WE WOULD DEVELOP THESE OPTIONS IN THE REPORT-BACK,
6 THAT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD LOOK AT WITH COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE WE
7 WEREN'T CROSSING SOME THRESHOLD.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THIS MOTION TODAY IS A REPORT-BACK IN THAT
10 SENSE, SO IT WOULD ALLOW YOU THAT FLEXIBILITY, OR AT LEAST
11 THAT OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK?

12

13 **DAVE HOWARD:** YES. AND AS PART OF THE REVIEW, WE WOULD BE
14 LOOKING AT THAT QUESTION.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TELL
19 US...

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** CHAIR? I'M SORRY. I JUST HIT MY MIC.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I STILL HAVE ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO THE FOOTPRINT.
2 EVEN IF WE WERE TO GO DOWN BY 25 PERCENT, AND THAT MIGHT
3 TRIGGER ANOTHER E.I.R., IT'S STILL TOO BIG OF A FACILITY. AND
4 I DO AGREE THAT WE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT DECENTRALIZING AND
5 LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN USE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING, BECAUSE I
6 DON'T THINK THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME THAT THE COUNTY'S GOING
7 TO BE ABLE TO LOOK FOR, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, ANY GUARANTEE
8 THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET MEDICAID FUNDING TO PROVIDE THE
9 SERVICES THERE. SO IT'S GOING TO COME FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS:
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PROBABLY O.D.R. A LOT OF OTHER IMPACTS,
11 INCLUDING OUR EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES. ALL I CAN LOOK BACK ON IS
12 BACK IN THE MID 90S, WHEN THERE WERE DECISIONS MADE. I WASN'T
13 ON THE BOARD AT THAT TIME, BUT THERE WERE SOME FALSEHOODS
14 MADE. THERE WAS A RELIANCE ON MEDICAID MONEY TO HELP US FUND
15 OUR HEALTHCARE CRISIS AT THAT TIME. IT DIDN'T COME THROUGH. WE
16 HAD TO THEN CLOSE CLINICS AND SERVICES AND LAY OFF A LOT OF
17 PEOPLE. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BE FRIVOLOUS AT THIS TIME. I
18 THINK WE NEED TO BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL HOW WE MOVE FORWARD.
19 AND I'M STILL VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROJECTION OF THE
20 POPULATION. AND I WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT WE PUT THIS OFF, HAVE
21 MORE TIME, BECAUSE I DON'T DISAGREE THAT MENTAL HEALTH, IT IS
22 WHAT OUR PRIORITY HAS BEEN FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, IF
23 NOT YEAR AND A HALF. AND I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT WE HAVE
24 TO TAKE DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I KNOW. IT'S IN MY DISTRICT.

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1 I VISIT IT. ONE OF THE FIRST PLACES. IN FACT, I EVEN WENT WITH
2 TERRI MCDONALD.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DID, TOO.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** SHE WALKED ME THROUGH THAT CORRIDOR WHERE THERE
7 WERE 300 INDIVIDUALS ON BUNK BEDS. NOBODY SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO
8 THAT. BUT THAT WASN'T DONE UNDER MY WATCH. BUT I'M SAYING I'M
9 NOT GOING TO GO BACK TO THAT. AND I'M GOING TO BE VERY CAREFUL
10 AND BE VERY CRITICAL IN LOOKING AT HOW WE DEVISE ANYTHING THAT
11 LOOKS REMOTELY LIKE A 3,000-BED FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO HAVE
12 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO-- THEY'RE
13 COMMITTED THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR TIME, THEIR SENTENCING. AND I
14 THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE ASPIRATIONS. WE DO HAVE LOFTY
15 GOALS THAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE. BUT GETTING THERE IS VERY
16 IMPORTANT IN HOW WE PAY FOR IT. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT,
17 MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK A LITTLE
23 CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE SUPERVISOR BARGER KEPT BEING TOLD THAT
24 THIS IS A REPORT-BACK AND THAT VOTING ON 25 WAS A REPORT-BACK.
25 BUT THE SUBSTITUTE, THE GREEN SHEET MOTION, SAYS, "APPROVE THE

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1 AWARD OF THE DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT TO MCCARTHY, AND AUTHORIZE
2 D.P.W. TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT UPON COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATION."
3 AND WE HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE YEAR THAT WE'LL
4 BE DEVELOPING WHAT IT IS. BUT IT IS TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO
5 BUILD. THE REPORT-BACK, WHICH IS IN THE SECOND DIRECTIVE, IS
6 TO ASK JOHN TO COME BACK AND SAY, "HOW ARE WE GOING TO STAFF
7 THIS, AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO OPERATE IT?" NOT, "HOW ARE WE
8 GOING TO BUILD IT?" SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT
9 THESE THINGS ARE SEPARATE. AND I, AS I INDICATED, AND I THINK
10 WE'VE BEEN PRETTY CLEAR, I THINK THIS IS TOO BIG, AND WE
11 PROBABLY WOULD HAVE NEVER GONE FOR SUCH A BIG MENTAL HOSPITAL
12 IF WE WEREN'T LOOKING AT A LETTER ABOUT A BIG JAIL.
13 [APPLAUSE.] YOU KNOW, AND I THINK EVERYONE IS COMMITTED TO
14 LOOKING AT THE OTHER THINGS. WE'VE ALL SAID THAT TO EACH
15 OTHER. IN THE COMMUNITY, SEPARATE KINDS OF FACILITIES, THINGS
16 THAT THE PEOPLE WHO BUILD CAN BE A LITTLE MORE PROUD OF. YOU
17 KNOW, THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING TO KEEP WORKING ON, AND WE'RE
18 GOING TO KEEP GOING FOR THAT FUNDING, AS WELL. NOTHING'S GOING
19 TO STOP, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. BUT I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT
20 WE ARE ACTUALLY NOT KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD ON THIS
21 BUILDING CONTRACT. THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY. THANKS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. OKAY. MADAM
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TELL US WHAT IS BEFORE US AT THIS
25 POINT.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FIRST ITEM BEFORE YOU IS SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO AMEND THE
4 AMENDMENT TO ITEM 25 ON THE REPORT-BACK FOR THE OPTIONS TO
5 RIGHTSIZE THE PROJECTS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THIS IS THE AMENDMENT TO THE
8 AMENDMENT. AND THIS MOTION IS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
9 DO YOU ALL, ON THAT ONE, THAT WOULD CREATE THE WORKING GROUP
10 TO LOOK AT THE SIZE, IS THAT A UNANIMOUS VOTE OR DO YOU WANT A
11 ROLL CALL ON THAT ONE? WOULD YOU BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A
12 ROLL CALL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANT CLARIFICATION THAT, AGAIN, AS WE MOVE
15 FORWARD, BECAUSE IT'S A BIT CONFUSING HERE. WE'RE SAYING THAT
16 WE'RE GOING TO SIGN A CONTRACT.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT THIS IS THE AMENDMENT THAT SAYS, IN
19 CONJUNCTION WITH SIGNING THE CONTRACT, WE'RE CREATING A GROUP
20 THAT WILL LOOK AT RIGHTSIZING THIS PROJECT.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IT DOESN'T TIE OUR HANDS TO THE 3,000 BEDS?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT SOUNDS LIKE--

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANT THAT CLARIFICATION.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S AN EXPLORING THE IDEA OF--

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IT DOESN'T RULE IT OUT?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** MY PLAN IS I'M GOING TO VOTE TO MAKE THIS AS GOOD
10 AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN VOTE AGAINST IT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DID THAT IN CONGRESS ALL THE TIME. I DID
13 THAT ALL THE TIME. PLEASE DON'T YELL FROM THE AUDIENCE.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** GENERALLY, WE DON'T DO THIS BECAUSE YOU KIND OF
16 TRY TO BE HONEST WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND SAY, "I'M NOT FORCING
17 YOU INTO AN AMENDMENT AND THEN I'M GOING TO VOTE AGAINST IT,"
18 BUT THIS IS MY FRIEND'S AMENDMENT. SO I'M OKAY WITH SAYING,
19 "I'LL MAKE IT AS GOOD AS I CAN, BUT I DON'T SUPPORT IT."

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE SAID IN CONGRESS WE WERE FOR IT BEFORE WE
22 WERE AGAINST IT.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO ON THIS ITEM, I'LL JUST STATE FOR THE RECORD
25 I'M VOTING NO.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO CALL THE ROLL ON THE AMENDMENT TO
3 THE AMENDMENT.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-1.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** FOR THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT. OKAY.

5 NEXT ITEM BEFORE US?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS SUPERVISOR

8 HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AMENDMENT REGARDING THE MENTAL HEALTH

9 TREATMENT.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO THIS IS THE AMENDMENT THAT CHANGES THE

12 DIRECTION OF THE FACILITY TO BE A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

13 FACILITY, NOT CORRECTIONAL, AND STAFFED BY OUR MENTAL HEALTH

14 DEPARTMENT, NOT BY THE SHERIFF. I BELIEVE WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE

15 A ROLL CALL ON THIS ONE, AS WELL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

22 THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE. CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 3-2.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO NOW WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM 25, AS AMENDED. WE
16 HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET. WE'VE JUST BEEN VOTING ON THE
17 AMENDMENTS. SO NOW WE'RE 25, AS AMENDED TWICE. WE SHOULD HAVE
18 A ROLL CALL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS?

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1

2 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

3

4 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL?

6

7 SUP. KUEHL: NO.

8

9 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

12

13 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

14

15 SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

16

17 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 3-2.

18

19 SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. NEXT WE'RE TAKING UP SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL'S MOTION. OH, YES, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 SUP. BARGER: YEAH. IT'S RELATED TO ITEM NO. 25. I HAVE A
23 MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE A REPORT-BACK AS IT RELATES TO "BUILT
24 IN 1963, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS ONE OF THE OLDEST COUNTY JAILS
25 IN CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS A HISTORY OF LAWSUITS

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1 AND LIABILITIES STEMMING FROM THE DESIGN AND CONDITIONS INSIDE
2 THIS FACILITY. AS EARLY AS 1975, THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES
3 UNION SUED LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THEN SHERIFF PETER
4 PITCHESS, ON BEHALF OF ALL DETAINEES IN THE COUNTY'S JAIL
5 SYSTEM, CLAIMING THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR CONFINEMENT
6 VIOLATED THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT'S PROHIBITION AGAINST CRUEL AND
7 UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. BY 1996, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
8 JUSTICE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTIONS TO INVESTIGATE TREATMENT OF
9 INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL
10 SYSTEM, PURSUANT TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE INSTITUTIONALIZED
11 PERSONS ACT. THE M.O.A. WITH THE D.O.J. MONITORING HIGHLIGHTED
12 THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT JAILS WERE NOT DESIGNED TO SERVE AS
13 TREATMENT CENTERS FOR THIS POPULATION. IN 2006, PURSUANT TO
14 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DENNIS RUTHERFORD VERSUS
15 SHERMAN BLOCK, THE RUTHERFORD PANEL WAS CREATED TO ADDRESS
16 ISSUES OF OVERCROWDING, ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDOOR AND
17 OUTDOOR RECREATION, LACK OF DIRECT INMATE SUPERVISION, AND
18 DETERIORATING PHYSICAL CONDITION. IN 2008 THE A.C.L.U FILED A
19 LAWSUIT, JOHNSON VERSUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF INMATES WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT.
21 ANOTHER LAWSUIT WAS FILED BY THE A.C.L.U IN 2012, ROSAS VERSUS
22 BACA, WHICH RELATES TO THE USE OF FORCE IN JAILS. DIRECT LINE
23 OF SIGHT TO INMATES IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT TO WHICH THIS
24 PROBLEMATIC FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BASED ON ITS DESIGN. THEN
25 IN 2013, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMISSIONED A STUDY BY

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1 BANNER CONSTRUCTION AND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT REGARDING
2 THE JAIL PLAN. NOT ONLY DID BANNER REPORT BACK ON THE DIRE
3 CONDITIONS OF OUR OUTDATED FACILITY, BUT THEY ALSO GAVE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JAIL SIZE BASED ON CURRENT PROJECTED
5 POPULATIONS." I'M GOING TO GET TO THE "I THEREFORE MOVE." AS
6 STATED IN THE DAILY NEWS ON JUNE 19, 2018, "THE PROBLEM WITH
7 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL STARTS WITH ITS OUTDATED 1960-ERA
8 INFRASTRUCTURE: CRAMPED WINDOWLESS CELLS WITH GREEN METAL, AND
9 A BUILDING THAT LACKS A SPACE TO DO MUCH MORE THAN WAREHOUSE
10 INMATES IN AN ERA THAT CALLS FOR EDUCATIONAL, RECREATION, AND
11 OTHER PROGRAMMING." EVERY DAY WE DELAY THE START OF THIS
12 PROJECT PUTS BOTH INMATES AND STAFF AT RISK. SO I MOVE THAT
13 THE BOARD DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
14 30 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING
15 AND POTENTIAL RISK AND LIABILITY STEMMING FROM THE JAIL
16 SYSTEM, SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
17 INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON OUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AND
18 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. I WOULD ASK THAT
19 WE CONSIDER THAT FOR REPORT-BACK.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE NEED A SECOND ON THAT? CAN I GET A
22 SECOND?

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED OVER THIS
2 REPORT-BACK. CAN WE VOTE ON THAT NOW? OKAY. DO WE WANT A ROLL
3 CALL OR IS EVERYBODY OKAY WITH THAT? OKAY. SEEING NO
4 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE UNANIMOUS, A REPORT-BACK ON THAT
5 MOTION.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WAS LIKE, "WHAT'S THIS?" AND THEN I
10 SAW MY NAME WAS ON IT. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY. NOW WE WILL TAKE UP
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION TO CANCEL THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
12 FOR THE MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S CENTER PROJECT. THIS MOTION IS
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL
14 THE ROLL.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN WE SEPARATE THE QUESTION WITH ONE, AND THEN
17 ON 2 AND 3? BECAUSE ON NO. 1, I'D LIKE TO ABSTAIN. BUT ON 2
18 AND 3 I'M VOTING YES.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. CAN WE DO THAT? OKAY. HOW IS THAT NOW
21 BEFORE US, BIFURCATED?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OR JUST REFLECT THAT I VOTED THAT WAY.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OR DO YOU WANT TO JUST HAVE IT RECORDED AS
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER... THIS IS 24?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK AS LONG AS IT'S RECORDED CORRECTLY FOR THE
5 VOTE, WE COULD ACTUALLY DO IT EITHER WAY FOR THE MINUTES. IS
6 THAT TRUE, COUNSEL? OR DO YOU WANT A SEPARATE VOTE ON THESE
7 ISSUES?

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** I WOULD TAKE A VOTE ON THE BIFURCATION.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** A VOTE TO BIFURCATE IT?

12

13 **ATTORNEY:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND THEN CALL SEPARATELY ON EACH PARAGRAPH?

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. OUT OF RESPECT FOR MY COLLEAGUE, I MOVE THAT
20 WE BIFURCATE THE VOTE ON THIS MOTION.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SECOND.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK YOU HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE ON THAT AND THEN
25 WE'LL DO IT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE
3 BIFURCATING IT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT? SEEING NONE,
4 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, NOW IT'S BIFURCATED. WHICH PART
5 ARE WE VOTING ON FIRST?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WELL, ON DIRECTIVE NO. 1.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHICH IS...?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CANCEL THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MIRA
12 LOMA.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. 4-0 WITH ONE
15 ABSTENTION. THE NEXT ONE IS ON DIRECTIVE NO. 2, TO REDIRECT
16 THE ASSEMBLY BILL'S 900 GRANTS TO DIRECT SITES AND PROJECTS
17 AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT? ARE
20 THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? OKAY. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER ON
21 DIRECTIVE 2. WHAT ABOUT 3?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AND THEN DIRECTIVE NO. 3 IS TO DIRECT THE
24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE SHERIFF, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND

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1 THE HEALTH AGENCY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GENDER RESPONSES
2 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 180 DAYS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SEEING NO OBJECTIONS TO THAT ONE, THAT WILL
5 ALSO BE THE ORDER. OKAY, NOW WHAT'S BEFORE US?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** BEFORE US IS ITEM 24.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ITEM 24 IS BEFORE US?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO THIS WAS NOT A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO 24. THIS
14 WAS SOMETHING WE ADOPTED. AND IF WE AGREED WITH MY MOTION, WE
15 NEED TO VOTE DOWN THE BOARD LETTER ON 24, RIGHT?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CORRECT. CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANKS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO YOU WANT A NO VOTE ON 24.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE
2 ROLL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR OR CLEAN
5 RECORD HERE. MADAM COUNTY COUNSEL, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
6 ARE IN ORDER HERE.

7

8 **ATTORNEY:** SURE. THE MOTION THAT WAS JUST VOTED ON WAS NOT ITEM
9 24. IT WAS A SEPARATE MOTION BROUGHT IN BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
10 PRIMARILY ABOUT PAYING THE LOSING BIDDER \$150,000 FOR COMING
11 IN SECOND PLACE, AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPHS. THAT
12 MATTER'S BEEN VOTED ON.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO WE COULD EITHER DEAL WITH 24 BY ASKING, DOES
15 ANYONE WISH TO MOVE ITEM 24, AND IF NO ONE DOES, IT WOULDN'T
16 GET MOVED AND SECONDED.

17

18 **ATTORNEY:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** OR WE COULD GIVE A COURTESY MOVE AND SECOND AND
21 VOTE IT DOWN. WHICH WOULD BE CLEANER, COUNSEL, FOR YOU?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TAKE THE VOTE, PROBABLY.

24

25 **ATTORNEY:** I WOULD TAKE THE VOTE.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WOULD TAKE THE VOTE, TOO. SO, DO YOU WANT
3 TO MOVE IT AND SECOND IT?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AS A COURTESY TO HAVING PROCESS FOLLOWED, I'D MOVE
6 ITEM 24.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED TO TAKE
11 UP ITEM 24. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?**

14

15 **>>SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, NO. SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL?

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAIN. SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE. I MEAN, NO. JUST SEEING IF EVERYBODY'S
10 LISTENING.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MOTION FAILS 4-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, MY GOSH. SUPERVISOR...

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A MOTION TO READ IN.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO
19 READ IN?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AS IT RELATES TO THE REPURPOSING OF MIRA LOMA
22 DETENTION CENTER, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE NOW TAKEN IT OFF
23 THE TABLE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND THE CITIES OF

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1 LANCASTER AND PALMDALE, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90
2 DAYS WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS; I.E., AFFORDABLE
3 HOUSING, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, INTERIM HOUSING, TO BE
4 LOCATED AT THE MIRA LOMA SITE IN LANCASTER, INCLUDING
5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION, BUDGETARY NEEDS, AND
6 POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO YOU ABSTAINED SO THAT WE COULD TAKE THE JAIL
14 OUT OF YOUR DISTRICT, AND NOW YOU WANT TO BUILD SOME HOUSING
15 THERE. THAT'S VERY COOL.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I TOLD YOU THIS A MONTH AGO. I SAID I'M NOT
18 GOING TO FIGHT YOU IF YOU TAKE IT OFF THE TABLE. I'M READY TO
19 MOVE FORWARD WITH ANOTHER PROJECT.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE WAS AGAINST IT BEFORE SHE WAS FOR IT.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M JUST TRYING TO BRING A LITTLE LEVITY IN ALL
24 MEANINGS OF THE WORD.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S A WIN/WIN FOR EVERYBODY.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAVE WE DISPOSED OF IT?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE HAVE DISPOSED OF THAT ITEM. AND NOW
6 WE'RE TAKING UP ITEMS 4 AND 11. IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY. NOW
7 WE'RE ON 4 AND 11. THEY WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I LOVE THAT. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THING.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE'VE BEEN HERE TOO LONG.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I BET WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT
17 WANT TO ADDRESS US ON ITEMS 4 AND 11. OKAY. AND WE WILL BE
18 GIVING ONE MINUTE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE STILL HERE AND WANT TO ADDRESS
20 US ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
23 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
24 ADAM SMITH, ADAM ZARAGOZA, ADAM SIEGEL, ADAM VINE, ALISA
25 BIERRIA, AMPARO OSTOJIC, AMY WANG, ANGELICA MOYES, ANTHONY

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1 ROBLES, ASHLEY LUKASHEVSKY, AUDREY GEORGE, BEN BENJAMIN, BRIAN
2 KANEDA, BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, CALVIN CALLIER, CARTER MOON,
3 CECILIA SWEET-COLL, CHAPMAN CLARK, CLAIRE SCHNADIG, COCO
4 SEGALLER, COLBY LENZ, DAFINA MATIKU, DANNA HYAMS, DAVID
5 TURNER, DELIA BROWN, DESIRE ASEY, DOLORES CANALES, DR. ANYA
6 SNOW, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ELANA BLOOMFIELD, ELEANOR WELLS,
7 ELI LONGNECKER, ELLIOTT CHADWICK.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. WHY DON'T WE STOP THERE? WHO'S BEEN CALLED
10 TO TALK? YOUR CLOCK IS GOING TO START TICKING. HELLO? IS
11 ANYBODY THERE? NO. THAT'S FINE. NO ONE WANTS TO TESTIFY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I DO.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. KEEP CALLING.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** EMILY BELL, ERIC PREVEN, EUGENE PESIKOV, EUNISSES
18 HERNANDEZ, EZAK PEREZ, FELICIA CARBAJAL, GABRIEL MACHAIN,
19 GEORGE BUZZETTI, GERMAN GALLARDO, GLORIA GONZALEZ, HARLIN
20 KAHN, HERBERT HATANAKA, HUGO GONZALEZ, IVETTE ALE, JEREMY
21 TRAMER, JEREMY LEVENSON, JESSICA SANCHEZ, JESSICA RATH, JOHN
22 KIM, JOHN HALLOWITZ, JOHNNY TORRES.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WHY DON'T WE STOP THERE? WHY DON'T WE
2 HAVE-- OKAY. HERE WE GO. WE'VE GOT SOME TAKERS. COME ON IN.
3 SIT DOWN. ERIC PREVEN, WE'LL LET YOU BEGIN.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** SURE. I'M HAPPY TO COMMENT ON THE HEIGHTENED
6 HYPOCRISY OF ALL THESE GREAT IDEAS WHEN YOU JUST AGREED TO A
7 GIANT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT THAT NOBODY WANTS, NOBODY NEEDS,
8 AND IT'S GOING TO FIGHT, ACTUALLY, THE EFFORTS TO DO THESE
9 THINGS BY EATING UP ALL THOSE RESOURCES. AND IT IS A CRYING
10 SHAME. IT REALLY IS. AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT A PLACE WHERE
11 WE DO THAT. WE LINE UP BEHIND OUR LEADERS. BUT I'M LINING UP
12 RIGHT BEHIND THE WEAKNESS OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR NOT
13 STEPPING AWAY FROM THIS HORRIBLE PROJECT. I SPOKE WITH HIM
14 PERSONALLY MYSELF. HE WAS ENGAGED WITH AN ENDLESS
15 CONVERSATION. HE IS A GRANDSTANDER. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
16 NAILED INTO THE GROUND. IT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. AND I'M VERY
17 UPSET. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S JUST WE'RE ALL JUST DOING WHAT WE DO.
18 OKAY? SO THANK YOU, AND GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

19

20 **SUP SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR INTERVENTION CONVINCED ME OF THE
23 JUSTIFICATION OF MY POSITION, MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO START BY
3 COMMENDING THIS BOARD FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS INVESTMENT IN
4 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE
5 TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. I WANT
6 TO SPECIFICALLY THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ACTUALLY THINKING
7 ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO FUND THESE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY,
8 HOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO ENTER INTO DEBT FOR FACILITIES THAT
9 WILL REPLICATE JAILS, THAT WILL ACTUALLY DELIVER THE CARE THAT
10 OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I SUPPORT
11 TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT AS OTHERS IN OUR COALITION
12 HAVE STATED, SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON A CENTRALIZED
13 TREATMENT FACILITY IS ACTUALLY A WASTE OF MONEY WHEN WE CAN
14 ACTUALLY LEVERAGE THESE GREAT MOTIONS FOR DIVERSION. ALL OF
15 THE STUDIES THAT YOU ALL HAVE SET IN MOTION ALREADY, AND LOOK
16 TO THOSE STUDIES TO INFORM HOW TREATMENT IS DELIVERED AND HOW
17 IT'S BEING FUNDED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
22 HERNANDEZ, L.A. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR JUST LEADERSHIP
23 U.S.A., AND I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR STANDING UP
24 FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. AS MY REPRESENTATIVE, I COULDN'T BE MORE
25 PROUDER TO HAVE YOU FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M ALSO

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1 HERE TO URGE THAT YOU PASS ALL THESE DIFFERENT ASSESSMENTS,
2 BECAUSE WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHO'S IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. RIGHT
3 NOW YOU JUST PASSED A MOTION THAT POTENTIALLY COULD BUILD A
4 3,000-BED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN
5 KNOW WHO'S IN THERE. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FENCE IS THERE
6 FOR. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TREATMENT THEY NEED. AND SO THESE ARE
7 THE MOTIONS THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD
8 WE'RE NOT BUILDING FACILITIES JUST BECAUSE WE NEED TO PASS A
9 CONTRACT, ALL RIGHT? SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
10 AND OTHERS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ELANA BLOOMFIELD:** HI. I'M ELANA BLOOMFIELD, WITH BEND THE ARC
16 JEWISH ACTION, AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND FOR COMMUNITY-
17 BASED SOLUTIONS, AND THAT THE BEST DECISIONS CAN BE MADE WHEN
18 THEY'RE BACKED WITH DATA THAT GIVES US A BETTER PICTURE OF
19 WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **LILY HASKELL:** HI. MY NAME IS LILY HASKELL, WITH CRITICAL
24 RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS
25 AND KUEHL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MOVING FORWARD A PLAN TO

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1 REALLY LOOK INTO WHAT ARE THE TRUE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
2 WE, AS ADVOCATES, HAVE BEEN PROVIDING A ROADMAP FOR THE COUNTY
3 FOR YEARS, AND THAT'S LED BY AND WITH COMMUNITIES WHO ARE
4 DIRECTLY IMPACTED. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT Y'ALL TOOK A
5 BRAVE STAND TODAY IN VOTING NO ON THE WOMEN'S JAIL ON MIRA
6 LOMA. WE APPRECIATE THAT-- YOUR BRAVERY, YOUR IMAGINATION,
7 YOUR VISION-- AND WE NEED MORE OF THAT. THIS CONTRACT THAT YOU
8 JUST APPROVED FOR C.C.T.F., OR WHATEVER WE'RE GOING TO CALL IT
9 NOW, DOES NOT AFFORD US THAT OPPORTUNITY, AND I DON'T BELIEVE,
10 PERSONALLY, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF HERE, THAT WE'VE GOT AN HONEST
11 ANSWER ABOUT THE CONTRACT FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND I'M WORRIED THAT WE ARE GOING
13 TO BE LOCKED IN, AND WE NEED TO SEE AS COMMUNITY THE
14 SUPERVISORS COME BACK WITH PROPOSALS, AND WE ALSO NEED TO SEE
15 A TRANSPARENT PROCESS WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY--

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **JOHN HALLOWITZ:** HI. I'M JILL JOHN HALLOWITZ. I'M STILL WITH
21 NAMI GLENDALE AND NATIONAL SHATTERING THE SILENCE COALITION,
22 AND I'M STILL CONCERNED ABOUT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT WE
23 BUILD IN FAMILY ACCESS TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF FAMILY. AND THE
24 OTHER POINT I WANT TO ADDRESS IS THAT WHEN WE BUILD LARGE
25 INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES, THEY FACILITATE DEPERSONALIZED,

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1 COLD, AND IMPERSONALIZED TREATMENT. SO I WANT TO HOLD UP AS AN
2 EXAMPLE GOING THE OTHER WAY, WHICH IS I RECENTLY HAD A CHANCE,
3 ABOUT A WEEK AGO, TO VISIT AND TOUR THE OLIVE VIEW URGENT
4 CARE, AND WE NEED MORE THINGS THAT ARE ON A HUMAN LEVEL LIKE
5 THAT. SO PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND IN YOUR CONSIDERATIONS, AND
6 I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THE ADJOINING ONES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. WHAT A JOKE THIS PLACE IS.
11 FOUR YEARS AGO, I SHUT YOU DOWN WITH YOUR HELP AND JACKIE
12 LACEY'S, SAYING YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO PUT PEOPLE IN JAIL THAT
13 ARE VIOLENT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD THE FACILITIES AROUND
14 THE COUNTY. AND IN FOUR YEARS YOU INCOMPETENT FOOLS, LED BY
15 MARY THE WICKED WICKHAM AND YOUR STUPID SACHI HAMAI, WHO
16 DOESN'T TELL ANYBODY YOU'RE GOING TO USE C.O.P.S FOR
17 FINANCING, AND WHICH YOU THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE NO CHOICE IN IT,
18 HELD BY MR. ELIASBERG, THIS FOOL BACK HERE, WHO DOESN'T CARE
19 ABOUT 30,500 PEOPLE BEING KILLED AGAINST THE D.O.J. AGREEMENT,
20 NOR DO YOU. YOU'RE A BUNCH OF SOCIOPATHS, PSYCHOPATHS, BY
21 DEFINITION. ALL OF YOU WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN AND SEE WHAT A
22 JOKE THIS IS? COME TO DIVISION 95, MARCH 1ST, AND WATCH THE
23 JOKE THEY'RE PULLING ON ME. HOW IS IT YOU HAVE ME IN THE
24 MENTAL HEALTH CART, WHEN JULY 18TH I WAS DECLARED COMPETENT
25 FOR THE THIRD TIME?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SOME MORE MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD. CAN YOU CALL THEM UP?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
6 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: JOSEPH CHOE, JOSEPH PETITT,
7 JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ, JUAN MORALES, JULIA COLE, KEI UTSUMI,
8 KENNETH KING, KENT MENDOZA, KIKUYE SUGIYAMA, KIM MCGILL, KIM
9 WAGNER, KONSTANTINE ANTHONY. KRISTINA LER, LAMIA ELSDEK, LARRY
10 DAVIS, LAURA SANTOS, LAURA GARCIA, LAWRENCE FOY, LEX
11 STEPPLING, LILY HASKELL, LUPITA, CARBALLO, MARIANNE DRUMMOND,
12 MARIE MAZZONE, MARIELLA SABA, MARY SUTTON, MEGAN DOBKIN, MIA
13 MORENO, MICHAEL NISHIMURA, MICHAEL NOVAK, MICHAEL SAAVEDRA,
14 MORGAN BASSICHIS, MURPHY BEGAY, NICHOLAS CONKLIN, NINA LOC,
15 OLIVIA TALBOTT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S GOOD FOR NOW.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** Y'ALL MADE A DECISION? I APPRECIATE IT. ALL I CAN SAY
24 IS, IF YOU DO DECIDE TO GO FORWARD WITH ANYTHING, JUST TAKE
25 THE TIME OUT AND LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY FOR THE

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1 PROBLEM THAT THEY HAVE THAT'S ACTUALLY THEIRS. BECAUSE THE BIG
2 PROBLEM I SEE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE USE RACISM TO, I GUESS, JUDGE
3 THE PERSON FOR THEIR ACTIONS VERSUS, LOOKING AT THE PERSON FOR
4 THE INDIVIDUAL TO GET A BETTER, I GUESS, RESPONSE MECHANISM.
5 SO THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MARY SUTTON:** HI. I'M MARY SUTTON. REIMAGINE NONJAIL
10 CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE. IT'S THE PERFECT TIME. YOU VOTED AGAINST
11 THIS WOMEN'S JAIL SO WE CAN REIMAGINE A WOMEN'S ECOVILLAGE IN
12 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS, A SITUATION WHERE WOMEN
13 CAN LIVE AND THEY HAVE PEOPLE TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THEIR
14 CHILDREN, AND THEY GET EDUCATED ABOUT THEIR OWN WELLNESS AND
15 WELLBEING. WE CAN DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THESE WOMEN ARE NOT
16 CRIMINALS. WE NEED TO DECRIMINALIZE PEOPLE. WE KNOW FOR A FACT
17 THAT 80 PERCENT OF THESE WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND
18 POVERTY AND ASSAULT. SO TO LOCK THEM UP IS ABSOLUTELY THE
19 WRONG THING TO DO, AND THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS WAY LESS
20 EXPENSIVE. AND IF WE CAN BUILD UP OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH
21 COOPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY LIVING, AND RAISE HEALTHY CHILDREN
22 AND BUILD HEALTHY SCHOOLS, AND MAKE HOME HOME. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **KONSTANTINE ANTHONY:** KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, BURBANK ADVISORY
2 COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES. MY UNCLE, NICK PETRIS, WROTE THE
3 LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT IN 1967, TO PREVENT THE LOCKING UP
4 OF THE MENTALLY ILL. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S A DARK, DANK
5 CELL OR A BEAUTIFUL HOSPITAL ROOM WITH A GORGEOUS VIEW. IF IT
6 LOCKS FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT'S A PRISON. IF IT LOCKS FROM THE
7 OUTSIDE, IT'S A PRISON. YOU HAVE TO TREAT PEOPLE IN THE
8 COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY LIVE. YOU HAVE TO REACH OUT. L.A.
9 COUNTY'S HUGE. YOU GOT A LOT OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS, A LOT OF
10 SMALL CITIES. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT EVERYONE TAKE A LOOK AT
11 ASCENCIA IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING
12 AMAZING WORK WITH THE HOMELESS, WITH THE MENTALLY ILL, WORKING
13 ON SOCIAL WORK, GETTING PEOPLE JOBS. THIS IS WHERE THAT MONEY
14 NEEDS TO GO, TO OUTREACH FACILITIES. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THAT IS A GREAT PROGRAM. CAN YOU
17 READ SOME MORE PEOPLE TO TESTIFY, PLEASE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR PRO TEM. PALOMA HERNANDEZ,
20 PAUL DUMONT, PAULA KAHN, PEGGY BAILY, PETER ELIASBERG, PHAL
21 SOK, RACHEL TORRES, REEGIE BUNCH, REVEREND PETER LAARMAN,
22 ROBERT LOVELACE, SHAMSHER SAMRA, SHANNEN ROBERTS, SHEILA
23 PINKEL, SHEILA WU, STEFANIE OKUMURA, STEPHANIE ROMO BUKLY,
24 STEVE DUCEY, TAIJI MIYAGAWA, TAYLOR LYTLER, TED JIMENEZ, TIFANY
25 BROWN, TIM KORNEGAY, TOVA GOODMAN, TRANG HOANG, VALERIE

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1 RIVERA, VARANT ANMAHOUNI, VERONICA LEWIS, VIVIANA VILLA, WENDY
2 BRAZILL, AND ZACH SHERWIN.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. IS THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT
5 HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THEN WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND WE'LL LET
10 YOU GO FIRST?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS FORTH. WE'VE BEEN TALKING
13 SO MUCH. AND I GO BACK TO THE PREAMBLE ABOUT THE LAST
14 AMENDMENT THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE WHAT. THE WHAT IS THAT
15 INCARCERATION ONLY COMPOUNDS PROBLEMS. AND NOW WE'RE
16 IDENTIFYING THE HOW: THAT SCALING UP DIVERSION AND REENTRY
17 EFFORTS IS VERY DOABLE. I HOPE THAT COMMUNITY INPUT BY THOSE
18 WHO HAVE LIVED IT, BY THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO RUN IT, IS TAKEN
19 FULLY AND EARNESTLY INTO ACCOUNT, BECAUSE IF IT IS, WE WILL DO
20 THIS REALLY WELL. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO COME UP HERE AT SOME
21 POINT AND NO LONGER TALK ABOUT L.A. LEADING IN JAILING, AND
22 START TALKING ABOUT US LEADING IN THINGS THAT ACTUALLY HEAL
23 OUR COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO SAY LASTLY THAT I WAS THE CHILD OF
24 AN INCARCERATED PARENT. THAT PERSON BEING REMOVED FROM OUR
25 HOME, THAT INCOME BEING REMOVED FROM OUR HOME, FORCED ME OUT

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1 AT A VERY YOUNG AGE TO HELP PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY. THAT MEANT
2 THAT NOT ONLY DID I NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, I DIDN'T GO TO
3 COLLEGE. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEN FORCE US WITH
4 WHATEVER SKILLS WE HAVE, WHATEVER DESIRES THAT WE HAVE,
5 WHATEVER TALENTS AND PASSIONS WE HAVE, TO GO BACK AND TRY AND
6 CHANGE THE SYSTEM THAT DID HARM, RATHER THAN CREATE THINGS AND
7 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES THAT GIVE TO OUR COUNTY. SO HELP BREAK
8 THOSE CYCLES FOR ALL OF US.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBERG, FROM THE A.C.L.U. IF THIS
13 COUNTY TRULY WANTS TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE FAILED DECADES-LONG
14 POLICY OF MAKING OUR JAILS THE DEFAULT MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
15 FOR THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
16 ILLNESS, THE COORDINATION AND PLANNING CALLED FOR BY THIS
17 MOTION IS ESSENTIAL, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
18 PUTTING IT FORWARD. IT IS SAD, FRANKLY, THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO
19 PASS THIS MOTION, THE TRUE LOGIC OF WHICH WOULD BE THAT WE
20 INVESTIGATE THESE ISSUES BEFORE DECIDING TO BUILD 4,000-BED
21 FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. I DON'T THINK
22 THERE'S A COORDINATION BETWEEN APPROVING THIS AND APPROVING
23 THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. HOWEVER, IT'S STILL NECESSARY TO GO
24 FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION TO GET THE INFORMATION THAT IT
25 PROVIDES, IDEALLY TO HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY INPUT INTO THIS

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1 PROCESS, WHEREBY YOU GATHER THE INFORMATION AND MAKE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I JUST HOPE, FERVENTLY HOPE, THAT THE
3 MONEY THAT'S GOING TO BE SPENT ON DEBT SERVICE ON THE MENTAL
4 HEALTH SYSTEM OR THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IS NOT GOING TO SUCK
5 AWAY THE NEEDED RESOURCES TO DO THE KIND OF DIVERSION WORK
6 THAT THIS MOTION WILL CALL FOR AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THE
7 BODY WILL CALL FOR. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **PAULA KAHN:** HI. I'M PAULA KAHN, COFOUNDER OF COSMOVISIONES
12 ANCESTRALES. I'M IN FAVOR OF SUCH A STUDY BECAUSE I THINK THE
13 FINDINGS WILL SHOW THAT IN ORDER TO UPLIFT DIVERSION AND
14 TREATMENT WE NEED CULTURALLY COMPETENT APPROACHES TO HEALING,
15 AND THAT LOOKS LIKE RECONNECTING WITH INDIGENOUS AND ANCESTRAL
16 HEALING MODALITIES AND ACTIVITIES THAT WERE CRIMINALIZED
17 THROUGH THE COLONIAL REGIME. SO WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IS DOING
18 STUDIES ON INDIGENOUS CEREMONIES, AROUND PLANT MEDICINE THAT
19 WERE CRIMINALIZED OVER CENTURIES, THAT PEOPLE WERE PERSECUTED
20 FOR FACILITATING IN PRE-COLUMBIAN TIMES. AND THERE'S A LOT OF
21 STUDIES THAT SHOW THAT TREATMENT WITH PLANT-BASED CEREMONIES
22 DO OFFER A LOT OF HEALING FOR HISTORICAL TRAUMA. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25

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1 **REEGIE BUNCH:** REGGIE BUNCH HERE. I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS
2 MOTION. I ALSO STAND HERE SAD, BECAUSE A MOTION WAS PASSED
3 THAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS COUNTY IS GOING TO BUILD A \$2
4 BILLION JAIL, OR A \$3 BILLION, \$4 BILLION JAIL. I JUST THINK
5 WE OUGHT TO SIT WITH THAT. ESPECIALLY AS SOMEONE WHO WAS FIRST
6 PUT IN JAIL AT THE AGE OF 6 YEARS OLD. NO MENTAL HEALTH
7 PROBLEMS. CHILDREN'S SERVICES SAW THE JAIL AS A PLACE TO
8 EXERCISE THEIR WHITE SUPREMACY.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ.
13 I'M A NEW MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY AND THIS COUNTY, AND I WAS
14 GOING TO CALL TODAY, SICK. I'M NOT FEELING SO WELL, BUT I KNEW
15 THAT THERE WAS A REASON FOR MY BEING HERE, AND I'M VERY
16 GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THE COLLECTIVE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
17 DEMANDING THAT WE PRIORITIZE CARE AND NOT CAGES. AND I'M
18 WALKING AWAY TODAY WITH NEW HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M SO
19 PROUD OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'M EXCITED TO
20 BE MOVING FORWARD WITH MY LIFE HERE IN L.A., AND TO BE A PART
21 OF THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT I
22 HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO. I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 4, AND I REALLY
23 HOPE THAT WE DON'T INVEST ALMOST \$4 BILLION IN A NEW JAIL.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. KIM MCGILL, FROM YOUTH JUSTICE
4 COALITION. WE'RE ALSO PART OF JUSTICE L.A., AS WELL AS DEBT
5 FREE JUSTICE. WE HANDED IN A RECOMMENDATION TO YOU MADE BY
6 YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT A TRUE ALTERNATIVE WOULD LOOK LIKE. IT
7 PROPOSES TEARING DOWN A DILAPIDATED, MORE THAN 100-YEAR-OLD
8 FACILITY AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND REPLACING IT WITH A
9 WOMEN AND GIRLS JUSTICE CENTER, AND MAKING A SIMILAR FACILITY
10 IN THE SOUTH, SOUTHERN PART OF LOS ANGELES. EACH WOULD BE OPEN
11 BOTH DURING THE DAY AND IN THE EVENINGS FOR PEOPLE TO CHECK IN
12 IN THE MORNING AND GO HOME AT NIGHT, WITH DAYCARE, MENTAL
13 HEALTH TREATMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, COLLEGE AND HIGH
14 SCHOOL ON SITE, AS WELL AS JOB PREPAREDNESS AND CERTIFICATION
15 IN A NUMBER OF CAREERS. THIS IS WHERE THE REST OF THE WORLD
16 AND MUCH OF THE REST OF THE NATION IS. CALIFORNIA,
17 UNFORTUNATELY, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADING HAS HAD AN
18 ADDICTION TO INCARCERATION FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS. IT WASN'T
19 LONG AGO, A COUPLE YEARS AGO, I WAS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND
20 THERE WAS A MAN IN A PAPER SUIT STANDING AT THE BUS STOP THAT
21 HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED. HE LOOKED CONFUSED AND DISORIENTED. HE
22 HAD ALREADY URINATED AND DEFECATED ON HIMSELF, SO HIS SUIT WAS
23 FALLING APART. AND IT REALLY MADE ME UNDERSTAND THAT OUR
24 SYSTEM IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS 150 YEARS AGO, WHEN
25 JUST-- I'M ALMOST FINISHED WITH MY LAST LINE. WHEN ON THAT

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1 EXACT SAME SITE, JUST A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THAT SITE, OUR
2 FIRST JAIL WAS A LOG WITH A CHAIN ATTACHED TO IT. WE HAVE AN
3 OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD SOMETHING DIFFERENT, BUT YOU WON'T BE
4 ABLE TO DO THAT IF YOU DON'T TALK TO THE COMMUNITY.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, KIM. LAST SPEAKER?

7

8 **KRISTINA:** HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA LER. I'M A MEMBER OF WHITE
9 PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES, WHICH IS PART OF THE JUSTICE L.A.
10 COALITION. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS AT THIS POINT THAT THIS MOTION IS
11 NEEDED TO FURTHER THE WORK THAT PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAVE PUT FORWARD, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
13 FOR THAT. IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME THAT I'VE BEEN PART OF
14 THIS WORK, I'VE SEEN THE CHANGES THAT HAVE STARTED TO COME IN
15 WHAT YOU GUYS ARE BRINGING TO THIS, AND I APPRECIATE AND I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING FURTHER. MY FAMILY IS RIDDLED WITH
17 ADDICTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THOUGH THEIR POSITION KEPT
18 THEM OUT OF INCARCERATION, THE LACK OF ADEQUATE SYSTEMS TO
19 SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH THOSE ISSUES CAUSED LIFELONG ISSUES.
20 ANYWAY, I CAN'T HELP BUT CARRY THE SADNESS OF THE ROOM THAT
21 WE'RE NOT HAVING THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH
22 JAIL, AS WELL, EXPANDING THESE THINGS IN REGARDS TO THE MENTAL
23 HEALTH JAIL, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THAT IS THE LAST SPEAKER. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL, YOU'VE REQUESTED TO SPEAK?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M VERY PROUD OF THESE
5 TWO MOTIONS. I THINK EVERYBODY KNEW WE'RE CONSIDERING ITEM 4
6 AND ITEM 11, BOTH OF WHICH DEAL WITH THE EXPANSION OF
7 DIVERSION AND HOW TO DO IT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LEADING ON ITEM
8 4, REALLY ASKS TO COME BACK WITH A NUMBER OF REPORTS ABOUT
9 INCREASING FUNDING AND INCLUDING THE REQUESTS WE MADE BEFORE
10 ABOUT THE A.B. 900 MONEY, AND IF WE CAN REPURPOSE IT IN SOME
11 WAY, COMMITTING, AGAIN, THAT WE DON'T WANT MEN'S CENTRAL, AND
12 REALLY WANTING US TO LEAD INTO A PRETTY SPECTACULAR INCREASE
13 IN DIVERSION. ITEM 11 IS ALSO, I THINK, A BIG CHANGE FOR US,
14 BECAUSE-- AND I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 CO-AUTHORED ITEM 11 WITH ME, WAS ADDED ON THE GREEN SHEET. IT
16 ESTABLISHES AN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP,
17 SOMETHING WE'VE NOT HAD HERE, AND, I THINK, EXPANDS BEYOND
18 JUST OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION, I
19 THINK, TO THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY, TO C.B.O.S, TO THOSE
20 WHO ARE ADVOCATING IN THESE MATTERS, AND I THINK WILL REALLY
21 KIND OF MOVE THIS ITEM ALONG. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN
22 FOR YOUR WORK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ON THESE ALTERNATIVES, ON
23 DIVERSION, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A VOTE ON THESE TWO ITEMS.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. SO WITH THAT, DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE A
2 REQUEST TO SPEAK? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK A LOT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID, AND I
5 APPRECIATE THE WITNESSES AND SPEAKERS THAT CAME OUT TODAY, AND
6 I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY INVOLVED WITH US, AND I'M VERY
7 HAPPY TO HEAR THIS YOUNG PERSON WHO JUST SAID THEY JUST MOVED
8 HERE AND ARE ENLIGHTENED AND HOPEFULLY MOVED TO SHOW UP AT
9 MORE MEETINGS. SO, HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE MORE ROBUST MEETINGS
10 LIKE THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SO ITEMS 4 AND 11 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS
14 ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE UNANIMOUS VOTE, BOTH
15 OF THOSE ITEMS WILL BE APPROVED.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT, MADAM VICE CHAIR. WELL DONE. WELL
18 DONE. OKAY. NOW, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
19 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
20 BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS.
21 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
22 PUBLIC WHO STILL WANT TO SPEAK TO US.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
25 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: GEORGE BUZZETTI HAS

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1 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3 AND 22. DR.
2 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS
3 3, 9, 20, 21, AND 22. ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
4 BOARD ON ITEMS 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 17, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, CS-1,
5 AND CS-3. AND JOHN REES HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
6 ITEM 18.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COME ON DOWN.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE ON REQUESTS TO
11 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3 AND 9: ADAM SIEGEL, ADAM SMITH,
12 ADAM VINE, ADAM ZARAGOZA, ALISA BIERRIA, AMY WANG, ANGELA
13 JAMES, ANTHONY ROBLES, ASHLEIGH CARTER, ASHLEY LUKASHEVSKY,
14 ANDRE GEORGE, ILA SOHIL, BEN BENJAMIN, BRITTNEY WEISSMAN,
15 CALVIN CALLIER, CARTER MOON, CECILIA SWEET-COLL, CHAPMAN
16 CLARK, CLAIRE SCHNADIG, COCO SEGALLER, COLBY LENZ, DAFINA
17 MATIKU, DANNA HYAMS, DAVID TURNER, DELIA BROWN, DESIRE ASEY,
18 DOLORES CANALES, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ELANA BLOOMFIELD,
19 ELEANOR WELLS, ELI LONGNECKER, ELLIOTT CHADWICK.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S GOOD FOR NOW. OKAY. GO AHEAD.
22 WELCOME. YES. UH-HUH, YOU.

23

24 **JOHN REES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD. MY NAME IS JOHN REES. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE

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1 ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND I'M HERE TO
2 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF YOUR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM 18, WHICH IS
3 THE APPROVAL OF THE RATIFIED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
4 BETWEEN OUR BARGAINING UNIT AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. I'D LIKE
5 TO POINT OUT VERY QUICKLY THAT THIS IS UNIQUE IN THE LABOR
6 RELATIONS FIELD, IN THAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED THE LAST TWO
7 NEGOTIATED MEMORANDA WITH YOUR NEGOTIATORS, THE ONE FOR 2015
8 AND THE ONE IN 2018, WITH TWO REALLY REMARKABLE FEATURES.
9 NUMBER 1, THEY WERE CONCLUDED BEFORE THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION
10 DEADLINE, WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS ALL
11 THE TIME. AND THE SECOND THING IS THAT BOTH OF THESE
12 MEMORANDUM WERE OVERWHELMINGLY RATIFIED BY OUR MEMBERSHIP OF
13 OVER 95 PERCENT IN BOTH INSTANCES. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE
14 THOUGHT WE DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE
15 TO GIVE YOUR FOLKS SOME CREDIT HERE. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY
16 THANKING JACKIE LACEY AND HER TEAM, SPECIFICALLY PAMELA BOOTH
17 WHO IS AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND FROM MS. HAMAI'S
18 TEAM, I'D LIKE TO SINGLE OUT MARY ANN KEEN, TIM PESCATELLO,
19 AND MAURICE COOPER. VERY CREATIVE FOLKS, VERY HELPFUL IN
20 SOLVING PROBLEMS. AND SO THAT, ONCE AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, I'D
21 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE URGE YOUR
22 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. THIS TIME I'M GOING TO BE
2 SERIOUS AND NOT YELL AT YOU, BECAUSE THIS IS ON AN IMPORTANT
3 SUBJECT ON YOUR M.R.I. SCANNERS, YOUR PORTABLE M.R.I.
4 SCANNERS. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE DONE ANY LOOKING INTO AND
5 RESEARCH INTO PSYCHOPATHY, SOCIOPATHY, DEPRESSION AND SUCH,
6 YOU'LL KNOW THAT A LOT OF THIS IS FORMED IN THE FRONTAL
7 CORTEX. THE RESEARCH THAT THESE GUYS ARE DOING AT LIVE SCANS
8 IN REAL TIME BY EXPOSING PEOPLE TO IMAGES TO SEE WHAT THE
9 RESPONSE IS, IS SHOWING THAT THERE'S A DEFINITE RELATIONSHIP
10 BETWEEN ALL OF THESE THINGS. WHEN I WAS IN THE MENTAL
11 HOSPITAL, WE HAD A GUY THAT WAS A TRANSDUDE-- AMY. HE WAS ONE
12 OF THE 24-HOUR SCREAMERS. I SAT DOWN WITH AMY WHILE HE WAS IN
13 DRAMATIC PAIN. DO YOU KNOW WHY AMY WAS IN DRAMATIC PAIN? HE
14 HAD A HALF-INCH INOPERABLE BENIGN TUMOR IN HIS FONTAL CORTEX.
15 WHAT WOULD THAT DO TO YOUR HEAD? SO I WROTE UP AMY, BECAUSE
16 NOBODY WOULD TALK TO HIM. YOUR SHRINKS DON'T TALK TO ANYBODY.
17 THEY'RE THE FILTHIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, AND I HAVE YOU WITH
18 DRAMATIC FRAUD AND BILLING IN THAT FILTHY FILTH PIT, OKAY,
19 THAT I'M RUNNING DOWN IN A FEDERAL LAWSUIT ON YOUR FILTHY
20 [EXPLETIVE] SOON. AND THE REASON I'M TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THIS
21 IS BECAUSE YOU NEED THOSE M.R.I. SCANNERS. THIS IS REAL
22 SCIENCE THAT REAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DOING. I'VE BEEN SPENDING A
23 CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME ON YOUTUBE AND SUCH, STUDYING
24 THIS, FINDING ANSWERS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEPRESSION, LIKE I GAVE
25 YOU A STACK THAT I DEVELOPED IN 20 MINUTES. NO DRUGS, A \$600

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1 TOOL. 20 MINUTES A DAY, TWICE A DAY. ALMOST ELIMINATES
2 DEPRESSION. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? FOUR YEARS AGO, I SHUT DOWN
3 YOUR FILTHY JAIL SYSTEM, AND YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO
4 YET? AND YOU WANT TO PUT ME IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL? YOU PEOPLE
5 ARE A SHAME, AND THAT'S WHY THIS INJUNCTION HAS PUT YOU IN
6 JAIL. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU WOMEN IN A WOMEN'S JAIL WITH
7 NO TAMPAX.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? DO WE HAVE OTHER
10 MEMBERS THAT SHOULD BE HERE? OH, BUT THEY ARE COMING RIGHT
11 NOW. WHAT ABOUT RIGHT NOW? DO WE HAVE FOUR SEATS?

12

13 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH TO SPEAK ON NO.
14 9, ALTHOUGH I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M STILL IN SHOCK ABOUT THE
15 SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ASIDE AND
16 HELD THESE LAST FEW YEARS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ADVANCING
17 WOMEN'S GENDER SENSITIVE AND MEN'S GENDER SENSITIVE, TOO, AND
18 ALL THE SERVICES THAT YOU NOW ARE GOING TO STRUGGLE TO FUND.
19 HOWEVER, MY MAIN POINT HERE IS, LOOK AT THE PHRASING IN NO. 9:
20 "THE NEW WOMEN'S FACILITY." WAIT A MINUTE. DIDN'T WE LEARN
21 SOMETHING FROM THE PROBLEMS OF MIRA LOMA? RESERVING WOMEN FAR
22 FROM THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES? LET'S NOT DO THAT ANYPLACE ELSE
23 IN THE COUNTY. WOMEN ARE MOST SUITABLE FOR ALL KINDS OF
24 DIVERSIONS AND ALL KINDS OF INNOVATIVE FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE
25 CUSTODY, AND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY. LET'S SAY THINGS LIKE

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1 "THE APPROPRIATE WOMEN'S FACILITIES, AS DESIGNED THROUGH STUDY
2 AND COMMUNITY INPUT." IN OTHER WORDS, LET'S CHANGE THOSE
3 WORDS. I DON'T KNOW IF NEED TO DO IT NOW OR YOU CAN DO IT
4 TODAY. I HOPE YOU WILL, BUT I HOPE THAT SPIRIT INFORMS WHAT
5 YOU DO.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WAIT. WE NEED TO CALL UP SOME MORE
9 PEOPLE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
12 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: EUGENE PESIKOV, EUNISSES
13 HERNANDEZ, EZAK PEREZ, FELICIA CARBAJAL, GABRIEL MACHAIN,
14 GEORGE BUZZETTI, GERMAN GALLARDO, GLORIA GONZALEZ, HARLIN
15 KAHN, HUGO GONZALEZ, INGRID ARCHIE, ISAAC BRYAN, IVETTE ALE,
16 JEREMY TRAMER, JESSICA RATH, JESSICA SANCHEZ, JOHN HALLOWITZ,
17 JOHN KIM, JOHNNY TORRES, JOSEPH PETITT, JOSUE EMMANUEL MUNOZ,
18 JULIA COLE, AND KEI UTSUMI.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **NORMA CUMPIAN:** I'M HERE SPEAKING FOR MOTION NO. 3. THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT
24 MOTION. MY NAME IS NORMA CUMPIAN, AND I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR
25 WOMEN AND NONBINARY SERVICES AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION.

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1 I AM A SYSTEM-IMPACTED PERSON, AS I SPENT 18 YEARS IN PRISON.
2 SINCE MY RELEASE 8 YEARS AGO, I HAVE CONTINUOUSLY WORKED TO
3 SUPPORT WOMEN EXITING THE SYSTEM. AND I KNOW FIRSTHAND FROM
4 EXPERIENCE L.A.'S SYSTEM OF REENTRY. THE NEEDS OF WOMEN ARE
5 DIFFERENT FROM MEN IN CRITICAL WAYS, AND WOMEN MORE OFTEN THAN
6 MEN COME HOME TO BE CARETAKERS FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY
7 PARENTS. ANY COUNTYWIDE PLAN ALSO TO SUPPORT SYSTEM-IMPACTED
8 PEOPLE MUST ALSO INCLUDE SUPPORTING THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY,
9 AS THEY ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO UNFAIR AND ABUSIVE
10 TREATMENT IN REENTRY PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY AT HOUSING PROGRAMS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **IVETTE ALE:** HI. IVETTE ALE, FROM JUSTICE L.A. I'M HERE TO
16 SPEAK ON ITEMS 3 AND 9. I THINK THESE MOTIONS ARE GOING IN THE
17 RIGHT DIRECTION, WELL INTENDED. THE NEEDS OF WOMEN SHOULD BE
18 CONSIDERED IN REENTRY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. BUT IT IS
19 CRITICAL THAT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED OR IDENTIFY
20 AS WOMEN TO DOCUMENT AND TELL THEIR OWN STORIES, COLLECT THEIR
21 OWN DATA, AND SHARE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES FOR AND BY THEIR OWN
22 PEOPLE. A RESEARCH JUSTICE PROCESS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT
23 THIS IS PROPOSED, THAT THIS PROPOSED STUDY DOES NOT EXPLOIT
24 COMMUNITIES, BUT RATHER CENTERS THEM IN THE DATA COLLECTION
25 PROCESS. ALTHOUGH THE INTENT IS WELL-FOUNDED, IT SHOULD BE

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1 MORE EXPLICITLY CONSIDERING THE EXPERIENCE OF TRANSWOMEN AND
2 OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR GENDER IDENTITY. L.G.B.T.Q. WOMEN
3 ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION. 36 PERCENT
4 OF WOMEN NATIONALLY WHO ARE INCARCERATED IDENTIFY AS L.G.B.,
5 AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THAT NUMBER STANDS TO BE BIGGER. SO
6 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONSIDER THAT COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. EUNISSES HERNANDEZ,
11 JUST LEADERSHIP U.S.A. I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PUTTING MOTION 3 TOGETHER, AND ALSO
13 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PUTTING AGENDA ITEM 9
14 TOGETHER. WE'RE AT A CRITICAL MOMENT RIGHT NOW WHERE MIRA
15 LOMA'S DEAD. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE MOVING FORWARD. AND WE NEED
16 TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE WOMEN AND THE L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE WHO
17 ARE IN OUR COUNTY SYSTEM. SO I APPLAUD THIS ANALYSIS. BUT I
18 WOULD LIKE TO AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE IVETTE, IN THAT IN THIS
19 ANALYSIS, YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO BRING IN PEOPLE, WOMEN WHO
20 HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, AND ALSO
21 L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE JAIL SYSTEM. RIGHT NOW, THE
22 AMOUNT OF SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION IS VERY SMALL. THERE'S
23 ONLY ABOUT TWO TO THREE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACTUALLY DO FAMILY
24 REUNIFICATION. THOSE ARE NEW WAY OF LIFE, AND THOSE ARE
25 MIRIAM'S HOUSE, AND THERE'S ALSO A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF

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1 ORGANIZATIONS DOING L.G.B.T.Q. SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR
2 TRANSWOMEN AND MEN, AND SO THAT'S ST. JOHN'S. SO YOU REALLY
3 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN ANY
4 ANALYSIS THAT WILL PERTAIN TO THEM. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **GERMAN GALLARDO:** HI. MY NAME IS GERMAN GALLARDO, WITH CRITICAL
9 RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES, AND ALSO AN EDUCATOR. I WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THESE THINGS TO ATTENTION. AND I
11 WANT TO SAY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HONOR THE VOICES OF
12 TRANS L.G.B.T.Q. FOLKS, AND HAVE THEM BE DIRECTLY INFORMED OR
13 DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ALL THIS INFORMATION. NOBODY CAN SPEAK
14 THEIR TRUTH LIKE THEY CAN. AND, LASTLY, I WANT TO SHARE ONE
15 QUICK STORY. AS A TEACHER, THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR IN
16 SEPTEMBER, I STOPPED ONE OF MY STUDENTS FROM COMMITTING
17 SUICIDE AS SHE TRIED TO JUMP OFF OF THE TOP OF OUR BUILDING.
18 THIS STUDENT HAD A MOM WHO WAS INCARCERATED, AND SHE DID NOT
19 KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT SITUATION AGAIN. AND I FEEL LIKE
20 CREATING A FACILITY THAT HAS A CAGE, AND CALLING IT A MENTAL
21 HEALTH FACILITY, ALSO DOOMS ALL OF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WOMEN
22 WHO ARE TIED UP THERE. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT. AND PLEASE
23 DON'T ACT LIKE YOU LOSE SLEEP WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW THOSE KIDS
24 AND YOU DO NOT STOP THEM. THANK YOU, MS. SOLIS, FOR THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **EMILIO LACQUES-ZAPIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EMILIO, WITH
4 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND JUSTICE L.A. ALL JAILS ARE
5 FAILS. ARE THERE SOME JOBS HERE FOR SALE? MENTAL HEALTH OR
6 DOLLARS AND WEALTH? HOLDING OF A MIRROR TO OURSELVES. YOU
7 CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL. JUST A REAL LIFE LIVING VERSION OF
8 HELL. 150-PLUS HERE TODAY AND THE TRUTHS THAT THEY TELL. WE'VE
9 GOT SOLUTIONS AND REAL-LIFE TRAUMA. CAN'T BE SAVED HERE IN
10 L.A. BY TRUMP OR OBAMA. THIS IS L.A., WHERE CAGES ENRAGE US.
11 NOW Y'ALL ARE CENTER STAGE AND OUR STORIES ALL IN THE PAPERS.
12 I BELIEVE IN US. WE BELIEVE IN US. CARE, NOT CAGES. CARE, NOT
13 CAGES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S CALL UP SOME MORE PEOPLE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. KIKUYE SUGIYAMA, KIM WAGNER,
18 KRISTINA LER, LAMIA ELSDEK, LARRY DAVIS, LAURA GARCIA, LAURA
19 SANTOS, LAWRENCE FOY, LEX STEPPLING, LILY HASKELL, MARIANNE
20 DRUMMOND, MARIE MAZZONE, MARY SUTTON, MEGAN DOBKIN, MIA
21 MORENO, MICHAEL NOVAK, MICHAEL SAAVEDRA, MURPHY BEGAY, NORMA
22 CUMPIAN, OLIVIA TALBOTT, PALOMA HERNANDEZ, PAUL DUMONT, PAULA
23 KAHN, PEGGY BAILY, PHAL SOK, AND RACHEL TORRES.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. WELCOME.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I WON'T WASTE ANY TIME. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY.

3 DOING POPULATION STUDIES AND STUDIES OF WOMEN WHO ARE

4 INCARCERATED IS VERY IMPORTANT. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK

5 THAT THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA. I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO MAKE

6 SURE THAT WE ARE UP-TO-DATE ON RESEARCH THAT'S ALREADY

7 AVAILABLE, AND NOT DUPLICATING THE PROCESS FOR NO NEED. WE

8 KNOW THE AVERAGE STAY OF WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED. IT WAS IN

9 THAT REPORT THAT WAS CITED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL EARLIER. IT'S

10 ABOUT 30 DAYS. THE MEDIAN IS ABOUT 6 DAYS. WE KNOW THE TOP

11 FIVE CHARGES FOR WOMEN THAT ARE BROUGHT IN. WE KNOW HOW MUCH

12 BAIL IS BEING PAID BY WOMEN. IN FACT, THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS

13 TEAM AT U.C.L.A. HAS EVERY BOOKING AND EVERY ARREST FROM 2012

14 ALL THE WAY UNTIL LAST YEAR. AND SO AS WE THINK ABOUT NEW

15 STUDIES AND NEW REPORTS ON POPULATIONS, WE NEED TO BE

16 COGNIZANT OF UPLIFTING THE VOICES THAT AREN'T USUALLY CAPTURED

17 IN THIS DATA, INCLUDING L.G.B.T.Q. FOLKS, IN THE ANALYSIS,

18 FORMERLY INCARCERATED SCHOLARS, AND MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S

19 NOT JUST ONE OUTSIDE ENTITY DOING THIS WORK, BUT AN

20 AGGREGATION OF WORK THAT'S BEING DONE ACROSS THE COUNTY SO

21 THAT WE GET A REALLY HOLISTIC PICTURE, AND NOT JUST WHAT ONE

22 PROVIDER OR ONE RESEARCHER GIVES US. AND SO TO THAT END, THANK

23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT MOTIONS LIKE THESE ARE IMPORTANT. THEY
3 REPRESENT A VERY LOGICAL IMPULSE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THEY'RE
4 THERE TO SYSTEMICALLY VET WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW AND WHAT WE'VE
5 ALREADY KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME. SO I SIMPLY ASK THAT WITH THE
6 INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THESE STUDIES THAT IT NOT BE APPLIED
7 INCREMENTALLY, AND THAT WE TAKE THE LARGE STEP FORWARD THAT
8 WE'RE ALL ASKING YOU TO TAKE IN APPLYING WHAT WE LEARNED SO
9 THAT WE GENUINELY BEGIN TO DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MARY SUTTON:** I'M MARY SUTTON, WITH COLLECTIVE REMAKE. I
14 SUPPORT IVETTE'S PROPOSAL FOR A PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH
15 PROJECT WITH WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED DUE TO RACE, CLASS,
16 SEX, AND GENDER IDENTITY OVERREPRESENTED IN THE JAILS. I ALSO
17 WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THE DISCUSSION OF A.B. 900
18 ON THE TABLE. A.B. 900 WAS VOTED IN IN 2007, THE WORLD'S
19 LARGEST PRISON AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLAN. AND THIS IS THE
20 MONEY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT USING FOR A FACILITY FOR WOMEN.
21 DROP THOSE FUNDS. THOSE FUNDS ARE TAX-FREE, HIGH-INTEREST TAX-
22 FREE BONDS SOLD ON WALL STREET TO THE LIKES OF MORGAN SACHS,
23 WELLS FARGO, AND THE LIKE. THEY ARE STEALING THE TAXPAYERS'
24 MONEY. ANY PROJECT THAT YOU PROPOSE NEEDS TO COME IN FRONT OF
25 THE TAXPAYERS, IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS. AND THE VOTERS WILL DO

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1 WHAT'S RIGHT. AND WOMEN WILL DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR
2 THEMSELVES TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
3 THEIR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **PAULA KAHN:** HI, EVERYONE. I'M PAULA, WITH REFRAME HEALTH AND
8 JUSTICE. I'M SPEAKING TO ITEMS 3 AND 9. I BELIEVE THESE ITEMS
9 ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID. AND I
10 ALSO WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF CREATING SPACES FOR JUSTICE-
11 IMPACTED WOMEN TO OFFER TESTIMONY ON THEIR EXPERIENCES SO THAT
12 WE CAN PRACTICE OUR LISTENING SKILLS AND LEARN HOW WE CAN
13 IDENTIFY WHERE OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTIONS COULD BE IN
14 BREAKING CYCLES OF HARM AND VIOLENCE. SO, AGAIN, JUST REALLY
15 EMPHASIZING THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE RESEARCH PROCESS NEEDS TO
16 CREATE A SPACE WHERE PEOPLE OFFER TESTIMONY, THE VALUE OF
17 TESTIMONY, AND FOR US TO LISTEN TO THOSE TESTIMONIES.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE YOU SPEAK, WE HAVE A
20 FEW MORE TO CALL UP.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. REEGIE BUNCH, RICARDO PATLAN,
23 RUTH DAWSON, SAMYRHA SABA, SHANNEN ROBERTS, SHEILA PINKEL,
24 TAYLOR LYTTLE, TIFANY BROWN, TIFFANY JOHNSON, TOVA GOODMAN,

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1 VALERIE RIVERA, VIVIANA VILLA, WENDY BRAZILL, AND ZACH
2 SHERWIN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ILA SOHIL. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT BUILDING
7 JAILS TO WAREHOUSE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IS NOT A
8 SOLUTION TO L.A. COUNTY'S GROWING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND HEALTH
9 PROBLEMS. I FULLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS' COMMENTS AND
10 STANCE ABOUT THE USE OF THE \$2.2 BILLION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE-
11 DRIVEN PROJECTS TO COMBAT MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, AND
12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE RIGHT APPROACH. THIS IS A SERIOUS
13 INVESTMENT. AND EVEN SOME COUNTRIES RUN ON THIS BUDGET. THIS
14 IS NOT WHERE WE WANT TO LEAD OUR NEXT GENERATIONS AND MAKE
15 THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING DEBT ON WRONG CHOICES THAT WERE
16 MADE TODAY. MY HOPE THAT THE BOARD CONTINUES THE DISCUSSION
17 AND NOT VOTE ON THIS ITEM TODAY, AS THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS
18 POINTED OUT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **REEGIE BUNCH:** REEGIE BUNCH, FOR DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. THESE
23 MOTIONS ARE FANTASTIC. I CAN HEAR MY COLLEAGUE, MICHELLE
24 INFANTE. IF SHE WAS HERE, SHE WOULD ARGUE THAT SHERIFFS WHO
25 SEXUALLY ASSAULT WOMEN INSIDE OF LYNWOOD JAIL THERE, ONE, ARE

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1 NOT BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND I HOPE THAT THIS STUDY TAKES
2 ITS TIME, NOT ONLY GIVES THESE FOLKS A MULTI, YOU KNOW, A
3 MULTI-ANSWER QUESTION, BUT REALLY LISTENS DEEPLY FOR WHAT
4 THESE FOLKS INSIDE OF THESE PRISONS, PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN'S
5 PRISON, HAVE TO SAY, THE TRANS FOLKS, THE L.G.B.T.Q. FOLKS,
6 WITH ALREADY THE ADDITIONAL STIGMAS OF BEING ON THE OUTSIDE,
7 AND THEN ON THE INSIDE, LISTENING VERY DEEPLY AND COMING UP
8 WITH SOME COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS TO GET THESE FOLKS OUT OF
9 THESE PRISONS AND INTO THEIR HOMES, BACK WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO CALL
13 UP?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NO, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **RUTH DAWSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. RUTH DAWSON AGAIN, FROM THE
20 A.C.L.U. I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR VOTING AGAINST THE
21 ILL-ADVISED MIRA LOMA PROJECT, AND I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
22 TWO MOTIONS, NO. 3 AND NO. 9. FOR THE COUNTY TO MEANINGFULLY
23 ADDRESS THE UNIQUE MECHANISMS THAT PLAY FOR WOMEN IN THE
24 COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, IT MUST UNDERSTAND THE
25 INTRICACIES. WE THEREFORE SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND RECOMMEND

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1 THAT IN ADDITION TO UNDERTAKING A, QUOTE, "PARTICULAR ANALYSIS
2 OF DISPARITIES FOR WOMEN OF COLOR, L.G.B.T.Q., AND GENDER
3 NONCONFORMING WOMEN," THE BOARD ADD "GENDER NONBINARY PEOPLE"
4 AND "PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PEOPLE" TO THAT LIST AS GROUPS
5 THAT MERIT THAT ANALYSIS. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE MOTION NO. 9,
6 BUT ARE TROUBLED, AS OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED, BY THE LANGUAGE
7 THAT THE MOTION SEEMS TO PRESUPPOSE THE CREATION OF A NEW
8 WOMEN'S DETENTION FACILITY IN THE COUNTY. WE URGE THE BOARD TO
9 REFRAIN FROM DIRECTING ANY NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION UNTIL AND
10 ONLY IF THE POPULATION STUDY OF THE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED
11 MOTION IS COMPLETED, AND ITS RESULTS DEEMED CONSTRUCTION
12 UNAVOIDABLE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THAT THE LAST
15 SPEAKER? OKAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
16 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 3, 9, 18,
19 20, 21, 22. ON ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2, THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED TO
20 CONTINUE THESE ITEMS ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019, AND
21 REFER BACK ITEM CS-3.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

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1 TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO
2 BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE
3 AGENDA. DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING? MY NOTES SAY DISTRICT 5 IS
4 FIRST. OH, HALLELUJAH. HALLELUJAH. OKAY. NOW IT'S TIME FOR
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
6 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN OUR
7 SUBJECT MATTER AND JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. WOULD YOU
8 PLEASE CALL UP THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US?

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
11 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN CALL YOUR NAME:
12 BREANNA COLINDRES, ERIC PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, JAMES ESSEX,
13 JOSE MARTINEZ, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, JUDITH WELCH, KENNETH BATISTE,
14 LAWRENCE DICKERSON, MIGUEL LUGO, ROBERT GREEN, STEVE DUCEY,
15 WILLIE WILLIS, ESIQUIO REYES. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
16 WILL ASSIST YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, YAY. I MEAN, OH, I'M SORRY. I'M
19 DISAPPOINTED YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING AGAIN. ALL RIGHT. COME ON UP,
20 THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE CALLED. DO YOU WANT TO GO TO LANCASTER
21 NOW? WHY DON'T WE GO TO LANCASTER? LET'S GO TO LANCASTER.
22 HELLO, LANCASTER.

23

24 **ROBERT GREEN:** YES, THIS IS ROBERT GREEN TALKING.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO.

2

3 **ROBERT GREEN:** AND I GOT A LITTLE MAD. I WISH I COULD HAVE TWO
4 MINUTES TODAY.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'VE GOT TWO MINUTES.

7

8 **ROBERT GREEN:** I WAS SERVED A NOTICE FROM THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PETTY THEFT BY THE WEST VALLEY
10 COUNTY WATER DISTRICT. AND I WENT AND SEEN A DEAL DOWN THERE
11 ON THE NINTH OF JANUARY WITH MY ATTORNEY, AND THEY DROPPED THE
12 CHARGES. SO, AND I GOT A DEAL FROM MR. GARCIA FROM DOWN THERE
13 FOR A FORM TO SEND IN, THE 700 FORM, TO GET OFF THE BOARD, BUT
14 I DON'T WANT TO GET OFF THE BOARD, BECAUSE IT NEEDS TO BE
15 STRAIGHTENED OUT. IT'S TOO BAD A SHAPE. BECAUSE NOW, IN
16 JANUARY THE 16TH, WE HAD A HOUSE GET FLOODED UP THERE OF
17 WATER, BECAUSE THE GENERAL MANAGER HIRES PEOPLE THAT DON'T
18 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH A TRACTOR, AND THEY SHOULDN'T USE
19 A TRACTOR, SHOULD USE A MOTOR GRADE. AND I TOLD THIS, TALKED
20 TO MR. GARCIA, THE CHIEF, AND I TOLD HIM ON THE FIFTH. HE
21 TRIED TO CALL MARK CROSBY ON MONDAY AND NEVER GOT A REPLY
22 BACK, SO I TALKED TO THEM TODAY, AND HE REPLIED TO ME. HE
23 SAYS, "I HAVEN'T GOT A REPLY BACK FROM HIM." AND I STARTED
24 TELLING HIM WHAT'S GOING ON. AND HE'S JUST, "DON'T SIGN THAT
25 700 FORM. DON'T SIGN IT. "TAKE THAT TO COURT." BECAUSE EVEN

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1 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND MY ATTORNEY SAID I WAS AN
2 OUTSTANDING MAN, AND I DID A LOT OF THINGS THAT I HAVE CREDIT
3 FOR, A LOT OF THINGS I DONE RIGHT. AND I TELL YOU, IT'S GOING
4 TO HAVE TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. I'VE HAD NO WATER SINCE
5 SEPTEMBER THE TENTH, 2018. AND NOW HERE IT IS FEBRUARY, ALMOST
6 MARCH, AND I HAVE NO WATER. I CAN'T TAKE A SHOWER. CAN'T DO MY
7 LAUNDRY. CAN'T CLEAN MY HOUSE. WHAT ARE YOU INTENDING TO DO?
8 I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. BYE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOODBYE, AND THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **JUDITH WELCH:** MY NAME IS JUDY WELCH. I'M A SIX-YEAR ARMY
14 VETERAN. I'M A MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO
15 MAKE A STATEMENT AGAINST D.C.F.S. THIS IS MY SECOND TIME HERE.
16 OKAY. THREE WEEKS AGO, I DID ATTEND THIS MEETING AND STILL
17 HAVE YET TO MEET WITH ANYONE. WE DID SPEAK WITH SOMEONE NAMED
18 BARBARA KELLY, WHO IS A REGIONAL MANAGER, BUT SHE'S NOT IN THE
19 OFFICE FOR TWO WEEKS. I CALLED THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE TO
20 SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY, BUT WE'RE STILL WAITING TO
21 HEAR. THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE COURT AND D.C.F.S. ARE NOT
22 BEING UPHELD BY THE ABUSIVE MOTHER, NOR ARE THEY BEING UPHELD
23 BY THE SOCIAL WORKER. SHE DOES NOT RETURN OUR PHONE CALLS, BUT
24 WILL IMMEDIATELY ANSWER THE CALLS WHEN THE ABUSIVE FAMILY
25 CALLS. YESTERDAY I HAD TO GO TO THE MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S

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1 HOUSE TO PICK UP MY GRANDSON, INSTEAD OF THE HAWTHORNE POLICE
2 DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS SPECIFIED AS THE PICKUP/DROP-OFF POINT
3 BY THE WORKER. UPON MY ARRIVAL, THE GRANDMOTHER STARTED
4 YELLING AND CUSSING ME OUT, CALLING ME A [EXPLETIVE]. AND
5 WITHIN 30 MINUTES LATER, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE SOCIAL
6 WORKER, TELLING ME THAT I WAS WRONG, AND I NEED TO BE MORE
7 CONSIDERATE OF THE CHILD. I EXPLAINED TO HER, SHE ATTACKED ME
8 FIRST, AND I REFUSE TO ALLOW ANYONE TO DISRESPECT ME IN ANY
9 KIND OF WAY. SHE THEN TELLS ME THAT I CAN NO LONGER PICK UP OR
10 DROP OFF MY GRANDSON. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG,
11 BUT ARE BEING TREATED IN A VERY DISRESPECTFUL AND AN
12 UNPROFESSIONAL MANNER. OKAY. SHORTLY AFTER I RETURNED HOME, MY
13 NEIGHBOR CAME TO ME AND SAID A POLICE OFFICER CAME LOOKING FOR
14 SOMEONE NAMED JUDY. I NEVER SPOKE WITH AN OFFICER. I HAVE DONE
15 NOTHING WRONG. SO WHY WOULD AN OFFICER COME LOOKING FOR ME? I
16 WILL NOT BE IGNORED, I WILL NOT GO AWAY, AND I REFUSE TO
17 STAND, AND I WILL STAND UP FOR MY RIGHTS. MY FAMILY, MY SON,
18 WAS AWARDED CUSTODY OF HIS SON BECAUSE THE MOTHER BEAT HER 13-
19 YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND RAMMED HER CAR INTO MY SON'S CAR WITH
20 THE BABY IN IT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEBODY RIGHT
23 NOW?

24

25 **JUDITH WELCH:** I'M TRYING TO, BUT THEY KEEP IGNORING ME.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM D.C.F.S.? OKAY. CAN
3 YOU COME DOWN AND SPEAK WITH THIS WOMAN?

4

5 **JUDITH WELCH:** I'M SORRY.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY. PLEASE GO JUST TO THE FRONT
8 ROW, AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY COME SPEAK TO YOU. THANK YOU.
9 OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **WILLIE WILLIS:** AFTERNOON.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

14

15 **WILLIE WILLIS:** SORRY, I'M SO TEARFUL. I'M JUST AN EMOTIONAL
16 PERSON.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ALL ARE.

19

20 **WILLIE WILLIS:** MY NAME IS WILLIE WILLIS, AND I'M A LIBRARY
21 CHEERLEADER. AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE THIS ONE QUOTE FROM ROSA
22 PARKS BEFORE WE START. "YOU MUST NEVER BE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT
23 YOU ARE DOING WHEN IT IS RIGHT, AND EACH PERSON MUST LIVE
24 THEIR LIFE AS A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS." SO I'M COMING HERE
25 TODAY BECAUSE MY PARENTS MOVED INTO THE SECOND DISTRICT ON

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1 75TH AND MIRA MONTE IN 1968. I STARTED ATTENDING FLORENCE
2 LIBRARY ON FLORENCE WHEN I WAS IN THIRD GRADE. I WAS ABLE TO
3 WALK DOWN THE STREET BY MYSELF TO GO TO THE LIBRARY, AND I
4 THOUGHT THAT WAS THE BEST THING GOING SINCE KOOL-AID. AND I
5 WENT HOME, I WENT TO THE FLORENCE LIBRARY; EDISON, WENT HOME,
6 WENT TO THE FLORENCE LIBRARY. FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL, WENT HOME,
7 WENT TO THE FLORENCE LIBRARY. MY PARENTS AND THE FLORENCE
8 LIBRARY INFLUENCED ME SO MUCH, I GRADUATED AND I WENT TO U.C.
9 IRVINE, GOT A B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIAL ECOLOGY, AND MY GOAL WAS
10 TO GO BACK TO MY COMMUNITY AND BE A TEACHER, JUST LIKE MISS
11 WILLIE MAE TAYLOR WAS MY FOURTH GRADE TEACHER. AND THEN ONCE I
12 REALIZED THAT I NEEDED A LIFE, I GOT A HUSBAND, I GOT A CHILD,
13 AND I NEEDED TO GIVE BACK INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I
14 JUMPED BACK IN IN THE LIBRARY. AND I'VE BEEN THERE FOR THE
15 PAST 24 YEARS. AND NOW I'VE BEEN BLESSED TO WORK BACK AT
16 PARMELEE AVENUE SCHOOL AS THE LIBRARY AIDE, SO IT'S LIKE GOD
17 IS BLESSING ME TWOFOLD. AND THEN I WAS ABLE TO GET A JOB AT
18 FLORENCE LIBRARY AS A LIBRARY AIDE. GOD IS BLESSING ME ALL
19 AROUND. THANK YOU, JESUS.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JESUS.

22
23 **WILLIE WILLIS:** AND I SAY, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO FULFILL MY
24 LIFE? AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY SAID, "HEY, THEY'RE
25 GOING TO EXPAND FLORENCE LIBRARY, THE WHOLE BLOCK, FROM MIRA

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1 MONTE TO MAY. THEY'RE GOING TO ADD A CONFERENCE ROOM FOR
2 COMPUTERS." AND I JUST JUMPED UP. I GO BACK TO MY SCHOOLS. I
3 WORK AT GRAHAM ELEMENTARY AND PARMELEE ELEMENTARY, AND I GO
4 BACK CHEERLEADING FOR FLORENCE LIBRARY.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **WILLIE WILLIS:** AND NOW THEY'RE TELLING ME THAT THEY'RE GOING
9 TO CLOSE IT AND PUT IN STORES INSTEAD OF EXPANDING A LIBRARY
10 THAT'S SERVICING 10 SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WANTED YOU TO STOP WITH ALL THE GOOD NEWS.

13

14 **WILLIE WILLIS:** CAN I FINISH WITH ONE MORE THING?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.

17

18 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** HOW ABOUT IF I GIVE HER 10 SECONDS OF MY
19 TIME? I'LL GIVE YOU THE TIME.

20

21 **WILLIE WILLIS:** YOU'LL GIVE ME THE 10 SECONDS?

22

23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'LL GIVE YOU MY TIME. YOU GOT ANOTHER
24 MINUTE, LADY. CAN I GIVE HER MY TIME?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ANYTHING THAT TAKES ITS TIME AWAY FROM
2 GEORGE, GO AHEAD. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4 **WILLIE WILLIS:** THANK YOU. SO I JUST DON'T WANT FLORENCE
5 LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED DOWN TO PUT IN SOME STORES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DON'T, EITHER.

8

9 **WILLIE WILLIS:** GO AHEAD AND EXPAND THE LIBRARY. PUT IN SENIOR
10 CITIZEN APARTMENTS ABOVE. DON'T LEAVE US IN THE PARK FOREVER.
11 MY POEM IS "HARRIET TUBMAN," BY ELOISE GREENFIELD. "HARRIET
12 TUBMAN DIDN'T TAKE NO STUFF. WASN'T SKID AND NOTHING, NEITHER.
13 DIDN'T COME IN THIS WORLD TO BE NO SLAVE, AND WASN'T GOING TO
14 STAY ONE, EITHER. 'FAREWELL,' SHE SANG TO HER FRIENDS ONE
15 NIGHT. SHE WAS MIGHTY SAD TO LEAVE THEM. BUT SHE RAN AWAY THAT
16 DARK HOT NIGHT, RAN LOOKING FOR HER FREEDOM. SHE RAN TO THE
17 WOODS AND SHE RAN THROUGH THE WOODS WITH THOSE SLAVE CATCHERS
18 RIGHT BEHIND HER. AND SHE KEPT ON GOING TILL SHE GOT TO THE
19 NORTH, WHERE THOSE MEAN MEN COULDN'T FIND HER. 19 TIMES SHE
20 WENT BACK SOUTH TO GET 300 OTHERS. SHE RAN FOR HER FREEDOM 19
21 TIMES TO SAVE BLACK SISTERS AND BROTHERS. HARRIET TUBMAN
22 DIDN'T TAKE NO MESS. WASN'T SCARED OF NOTHING, NEITHER. DIDN'T
23 COME IN THIS WORLD TO BE NO SLAVE. AND DIDN'T LEAVE ONE,
24 EITHER. AND DIDN'T STAY ONE, EITHER."

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT POEM SPONSORED BY GEORGE
2 BUZZETTI. THAT WAS THE BEST MINUTE SO FAR. THANK YOU.

3

4 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAYING THAT TO ME. I
5 FELT SO GOOD GIVING HER THE TIME, BECAUSE LIBRARIES MADE MY
6 LIFE AS A YOUNG PERSON.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MY FATHER WENT TO FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL, AND I
9 GROUP UP AT 78TH PLACE AND EIGHTH AVENUE, SO I WAS IN THE
10 NEIGHBORHOOD.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OUR LIBRARIES ARE DOING A GREAT JOB WHEN YOU
13 HAD OUR LIBRARIAN IN HERE, TELLING WHAT WAS GOING ON. IT WAS
14 WONDERFUL.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. EXCELLENT. WHO'S NEXT? OH,
17 WHO'S NEXT? JAMES. OH, OKAY.

18

19 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI. MY NAME'S ESIQUIO REYES. A LOT OF GOOD
20 THINGS HAPPENING TODAY. WELL, SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO BE
21 STATING SOMETHING THAT COULD BE LOOKED UPON AS NOT GOOD. TODAY
22 I AM HERE TO EXPRESS NO LESS THAN 200 PEOPLE TO WHOM I TALK TO
23 THAT ARE HOMELESS ON A DAILY BASIS. LAST MONTH'S SHUTDOWN,
24 THEY PROMPTED FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED AHEAD OF TIME, INCLUDING
25 THOSE THAT ARE UTILIZING G.R., OR GENERAL RELIEF, ARE OUT OF

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1 MONEY. A LOT OF THEM ARE NOW TURNING OR BEING TORN BACK DOWN
2 INTO THE DEVASTATING WAYS THEY INTERACT WITH OTHERS, WHICH ARE
3 USUALLY HOSTILE. A LOT OF THE COLD, VERY, VERY COLD WEATHER ON
4 TOP OF THE RAIN THE PAST FEW DAYS IS NOT GOING TO BE ADDING TO
5 IT. UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF THEM ARE RUNNING OR HAVE NO FOOD
6 AT THIS POINT AND ARE IN MUCH NEED OF IT. LIKE I SAID, MAYBE
7 IF THERE COULD BE SOMETHING THAT THE HOMELESS FUNDS COULD BE
8 ALLOCATED TOWARDS, AT LEAST SOME FOOD FOR SOME OF THESE
9 PEOPLE, LIKE I SAID THE MONEY THAT WAS ALLOCATED AHEAD OF TIME
10 IN ADVANCE IS RUN OUT. THEY DON'T REALLY GET THAT MUCH,
11 ANYWAY, IN REGARDS TO IT. SO THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED TO
12 BRING OUT TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW'S THE TIME FOR
15 JAMES. EXCELLENT. NICE HAT. GOOD AFTERNOON.

16

17 **JAMES ESSEX:** STRAIGHT ON, PLEASE, SO I CAN SPEAK. AIM IT AT
18 ME.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, IT NEEDS TO BE AIMED. THERE WE GO.

21

22 **JAMES ESSEX:** MAY THE COLORS OF MY HAT REPRESENT THE
23 INTELLIGENCE AND THE DIAMOND RESPONSES THAT THIS BODY HAS
24 DELIVERED FOR ALL THESE PEOPLE'S PAIN AND THEIR EXPRESSION.
25 I'M BRINGING ALONG MY FRIEND, GREEN GRASS. NOW, GREEN GRASS

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1 SAVED MY TEETH, BECAUSE MY TEETH WERE ROTTING. I HAD A HUGE
2 ROTTEN NERVE IN ONE OF MY MOLARS, AND THEY WANTED A THOUSAND
3 BUCKS TO TAKE IT OUT, RIGHT? BUT I CHEWED THIS GREEN GRASS,
4 AND THAT NERVE TURNED ABSOLUTELY ORIGINAL COLOR, AND I STILL
5 HAVE THAT. NOW, THIS IS LIKE 2 OR 3 CENTS. OKAY? WE'RE
6 SPENDING \$3 TRILLION A YEAR ON FOOD; OR NOT ON FOOD, BUT ON
7 HEALTHCARE AND STUFF LIKE THAT. THERE ARE SOLUTIONS THAT COST
8 NEXT TO NOTHING. NOW, LET'S LOOK TO YEAR 2020 AS PERFECT
9 VISION. PUT THE SEEDS IN THE GROUND SO THAT COAST TO COAST WE
10 HAVE 4-FOOT-TALL GRASSES TO MAKE A COAT FOR MOTHER EARTH. AND,
11 OH, I LOVE YOU. THIS IS VALENTINE'S DAY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE
14 ANY OTHER SPEAKERS TODAY? NO. OKAY. AT THIS TIME, COLLEAGUES,
15 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE'LL BEGIN
16 WITH THE ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, AND WE'LL GO
17 FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BELOVED PARENTS OF A
20 MEMBERS OF MY STAFF PASSED AWAY WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF EACH
21 OTHER. JO-ANNE JACE OF MY SANTA CLARITA VALLEY OFFICE LOST HER
22 BELOVED MOTHER AND FATHER. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
23 OF MARILYN DORIS SAMLER, WHO PASSED AWAY IN NOVEMBER AT THE
24 AGE OF 74. SHE BATTLED HER RELENTLESS DISEASES, PARKINSON'S
25 AND DEMENTIA, DOING IT WITH IT EDUCATION, GRACE, AND HUMOR.

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1 SHE WAS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS LEADER IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY
2 PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF HER ILLNESS. MARILYN IS SURVIVED BY HER
3 CHILDREN, JO-ANNE, MICHELLE, STEVEN, JAMES, AND RICHARD, HER
4 BROTHER NEIL, AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-
5 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, WILLIAM WILSON SAMLER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
6 THE AGE OF 81. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF WESTERN WASHINGTON
7 UNIVERSITY, WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS. HE WAS A
8 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN. HE SERVED ON THE
9 BOARD OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE UNITED WAY. BILL IS SURVIVED
10 BY HIS CHILDREN, JO-ANNE, MICHELLE, STEVEN, JAMES, RICHARD,
11 AND HIS LONGTIME COMPANION SINDY, AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND
12 TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, CHIEF GEORGE GLEN BELL, RETIRED
13 BURBANK POLICE CHIEF, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF BURBANK, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE PROUDLY SERVED THE UNITED STATES
15 NAVY AND SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S.
16 NAVAL SUBMARINE SERVICE PACIFIC FLEET, BEFORE BEING HONORABLY
17 DISCHARGED IN 1954. CHIEF BELL JOINED THE BURBANK POLICE
18 DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER OF 1955, AND CLIMBED THE RANKS OF
19 SERGEANT, LIEUTENANT, AND CAPTAIN BEFORE BEING APPOINTED CHIEF
20 OF POLICE IN DECEMBER OF 1982 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1990.
21 DEDICATION TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY EARNED HIM THE HONOR OF
22 BURBANK'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BURBANK
23 IN 1985. CHIEF BELL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO ADULT
24 CHILDREN. ALSO, COLDEN STYLES DAVIS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
25 NORTHRIDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 20, ON JANUARY 24TH.

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1 HE ATTENDED HERITAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED IN
2 JUNE OF 2017. HE PARTICIPATED IN MANY SPORTS, INCLUDING
3 FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND BASEBALL. COLDEN WAS A
4 STUDENT AT CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE WAS
5 STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE IN HOPES OF BECOMING AN ATTORNEY.
6 COLDEN IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, AN OLDER SISTER
7 AND A YOUNGER BROTHER. ALSO, JOHN MANKE, SR., A LONGTIME
8 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
9 87. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE NAVY AND MARINES, AND WAS A
10 N.A.S.A. TEST PILOT WHO FLEW OVER 4500 HOURS IN 56 DIFFERENT
11 AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING FOUR ROCKET-POWERED LIFTING BODY AIRCRAFT.
12 HE JOINED N.A.S.A. IN 1962, AND OVERSAW NUMEROUS PROGRAMS. AS
13 THE DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT N.A.S.A. DRYDEN, HE
14 OVERSAW FLIGHT TESTS OF THE BOEING 747 CARRYING THE SPACE
15 SHUTTLE. HE RECEIVED MEDALS FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND
16 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, AND WAS NAMED TO LANCASTER'S AEROSPACE
17 WALK OF HONOR IN 1997. JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TWO SONS,
18 THREE DAUGHTERS, 13 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 21 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.
19 ALSO, BEN REILING, JR., A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA. AFTER
20 HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY, WHERE HE SERVED ON
21 ACTIVE DUTY STATIONED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC UNDER THE PACIFIC
22 MISSILE RANGE. AFTER COMPLETING HIS SERVICE, HE MOVED BACK TO
23 LOS ANGELES AND ENROLLED AT CAL STATE L.A. BEN GRADUATED WITH
24 A B.S. IN FINANCE IN 1965. IN 1973, HE JOINED ZELMAN
25 DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AS A JUNIOR PARTNER, AND THEN, IN 1985, HE

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1 WAS PROMOTED, ULTIMATELY BECOMING THE COMPANY'S OWNER. UNDER
2 BEN'S LEADERSHIP, THE COMPANY WORKED ON A FEW NOTABLE
3 PROJECTS, INCLUDING BURBANK EMPIRE CENTER, ENCINITAS RANCH
4 TOWN CENTER, AND MOORPARK MARKETPLACE, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS.
5 HE RETIRED FROM ZELMAN DEVELOPMENT IN 2015. BEN AND HIS WIFE
6 ESTABLISHED THE REILING FAMILY FOUNDATION, WHICH ANNUALLY
7 SUPPORTS MANY CHARITIES. IN ADDITION TO OTHER PHILANTHROPIC
8 EFFORTS WHERE HE'S BEEN AN ACTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND OFTEN
9 CHAIRMAN OF MANY LOCAL NONPROFITS, INCLUDING HILLSIDES HOME
10 FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH MOVING ON, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, THE SAN
11 MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC THAT BENEFITS THE PASADENA HUMANE
12 SOCIETY, AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL 1199 FOUNDATION.
13 BEN IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 53 YEARS, JUDY, CHILDREN
14 CAROLEE MICHAEL, AND GRANDCHILDREN JEFFREY, MATTHEW, ELLA, AND
15 LILY. AND LAST I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHARON
16 YOHO, A RESIDENT OF SHADOW HILLS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
17 OF 76. SHE WAS BORN IN GLENDALE. SHARON SPENT MOST OF HER LIFE
18 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE WAS MISS CITY OF LOS ANGELES
19 IN 1964, AND LATER WORKED AS A REAL-ESTATE AGENT. SHARON IS
20 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 50 YEARS, THEIR TWO CHILDREN, AND
21 THEIR FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?
24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY IN MEMORY OF JOHN DAVID DINGELL, JR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I KNOW YOU'LL JOIN ME ON THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
7 I'M ADJOURNING IN HIS MEMORY, A FORMER COLLEAGUE THAT I AND
8 BOTH YOU SERVED WITH. HE PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON FEBRUARY
9 THE SEVENTH. HE WAS 92 YEARS OF AGE. MR. DINGELL SERVED IN THE
10 CONGRESS FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS. HE IS THE LONGEST EVER SERVING
11 MEMBER OF CONGRESS. HE EARNED THE TITLE OF "DEAN OF CONGRESS,"
12 AS WELL AS THE AFFECTIONATE NAME "THE TRUCK," DUE TO HIS
13 INCREDIBLE LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND HIS REPRESENTATION OF
14 DETROIT, THE CENTER OF AMERICAN AUTO INDUSTRY. MR. DINGELL
15 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL
16 LEGISLATORS IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. HE WAS ELECTED INTO
17 OFFICE VIA SPECIAL ELECTION IN 1955, WHICH WAS A RESULT OF THE
18 DEATH OF HIS FATHER, JOHN DINGELL, SR. SINCE HIS ELECTION,
19 CONGRESSMAN DINGELL, JR., HAD A HAND IN MANY MONUMENTAL SOCIAL
20 POLICY CHANGES, INCLUDING MEDICARE, THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE
21 CLEAN WATER ACT, AND THE CLEAN AIR ACT, AND THE ENDANGERED
22 SPECIES ACT, AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. IN HIS TIME IN
23 CONGRESS, I KNOW I WORKED WITH HIM AND COSPONSORED MANY BILLS
24 IN THE HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WHILE I SERVED WITH
25 HIM. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE LAWMAKER, AND FEARLESS. NO DOUBT

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1 MANY PEOPLE WERE FRIGHTENED BY HIM, BUT HE DID SO MANY GREAT
2 THINGS. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS DAUGHTER JEANINE, AND
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CONGRESSWOMAN DEBORAH DINGELL, WHO NOW
4 REPRESENTS HIS SEAT. CHILDREN ARE CHRISTOPHER, JOHN, AND
5 JENNIFER, AND HIS BROTHER JAMES AND SISTER JULIE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU
8 ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW YOU
11 WILL ALSO JOIN ME ON THIS, BUT I DID WANT TO ALSO MAKE SOME
12 COMMENTS REGARDING THE PASSING OF ANOTHER FORMER CONGRESSMAN
13 THAT BOTH YOU AND I SERVED WITH. THAT'S REPRESENTATIVE WALTER
14 JONES.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** HE WAS SOMEONE THAT I GOT TO KNOW, QUITE
19 INTERESTINGLY, RIGHT AFTER THE WAR IN IRAQ WAS DECLARED. HE
20 WAS VERY STAUNCHLY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT WAR, BUT CAME AROUND IN
21 A MATTER OF TIME, I THINK, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAR MEANT,
22 BECAUSE HE REPRESENTED AN AREA, FORT LEJEUNE, IN HIS DISTRICT,
23 WHERE HE SAW MANY, MANY CASUALTIES. I GOT TO WORK WITH HIM ON
24 SO MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO HELP PROVIDE A
25 BILL THAT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT BUSH, THAT WOULD

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1 ALLOW FOR THE EXPEDITING OF LEGISLATION TO HELP GREEN CARD
2 SOLDIERS BECOME NATURALIZED CITIZENS, AND ALLOW FOR THEIR
3 FAMILIES TO HAVE BENEFITS, BECAUSE WE FOUND THAT MANY YOUNG
4 SOLDIERS WHO WERE NOT CITIZENS WHO WERE SERVING IN THE WAR
5 WERE GREEN CARD SOLDIERS, AND THERE WERE NO BENEFITS FOR THEM.
6 HE WORKED WITH ME ON THAT AND WAS A TRUE, TRUE AMERICAN AT
7 BEST, BUT HE ALSO DID MORE THAN THAT. HE WAS ALSO KIND OF AN
8 ENVIRONMENTALIST, SO TO SPEAK, BECAUSE WHILE HE REPRESENTED
9 THESE PLACES WHERE MANY OF OUR SOLDIERS FROM ALL OVER THE
10 COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TO BE TRAINED IN FORT LEJEUNE, HE CARED
11 VERY MUCH ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES. AND MANY WERE EXPOSED TO
12 CONTAMINANTS IN THOSE PARTICULAR HOUSING UNITS AT THAT TIME--
13 PERCHLORATE, BECAUSE OF MUNITIONS THAT WOULD SEEP INTO THE
14 WATER. AND HE WAS A BIG ADVOCATE FOR THAT, AND I'LL NEVER
15 FORGET HOW MANY TIMES IN COMMITTEE HE WOULD BRING UP WITNESSES
16 FROM HIS DISTRICT, WHETHER THEY WERE CHILDREN OR MOTHERS OR
17 PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE OF CANCER AND
18 TUMORS. HE WAS A MAN OF INTEGRITY. LAST TIME I SAW HIM, I
19 THINK, WAS TWO YEARS AGO ON OUR VISIT. I WAS WALKING THROUGH
20 ONE OF THE HALLS IN THE CONGRESS AND I SAW HIM, AND HE DIDN'T
21 RECOGNIZE ME AT FIRST, BUT I WENT UP AND I SHOOK HIS HAND, AND
22 HIS EYES WELLED UP AND HE GAVE ME A BIG HUG, AND I KNEW
23 IMMEDIATELY THAT OUR BOND WAS NOT BROKEN. SO I WANTED TO
24 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, MADAM CHAIR, AND I KNOW YOU'LL BE
25 SAYING SOME STATEMENTS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. DOES HE
3 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? NO. OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APOLOGIZE. I HAVE MORE
6 THAN USUAL BECAUSE I MISSED THE MEETING LAST WEEK AND WANTED
7 TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYONE WAS HONORED. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIE ADAMS, AN ACTRESS
9 WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. SHE WAS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR HER
10 ROLE AS KAY LAWRENCE IN "CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON," BUT
11 SHE MADE HER BREAK IN "BEND OF THE RIVER," PLAYING A VERY
12 SIGNIFICANT ROLE OPPOSITE JIMMY STEWART, AND WON ACCLAIM FOR
13 HER ROLES IN "THE WINGS OF THE HAWK" AND "THE MISSISSIPPI
14 GAMBLER." HER TELEVISION CAREER INCLUDED APPEARANCES ON
15 "BONANZA," "PERRY MASON," "MANNIX," "MURDER, SHE WROTE," AND
16 MOST RECENTLY "CSI: NY." HER AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "THE LUCKY
17 SOUTHERN STAR: REFLECTIONS FROM THE BLACK LAGOON," WAS
18 RELEASED IN 2011. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS MICHAEL AND
19 STEVE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY OF JAMES INGRAM, AWARD-WINNING SINGER AND SONGWRITER,
21 WHO DIED ON JANUARY 29TH. HE GOT HIS BREAK SINGING ON QUINCY
22 JONES' ALBUM "THE DUDE," WHICH EARNED HIM A GRAMMY NOMINATION
23 FOR BEST NEW ARTIST. HE WENT ON TO BE NOMINATED FOR 13 MORE
24 GRAMMYS, OF WHICH HE WON TWO, PLUS TWO ACADEMY AWARDS, TWO
25 GOLDEN GLOBES. HE RECORDED WITH RAY CHARLES AND MARVIN GAYE,

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1 AND COWROTE MICHAEL JACKSON'S "P.Y.T.," PRETTY YOUNG THING.
2 HIS UNIQUE VOICE HELPED TO FIND THE SOUND OF RHYTHM AND BLUES
3 THROUGHOUT THE 1980S. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DEBRA AND HIS
4 BROTHER PHILLIP. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ISABELLE ASHODIAN, A BUSINESSWOMAN AND
6 PHILANTHROPIST, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 23RD. SHE IMMIGRATED TO
7 THE UNITED STATES AFTER FLEEING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, AND
8 BUILT A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. SHE EVENTUALLY OPENED HER OWN
9 REAL-ESTATE FIRM, BELLE REALTY. SHE WAS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO
10 HER ARMENIAN HERITAGE, AND SUPPORTED ORPHANAGES, VILLAGES, AND
11 POOR INDIVIDUALS IN ARMENIA, WORK FOR WHICH SHE WAS HONORED BY
12 THE ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION, AND THE ARMENIAN
13 MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
14 CHILDREN RICK, KATHLEEN, DEBBIE, AND BETH. AND I MOVE THAT
15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL FORMAN,
16 BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 29TH. HE
17 WAS THE CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. OF THE DECURION CORPORATION, THE
18 PARENT COMPANY OF ARCLIGHT CINEMAS, PACIFIC THEATERS, ROBERSON
19 PROPERTIES GROUP, AND HOLLYBROOK SENIOR LIVING. HIS
20 PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES INCLUDED SUPPORT FOR VARIETY-- THE
21 CHILDREN'S CHARITY, CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, THE AMERICAN
22 FILM INSTITUTE, SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM, AND THE
23 WEIZMANN INSTITUTE. HE WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA
24 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN
25 WASHINGTON, D.C., AND OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART.

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1 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MALSI, HIS SISTER JOANNE, AND HIS
2 SONS CHRISTOPHER AND THOMAS, AND HIS DAUGHTER SUZY. AND I MOVE
3 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KRISTOFF
4 ST. JOHN, AN ACTOR WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. HE PLAYED NEIL
5 WINTERS ON "THE YOUNG & THE RESTLESS" FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. HE
6 WON TWO DAYTIME EMMYS AND 10 N.A.A.C.P. IMAGE AWARDS FOR THE
7 ROLE. HE APPEARED IN EPISODES OF "HAPPY DAYS" AND "WONDER
8 WOMAN," AMONG OTHER SHOWS, AND WAS A REGULAR ON THE TV
9 ADAPTATION OF "THE BAD NEWS BEARS." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
10 FATHER CHRISTOPHER, HIS DAUGHTERS PARIS-NICOLE AND LOLA, AND
11 HIS FIANCÉE KSENIYA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KENNETH HOWARD WELCH, EMMY AWARD-WINNING
13 COMPOSER AND PRODUCER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 26TH. HE BEGAN HIS
14 CAREER WRITING AND PRODUCING MUSIC FOR "THE GARY MOORE SHOW"
15 AND "THE KRAFT SUMMER MUSIC HALL." HE AND HIS WIFE MITZIE
16 COMPOSED MUSIC FOR "THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW" FOR SEVEN SEASONS.
17 THEY ALSO WROTE AND PRODUCED FOR BARBRA STREISAND, BARRY
18 MANILOW, JULIE ANDREWS, AND MANY OTHERS. HE WAS AWARDED
19 MULTIPLE EMMYS FOR HIS WORK. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS,
20 JULIE AND GILLIAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY ACTIVIST ROSE
22 KAUFMAN. IN HER 105 YEARS, SHE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SANTA
23 MONICA CITY COUNCIL MORE THAN 30 TIMES, AND TWICE SERVED AS
24 PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. SHE
25 WORKED DILIGENTLY TO EDUCATE HER COMMUNITY ABOUT CANDIDATES

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1 AND BALLOT MEASURES, AND SERVED ON NUMEROUS CITY BOARDS AND
2 COMMISSIONS. SHE ALSO CHAMPIONED CAUSES INCLUDING MEDICARE,
3 SENIOR HOUSING, AND TRANSIT, TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND LIBRARY
4 ACCESS. THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DECLARED AUGUST 19TH, 2007,
5 ROSE KAUFMAN DAY, TO RECOGNIZE HER CONTRIBUTIONS. SHE'S
6 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN JUDITH, IRA, AND LOUISE. AND I MOVE
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GREAT
8 AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST, PATRICIA NELL WARREN. SHE WROTE "THE
9 FRONTRUNNER," THE FIRST L.G.B.T. NOVEL TO MAKE THE NEW YORK
10 TIMES BESTSELLER LIST. IT SOLD OVER 10 MILLION COPIES, AND
11 SPAWNED TWO SEQUELS. HER STORIES GAVE HOPE TO MILLIONS OF
12 STRUGGLING QUEER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, AND SHOWED
13 THEIR HUMANITY TO THE WIDER PUBLIC. SHE SERVED ON MANY
14 COMMISSIONS OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE RAN FOR
15 WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL. "THE FRONTRUNNER" SPAWNED
16 HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF RUNNING GROUPS OF L.G.B.T. GROUPS
17 THAT STILL EXIST IN THE COUNTRY, AND SHE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT
18 VOICE THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY GREGORY
19 ZANFARDINO AND ALL HER FRIENDS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JERRY SOLOMON KUPCINET,
21 TELEVISION DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER, WHO DIRECTED TELEVISION
22 SHOWS INCLUDING "JUDGE JUDY," "20/20," AND "ENTERTAINMENT
23 TONIGHT," WAS NOMINATED FOR FIVE DAYTIME EMMY AWARDS, AND WON
24 TWO FOR "CHRISTINA'S COURT" AND THE "RICHARD SIMMONS SHOW." HE
25 PRODUCED AND DIRECTED THE HIGHEST-RATED QUARTER-HOUR SEGMENT

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1 IN TELEVISION HISTORY, THE JERRY LEWIS M.D.A. LABOR DAY
2 TELETHON IN 1986. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUE, HIS DAUGHTER
3 KARI, AND HIS SON DAVID. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
4 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON WALLACE, A GREAT SANTA
5 MONICA MOUNTAINS ADVOCATE, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 29TH. HE WAS A
6 FORMER L.A. CITY FIREFIGHTER AND DEPUTY UNDER LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY SUPERVISOR EDELMAN. HE RAN FOR SUPERVISOR IN 1988 AND
8 '94. HE WAS AN ARDENT CARETAKER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURAL
9 LANDS, AND WORKED WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO THEIR
10 PROTECTION. HE WAS A LONGTIME LEADER OF THE LOS VIRGENES
11 HOMEOWNER'S FEDERATION, AND FOR MANY YEARS HE WORKED TO
12 ESTABLISH A GATEWAY FROM CALABASAS TO THE SANTA MONICA
13 MOUNTAINS. THIS PAST APRIL, I WAS HONORED TO CUT THE RIBBON AT
14 THE OPENING OF THE DON WALLACE MULTI-USE TRAIL CONNECTOR. HE'S
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEANNE, HIS SON MARK, AND HIS GRANDSON
16 BRIAN. AND FINALLY, MEMBERS, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
17 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND, A LONGTIME
18 FRIEND, BONNIE SLOANE, A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST. BUT THAT
19 DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COVER ALL THE WORK THAT SHE DID. IN
20 1978, SHE MARCHED FOR THE E.R.A. IN WASHINGTON, AND
21 SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED ON THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS
22 OF WOMEN; CHAIRED THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN'S TASK
23 FORCE ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN MARRIAGE. HER EFFORTS TO
24 PROTECT WOMEN FROM FINANCIAL ABUSE LED TO THE PASSAGE OF S.B.
25 1071 IN 1987, WHICH REQUIRES FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN

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1 SPOUSES. SHE AUTHORED DOZENS OF OPINION PIECES AND LETTERS
2 PUBLISHED IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. IN 1998, SHE WAS AWARDED
3 WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE SANTA MONICA Y.W.C.A. HER MOTHER,
4 DOROTHY JONAS, AND HER FATHER, ALAN JONAS, WERE ALSO VERY
5 WONDERFUL FEMINISTS. AND I REMEMBER DOROTHY AND BONNIE WORKED
6 TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER LARGER GROUP OF WOMEN IN L.A.,
7 SPONSORING AND WORKING ON, I WOULD SAY, 35 BILLS, SOME OF
8 WHICH I GOT TO CARRY IN SACRAMENTO, RELATED TO MARRIED WOMEN'S
9 RIGHTS: WOMEN BEING ABLE TO HAVE A CREDIT CARD IN THEIR OWN
10 NAME, OR A CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THEIR OWN NAME. I MEAN, IT WAS
11 REALLY GROUNDBREAKING WORK ON THEIR PART. BONNIE IS SURVIVED
12 BY HER HUSBAND DOUGLAS, AND THEIR DAUGHTERS AMANDA AND
13 HEATHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ADJOURN, AS WELL, IN
16 THE MEMORY TODAY OF CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS
17 HAD MADE SOME COMMENTS. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. AND
18 HE WAS WHAT WE FONDLY CALLED IN CONGRESS "MY FRIEND ON THE
19 OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE." BOTH OF US WERE PART OF A BIPARTISAN
20 WEEKLY PRAYER BREAKFAST, AND THAT'S HOW I GOT TO KNOW HIM. BUT
21 I WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH HIM BECAUSE, WHILE HE ORIGINALLY
22 VOTED FOR THE IRAQ WAR, HE FELT SUCH REGRET ABOUT THAT VOTE
23 THAT HE PERSONALLY WROTE TO EVERY SINGLE FAMILY WHO HAD LOST A
24 SON OR A DAUGHTER OR A FATHER OR A HUSBAND OR A MOTHER IN THE
25 WAR. AND AT THE TIME WHEN WE WERE EVEN SORT OF HIDING SOME OF

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1 THE BODIES THAT CAME HOME, AND WE WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWING THE
2 MEDIA TO COVER THEM, HE FELT SO GUILTY ABOUT HIS VOTE THAT HE
3 PERSONALLY WROTE. AND I THINK, AT LAST COUNT, IT WAS 12,000
4 PERSONAL LETTERS. HE WAS SO PRINCIPLED AND HAD SUCH INTEGRITY
5 THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE SAID WAS, "WHEN I LEAVE CONGRESS, I
6 WOULD RATHER HAVE ONE THING SAID ABOUT ME: 'I WILL NEVER
7 QUESTION WALTER JONES' INTEGRITY.'" AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF
8 US EVER WILL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, JOANNE
9 WHITEHURST, AND THEIR DAUGHTER ASHLEY. I FELT IT A GREAT HONOR
10 TO HAVE GOTTEN TO SERVE WITH CONGRESSMAN JONES. I ALSO MOVE
11 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FAY
12 PIELAGO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS BORN IN
13 MINNESOTA DURING THE DEPRESSION, WHICH TAUGHT HER MANY
14 VALUABLE LESSONS THAT SHE CARRIED INTO ADULthood. SHE AND HER
15 HUSBAND PEPPY BUILT AND OWNED PEPPY'S RESTAURANT IN SAN PEDRO
16 AND TORRANCE, AS WELL AS THE TASMAN SEA RESTAURANT IN SAN
17 PEDRO. SHE WAS A DEDICATED MOTHER, WIFE, AND FRIEND TO SO
18 MANY. FAY IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 57 YEARS,
19 PEPPY, AND THREE SISTERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN
20 LYNN, LEE, AND RICK, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT-
21 GRANDDAUGHTER. THAT FAMILY HAS A LOT OF LEGACY IN AND AROUND
22 THE SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TODAY, SO WE WILL
23 TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NOT A
24 UNANIMOUS OBJECTION TO A VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER, AND GET
25 READY FOR IT: THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING.



**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs v. County of Los
11 Angeles, et al.

12 Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00166

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14 This lawsuit involves a petition for a writ of mandate related to
15 peace officer personnel records in light of Senate Bill 1421.
16 (19-0949)

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18 **In Open Session, this item was continued one week to**
19 **February 19, 2019.**

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22 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
23 **LITIGATION**

24 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
25 54956.9)

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27 Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (19-0951)

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29 **In Open Session, this item was continued one week to**
30 **February 19, 2019.**

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33 **CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**
34 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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36 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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In Open Session, this item was referred back.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
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3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 25th day of February 2019, for the County records to be used
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18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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