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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. IF WE

6 CAN ALL TAKE OUR SEATS. WELCOME -- FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE

7 JUST RETURNING AFTER THE BREAK, YOU WILL NOTICE THAT WE'VE

8 MADE A FEW CHANGES IN THE BOARD ROOM. WE'VE WORKED TO MAKE OUR

9 BOARD MEETINGS FOR EFFICIENT FOR EVERYONE BY MOVING THE PUBLIC

10 SPEAKERS TO PODIUMS OUTSIDE THE DOORS AND PROVIDING IMPROVED

11 A.D.A. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS. SO BEAR WITH US. WE'RE

12 A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT I HOPE YOU ALL CAN BENEFIT FROM THE

13 CHANGES THAT WE'VE DONE IN THE BOARD ROOM. I WANT TO WELCOME

14 YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES

15 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY, IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH,

16 2020. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY MARK GOODELL, EXECUTIVE

17 PASTOR OF THE HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH IN THE

18 CITY OF PALMDALE, 5TH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE PLEDGE

19 OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ANGELICA ZAMORA, FORMER PETTY OFFICER

20 THIRD CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, FROM THE GREAT CITY OF

21 DOWNEY IN THE 4TH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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23 **MARK GOODELL:** GOOD MORNING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR

24 KATHRYN BARGER AND HER STAFF FOR THE INVITATION TO JOIN YOU

25 THIS MORNING. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE, AND I WOULD ASK THAT

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1 YOU BOW YOUR HEAD AND JOIN ME IN A MOMENT OF PRAYER. DEAR WISE
2 AND LOVING GOD, THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO ARE GATHERED
3 HERE TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY BLESSINGS WE RECEIVE
4 EACH AND EVERY DAY. THANK YOU FOR LIFE ITSELF AND FOR THE
5 MEASURE OF HEALTH WE ALL NEED TO FULFILL OUR CALLINGS. THANK
6 YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN USEFUL WORK AND FOR THE
7 HONOR OF BEARING APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITIES. THANK YOU, AS
8 WELL, FOR THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN THIS GREAT NATION TO EMBRACE
9 YOU OR THE FREEDOM TO REJECT YOU. THANK YOU FOR LOVING US EVEN
10 SO FROM YOUR BOUNDLESS AND GRACIOUS NATURE. YOU SAID THAT
11 CITIZENS OUGHT TO OBEY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES PUT IN PLACE
12 SINCE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED THOSE VERY AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE
13 PEACE, ORDER, AND JUSTICE. THEREFORE, WE PRAY FOR THE VARIOUS
14 LEVELS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY. I AM ASKING THAT YOU WOULD
16 GRACIOUSLY GRANT THEM WISDOM TO GOVERN AMID THE CONFLICTING
17 INTERESTS AND ISSUES OF OUR TIMES, A SENSE OF WELFARE AND TRUE
18 NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, A KEEN THIRST FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHTNESS,
19 CONFIDENCE IN WHAT IS GOOD AND FITTING, THE ABILITY TO WORK
20 TOGETHER IN HARMONY EVEN WHEN THERE'S HONEST DISAGREEMENT,
21 PERSONAL PEACE IN THEIR LIVES, AND JOY IN THEIR TASK. I PRAY
22 FOR THE AGENDA SET BEFORE THEM TODAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM
23 ASSURANCE OF WHAT YOU -- OF WHAT WOULD PLEASE YOU AND WHAT
24 WOULD BENEFIT THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN AND AROUND OUR
25 BELOVED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AMEN.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** AMEN.

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4 **ANGELICA ZAMORA:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT
5 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A
6 HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE
7 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO
8 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
9 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING PASTOR MARK
12 GOODELL FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. [
13 APPLAUSE]. PASTOR GOODELL WAS RAISED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
14 THE SON OF A PASTOR. HE HAS SPENT MORE THAN THREE DECADES
15 DOING PASTORAL WORK IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. HE
16 RETURNED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN 2006 TO PARTNER WITH THE
17 HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN PALMDALE. PASTOR GOODELL NOW
18 SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR AT THE HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN
19 FELLOWSHIP. HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE FOR OVER
20 35 YEARS. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND FOUR GRAND CHILDREN.
21 PASTOR GOODELL, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US TODAY IN THE PRAYER
22 AND REALLY SETTING THE TONE FOR THIS BOARD MEETING, AND THANK
23 YOU FOR TRAVELING DOWN FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. [APPLAUSE].

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AND ALSO, PLEASE LET'S THANK THIRD CLASS PETTY
2 OFFICER ANGELICA ZAMORA FOR LEADING US THIS MORNING IN THE
3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE! [APPLAUSE]. PETTY OFFICER ZAMORA BEGAN
4 HER MILITARY SERVICE IN THE U.S. NAVY IN DECEMBER OF 2001. SHE
5 HAS BEEN AWARDED THE NAVY ACCOMMODATION MEDAL, THE GOOD
6 CONDUCT MEDAL, AND SEVERAL OTHER HONORS FOR HER SERVICE. PETTY
7 OFFICER ZAMORA WORKS FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AS A JOB
8 DEVELOPER FOR HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS AND VETERAN FAMILIES.
9 IN HER FREE TIME, SHE SERVES AS THE FEMALE VETERAN AMBASSADOR
10 FOR COURAGE FORWARD, A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
11 VETERANS SERVICES, AND SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERS AT V. A. HOSPITALS
12 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE IS ALSO AN ONLINE FITNESS
13 COACH THROUGH BEACH BODY, WHERE SHE HELPS SUPPORT OTHER WOMEN
14 TO BE FIT AND HEALTHY. PETTY OFFICER ZAMORA LIVES CURRENTLY IN
15 DOWNEY WITH HER HUSBAND AND THEIR TWO KIDS, ISABELLA AND
16 JUNIOR. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I WANTED TO
17 THANK YOU FOR OUR SERVICE -- YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND
18 FOR ALL THE OTHER AMAZING THINGS THAT YOU DO IN YOUR LIFE. YOU
19 ARE TOUCHING SO MANY PEOPLE AND MAKING THIS WORLD BETTER.
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE].

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, NOW WE ARE GOING TO DO THE
23 BOARD PRESENTATIONS BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I, AND
24 WE ARE GOING TO DO IT DOWN HERE IN THE WELL. IT IS GREAT TO
25 HAVE YOU HERE TODAY, TERRI. OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS A

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1 CRITICAL JOB IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND IT TAKES A STRONG
2 COMPASSIONATE LEADER TO UNDERTAKE THOSE CHALLENGES. IT HAS
3 BEEN AN IMMENSE HONOR TO HAVE TERRI MCDONALD AS THE CHIEF
4 PROBATION OFFICER. [APPLAUSE]. (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). WHEN WE
5 CONVINCED HER TO COME DOWN FROM SACRAMENTO, AND BELIEVE, THE
6 CONVINCING THAT IT TOOK, SHE PROMISED HER FAMILY SHE WOULD
7 ONLY BE WITH US FOR THREE YEARS. SHE HAS FULFILLED THAT
8 COMMITMENT, AND THOUGH WE ARE SAD TO SEE HER GO, WE ARE SO
9 GRATEFUL FOR THE IMPACT SHE'S HAD DURING HER TIME HERE. TERRI
10 OVERSAW THE OPENING OF CAMPUS KILPATRICK, A WORLD CLASS
11 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY. SHE SUPPORTED PUBLIC-PRIVATE
12 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT
13 FOR MUCH-NEEDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WORKING WITH THE BOARD,
14 THE C.E.O., AND PARTNERS, TERRI SPEARHEADED THE EFFORT TO
15 CONVERT CAMP GONZALES AND THE CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER
16 TO SERVE AS A RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY FOR
17 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. SHE HAS EXPANDED COLLEGE PROGRAMS FOR
18 YOUTH TO HELP PROPEL THEM TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE. TO
19 INCREASE THE (INAUDIBLE), SHE ALSO DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE
20 PLAN TO ELIMINATE O.C. SPRAY IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS. THOSE
21 INITIATIVES HAVE MADE OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT BETTER AND WILL
22 CONTINUE TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE PROBATIONERS
23 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. AS A LEADER, TERRI HAS MADE A POINT
24 TO ENSURE HER TEAM FEELS APPRECIATED FOR THEIR HARD WORK WHICH
25 HAS MADE THE DEPARTMENT STRONGER. FOLLOWING THE WOOLSEY FIRE,

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1 TERRI HELD PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S FIRST EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS
2 AND MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS TO HONOR THE STAFFS' ACTS OF HEROISM
3 IN THE EVACUATION OF CAMPUS KILPATRICK. EVEN WITH ALL THE
4 HIGHLIGHTS, I HAVE NOT SCRATCHED THE SURFACE OF THE WORK TERRI
5 HAS DONE TO REFORM OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. SHE PUTS THE
6 WHEELS IN MOTION, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THIS
7 MOMENTUM. TERRI, WE ARE SAD TO SEE YOU GO, BUT WE KNOW THAT
8 YOUR FAMILY IS SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK FULL TIME. I JUST HAVE
9 TO SAY ON A PERSONAL NOTE THAT WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOUR
10 COMPASSION FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, NOT ONLY WHEN YOU WERE IN
11 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND JAILS, BUT ALSO PROBATION
12 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) BECAUSE OFTEN TIMES YOU'D HEAR ABOUT
13 LEADERSHIP DEALING WITH SOME WOULD ARGUE (INAUDIBLE). YOU
14 RECOGNIZE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL IS A HUMAN BEING AND DESERVES A
15 SECOND CHANCE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LEADING BY EXAMPLE.
16 YOU WILL BE MISSED, BUT YOU DEFINITELY LEFT A STRONG LEGACY.
17 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL? [APPLAUSE].

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, KATHRYN GAVE A NOT TOTALLY COMPLETE LIST
20 BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH OF ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS TERRI HAS
21 DONE. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY (INAUDIBLE) YOU HAD A LOT TO DO
22 WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF INCARCERATION, NOT TO HAVE
23 (INAUDIBLE). AND SO MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE (INAUDIBLE) ACT,
24 AND I THINK MUCH FOR THE BETTER. BUT IT'S NOT REALLY A GOOD
25 THING TO SAY, BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE PERSON WHO'S SPENT

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1 THEIR LIFE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, YOU PROBABLY DON'T QUICKLY
2 THINK ABOUT THE REALLY WARM PERSON, REALLY PERSON WITH GREAT
3 PEOPLE SKILLS, A PERSON WHO HAS DEEP FAITH IN HUMAN BEINGS,
4 THOUGH YOU PROBABLY SHOULD. BUT WITH TERRI, THAT'S REALLY
5 WHAT'S MADE HER SUCH A REMARKABLE LEADER THROUGHOUT HER ENTIRE
6 CAREER INCLUDING THE LAST THREE YEARS AT OUR COUNTY PROBATION
7 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE TERRI MCDONALD GENUINELY CARES ABOUT THE
8 INDIVIDUALS THAT PROBATION SERVES AND THOSE WHO WORK IN
9 PROBATION (INAUDIBLE). SHE CONNECTS WITH PEOPLE ONE TO ONE.
10 YOU REALLY FEEL WHEN YOU TALK TO TERRI, SHE'S (INAUDIBLE). AT
11 PUBLIC EVENTS (INAUDIBLE). (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). SHE SEES THAT -
12 - (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). TAKING THIS JOB OUT OF RETIREMENT AND --
13 (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE CALL
14 AND SAYING YES. IT'S BEEN A REAL TRANSFORMATIVE -- (OFF-MIC
15 COMMENTS). [APPLAUSE].

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17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO, FIRST OF ALL, (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). TO THE
18 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME DO THIS JOB. I HAVE
19 LEARNED SO MUCH, AND AM GROWING SO MUCH FROM THIS EXPERIENCE.
20 I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO THE NEXT, BUT I'M GOING TO -
21 - (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). AND OFTEN TIMES -- (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).
22 AND THE SUPERVISOR SAID I DID -- TERRI DID, TERRI DID, TERRI
23 DID. TERRI DIDN'T DO IT. THE AMAZING PROBATION DEPARTMENT --
24 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). [APPLAUSE]. FILLING A PLACE IN MY
25 HEART I DIDN'T KNOW WAS EMPTY. I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE --

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1 (INDISCERNIBLE). THE FIRST STORY I WANT TO TELL IS A STORY
2 ABOUT THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA OFFICE, AND -- (SPEAKER FAR
3 FROM MIC). AND THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA STAFF DO A TOY DRIVE
4 EVERY YEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).
5 AND THERE WAS A FEMALE D.P.O., AND I STEPPED INTO HER CUBE TO
6 TALK TO HER, AND SHE SAID CHIEF I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU,
7 BUT I GOTTA GO. SHE SAID I HAVE A COMMITMENT. I THOUGHT SHE
8 WAS GOING TO COURT. AND I SAID, "WELL, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"
9 SHE SAID, "WELL, MY CLIENT GOT LOCKED UP A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO,
10 AND HE HAS A WIFE AND TWO KIDS, AND I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE
11 ANY FOOD." SHE SAID, "SO, I STOPPED BY, AND I GOT A COUPLE OF
12 BAGS OF FOOD AND SOME TOYS, AND I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT OVER TO
13 THEIR HOUSE." AND ON HER DESK WERE SOME BAGS OF FOOD AND SOME
14 TOYS. SHE DIDN'T DO THAT TO TELL ME THAT SHE WAS DOING IT. SHE
15 WAS DOING IT BECAUSE HER HEART DROVE HER TO DO IT. THAT IS NOT
16 IN HER JOB DESCRIPTION TO TAKE FOOD TO CLIENTS WHEN THEY GET
17 LOCKED UP, THEIR FAMILIES. SHE SAID, I SEE A NEED HERE, I SEE
18 A PROBLEM HERE, AND I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT. THAT
19 HAPPENS EVERY DAY IN THIS PROBATION DEPARTMENT, IN HALLS, IN
20 CAMPS, IN COURTS, IN THE FIELD. EVERY DAY, SOMEBODY IS DOING
21 THAT WORK, AND IT USUALLY DOES THOUGHT MAKE IT IN THE L.A.
22 TIMES, AND IT DOESN'T MAKE IT IN THE BLOGS, BUT IT MADE IT IN
23 MY HEART. AND I SEE THAT. AND I KNOW THAT. AND I APPRECIATE
24 THAT. AND I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR THAT. THE SECOND STORY IS A
25 HARDER STORY. I WAS OUT AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AND

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1 THE GIRLS HAD BEEN FIGHTING QUITE A BIT FOR A COUPLE DAYS IN A
2 COUPLE OF THE DAY ROOMS. SO I WANTED TO FIND OUT FROM THE
3 STAFF AND FROM THE KIDS WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. AND SO, WENT
4 AND MET WITH THE EMPLOYEES, AND I MET WITH SOME KIDS, AND
5 THERE WAS ONE YOUNG LADY, AND SHE WAS HAVING A PARTICULARLY
6 TOUGH TIME, AND SHE WAS KIND OF AT THE CENTER OF THIS CHAOS.
7 AND SO IN THE OFFICE THERE, I MET WITH HER, AND I SAID,
8 "WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP? HOW CAN WE HELP GET
9 YOU WHAT YOU NEED SO WE CAN GET EVERYBODY KIND OF RESTABILIZED
10 AND GET YOU GOING IN THE DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO?" AND SHE
11 LOOKED AT ME WITH ALL THE EARNESTNESS OF HER HEART AND SAID,
12 "MISS, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME BECAUSE I HAVE A REALLY
13 BAD LIFE." CHILDREN SHOULDN'T HAVE BAD LIVES, CHILDREN
14 SHOULDN'T LOOK AT ADULTS AND THINK YOU CAN'T HELP ME. IF IT
15 TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO IGNORE
16 A CHILD. AND SO TO THIS AMAZING PROBATION, I ASK YOU TO SEE
17 THEM. I ASK YOU TO HEAR THEM. I ASK YOU TO UNDERSTAND ON THEIR
18 WORST DAY, BE YOUR BEST SELF. BE THAT HOPE AND THAT LIGHT AND
19 THAT LOVE THAT THAT CHILD NEEDS AND UNDERSTAND THAT OUR
20 CLIENTS' BEHAVIOR IS OFTEN DRIVEN BY FEAR, AND TRAUMA, AND
21 ABUSE, AND NEGLECT, AND HELP FILL THAT PAIN. JUST MAKE THINGS
22 BETTER. THAT'S THE ONLY ADVICE I CAN GIVE TO YOU, MAKE THINGS
23 BETTER WITH YOUR CLIENTS, WITH YOUR COMMUNITY, WITH YOUR
24 PARTNERS AND YOUR AREA OFFICES. IF YOU SEE A PEACE OF TRASH AT
25 THE JUVENILE HALL ON THE GROUND, BEND DOWN AND PICK IT UP. AND

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1 DON'T ASK FOR AN AWARD FOR IT. JUST PUT IT IN THE TRASH,
2 RIGHT? I LOVE THIS PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I LOVE THIS COUNTY.
3 TO MY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD FAMILY, I LOVE YOU GUYS. I LOVE
4 YOU! YOU'RE BAD DANCERS, TOO, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER]. THANK YOU
5 FOR YOUR BRILLIANCE. YOU GUYS HAVE AMASSED A GROUP OF LEADERS
6 THAT COULD TAKE ON THE WORLD. I BELIEVE THAT. AND THEY HAVE TO
7 HAVE THOSE KIND OF LEADERS BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE NO JOKE [
8 LAUGHTER]. YOUR EXPECTATIONS ARE BIG AND BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE.
9 AND IT IS TOUGH, RIGHT? BUT I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY. JUST KNOW THAT I BELIEVE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 HAS THE FINEST DEPARTMENT -- FINEST PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN
12 THE WORLD. BE GREAT, OKAY? I LOVE YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN. [
13 APPLAUSE].

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO JOIN IN WHAT I THINK
16 HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE ROAD AND PATH. I WAS ONE OF THOSE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS WHO ACTUALLY HIRED TERRI MCDONALD, AND, BELIEVE
18 ME, SHE CAME IN TO A VERY ROUGH, ROUGH, ROUGH AND TOUGH JOB
19 BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES AT HAND. BUT SHE
20 STOOD UP TO THOSE, AND I -- I GIVE HER ALL OF THE CREDIT THAT
21 SHE DESERVES FOR RAISING THOSE ISSUES, CHALLENGING US, AND
22 MAKING US THINK, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SAY BEYOND THE BOX,
23 BECAUSE IT IS NOT EVEN ABOUT THAT, BUT LOOKING AT PEOPLE THAT
24 WE WORK WITH, ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT WE TREAT, AS HUMAN BEINGS
25 AND RESPECTING THEM. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, IN ADDITION

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1 TO ALL THE OTHER REFORMS THAT SHE CARRIED OUT, SOME OF US WERE
2 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS,
3 AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TASKS THAT I RECALL THAT WE BROUGHT UP
4 BECAUSE, AS SHE SAID AND MANY OF US HAVE SAID, THESE YOUNG
5 PEOPLE ARE YOUNG. THEIR MINDS ARE JUST BEING DEVELOPED, AND
6 THEY HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED MUCH TRAUMA, AND WE SEE THEM GO
7 THROUGH ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS, WHETHER IT IS D.C.F.S., PROBATION,
8 FOSTER CARE, AND THEN SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY END UP ON THE
9 STREETS OR BACK IN JAIL. SO WE KNOW WE HAVE A LOT TO DO, AND
10 SHE HAS GIVEN US AT LEAST THAT PATH FORWARD, AND I KNOW THAT
11 SHE BELIEVES IN HER HEART THAT WE HAVE A GOOD MISSION AHEAD OF
12 US. SHE HAS PUT IN SOME GOOD PEOPLE THAT I KNOW THAT ARE NOW
13 IN CHARGE, AT LEAST I CAN -- I'M LOOKING AT ONE RIGHT NOW THAT
14 HELPS US OUT AT EASTLAKE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND I WANT TO
15 THANK THE STAFF THERE BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN SOME REMARKABLE
16 BEHAVIORAL CHANGES, AND IT STEMS NOT JUST FROM THE TOP, BUT
17 FROM THE BOTTOM UP, I SEE IT. SO THAT CONNECTIVITY IS VERY
18 IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE. AND TO THE NEW INDIVIDUAL THAT IS GOING
19 TO BE TAKING ON THIS NEW TEMPORARY POSITION, I WOULD ALSO SAY
20 THAT LEARN, LISTEN, AND COMMUNICATE, AND DIALOGUE, AS TERRI
21 HAS LEARNED, AND SHE HAS STRIVED TO DO THAT. SO THANK YOU,
22 TERRI. I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE MISSED, BUT I KNOW YOUR
23 FAMILY IS JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO GET BACK TO THEM. SO THANK
24 YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU [SPEAKING SPANISH].

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I, TOO, JUST WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY AND
2 TO ADD MY REMARKS TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SERVICE HERE TO THE
3 COUNTY AND ALSO TO WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE. YOU KNOW, IT'S
4 ONE THING FOR THOSE WHO STRIVE AND GO THROUGH THE HEAD HUNTER
5 PROCESS ON BECOMING A DEPARTMENT HEAD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES. IT IS A WHOLE OTHER THING WHEN WE'VE COME TO YOU AND
7 ASKED YOU TO COME OUT OF RETIREMENT -- [APPLAUSE] -- AND
8 LEAVE YOUR FAMILY, AND COME HERE AND SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF
9 OUR PROBATION CHIEF. AND YOU CAME WHEN IT CLEARLY WAS A TIME
10 OF SIGNIFICANT TRANSITION, A TIME WHEN WE WERE TRANSFORMING
11 OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT YOUR
12 JOB AND THOSE WHO ARE IN YOUR CARE, ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE,
13 AND I THOUGHT ABOUT THE FIRES THAT WE HAD, AND WHO WOULD HAVE
14 EVER THOUGHT THAT PROBATION WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH AN
15 EMERGENCY SITUATION LIKE A FIRE COMING OVER THE HILL AND
16 EVACUATING THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE? I MEAN, THINGS ARE
17 DIFFERENT. THINGS ARE SIGNIFICANT. THINGS ARE TROUBLING BEYOND
18 JUST THE USUAL PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE IN OUR PROBATION SYSTEM.
19 SO THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR TELLING THOSE STORIES THIS
20 MORNING. AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE THOSE STORIES DON'T GET OUT
21 MORE. WE OUGHT TO TELL THOSE STORIES MORE, NOT ONLY ABOUT OUR
22 EMPLOYEES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BUT ALL OF OUR COUNTY
23 EMPLOYEES. I MEAN THERE ARE PROBABLY STORIES LIKE THAT EVERY
24 SINGLE DAY IN EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
25 WE HAVE 110,000 EMPLOYEES, AND THOSE STORIES SHOULD BE TOLD

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1 MORE BECAUSE WE DO HAVE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY WHO ARE
2 SO DEDICATED AND GO WAY BEYOND THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION TO HELP
3 THOSE WHO MOST NEED IT. THANK YOU, TERRI, FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS
4 TO SERVE. WE WILL MISS YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOU, AND WE THANK
5 YOU FOR THE JOB YOU HAVE DONE, AND IT HAS MADE A HUGE
6 DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
7 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I KNOW A GOOD SPEECH
10 WHEN I HEAR ONE. AND THE REMARKS MADE BY TERRI MCDONALD CAN'T
11 BE MORE ARTICULATE. THEY CANNOT BE MORE VISIONARY. THEY CANNOT
12 BE MORE COMPASSIONATE AND/OR HEARTFELT. WHAT YOU HEARD FROM
13 HER IS ESSENTIALLY WHO SHE IS. JOIN ME IN WISHING HER WELL ON
14 HER NEXT STEP ON HER JOURNEY. [APPLAUSE].

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OUR THEME IS PROBATION TODAY. GOOD
17 MORNING. GOOD MORNING. AS TERRI SAYS HER HELLOS, I'M GOING TO
18 BEGIN THIS PRESENTATION. THIS MORNING, I'M EXCITED TO
19 HIGHLIGHT AN INCREDIBLE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.
20 HISTORICALLY, AFTER YOUTH ARE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION,
21 THEY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME SECURING A SUSTAINABLE JOB. NOW,
22 THANKS TO THE INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED PARCEL
23 SERVICE, EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 PROBATION, THE LOGISTICS EDUCATION AND CAREER PROGRAM HAS
25 GIVEN FORMER PROBATIONERS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

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1 LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. THANK
2 YOU, HERMAN HERMAN. SINCE IT BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER OF 2018, THE
3 PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY PROBATION CAMPS WITH
4 AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL LOGISTICS AS
5 WELL AS MORE COLLEGE CREDITS AND IS A CHANCE TO SECURE A
6 MEANINGFUL CAREER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY LEAVE. LOGISTICS IS
7 ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CAREER FIELDS IN THE U.S. WITH
8 GREAT POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT, HIGH PAYING SALARIES, AND
9 MEDICAL BENEFITS. TYPICALLY, THE LIKELIHOOD OF RECIDIVISM
10 INCREASES WITH FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH CANNOT FIND JOBS
11 BECAUSE OF THEIR BACKGROUND IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND LACK OF
12 EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS. BUT BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM,
13 YOUTHS WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAVE TO REALLY RECEIVE
14 THAT SECOND CHANCE. THE PROGRAM CURRENTLY REACHES PROBATIONERS
15 AT CAMP AFFLERBAUGH, PAGE, AND DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER. STUDENTS
16 CAN TAKE CLASSES TAUGHT BY EAST L.A. COLLEGE PROFESSORS EITHER
17 ONLINE OR IN CLASS WITH THEIR PEERS. IN ADDITION TO LEARNING
18 ABOUT THE LOGISTICS INDUSTRY, STUDENTS ALSO BENEFIT FROM
19 CLASSES IN SOFT SKILLS THAT TEACH THEM HOW TO GET HIRED AND TO
20 ENSURE THEY ARE AN EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEE. AFTER THE STUDENTS
21 COMPLETE THE COURSE, THEY GET TO TOUR THE SCHOOL AND RECEIVE
22 THEIR COMPLETION CERTIFICATE AT A SPECIAL GRADUATION WITH
23 THEIR FAMILY. U.P.S. HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT PARTNER COMMITTING
24 TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS. BECAUSE THEY VALUE COMMUNITY
25 SERVICE, INTEGRITY, AND TEAM WORK, THE COLLABORATION WITH

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1 U.P.S. HAS BEEN A PERFECT MATCH FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
2 U.P.S. STAFF HAVE VISITED THE CAMPS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR OWN
3 CAREER PATH WITH SOME EMPLOYEES SHARING INSPIRATIONAL STORIES
4 ABOUT OVERCOMING HURDLES AND TURNING THEIR LIVES AROUND AFTER
5 EXITING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SINCE THIS PROGRAM STARTED, 11
6 YOUTH HAVE BEEN HIRED BY U.P.S. IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING THE
7 PROBATION CAMPS -- [APPLAUSE]. THAT IS PRETTY AWESOME. [
8 APPLAUSE]. THIS HAS BOLSTERED EACH PARTICIPANT'S CONFIDENCE,
9 EARNING POTENTIAL, AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.
10 MANY OF THEM CONTINUE TO PURSUE COLLEGE DEGREES, AND U.P.S.
11 HAS ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT PAYS FOR THEIR SCHOOLING THAT THEY
12 CAN STILL WORK WHILE REACHING THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS. U.P.S.
13 TRULY IS A PARTNER IN THE COMMUNITY. I AM PROUD TO SEE THE
14 IMMENSE IMPACT THE LOGISTICS EDUCATION AND CAREER PROGRAM HAS
15 MADE TO PROPEL OUR PROBATION YOUTH TOWARDS SUCCESS. BECAUSE OF
16 THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, THE LIVES OF THESE YOUTHS AND OUR
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES HAVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE AHEAD OF
18 THEM. I AM JUST SO PROUD OF THE WORK, NOT ONLY THAT U.P.S. IS
19 DOING, PROBATION, BUT ALSO OUR PROBATIONERS, BECAUSE YOU ALL
20 KNOW THAT, GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE, THERE IS NO END TO WHAT YOU
21 CAN DO. U.P.S. RECOGNIZES IT, AND I HOPE THERE ARE OTHER
22 LEADERS OUT THERE, OTHER COMPANIES OUT THERE, THAT WILL ALSO
23 RECOGNIZE THE VALUE IN INVESTING IN THEIR COMMUNITY. AND, WITH
24 THAT, I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO
3 CONGRATULATE E.L.A.C. AND THE ALSO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
4 THIS IS A VERY, VERY GOOD, PROGRESSIVE HISTORY, AND IF I COULD
5 TAKE JUST SOME OF YOU BACK TO A MOMENT IN TIME, BACK WHEN
6 UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, THERE WAS FUNDS THAT WERE
7 PLACED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE TO
8 HELP PROVIDE REENTRY SERVICES TO ADULTS, DISPLACED WORKERS,
9 BUT ALSO INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THE CRIMINAL
10 JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND I REMEMBER VISITING E.L.A.C. THERE WAS A
11 DIFFERENT PRESIDENT THERE AT THE TIME, BUT THE FACT OF THE
12 MATTER IS THAT THESE PROGRAMS WORK. I'M HAPPY THE COUNTY OF
13 LOS ANGELES HAS EMBRACED THIS, AND I HOPE THAT OTHER
14 DEPARTMENTS DO AS WELL. THESE ARE GOOD PAYING JOBS. THESE ARE
15 GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO GET PEOPLE ON THEIR FEET AND TO HAVE
16 INDEPENDENCE. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO E.L.A.C. AND FOR SHINING A
17 LIGHT ON THIS PROGRAM, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [
18 APPLAUSE] .

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM U.P.S. C'MON.

21

22 **JOSE MANUELLES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JOSE
23 MANUELLES. I'M AN AREA H.R. MANAGER WITH U.P.S. AND WITH GREAT
24 HONOR, WE ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION. I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN
25 VISITING THE FACILITIES. ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, I HAVE

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1 BEEN ABLE TO INSPIRE THE GENTLEMEN AND YOUNG LADIES THERE, AND
2 WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMMITTED TO THIS PROGRAM. AND THEY ALL
3 DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE. HAVING THAT OPTION TO SUCCEED AND
4 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT WILL GET MORE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS,
5 INTO SCHOOL, AND AT WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE].

6

7 **MR. MODINA:** MY NAME IS MR. MODINA. I'M A PROFESSOR AT EAST LOS
8 ANGELES COLLEGE. I TEACH COURSES IN TECHNOLOGY AND LOGISTICS.
9 I'M THE GENTLEMAN IN THE CAMPS WORKING WITH THESE YOUNG
10 PEOPLE, EQUIPPING THEM FOR THE CAREERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY.
11 AND I'M ABSOLUTELY PASSIONATE ABOUT IT BECAUSE WHEN I WAS
12 THEIR AGE, I CYCLED THROUGH THE SAME SYSTEM AS A YOUNGSTER. MY
13 FIRST TIME IN JUVENILE HALL WAS ABOUT 11 YEARS OF AGE, AND I
14 CYCLED A COUPLE TIMES. AND WHAT CHANGED MY LIFE THOROUGHLY WAS
15 A NEW SET OF FRIENDS, A JOB AT U.P.S., AND EDUCATION AT EAST
16 LOS ANGELES COLLEGE [APPLAUSE]. TODAY, I'M A PROFESSOR AT
17 EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE BECAUSE STUFF LIKE THIS WORKS. IT
18 MATTERS THAT WE LEND A HAND OUT AND PROVIDE CAREER
19 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH WORLD-CLASS
20 EDUCATION AS WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SO I CAN'T BE PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE
23 WITH U.P.S., AND EAST L.A., TRADE-TECH, AND ALL OF OUR PARTNER
24 AGENCIES, AND THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY IS OUR YOUNG MEN THAT ARE
25 COMING OUT OF THE CAMP. THIS YOUNG MAN, WHEN I GOT TO TALK TO

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1 HIM A FEW MINUTES AGO, HE LEFT OUR CAMP ON A FRIDAY AND
2 STARTED FULL TIME WITH U.P.S. AND WORKED REALLY HARD OVER THE
3 HOLIDAYS, AND JUST THIS PERIOD OF CREATIVITY AND ALL THAT WE
4 DO FOR OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. AND WE NEED TO DO MORE, BUT
5 THIS IS A TESTAMENT TO WHAT WORKS. SO I'M JUST REALLY GRATEFUL
6 TO YOU AND ALL OF THE PARTNER AGENCIES THAT WE HAVE HERE,
7 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I WILL SAY, THANK YOU FOR PROBATION FOR HELPING ME
10 GET A SECOND CHANCE AND GETTING ME A JOB AND HELPING ME GO TO
11 COLLEGE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO DILLON.
14 DILLON IS A LONG HAired CHIHUAHUA AND IS ABOUT THREE YEARS
15 OLD, MALE, AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER BY
16 CALLING 562-728-4610. YOU CAN GIVE DILLON A FOREVER HOME, AND
17 THERE ARE MANY MORE AT OUR SHELTERS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES,
18 AGAIN, 562-728-4610. THIS IS DILLON. THERE ARE -- AND I WILL
19 THROW IN THE SWEATER, YES, I WILL. [LAUGHTER]. HERE WE GO.
20 OKAY, DILLON. OKAY, I KNOW, I HEARD SILVER LIKES TO RUN. AND
21 IF DOGS ARE NOT YOUR THING, HERE IS SILVER. SILVER IS A --
22 THEY SAY ONE MONTH OLD, BUT I THINK SILVER IS A LITTLE OLDER
23 THAN ONE. I THINK SILVER IS CLOSER TO THREE MONTHS OLD, SILVER
24 TABBY, VERY GENTLE, ALSO AVAILABLE AT 562-728-4610. AND IF YOU
25 ARE NOT ABLE TO ADOPT, BUT YOU WANT TO FOSTER, WE ARE ALWAYS

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1 LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS FOR OUR KITTENS. SO I WOULD
2 ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO ONLINE OR GO TO ONE OF OR SHELTERS AND
3 EITHER VOLUNTEER OR ADOPT AND GIVE ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL
4 ANIMALS A FOREVER HOME. WITH THAT, I THINK IT IS -- 1ST
5 DISTRICT'S PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING TO ALL AND TO THE
8 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TODAY TO
9 PROVIDE THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO ALFRED HERRERA, WHO IS
10 HERE TODAY WITH US AT THE DAIS AND HIS PARTNER, RICHARD
11 HONEYCUTT. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE BOTH OF THEM TODAY. IT IS
12 A SPECIAL DAY BECAUSE TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING THE TREMENDOUS
13 WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT ALFRED HERRERA, THE ASSISTANT
14 VICE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND THE DIRECTOR OF
15 U.C.L.A. CENTER FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS. HOW
16 FITTING THAT WE RECOGNIZE TODAY E.L.A.C. COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN
17 TERMS OF EDUCATION. AND THAT I KNOW FOR ALFRED, MYSELF, AND
18 MANY OTHERS IS SUCH A PROFOUND INGREDIENT TO THE SUCCESS OF
19 MANY UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS. ALFRED AND I GO WAY BACK MANY
20 MANY YEARS. I WILL NOT EVEN COUNT THE YEARS BECAUSE THERE'S
21 TOO MANY. BUT JUST TO TELL YOU THAT BOTH OF US SERVED AT
22 UNDERGRADS AT CAL POLY POMONA. I BELIEVE HE WAS IN THE FIRST
23 IN HIS FAMILY AS I WAS TO GO TO COLLEGE. AND IT WAS PROVIDED
24 TO US THROUGH A SPECIAL PROGRAM, THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
25 PROGRAM KNOWN AS E.O.P. WE MET THERE. AND LITTLE DID WE KNOW

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1 THAT YEARS LATER OUR LIVES WOULD CROSS, THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE
2 OUR WORK HAVING KNOWN FULLY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
3 UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS OF LOW INCOME BACKGROUNDS AND MANY
4 FIRST GENERATION TO BE ABLE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND WHAT THAT
5 MEANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. HE AND I HAD A
6 DREAM. HIS DREAM WAS HELPING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THOSE
7 STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION BECAUSE SOMEBODY GAVE HIM
8 A CHANCE, AND SOMEONE CONTINUES TO GIVE CHANCES TO SO MANY
9 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT DESERVE AND NEED THAT SUPPORT. HE WAS VERY
10 ACTIVE, AS I WAS, IN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. YOU COULD SEE HIS
11 LEADERSHIP EVEN IN THOSE EARLY AGES WHEN HE WAS BARELY 17
12 YEARS OF AGE, AND I KNEW THEN THAT HE WAS GOING TO GO ON TO DO
13 SOME GREAT THINGS. VERY COMPETITIVE INDIVIDUAL AND SOMETHING
14 THAT ISN'T OFTEN FOUND AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT IT WAS A GOOD
15 -- IT WAS A GOOD THIRST AND YEARNING TO TRY TO MAKE CHANGE.
16 AND HE DID THAT. HE STUCK BY THOSE PRINCIPLES. HE HAS BEEN A
17 LONG TIME FRIEND NOT JUST OF MINE BUT OF MANY HERE IN THE
18 AUDIENCE, AND HE HAS DEVOTED 38 YEARS TO HISTORICALLY
19 UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS TO ACCESS TO EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY
20 AT UNIVERSITIES LIKE U.C.L.A. AND MANY, MANY OTHERS ACROSS THE
21 COUNTRY, IF NOT EVEN INTERNATIONALLY. ALFRED IS
22 INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED FOR HIS STRONG ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF
23 TRANSFER STUDENTS AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN HIGHER
24 EDUCATION. HE HAS CONDUCTED COUNTLESS TRAINING AND INFORMATION
25 SESSIONS OVER HIS CAREER. AS THE DIRECTOR OF U.C.L.A. CENTER

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1 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS, ALSO KNOWN AS C.C.C.P.,
2 ALFRED HAS KEPT THE SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
3 STUDENTS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNIVERSITY. AND ANYONE WHO
4 KNOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGES KNOWS THAT THAT IS THE DOOR FOR MANY
5 OF OUR CHILDREN OF COLOR. THAT'S THE FIRST PLACE THAT THEY
6 STEP FOOT ON. HIS WORK AT C.C.C.P. IS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING
7 ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO PREPARING FIRST
8 GENERATION LOW INCOME UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS TO BECOME
9 COMPETITIVELY ELIGIBLE FOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES AND THE U.C.
10 SYSTEM. SO IT ISN'T GIVING SOMEBODY A BREAK. IT IS GIVING
11 SOMEONE A HAND UP, BUT THEY HAVE TO SURVIVE, AND THEY HAVE TO
12 COMPETE. AND THAT IS WHAT I THINK MAKES A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
13 WHAT ALFRED HAS DONE TO HELP OTHERS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN
14 EDUCATION. THIS PAST OCTOBER, HIS PROGRAM WAS HONORED AT THE
15 2019 CELEBRACION DE EXCELENCIA IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS A MODEL
16 PROGRAM ACROSS THE NATION IN SERVING LATINO STUDENTS IN
17 ADVANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION. PLEASE, LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG
18 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. THE EXAMPLES OF EXCELENCIA
19 ARE AWARDED EACH YEAR BY EXCELENCIA IN EDUCATION, A
20 NONPROFIT THAT AIMS TO ACCELERATE LATINO SUCCESS IN HIGHER
21 EDUCATION BY PROMOTING LATINO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
22 CONDUCTING ANALYSIS TO INFORM EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND
23 ADVANCING INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES. THIS RECOGNITION FROM
24 EXCELECIA IN EDUCATION VALIDATES THE LONG AND HARD WORK THAT
25 ALFRED AND HIS TEAM HAVE BEEN LEADING TO SERVE LATINO AND

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1 UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. PRIOR TO
2 CREATING THE C.C.C.P., ALFRED SPENT 18 YEARS WORKING IN
3 UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS, COORDINATING TRANSFER RECRUITMENT
4 AND OUTREACH FOR U.C.L.A. HIS EXPERTISE IS SOUGHT AFTER BY
5 BOTH STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL FIGURES. HE WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED
6 TO SERVE ON THE INAUGURAL U.C. CHICANO/LATINO ADVISORY BOARD
7 TO PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO, AND WAS ELECTED CO-CHAIR OF THIS
8 COMMITTEE. HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE U.C. HISPANIC SERVING
9 INSTITUTION ADVISORY BOARD AND WAS APPOINTED TO BY U.C.L.A.
10 CHANCELLOR BLOCK TO CO-CHAIR U.C.L.A.'S EFFORT TO DEVELOP A
11 STRONG, STRUCTURE AT U.C.L.A. TO PREPARE THAT CAMPUS TO BECOME
12 A HISTORICALLY HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION. ALFRED'S
13 LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION ALSO SPANS BEYOND JUST HIS
14 WORKPLACE. HE HAS COAUTHORED SEVERAL ARTICLES, INCLUDING
15 "ACCESS AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS FROM EDUCATIONALLY
16 DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS," "STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT
17 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS," AND THE SEMINAL PIECE, "CRITICAL RACE
18 THEORY AND THE TRANSFER EDUCATION FUNCTION, INTRODUCING A
19 TRANSFER RECEPTIVE CULTURE," WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE
20 COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOURNAL OF RESEARCH AND PRACTICE. ON BEHALF
21 OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU
22 FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS AND SUPPORTING THE
23 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DESERVING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
24 STUDENTS IN THEIR GOAL TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY.
25 I'M SO PROUD TO CALL YOU A FRIEND, AMIGO, AND ALSO A MENTOR,

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1 AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE. IF I COULD
2 PLEASE ASK YOU, ALFRED, TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE].

3

4 **ALFRED HERRERA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FRIEND
5 SOLIS, SISTER SOLIS. AS SHE SAID, WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A
6 VERY LONG TIME THROUGHOUT A LOT OF OUR JOURNEYS IN LIFE, AND
7 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING ME. I
8 STAND HERE AS A PRODUCT OF A WORKING LABOR FATHER AND MOTHER,
9 WHO I'M VERY PROUD OF TO BE CALLED THEIR SON. THANK YOU,
10 MOTHER WHO LEFT THE EARTH SIX YEARS AGO, AND MY FATHER WHO IS
11 93 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR
12 MAKING SURE I HAD THE GANAS TO DO WHAT I NEEDED TO DO. I THANK
13 MY PARTNER OF OVER FORTY YEARS, RICHARD, FOR STANDING BY ME
14 AND MAKING SURE THAT I STAYED TRUE TO WHO I WAS. I WANT TO
15 THANK MY TWO LONG TERM FRIENDS, EDMA AND JUANA, WHO ARE
16 JOINING ME AS SPECIAL FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE THIS, AND TO SOME
17 OF MY STAFF WHO ARE WITH ME HERE WHO DO THE WORK THAT I DO,
18 BUT ALONG WITH ME, MAKE SURE THAT WE STAY TRUE TO THE MISSION
19 OF WHAT OUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS ARE. AND TO SOME OF THEM WHO
20 ARE PRODUCTS OF OUR PROGRAM 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 YEARS AGO WHO ARE
21 NOW PROFESSIONALS THAT I'VE HIRED BACK TO WORK WITH US BECAUSE
22 THEY KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES. AND
23 ESPECIALLY TO THE STUDENT IN THE BACK, ULYSSES, CAN YOU RAISE
24 YOUR HAND, AS I ENTERED THIS ROOM TODAY, ULYSSES CAME UP TO ME
25 AND SAID OVER 20 YEARS AGO I HELPED HIM TRANSFER TO U.C.L.A. I

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1 DIDN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME. I REMEMBERED A FACE. BUT HE TOLD ME
2 THE REASON THAT HE WAS AT U.C.L.A. WAS BECAUSE OF THE WORK
3 THAT I DID TO HELP HIM. HE GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A., WENT TO
4 CAL TECH, IS A COMPUTER ENGINEER, A SCIENTIST NOW, DOING A LOT
5 OF CONSULTING WORK. AND HE STARTED TO CHOKER UP WHICH MADE ME
6 CHOKER UP BECAUSE IT MADE ME REALIZE THE POWER THAT WE HAVE,
7 EVERY ONE OF US, IN HELPING STUDENTS CHANGE LIVES, TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT WE KEEP TRUE TO WHO WE ARE, AND WHERE WE COME FROM,
9 TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS LIKE ULYSSES, STUDENTS LIKE ALL OF THE
10 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT THERE
11 THAT NEED HANDS -- NEED HELPING HANDS HAVE SOMEONE TO DO THAT.
12 THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO HILDA.
13 SOMEONE WAS THERE IN HIGH SCHOOL TELLING US WE COULD DO IT NO
14 MATTER WHAT, AND WE DID, AND HE DID, AND MANY OF THE THOUSANDS
15 OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COME THROUGH U.C.L.A. AND GONE TO OTHER
16 UNIVERSITIES. OUR WORK IS NOT DONE UNFORTUNATELY. THERE ARE SO
17 MANY BARRIERS TO STUDENTS WHO COME FROM FIRST GENERATION LOW
18 INCOME COMMUNITIES, AND OUR JOB AS EDUCATORS SHOULD BE TO OPEN
19 THOSE DOORS AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ACCESS BECAUSE THEY
20 DESERVE TO BE AT PLACES LIKE U.C.L.A. AND ALL OF THE OTHER
21 UNIVERSITIES IN THIS STATE AND ACROSS THE NATION. SO OUR WORK
22 IS NOT DONE, AND AS LONG AS I'M ABLE TO, I WILL STAND HERE AND
23 WORK TO HELP STUDENTS SEEK JUSTICE, SEEK ACCESS TO EDUCATION.
24 I'M PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE AND WAS EXCITED TO SEE
25 EAST L.A. COLLEGE BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF OUR STRONGEST

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1 PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS FROM THE
2 EAST SIDE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO A PLACE LIKE U.C.L.A.
3 MY WORK IS NOT ABOUT RECRUITING FOR U.C.L.A. MY WORK IS ABOUT
4 EMPOWERING AND MOTIVATING STUDENTS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND
5 THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE THEY WANT TO BE. IF WE PREPARE THEM FOR
6 U.C.L.A., THEY WILL BE PREPARED FOR ANY CHOICE THEY WANT TO
7 MAKE. AND MANY OF OUR STUDENTS GO ON TO DIFFERENT
8 INSTITUTIONS. AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT THIS WORK IS DONE
9 BECAUSE OF THE STUDENTS THAT WE SERVE. SO I STAND HERE, AGAIN,
10 THANKING YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR, AND I ACCEPT IT ON BEHALF
11 OF THE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT WE HAVE
12 HELPED, THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS THAT ARE STILL OUT THERE THAT WE
13 NEED TO HELP, AND THANKING MY STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY
14 DO TO MAKE ME LOOK GOOD, TO MAKE THEM LOOK GOOD, TO MAKE
15 U.C.L.A. LOOK GOOD, TO MAKE THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOOK
16 GOOD BECAUSE WE CARE. IT IS HEART WORK. IT IS HEART WORK FOR
17 THE SOUL. IT IS IMPORTANT WORK AND IS WORK THAT NEEDS TO
18 CONTINUE TO BE DONE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ARE ON.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
23 COLLEAGUES. CONTINUING ON THE THEME OF ARTS, HISTORY, AND
24 CULTURE, I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH THE DISTINGUISHED
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM. THE

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.A.A.M. IS GEORGE DAVIS, AND WE'RE
2 JOINED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS
3 AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, NAIMA KEITH. THEY ARE
4 HERE TO CELEBRATE THE ONE AND ONLY TYREE BOYD-PATES. GIVE
5 TYREE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? A COLLEAGUE INDEED,
6 [APPLAUSE], AND SO WE ARE PLEASED AT WHAT HE HAS DONE AND
7 WHAT HE IS AND WILL DO IN THE FUTURE. HE HAS MADE INVALUABLE
8 CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE HISTORY CURATOR AND PROGRAM MANAGER FOR
9 THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY
10 THAT WITH A SENSE OF SPIRIT, A SENSE OF POISE, THAT HE'S BEEN
11 ABLE TO SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT. AND SO THOSE WHO KNOW TYREE CAN
12 APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS PRESENCE HERE TODAY. RAISED
13 BY A SINGLE GRANDMOTHER, TYREE HAS HAD TO OVERCOME BARRIERS
14 TOO COMMONLY FACED BY MANY RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. AND YET,
15 HE DIDN'T SEE THAT AS A DEFICIT. HE SAW IT AS AN ASSET. HIS
16 SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, HE WAS DISCOURAGED OF PURSUING
17 HIGHER EDUCATION BY HIS COUNSELOR, AND MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT
18 STORY, AND YET HE CARRIED ON. HE HAS DESCRIBED HIS HIGH SCHOOL
19 YEARS AS A TIME WITHOUT GUIDANCE, DIRECTION, OR LEADERSHIP.
20 AND DESPITE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SAID, DESPITE THESE
21 CIRCUMSTANCES, TYREE WENT ON TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
22 COMMUNICATIONS WITH A MINOR IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES FROM
23 CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD, AND THE HE RECEIVED A MASTER'S IN PAN-
24 AFRICAN STUDIES FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY. NOW, TYREE IS, AMONG
25 OTHER THINGS, A PROFESSOR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES AT CAL

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1 STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE HUFFINGTON POST,
2 AND MOST RECENTLY THE NEW CURATOR OF THE WESTERN HISTORY FOR
3 THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF
4 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T TELL TYREE WHAT
5 HE CANNOT DO. AND AT THE AGE OF 30, HIS EXAMPLE IS NOTHING
6 SHORT OF INSPIRING. YET, WHAT IS MOST SIGNIFICANT ABOUT TYREE
7 IS NOT HIS STELLAR RESUME, BUT HIS MOTIVATION TO POSITIVELY
8 IMPACT THE GREATER GOOD. HIS WORK AT C.A.A.M. WAS MOTIVATED BY
9 THE NEED AND DESIRE TO HUMANIZE AND LIFT UP THE STORIES OF THE
10 COMMUNITY WITH WHICH HE IS MOST INTIMATELY FAMILIAR. OVER THE
11 COURSE OF HIS BRIEF TENURE THERE, TYREE OVERSAW SEVERAL
12 INNOVATIVE EXHIBITIONS ON GOSPEL MUSIC, SLAVERY, THE CIVIL
13 UNREST OF LOS ANGELES, AND OTHER SUBJECTS SEMINAL TO THE
14 AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE AND CULTURE AND HISTORY, NOT ONLY
15 OF THE NATION, BUT SPECIFICALLY OF THIS PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT
16 THAT WE KNOW AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA. TYREE'S WORK IS ROOTED IN A BELIEF THAT HISTORY IS
18 THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL THAT ANYONE CAN WIELD. AND FOLLOWING AN
19 ACCOMPLISHED TENURE AT C.A.A.M., HE HAS ASSUMED A NEW ROLE
20 THAT IS GOING TO HAVE THE IMPACT OF HIS EXPANDING HIS REACH,
21 EDUCATING EVEN MORE BROADLY AND MORE DEEPLY, AND THE AUTRY
22 WILL BE BETTER FOR IT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE
23 BETTER FOR IT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE BETTER FOR IT.
24 THE NATION WILL BE BETTER FOR IT. SO WILL YOU JOIN ME IN
25 CONGRATULATING TYREE BOYD-PATES FOR ALL THAT HE'S DONE AND ALL

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1 THAT HE IS DOING -- [APPLAUSE]. HE'S A BROTHER BELOVED AND
2 TO ACCENT THAT POINT AND SAY IT A LITTLE BETTER THAN I HAVE
3 SAID IT, LET'S WELCOME THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.A.A.M.
4 ITSELF, THE ONE AND ONLY GEORGE DAVIS. GEORGE?

5

6 **GEORGE DAVIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. BY THE WAY, IT IS TYREE'S
7 BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY. [APPLAUSE]. SO, ABOUT 5 YEARS AGO, WHEN
8 I TOOK OVER AT THE MUSEUM, WE WERE A MUSEUM THAT, FOR THE MOST
9 PART, LIKE A LOT OF MUSEUMS, HAD A MUCH OLDER DEMOGRAPHIC. AND
10 THINGS WERE CHANGING DRAMATICALLY IN THIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME.
11 AND WE FELT WE REALLY NEEDED TO GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION AND
12 BE MORE RELEVANT IN THE CITY, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. PART
13 OF THAT WAS HIRING NAIMA KEITH, WHO WAS MY PARTNER IN CRIME IN
14 THAT TRANSITION, AND THEN I MET A YOUNG MEN WHO CAME UP TO ME
15 AFTER I WAS APPOINTED AND WANTED TO BE INVOLVED. AND I FIRST
16 PUT HIM ON THE MILLENNIAL COUNCIL, THEN I REALIZED THAT WAS A
17 MISTAKE, THAT I NEED TO BRING HIM IN SOME KIND OF WAY. WE SAW
18 HIM GROW AS A YOUNG MAN. WE SAW HIM GROW AS A CURATOR. WE SAW
19 HIM GROW AS A PUBLIC SPEAKER, AS AN INFLUENCER ON SOCIAL
20 MEDIA, AND IT IS HARD AND DIFFICULT WHEN YOU SEE PEOPLE GROW
21 IN YOUR ORGANIZATIONS WHEN THEY LEAVE, BUT THE OTHER SIDE OF
22 IT IS, IT IS IMPORTANT THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
23 TO HAVE A MORE DIVERSE VOICES. SO IN OUR OWN WAY, WE SUPPORT
24 THAT. AND WE WISH THIS YOUNG MAN GREATNESS. WE HOPE THAT HE
25 CONTINUES TO BE HUMBLE, AND WE ARE JUST SO THRILLED OF HIS

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1 PROGRESS AND ALSO WHAT HE BROUGHT TO C.A.A.M. MANY TIMES, WE
2 NEEDED SOMEONE TO SPEAK TO THIS YOUNGER DEMOGRAPHIC, AND HE
3 WAS THE PERSON WHO WAS COMFORTABLE IN DOING IT, AND THAT MADE
4 PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE TO COME TO A MUSEUM. A LOT OF TIMES,
5 THEY DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE OR WELCOME IN MUSEUMS. SO AGAIN,
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR, AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALSO
7 HAVE MANY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE BEEN WITH US MANY YEARS
8 HERE TODAY TO ALSO SUPPORT TYREE ON THIS WONDERFUL
9 ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE].

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET'S HERE FROM TYREE, TYREE?

12

13 **TYREE BOYD-PATES:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. IT IS A DISTINCT
14 PLEASURE AND HONOR TO BE BEFORE YOU AND TO REPRESENT NOT ONLY
15 THIS GREAT CITY AND GREAT DISTRICT BUT ALSO THE GREAT WORK
16 THAT WE AS AN INSTITUTION HAVE DONE. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR
17 OF MY LIFE TO WORK UNDERNEATH THESE TWO WHO SAW MY GIFTS AND
18 MY TALENTS, THIS GENTLEMEN WHO I HAVE GIVEN SEVERAL TOURS OF
19 MY HISTORICAL EXHIBITIONS, AND HE IDENTIFIED WITH THE SUBJECT
20 MATTER THAT I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO HEAR AND JUST
21 HONORED TO JUST SHOW THAT MY GRANDMOTHER'S WORK AS A SINGLE
22 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN WHO WAS ON SECTION EIGHT HOUSING WAS
23 ABLE TO RAISE A GRANDSON WHO COULD REACH THESE HEIGHTS. I AM
24 SO GRATEFUL FOR MY FRIENDS AND MY LOVED ONES WHO ARE HERE AND

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1 THOSE WHO ARE NOT, AND I WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS AS YOU COME TO
2 THE AUTRY TO SEE WHAT IS NEXT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WE'RE GOING TO DO A
5 QUICK PHOTO-OP AND SEE WHAT'S NEXT IN TYREE'S JOURNEY. AND
6 THAT WILL BE IT FOR RIGHT NOW, I'M FEELING LIKE -- NAIMA, DID
7 YOU HAVE SOMETHING, DID YOU WISH TO OFFER AS TYREE'S
8 COLLEAGUES? YOU SAID NO, THEREFORE, WE WILL PROCEED
9 ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE].

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES THE PRESENTATIONS SO, WITH
12 THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE
13 AGENDA, AND THEN WE WILL DO THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
16 THE BOARD, TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH A SET
17 MATTER THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 11:00 A.M. AS INDICATED ON THE
18 POSTED AGENDA. ITEM S-1 IS A REPORT BY THE RAND CORPORATION ON
19 DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE JUSTICE INVOLVED MENTALLY ILL
20 POPULATION. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE
21 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
22 ITEM 1D MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
23 HELD. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS
24 1-14. ON ITEMS 1-3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE
25 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE

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1 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 5-7, MEMBERS
2 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 8,
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 9, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
6 SOLIS REQUEST TO REVISE THE PREAMBLE OF THEIR JOINT MOTION.
7 COPIES OF THE REVISED MOTION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RAIL. ALSO A
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS
9 11-14, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
10 ON PAGE 15, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 15-53, ON ITEMS 15-
11 26, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
12 ITEMS 27, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 21ST, 2020 AS INDICATED ON THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 28-50 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
15 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 35, THIS INCLUDES
16 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
17 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 51A, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 51B SUPERVISOR HAHN
20 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
21 REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 51B ARE BEFORE YOU.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE

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1 EXCEPTIONS AS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THAT WILL BE THE
2 ORDER.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 36, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 54 AND
5 55, ITEM 54 IS A REQUEST TO APPOINT SELWYN HOLLINS TO THE ROLE
6 OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7,
7 2020 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF 281,505. ON THIS ITEM, MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 55, THE
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE
10 AMENDED AS FOLLOWS. APPROVE THE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S
11 REQUEST TO APPOINT RAYMOND LEYVA TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM
12 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2020 AT A RATE OF
13 \$177 PER HOUR. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS
14 FROM THE VOTE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
15 ITEMS BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. MADAM
16 CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
21 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE . A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
23 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
24 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HERE
2 IS WHAT THE GAME PLAN FOR THE DAY IS GOING TO BE. WE HAVE NO
3 CLOSED SESSION. WE'RE GOING TO START WITH ITEM 4, ALISO
4 CANYON. WE HAVE A SET ITEM AT 11:00 THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP, SET
5 ITEM NUMBER 1, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 8 AND ITEM 51B, AND THEN WE
6 WILL FINISH WITH THOSE ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND THEN
7 OBVIOUSLY PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END. SO, WITH THAT, WHY DON'T
8 WE GO AHEAD AND START WITH ITEM NUMBER 4, WHICH I PUT ON THE
9 AGENDA, ALISO CANYON. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK MY
10 COLLEAGUES FOR HEARING THIS MOTION TODAY RELATED TO THE ALISO
11 CANYON NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY. I HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED TO
12 FIND THE RIGHT BALANCE IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
13 THE COMMUNITY WHILE BEING MINDFUL OF THE ENERGY NEEDS WITHIN
14 THE REGION. I DO FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT DESPITE THE CRITICISM
15 FROM SOME THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A LEADER IN FIGHTING FOR THE
16 COMMUNITY, I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND OUR OUTSIDE
17 ATTORNEYS WHO VIGOROUSLY FOUGHT TO ENSURE THE HEALTH STUDY WAS
18 INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT THAT WAS BROUGHT BY THE STATE. IT
19 WAS THE COUNTY THAT FILED THE SUIT FIGHTING FOR ENHANCED
20 OVERSIGHT AND REGULATIONS INTO NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITIES.
21 AND WHILE THERE'S A CONCERN THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS
22 OVERSEEING THE HEALTH STUDY AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTY JOINING
23 A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE GAS COMPANY, LET ME STRESS HOW
24 UNPRECEDENTED IT IS THAT WE EVEN GET TO HAVE A HEALTH STUDY IN
25 THE FIRST PLACE. I BELIEVE THAT GETS LOST IN THE RHETORIC.

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1 THIS HEALTH STUDY IS UNIQUE AND IS AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE, AS
2 WE ALL KNOW AND I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
3 HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LONG TERM
4 IMPACTS OF THE GAS LEAK WILL BE, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT
5 FOR US TO MONITOR AND HAVE A HEALTH STUDY TO ENSURE THAT WE
6 GET ANSWERS WHERE WE CAN. HOWEVER, MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE AND,
7 QUITE FRANKLY, SHOULD BE DONE. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO ME THAT
8 TRULY THE ONLY WAY TO ALLOW THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE THE
9 PROTECTION THEY DESERVE IS TO CALL FOR AN EXPEDITED CLOSURE OF
10 ALISO CANYON. DESPITE ALL THE ACTIONS -- [APPLAUSE] -- OF
11 THE COUNTY -- YOU CAN -- YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND. DESPITE ALL
12 THE ACTIONS THE COUNTY HAS UNDERTAKEN, THE ONLY WAY -- THE
13 ONLY WAY TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS
14 SURROUNDING ALISO CANYON IS TO CLOSE. MANY OF THE ENERGY
15 RELIABILITY CONCERNS THAT RIGHTFULLY NEED TO BE EXAMINED HAVE
16 BEEN PLACATED IN MY OPINION. ALISO HAS BEEN SEVERELY
17 RESTRICTED IN USAGE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW. THE GAS COMPANY
18 IS OPERATING WITHOUT UTILIZING ITS FULL PIPELINE
19 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND, YET, THE GAS HAS BEEN THERE. THE TIME HAS
20 COME FOR THE COUNTY TO CALL FOR THE CLOSURE OF ALISO CANYON. I
21 ASK FOR SUPPORT BY MY COLLEAGUES, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN,
22 YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, BUT LET ME
23 EMPHASIZE THAT THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE
24 BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH SENATOR STERN, WITH COUNCILMAN LEE, IN
25 ENSURING THAT WE WORK TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE TO ENCOURAGE

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1 AND, WHILE I KNOW THE GOVERNOR IS PUSHING THIS, IT IS
2 IMPORTANT FOR THE P.U.C. TO ALSO ENGAGE AND WORK WITH US, AS
3 WELL AS THE GAS COMPANY. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US, AND I KNOW IN
4 THE COUNTY, WE HAVE GOT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY THAT IS
5 LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO GAS IN GENERAL. THERE
6 ARE OPPORTUNITIES, AND I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME. I WANT TO
7 THANK THE COMMUNITY. AS FRUSTRATING AS I KNOW IT HAS BEEN FOR
8 YOU ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU. WE MIGHT NOT ALWAYS AGREE, BUT I
9 DO APPRECIATE YOUR ENGAGEMENT AND THE COMMITMENT THAT YOU HAVE
10 TO YOUR COMMUNITY. AND AGAIN, IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I TAKE
11 LIGHTLY, BUT I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TODAY, I APPRECIATE
12 THE COMMENTS YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE, BUT TO MY COLLEAGUES, I
13 WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD. AND
14 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
17 WORK ON THIS ISSUE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP. THIS IS REALLY A BOLD
18 AND COURAGEOUS MOVE THAT YOU ARE LEADING TODAY. AND I
19 COMPLETELY SUPPORT EXPEDITING THE CLOSURE OF ALISO CANYON.
20 HOWEVER, MY SUPPORT ALSO IS CAUTIOUSLY NERVOUS ABOUT ANOTHER
21 GAS STORAGE FACILITY, AND THAT'S THE ONE IN PLAYA DEL REY, AND
22 SINCE ITS CONVERSION IN 1955, IT CERTAINLY IS RIGHT IN THE
23 MIDDLE OF A VIBRANT IT NEIGHBORHOOD, RESIDENTS OF PLAYA DEL
24 REY, DEL REY, PLAYA VISTA, MARINA DEL REY, VENICE, AND
25 WESTCHESTER COMPLAIN VERY SIMILARLY TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT

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1 ODORS, BUBBLING WATER, BALLONA WETLANDS. SENATOR BEN ALLEN HAS
2 CALLED FOR A STUDY WHICH FOUND THAT THIS FACILITY ONLY
3 PROVIDES ABOUT 1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NATURAL GAS STORAGE, BUT
4 IT STANDS OUT AS A FACILITY TO HIGHER RISK TO HEALTH AND
5 SAFETY THAN SOME OF THE OTHER FACILITIES. SO IN LIGHT OF
6 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I HOPE YOU WOULD ACCEPT MY FRIENDLY
7 AMENDMENT THAT THE CLOSURE OF ALISO DOESN'T RESULT IN ANY
8 PROPOSALS TO INCREASE STORAGE CAPACITY AT PLAYA DEL REY. IF
9 ANYTHING, I, LIKE MANY OF MY RESIDENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
10 THAT FACILITY CLOSE, TOO. SO THIS AMENDMENT, COLLEAGUES, WOULD
11 ASK THAT THE LETTER THAT WE SEND TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND OUR
12 DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF THIS EXPEDITING THE CLOSURE OF ALISO
13 CANYON ALSO WILL EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSALS TO
14 INCREASE THE STORAGE CAPACITY AT PLAYA DEL REY, AND I WOULD
15 ALSO ASK THE GOVERNOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CLOSING THOSE
16 GAS FACILITY. SO THANK YOU FOR THOSE TWO VERY BOLD DECISIONS
17 THAT WE ARE MAKING, I THINK WE ARE SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE TO
18 THE STATE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THESE FACILITIES, THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I ACCEPT THAT
21 AMENDMENT. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU
24 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD TO EXPEDITE THE CLOSURE OF
25 ALISO CANYON, A NATURAL GAS FACILITY. I THINK IT IS VERY

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1 IMPORTANT THAT THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN
2 A MORE PROACTIVE ROLE WHEN IT COMES TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
3 ISSUES, PARTICULARLY AS IT IMPACTS THE SAFETY OF OUR PUBLIC
4 HEALTH REGARDING INDUSTRIES THAT UNFORTUNATELY POLLUTE AND
5 SOMETIMES CREATE HEALTH INCIDENTS THAT WE KNOW WE NEED TO BE
6 MORE WARY OF, BUT ALSO HAVE MUCH MORE CONTROL. SO I AGREE WITH
7 THE MOTION, MOVING FORWARD. I BELIEVE THAT THIS GOVERNOR HAS
8 SHOWN THAT HE IS OPEN AND LISTENS TO WHEN WE DO HAVE TRAGIC
9 INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR IN OUR DISTRICT. MINE, IN MY DISTRICT, AS
10 YOU KNOW, IS EXIDE. THAT'S THE SHUTTERED BATTERY RECYCLING
11 PLANT THAT AFTER 40 YEARS WAS SHUTDOWN BECAUSE OF LEAD
12 CONTAMINATION. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT I KNOW THAT
13 THE GOVERNOR IS PUTTING PEOPLE IN PLACE AT THIS MOMENT TO HEAD
14 D.T.S.C. AND SOME OF THE OTHER ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY
15 AGENCIES THAT CAN HELP US HERE AT THE COUNTY. SO I
16 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND JUST I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO
17 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE BOARD FOR ALSO NEGOTIATING A
18 SUCCESSFUL LAWSUIT AGREEMENT THAT ACTUALLY, BECAUSE OF A
19 RESULT OF THE LEAKAGE AT ALISO CANYON, WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO
20 GET AN ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT TO HELP PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES IN
21 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND ONE OF WHICH IS EXIDE. SO MADAM
22 CHAIR, I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO SAY JUST A FEW
2 MORE THINGS ABOUT IT. I ALSO SUPPORT THE MOTION AS AMENDED.
3 THE QUESTION I THINK THAT WE HAVE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CLOSING A
4 NATURAL GAS FACILITY IS WHETHER WE CAN MEET THE ENERGY NEEDS
5 OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY IN OTHER WAYS. SO I ASKED OUR
6 CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, GARY GERO, AND HIS TEAM, AND
7 THEY INDICATED THEY THOUGHT THAT THE CURRENT ELECTRIC GRID WAS
8 SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE THE LOAD EVEN IN THE WINTER AND, BUT THAT
9 WE ALSO HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES TO DECARBONIZING MANY OF OUR
10 BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTY, AND THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AS
11 WELL BECAUSE IT IS ONE THING TO SAY WE WANT THE FACILITY
12 CLOSED, AND WE'VE WANTED THAT FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS ANOTHER
13 THING TO SAY AND WE KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO, YOU KNOW, MAKE UP
14 FOR NOT USING THAT. NOW, IT IS NOT OPERATING AT ANYWHERE NEAR
15 FULL CAPACITY AT THE MOMENT ANYWAY. BUT THE NOTION OF INFUSING
16 NATURAL GAS AND USING THAT AS A STORAGE PLACE WHEN IT WAS
17 UNSAFE IN SO MANY WAYS, AND IT IS THE SAME THING IN, YOU KNOW,
18 THE MARINA SO CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT. I MEAN A LOT OF PEOPLE
19 DON'T KNOW THEY ARE STORING HUGE AMOUNTS OF NATURAL GAS RIGHT
20 UNDER THERE IN THAT AREA. SO THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT I THINK
21 WE ALWAYS NEED TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF OTHER
22 KINDS OF ENERGY FOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
25 JUST WANTED TO SAY TO THAT THAT YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS NOT

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1 WORKING AT FULL CAPACITY, AND THE REASON WHY THIS MOTION, TO
2 SOME IN THE COMMUNITY, TOOK TOO LONG TO COME FORWARD WAS FOR
3 THAT REASON. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE DOTTED OUR I.S AND
4 CROSSED OUR T.S AS IT RELATED TO CLOSURE AND ENSURING THAT WE
5 DID NOT COMPROMISE THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO NOT BE ABLE TO GO
6 TO SOMETHING AS AN ALTERNATIVE. AND SO I WAS VERY CAREFUL WITH
7 THAT. AND SO I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU. BUT, AGAIN, I'M --
8 KNOWING THAT ALISO CANYON IS NOT USED AT FULL CAPACITY TELLS
9 ME THAT, IN FACT, WE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF WEANING OURSELVES
10 OFF OF THAT. AND GIVEN NOW THAT I'M ON A.Q.M.D., I KNOW
11 THERE'S A PUSH TO MOVE AWAY FROM GAS, AS A MATTER OF FACT. SO
12 I SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE STATE
13 TO NOT ONLY ADDRESS ALISO CANYON, BUT TO YOUR POINT,
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO ALSO LOOK ACROSS AT ALL GAS STORAGE. AND I
15 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO THAT IN A UNITED FRONT, AND
16 THAT'S WHY THE MOTION ALSO INCLUDES OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
17 BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL NEED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE,
18 INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY, TO MAKE SURE WE DO THIS IN A WAY THAT
19 IS NOT GOING TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR DISTRICTS. SO,
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN A WEEK OR SO,
23 WE WILL MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY
24 OF DR. KING'S LIFE AND WORK, AND I THINK IT'S WORTH QUOTING
25 HIM, "THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT." I APPLAUD

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1 GOVERNOR NEWSOM FOR HIS BOLD STEPS TO STAND UP TO THE SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND, FRANKLY, MANY OTHER UTILITIES
3 ACROSS THE STATE THAT HAVE HAD TOO MUCH CULPABILITY AS FAR AS
4 ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. IN OTHER WORDS,
5 IT IS FAIR TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. NO NEED TO POINT FINGERS.
6 IT IS JUST A NEED TO GET TO CLOSURE AND PROGRESS IN AN
7 APPROPRIATE WAY. WE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ON THE RECORD IN
8 SUPPORT OF AN EXPEDITED CLOSURE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER FOR HER CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I'M
10 PREPARED TO VOTE AYE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL UP THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED
14 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, WOULD THE FOLLOWING
17 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME ISSAM
18 NAJM, MATT PAKUCKO, PATTY GLUECK, HELEN ATTAI, LORI AVAZIAN,
19 DEIRDRE BOLONA, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU JUST
22 EXPLAIN TO THE AUDIENCE WHEN YOU ARE CALLING THEM UP HOW THEY
23 ARE GOING TO BE TOLD WHICH --

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WHEN YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD, STAFF WILL
2 BE ASSISTING YOU. SIT IN THE FIRST TWO ROWS' SEATS, AND THEY
3 WILL DIRECT YOU TO EACH OF THE PODIUMS.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON, AND THEN, MATT, YOU WILL GO
6 NEXT. YEP.

7

8 **ISSAM NAJM:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 ISSAM NAJM. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTER RANCH
10 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I AM HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE
11 COUNCIL. THE GAS BLOWOUT OF OCTOBER 2015 EXPOSED THOUSANDS OF
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO TOXIC CHEMICALS IN THE FORM OF CRUDE OIL
13 THAT WAS MIXED WITH THE GAS AS IT WAS RELEASED FROM THE
14 STORAGE FIELD UNCONTROLLABLY FOR FOUR MONTHS. YET OVER THOSE
15 FOUR MONTHS, NOT ONCE DID THE GAS COMPANY INFORM THE RESIDENTS
16 OR THE COUNTY'S OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF
17 THE EXPOSURES AND THE POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS OF THESE
18 CHEMICALS. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOTION FOR A VERY
19 LONG TIME, AND WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR BARGER
20 FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION ON THE FLOOR. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL
21 HAVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
22 EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUTS PUBLIC
23 HEALTH AND SAFETY ABOVE CORPORATE GREED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TIME.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW MATT, SAY YOUR LAST TIME
2 FOR US.

3

4 **MATT PAKUCKO:** IT'S PAKUCKO.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO.

7

8 **MATT PAKUCKO:** PRESIDENT AND COFOUNDER OF SAVE PORTER RANCH, A
9 12 YEAR PORTER RANCH RESIDENT. YEAH, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
10 THIS FOR FOUR YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS
11 FORWARD, BUT WE ALSO THINK THIS NEEDS A DEADLINE. WITHOUT A
12 DEADLINE, IT IS JUST A DREAM. AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PUT A
13 DEADLINE OF THE END OF 2020 TO ISSUE THE ORDER TO CLOSE THIS
14 FACILITY AND BEGIN THE SHUTDOWN. AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
15 MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS THINK THAT THREE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES'
16 LAWSUITS THAT WERE SETTLED A COUPLE YEARS AGO DROPPED THE BALL
17 BECAUSE -- THAT WAS LONG BEFORE YOU KNEW THE FULL STORY OF
18 THIS FACILITY. SO THE ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IT
19 CRUCIFIED SOCAL GAS AND SHOWED 60 OTHER LEAKS, TWO OTHER
20 BLOWOUTS, NONE OF THEM INVESTIGATED, ALL SORTS OF SAFETY
21 VIOLATIONS. AND NOW, THIS IS TWO YEARS AFTER THAT SETTLEMENT,
22 THE COURT DEPOSITIONS FROM SOCAL GAS, TALKING ABOUT THE TOXINS
23 IN THAT GAS THAT CAME OUT THEN ARE STILL IN THE FACILITY.
24 AND YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ONGOING HEALTH COMPLAINTS AND ISSUES.
25 SO YEAH, WHILE WE DO APPRECIATE THIS, WE NEED TO ASK FOR SOME

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1 MORE TEETH IN IT. WE NEED THE CLOSURE DATE BY THE END OF 2020.
2 IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO ALSO PUSH FOR THE RETURN
3 OF THE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WORKED FOR TWO YEARS AND KEPT
4 THAT PLACE USED AS AN ASSET OF LAST RESORT ONLY, AND EVERYBODY
5 STILL GOT THEIR ENERGY. AND NUMBER THREE, PLEASE, ISSUE A
6 SUBPOENA TO SOCAL GAS, YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY, TO DISCLOSE ALL
7 CHEMICALS THAT CAME OUT OF THAT FACILITY AND ARE IN THAT GAS.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MATT. NEXT SPEAKER, WELCOME.

10

11 **PATTY GLUECK:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PATTY GLUECK. AND I JUST
12 WANT TO START OFF AND SAY TOMORROW MORNING MY HUSBAND IS
13 GETTING A P.E.T. SCAN TO SEE IF HIS LYMPHOMA HAS SPREAD, AND
14 THAT IS CURRENTLY OUR REALITY, THAT 1.5 MILLION RESIDENTS ARE
15 BEING EXPOSED TO POLY TOXINS THAT CAUSE LYMPHOMA AND OTHER
16 FORMS OF CANCER, AND CHILDREN ARE ESPECIALLY AFFECTED. MANY
17 CASES OF CHILDREN ARE GETTING SICK. WE FACE THE RISK OF A
18 MAJOR QUAKE. ON OCTOBER 11TH WE CAME THIS CLOSE TO FINDING OUT
19 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN FLAMES MEET THESE WELLS. SO THIS RESOLUTION
20 IS GREAT, BUT IT DOES NOT REFLECT ALL THE RISKS TO OUR HEALTH
21 AND SAFETY, AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE ADDED. THE RESOLUTION
22 DOES MENTION THE CONSENT DECREE, BUT WHERE ARE THE B.T.E.X.
23 MONITORS. WE REALLY NEED THESE. I'M ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
24 GROUP FOR HEALTH STUDY, AND I FEEL THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS
25 COMPLETE BLOOD COUNTS TAKEN OF EVERY RESIDENT FOUR YEARS AGO.

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1 THAT WOULD BE THE HEALTH STUDY. AND IT WOULDN'T TAKE \$25
2 MILLION TO ACHIEVE THAT. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID WE
3 WOULD GET THE MITIGATION MONEY, BUT INSTEAD, SOCAL GAS GOT IT
4 FOR THEIR PET PROJECTS INSTEAD THAT WILL BE MORE POLLUTING AND
5 WILL BENEFIT THEM FINANCIALLY. SO WE NEED IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF
6 ALISO THIS YEAR BECAUSE EVERY DAY, WE ARE GETTING MORE AND
7 MORE SICK AND MORE AND MORE DANGER, AND, AS MATT SAID, A LIST
8 OF CHEMICALS.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. WHY DON'T YOU --
11 BEFORE YOU SPEAK, WE'RE GOING TO CALL SOME MORE NAMES. GO
12 AHEAD, CELIA.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, WOULD THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD? NICOLE LEVIN, DAVE OLE, JOHN
16 KERIN, GREG BRATONE, DEIDRE BOLONA, HELEN ATAI, JANE FOWLER,
17 KYOKO HIBINO, HERMAN HERMAN, ALEXANDER NAGY, JOHN TEBOE,
18 ARNOLD SACHS, AND KORIE SCHMIDT. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
19 WILL ASSIST YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT.

22

23 **DEIRDRE BOLONA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DEIRDRE BOLONA. THANK YOU
24 AGAIN FOR DOING THIS FOR US AND YOUR INSPIRING WORDS THAT YOU
25 ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THAT HAS

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1 BROUGHT, LIKE, HOPE INTO MY HEART BECAUSE WE'VE HAD NONE. SO I
2 JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OF SOME STUFF THAT HAS BEEN GOING
3 ON. SOCAL GAS/SEMPRA WAS ORDERED TO PAY \$400 MILLION TO SETTLE
4 AN ENRON STYLE GAMING LAWSUIT FOR MARKET MANIPULATION AND
5 ABUSE FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY CRISIS IN 2000. WELL, THEY'VE
6 PULLED OUT THAT PLAY BOOK AGAIN. THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO
7 MANIPULATE THE MARKET SINCE THE BLOWOUT TO JUSTIFY A NEED FOR
8 ALISO. IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT THE P.U.C. RELAX THE 2016
9 WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOL KNOWING WHAT CHEMICALS RESIDENTS ARE
10 ALREADY EXPOSED TO WITH ALISO'S REGULAR MAINTENANCE VENTING
11 AND DAILY LEAKS. AND NOW, SOCAL GAS HAS BEEN WITHDRAWING
12 ALMOST DAILY, DELIVERING A HEAVIER DOSE OF CANCER CAUSING
13 CHEMICALS TO OUR FAMILIES AND PETS. RECENTLY, A SOCAL GAS
14 EMPLOYEE WAS DEPOSED AND ADMITTED URANIUM LEAKS FROM ALISO. I
15 LOST MY FATHER TWO YEARS AGO TO KIDNEY CANCER. HIS BLOOD WORK
16 SHOWED EXTREMELY HIGH LEVELS OF FORMALDEHYDE AND URANIUM. CAN
17 I JUST GIVE YOU MY ASKS?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE, YOU CAN SUBMIT
20 IN WRITING, BUT WHY DO YOU GIVE THE ASKS REALLY QUICK.

21

22 **DEIDRE BOLONA:** SO I'M ASKING YOU TODAY TO USE YOUR SUBPOENA
23 POWER TO GET THE CHEMICAL LIST FROM SOCAL GAS, CALL ON
24 GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE C.P.U.C. TO REVERSE THIS DANGEROUS

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1 LOOSENED WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOL, AND EXPEDITE THE CLOSURE OF
2 ALISO WITH AN AMENDMENT FOR ALISO'S CLOSURE TO HAPPEN IN 2020.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. SIMILAR TO WHAT MATT SAID, GOT IT.
5 THANK YOU. AND IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SUBMIT IN
6 WRITING, PLEASE FEEL FREE.

7

8 **DEIRDRE BOLONA:** OH, I WILL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

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

11

12 **LORI AVAZIAN:** YES, MY NAME IS LORI AVAZIAN. I'M A 19 YEAR
13 RESIDENT OF PORTER RANCH. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF SAVE PORTER
14 RANCH, A MEMBER OF THE ALISO MOMS ALLIANCE, AND ALSO A MEMBER
15 OF THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY
16 GROUP FOR THE \$25 MILLION HEALTH STUDY, I HAVE NEVER BEEN
17 INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVISM IN MY LIFE UNTIL THIS HAPPENED TO MY
18 FAMILY. IT HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE FOUR YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR
20 RECOMMENDING THIS LETTER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM. I DON'T USUALLY
21 GET CHOKED UP. I'VE BECOME VERY USED TO SPEAKING IN PUBLIC,
22 BUT I'M VERY EMOTIONAL ABOUT THIS TODAY, ESPECIALLY AFTER
23 HEARING ALL OF YOUR SPEECHES. SO, I DO GREATLY THANK YOU FOR
24 RECOMMENDING THIS LETTER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND SUPPORT OF
25 THIS PROPOSED EXPEDITED CLOSURE OF ALISO CANYON, BUT I ALSO

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1 BEG OF YOU TO REQUEST THE GOVERNOR SET UP A MORE IMMEDIATE
2 TIMELINE FOR CLOSURE AND THAT THE BOARD USE ITS FULL POWER OF
3 SUBPOENA TO OBTAIN A FULL LIST OF THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF
4 NOT ONLY SOCAL GAS'S NATURAL GAS BUT ALSO THE WELL KILL FLUIDS
5 THEY USED IN THEIR NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO PLUG THE BLOWOUT SO
6 OUR COMMUNITY CAN FIND OUT WHAT MADE US SO ILL DURING THE
7 BLOWOUT, CONTINUES TO MAKE ALL OF US ILL, AND TO OBTAIN THE
8 INFORMATION CRITICAL TO MAKING THE UPCOMING \$25 MILLION HEALTH
9 STUDY A SUCCESS. AND I DO, KATHRYN BARGER, SUPERVISOR, THANK
10 YOU FOR ADVOCATING SO GREATLY FOR THAT HEALTH STUDY. WE'RE
11 HOPING THAT WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF OUR
12 EXPOSURE WILL BE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR STAYING
15 INVOLVED. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **HELEN ATAI:** MY NAME IS HELEN ATAI. I'M A GRANADA HILLS
18 RESIDENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR TODAY. WE
19 HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS FOR OVER FOUR YEARS NOW. I'M GLAD
20 TO SEE IT IS FINALLY HAPPENING. I'M HERE TO STRONGLY URGE THE
21 BOARD TO USE YOUR FULL SUBPOENA POWER TO GET A LIST OF ALL THE
22 CHEMICALS WE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.
23 IT HAS BEEN AFFECTING OUR LIVES. ACCORDING TO THE SOCAL GAS
24 EMPLOYEE'S DEPOSITION IN THE LAWSUIT, WE KNOW FOR A FACT OF A
25 FEW OF THE CHEMICALS. AND IT'S NOT JUST METHANE AND

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1 MERCAPTOPYRINE. ONE IS BENZINE, WHICH CAUSES CANCER IN HUMANS
2 AND OUR PETS BY INHALATION AND CAUSES LEUKEMIA. TWO, URANIUM,
3 URANIUM EXPOSURE, WHICH IS RADIOACTIVE, CAUSES KIDNEY DISEASE,
4 BONE, AND LUNG CANCER. RADON, LUNG CANCER. ACROLEIN, WHICH
5 AFFECTS EYES, NASAL, AND RESPIRATORY TRACTS AND DECREASING
6 BREATHING RATE, ALSO AFFECTS THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM,
7 POSSIBLE CANCER CAUSING SUBSTANCE, 5 P.C.B.S., CAUSES SKIN
8 CONDITIONS SUCH AS RASHES, ACNE, LIVER DAMAGE, CANCER IN
9 ANIMAL ANIMAL, EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CANCER CAUSING IN HUMANS.
10 ALSO PER E.P.A., STUDIES HAVE FOUND INCREASES IN MALIGNANT
11 MELANOMA AND RARE LIVER CANCER. IT HAS BEEN WAY OVER 4 YEARS.
12 WE ARE INTO THE 5TH YEAR. AND WE SEE ALL OF THOSE SYMPTOMS AND
13 DISEASES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN FEEL FREE, AGAIN, TO SUBMIT IN
16 WRITING IF HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO SUBMIT FOR THE
17 RECORD THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO READ. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **GREG BARTONE:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GREG BARTONE. I
20 ALSO WASN'T AN ACTIVIST UNTIL I HEARD ABOUT ALISO CANYON. I'M
21 NOT A MEMBER OF PORTER RANCH, BUT I BECAME AN ALLY ONCE I
22 LEARNED ABOUT ALISO CANYON, HOW IT WAS THE SITE OF THE LARGEST
23 GAS LEAK IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND HOW THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
24 ANGELENOS, AND MY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN POISONED AND CONTINUE TO
25 BE POISONED BY HARMFUL TOXINS LIKE METHANE, BENZINE, AND

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1 URANIUM. ACTUALLY, THE FULL LIST IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE SOCAL GAS
2 REFUSES TO RELEASE IT. SO PLEASE, I'M ASKING THE L.A. COUNTY
3 BOARD TO USE THEIR FULL SUBPOENA POWER TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE
4 OF ALL THE CHEMICALS USED BY SOCAL GAS. THIS IS THE LEAST THEY
5 CAN DO FOR ALL THE HARM THEY HAVE CAUSED THIS COMMUNITY.

6 SECOND, I URGE YOU TO PASS THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE EXPEDITED
7 CLOSURE OF ALISO CANYON WITH AN AMENDMENT THAT WILL MAKE
8 CERTAIN THIS MONSTROSITY WILL BE CLOSED WITHIN THIS YEAR. THIS
9 NEEDS A DEADLINE BECAUSE THIS FACILITY IS STILL POISONING
10 PEOPLE EVERY DAY THAT SOCAL GAS IS ALLOWED TO EXTRACT GAS.

11 PLEASE PUT PEOPLE ABOVE THE PROFIT AND SHUTDOWN ALISO CANYON
12 NOW.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M SORRY. I'M HAVING A MOMENT HERE BECAUSE WE
17 HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR SO LONG, SO I'M JUST KIND OF BLOWN AWAY
18 AND GRATEFUL AND JUST TO SHARE QUICKLY WHAT I HAVE BEEN
19 THROUGH IS MY BELOVED MISSY, MY FOUR-LEGGED DAUGHTER, WHO HAD
20 CRUDE OIL ALL OVER HER, SHE PASSED AWAY. AND I ALMOST LOST MY
21 HUSBAND, AND HE'S ACTUALLY AT THE FACILITY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE
22 HE'S FEELING THE SAME SYMPTOMS THAT HE DID WHEN HE HAD TO BE
23 HOSPITALIZED. SO, SORRY. AND I'VE HAD SO MANY SYMPTOMS AND
24 TEST RESULTS SENT TO MY DOCTOR, AND MY DOCTOR LITERALLY SAID
25 TO ME, THIS IS CEDARS-SINAI DOCTOR SAID, "I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT

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1 TO DO WITH YOU. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO HELP YOU," WHICH IS, I
2 THINK WHAT -- YOU KNOW, A LOT OF DOCTORS HAVE NO IDEA BECAUSE
3 IT IS SORT OF AN UNPRECEDENTED THING. BUT I THINK WE BETTER
4 GET ON IT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW, THE ENVIRONMENT. ANYWAY, IT
5 CONTINUES. I JUST HAD A HOLIDAY. MY DAUGHTER CAME HOME SHE
6 SAID TO ME, "OH MY GOD MOM, YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE." WHY?
7 WHAT'S HAPPENING? AND SHE SAID, "I CAN'T BREATHE. I'M USING
8 MY INHALER ALL THE TIME, AND I'M COUGHING." SHE COULD
9 IMMEDIATELY FEEL LIVING THERE. AND I JUST CONTINUE -- THAT'S
10 ALL I WANT TO SAY, PLEASE GIVE US A TIMELINE BECAUSE I'M
11 HAVING ANXIETY OVER THIS. I NEED A DATE. I NEED A TIMELINE.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW, OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **NICOLE LEVIN:** HI, MY NAME IS NICOLE LEVIN. AND I'M WITH THE
16 SUNRISE MOVEMENT. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE
17 OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND I DO NOT TRUST MY ELECTED
18 OFFICIALS TO TAKE THE OBVIOUS STEPS TO PUT THE HEALTH OF OUR
19 COMMUNITY ABOVE THE PROFITS OF THE GAS COMPANY. ALISO CANYON
20 IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THAT. I SUPPORT THE BOARD'S MOTION TO
21 WRITE A LETTER ASKING FOR AN EXPEDITED CLOSURE OF THE FACILITY
22 BUT, WITHOUT A CLEAR TIMELINE, THIS LETTER IS MEANINGLESS. IT
23 IS AN EMPTY PROMISE ALLOWING SOCAL GAS TO CONTINUE TO POISON
24 OUR COMMUNITY, MY COWORKERS HAVE BEEN POISONED WITH NOT JUST
25 METHANE, BUT BENZINE, URANIUM, AND P.C.B.S. I URGE THE BOARD

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1 TO ADD A TIMELINE TO THIS LETTER, CALLING FOR THE SHUTDOWN OF
2 ALISO CANYON THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **JOHN KERIN:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN KERIN. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF
7 SUNRISE MOVEMENT. AND I'M JUST REALLY ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED
8 RIGHT NOW. USUALLY I'M PRETTY FRIENDLY GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT,
9 BUT, YOU KNOW, I THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, BUT IT
10 IS COMPLETELY INSUFFICIENT. WE NEED A TIMELINE. I DON'T KNOW
11 WHAT EXPEDITED MEANS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT EXPEDITED MEANS.
12 GAVIN NEWSOM DOESN'T KNOW WHAT EXPEDITED MEANS. NO ONE IT
13 DOES. AND I FEEL LIKE OVER THE PAST YEAR, I'VE EARNED A DEGREE
14 IN POLITICAL HAND WAVING AND WORD PLAY AND HOW TO BE EXTREMELY
15 NON COMMITTAL WHILE SAYING VERY NICE THINGS. WE CAN'T DO THAT
16 ANYMORE. IT IS 2020. NOT ONLY IS THIS THE 5TH YEAR SINCE THE
17 GAS BLOWOUT, I ALSO NOTICED PEOPLE AREN'T LISTENING AS I'M
18 GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT AND AS WE ARE ALL UP HERE GIVING PUBLIC
19 COMMENT, AND IT IS EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING. WE NEED IT TO BE
20 SHUT DOWN WITHIN THIS YEAR. THERE IS NO ENERGY BALANCE BETWEEN
21 HEALTH AND ENERGY THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS
22 CAN BE SHUTDOWN. SOCAL GAS'S PIPELINES ARE BACK ONLINE. THEY
23 HAVE NO EXCUSE. THEY HAVE A CORDIAL DIALOGUE GOING ON BETWEEN
24 THEM AND THE C.P.U.C. TELLING THE C.P.U.C. THEY NEED MORE AND
25 MORE GAS, AND THE C.P.U.C. IS LETTING THEM DO IT. THEY ARE

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1 WITHDRAWING EVERY DAY. PEOPLE ARE GETTING POISONED EVERY
2 SINGLE DAY. AND IF WE JUST KEEP SLAPPING BAND AIDS ON THINGS
3 AND KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD AND ALLOWING A CORPORATE
4 MONOPOLY WHO HAS POLLUTED AND KILLED PEOPLE TO CONTINUE DOING
5 SO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS FOR.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **ALEXANDRA NAGY:** WOW. HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA
10 NAGY. I'M THE CALIFORNIA DIRECTOR WITH THE FOOD AND WATER
11 WATCH AND FOOD AND WATER ACTION. I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT THIS
12 LETTER IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN FINALLY COME AND SPEAK TO AND
13 SUPPORT TODAY. BUT I ECHO ALL MY COLLEAGUES' AND FRIENDS'
14 CALLS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THIS LETTER TO CALL FOR A DEADLINE.
15 WE NEED A TIMELINE. JUST LIKE JOHN SAID, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT
16 EXPEDITED MEANS. WE NEED THE COUNTY TO LEAD ON THIS. THE
17 COUNTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE LEADER AS IT COMES TO ENERGY
18 RELIABILITY. BACK IN 2017, YOU ALL PUBLISHED AN ENERGY REPORT
19 THAT WAS COMMISSIONED BY E.E.S. THAT WAS REALLY THE FIRST
20 REPORT OUTSIDE OF US AT FOOD AND WATER WATCH SHOWING THAT
21 ALISO CANYON WASN'T NEEDED. YOU LENT A LOT OF CREDIBILITY TO
22 THAT. AT THAT TIME, THE STATE HAD 32 MITIGATION MEASURES THAT
23 THEY USED TO WEAN OFF OF ALISO CANYON AS QUICKLY AS THEY DID.
24 AND THOSE 32 MITIGATION MEASURES WORKED. WE HAD A VERY STRICT
25 WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOL THAT LEFT ALISO CANYON AS A LAST RESORT.

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1 WELL JUST THIS LAST YEAR, IN 2019, THE P.U.C. FINALLY LESSENNED
2 AND WEAKENED THOSE WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOLS AND THOSE RULES. UNDER
3 GOVERNOR NEWSOM, WE HAVE ACTUALLY SEEN WITHDRAWALS INCREASE AT
4 ALISO CANYON, COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED SINCE WE GOT THOSE MAJOR
5 PIPELINES ONLINE. SO WE NEED YOU TO LEAD ON THIS. WE NEED YOU
6 TO GO AND REVERSE THOSE WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOLS. WE NEED OUR
7 COUNTY COUNSEL AND WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO REALLY FIGHT FOR
8 THAT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
13 I APPRECIATE YOU PUTTING THIS MOTION TOGETHER, BUT THERE'S A
14 FEW HOLES LIKE SWISS CHEESE FOR THIS. THE TIME IS RIGHT TO DO
15 WHAT IS RIGHT. I ACTUALLY LIKE DR. KING WHEN HE SAID I HAVE
16 BEEN TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP. AND I APPRECIATE THE IDEA OF
17 DECARBONIZATION, BUT WHO WILL COLLECT THE DATA IF YOU
18 DECARBONIZE? THE REAL PROBLEM HERE IS YOU LIVE IN HOME OWNER'S
19 ASSOCIATIONS, AND SO THE GOVERNOR HAS NO OVERSIGHT OVER THE
20 HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, AND THE COUNTY HAS NO OVERSIGHT OVER
21 THE HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS, BUT YOU HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD
22 COUNCIL, WHICH MEANS YOU'RE FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
23 YET, THERE IS NO CITY COUNCIL IN HERE. SO I HAVE A SUGGESTION.
24 SINCE YOU LIVE IN A HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK
25 TO SEE WHO YOU ARE PAYING YOUR MORTGAGE TO. THE BANKS, THE

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1 BUILDERS, AND THE REAL ESTATE COMPANIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
2 PUTTING YOU IN THOSE HOMES, BUT THEY ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO BE
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO
4 DISCLOSE IF YOU ARE IN AN IMMINENT DANGEROUS SITUATION, AND
5 SINCE THEY FAILED TO DISCLOSE YOU ARE IN AN IMMINENT DANGEROUS
6 SITUATION, YOU OUGHT TO FILE A LAWSUIT. DON'T PAY YOUR
7 MORTGAGE. DON'T PAY WHATEVER, AND GET THEM INVOLVED IN CLOSING
8 DOWN ALISO CANYON SO YOU CAN GET SOME MONEY SETTLED BECAUSE
9 THOSE ARE THE CORPORATIONS THAT ARE HIDING BEHIND, OH, I DON'T
10 KNOW, THIS [EXPLETIVE].

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU, NEXT
13 SPEAKER.

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15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DAVID COLE.
16 I'M PART OF EXTINCTION REBELLION L.A. AND PROUD TO SUPPORT MY
17 FRIENDS IN SAVE PORTER RANCH. LOOK, AUSTRALIA IS ON FIRE.
18 THE AMAZON IS ON FIRE. THE ICECAPS ARE MELTING. THERE IS NO
19 DOUBT WE ARE IN A CLIMATE CRISIS. SUPPORTING THIS MOTION IS,
20 QUITE FRANKLY, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO. THIS FACILITY IS TOXIC.
21 IT'S POISONING PEOPLE. IT HAS BEEN POISONING PEOPLE FOR YEARS.
22 IT IS UNNECESSARY. SHUT IT DOWN. SHUT IT DOWN WITHIN A YEAR.
23 TELL US WHAT CHEMICALS ARE IN THERE RIGHT NOW AND GO BACK TO
24 USING IT AS A LAST RESORT ONLY. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** ARE THEY TRUTHFUL TO ANY OR ALL OF YOU? NOT THE
4 CONDITIONS OF TODAY'S THREAT OF A HOLOCAUST OF THOSE FOOLS UP
5 THERE GASSING YOU, I, THE PUBLIC, HAVE NO CONCERN OF OUR
6 HEALTH OR INTERESTS. THE MONOPOLY OF MONIES OF COMPANIES
7 DRIVING THEIR PIPES AND THEIR GASES UP TO THE LINE OF WHAT? IT
8 IS UNBELIEVABLE. IT'S TOTALLY UNBELIEVABLE. AND A MAJORITY OF
9 YOU STAY HOME AND DON'T WANT TO SHUT IT DOWN! THE ONLY WAY WE
10 SHUT THINGS DOWN IS WE COME HERE AND PROTEST. WE EXERCISE OUR
11 RIGHT TO FIGHT! THANK YOU, DONALD TRUMP. COME TO CALIFORNIA
12 AND SHUT IT DOWN. SHUT THIS [EXPLETIVE] DOWN NOW, PENCE! STOP
13 GOVERNOR NEWSOM FROM DESTROYING OUR COMMUNITIES. STOP GAVIN
14 NEWSOM AND PELOSI FROM DESTROYING CALIFORNIA BY GUTTING US AND
15 OUR WALLETS, GUTTING US AT OUR HOMES, AND CHARGING US
16 EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF --

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HERMAN HERMAN, STAY ON TOPIC.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE THAT IMPACTS OUR HEALTH
21 AND WELFARE AND LARGELY BECAUSE IT HARMS OUR LUNGS. SO,
22 FURTHERWARDS --

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, HERMAN. NEXT SPEAKER. THANK
25 YOU, HERMAN. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1

2 **JOHN TEBOE:** HELLO, IS THIS ON? HELLO, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME
3 SPEAK. MY NAME IS JOHN TEBOE. I'M A 20 YEAR RESIDENT OF THE
4 AREA AND HAVE BEEN SICKENED GREATLY BECAUSE OF ALISO CANYON.
5 THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT OF CLOSING
6 ALISO CANYON, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH TOLD ME TO KEEP
7 FIGHTING FOR THIS. AND WELL, IT HAS BEEN FOUR YEARS, AND WE
8 ARE STILL HERE FIGHTING FOR THIS. SO THANKS FOR PUTTING UP
9 THIS VOTE TODAY. I ASK THAT YOU PASS THIS VOTE WITH AN
10 AMENDMENT TO CLOSE THE FACILITY WITHIN A YEAR. THERE'S --
11 THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN STUDIES THAT SAY CLOSING ALISO CANYON
12 STORAGE FACILITY WILL NOT DISRUPT ENERGY FLOW. PEOPLE ARE
13 STILL GETTING SICK WITH EVERY CURRENT WITHDRAWAL. PLEASE CLOSE
14 THIS PLACE DOWN AND ORDER IT CLEANED UP, AND PLEASE,
15 SUPERVISOR BARGER, PLEASE USE YOUR POWER OF SUBPOENA TO
16 SUBPOENA SOCAL GAS TO GIVE US A FULL LIST OF CHEMICALS THAT
17 THEY ARE SPEWING OUT OF THE PLACE. EVERY ONE OF OUR
18 SUPERVISORS HAS THAT POWER. PLEASE USE IT TO HELP US. THANK
19 YOU ALL.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOU'RE NEXT.

22

23 **KORIE SCHMIDT:** KORIE SCHMIDT FOR THE RECORD. SO, HERE WE ARE,
24 ON JANUARY 7TH OF 2020. YOU THOUGHT THIS PROBLEM WAS JUST
25 GOING TO GO AWAY. YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST GOING TO RESOLVE

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1 ITSELF ON ITS OWN, YOU KNOW, BUT YOU'RE NOT HANDLING THE
2 PROBLEM RIGHT. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT DOING THINGS RIGHT. I
3 THINK THAT THIS PROBLEM IS GOING TO COST A LOT OF MONEY. AND I
4 DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE SPENDING ANY OF IT, I THINK YOU ARE
5 FIGHTING OVER LITTLE THINGS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE
6 OF WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE THINGS. BUT I THINK, ULTIMATELY,
7 WE'RE GOING TO SEE ANOTHER BLOWOUT, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT
8 YOU ARE AFRAID OF RIGHT NOW. I AGREE. I THINK THAT THINGS
9 SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU ARE HANDLING THIS
10 APPROPRIATELY. I THINK YOU ARE GOING AROUND THE PROBLEM. I
11 THINK IT NEEDS TO BE HANDLED DIRECTLY. I JUST -- YOU KNOW. I
12 WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, IF WE MOVE FROM ONE FACILITY TO THE
13 NEXT, IT IS GOING TO COST A WHOLE LOT MORE MONEY TO FIX. SO I
14 SUGGEST YOU GUYS FIX THE PROBLEM.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT IS THE LAST SPEAKER, BUT
17 I'D LIKE TO CALL ON COUNTY COUNSEL REGARDING THE SUBPOENA
18 POWER AND WHAT THE BOARD'S ABILITY IS AS IT RELATES TO ABILITY
19 TO DO SUBPOENAS.

20

21 **ATTORNEY:** MADAM CHAIR, THE BOARD DOES IN FACT HAVE THE
22 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS, WHETHER IT CAN SPECIFICALLY DO
23 IT FOR THIS PARTICULAR PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CONSTITUENTS HAVE
24 BEEN SUGGESTING THAT YOU USE IT, I'M NOT SURE RIGHT NOW. WE
25 WILL LOOK INTO IT AND REPORT BACK TO YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE REPORT BACK TO US. THAT
3 CONCLUDES THE HEARING. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. I
4 THINK MY COLLEAGUES HERE, THE EMOTIONAL TOLL THIS HAS TAKEN ON
5 MANY IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE
6 THAT SAY WHY DOES IT NOT AFFECT EVERYBODY, I'M A FIRM
7 BELIEVER, WHICH IS WHY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I FOUGHT TO HAVE
8 THE PESTICIDES REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY, THAT PEOPLE'S IMMUNE
9 SYSTEMS ARE DIFFERENT. AND IT IMPACTS PEOPLE IN A DIFFERENT
10 WAY. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH, DR. FERRER, NEED TO BE VERY AGGRESSIVE IN MONITORING,
12 ESPECIALLY THAT PEOPLE THAT CAME FORWARD TODAY WHO HAVE BEEN
13 IMPACTED, WHO ARE SEEING DOCTORS THAT CAN DOCUMENT THE IMPACT
14 IT'S HAD ON THEM. IT IS NOT OUR PLACE TO QUESTION WHETHER THEY
15 ARE TELLING THE TRUTH OR NOT BECAUSE I FIRMLY DO BELIEVE THAT
16 IT HAS IMPACTED THE COMMUNITY. BUT AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU
17 ALL FOR COMING FORWARD. I KNOW YOU DON'T FEEL THIS MOTION HAS
18 GONE FAR ENOUGH. BUT I MAKE YOU THIS PROMISE THAT THIS BOARD,
19 AS YOU HEARD FROM OUR COMMENTS, IS UNITED IN ADDRESSING THIS
20 ISSUE AND WORKING WITH THE STATE WHO ULTIMATELY DOES HAVE THE
21 AUTHORITY AS IT RELATES TO THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THIS FACILITY
22 WITH THE P.U.C. TO ENSURE WE VIGOROUSLY FIGHT TOWARD THAT END.
23 SO AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I WANT TO
24 THANK THE PORTER RANCH TOWN COUNCIL -- PORTER RANCH COUNCIL
25 FOR BEING A PARTNER AND COMMUNICATING WITH OUR OFFICE AS WELL

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1 AS SAVE PORTER RANCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON
2 OTHER AREAS OUT THERE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS AS IT RELATES TO
3 OPEN SPACE AND OTHER THINGS IMPACTING THE ALISO CANYON AREA.
4 SO WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WITHOUT OBJECTION, DO
5 WE HAVE -- MAY I DO A, WITHOUT OBJECTION, DO I HAVE? WITH THE
6 AMEND -- AS AMENDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE A
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THIS ITEM. AGAIN, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].
8 ALL RIGHT. NOW WE ARE GOING TO GO ON TO THE SET ITEM. AND ON
9 THIS, THIS ITEM IS A REPORT ON DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
10 JUSTICE INVOLVED MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
11 YOU ASKED FOR THIS TO BE A SET ITEM, SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO
12 BEGIN THE DISCUSSION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
15 REPORT, AND I WANTED IT TO BE A SPECIAL SET SO THAT IT COULD
16 REALLY GET THE ATTENTION THAT I THINK IT DESERVES BECAUSE IT
17 FITS IN SO IMPORTANTLY WITH THE LARGER BODY BODY OF WORK THAT
18 THIS BOARD IS ATTEMPTING TO DO ABOUT LOWERING THE
19 INCARCERATION RATE AND MAKING CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE GET THE KIND
20 OF TREATMENT THEY NEED. I THINK FOR A LONG TIME WE'VE KNOWN,
21 AND WE'VE CERTAINLY BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE
22 THERE ARE QUITE A HIGH NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS EVERY DAY
23 WHO ARE NOT THERE BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY POSE A GREAT RISK TO
24 PUBLIC SAFETY BUT BECAUSE THEIR OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED THROUGH
25 SOME ASPECT OF THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT MOST OF

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1 THEM DON'T HAVE TO ACTUALLY BE IN JAIL, AND THAT WE CERTAINLY
2 KNOW THAT IT DOESN'T HELP THEM IN TERMS OF ANTI-RECIDIVISM. SO
3 SINCE 2015, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HERE IN THE
4 COUNTY HAS SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED MORE THAN 4,400 MEN AND WOMEN
5 FROM JAIL INTO TREATMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAMS. SO WE CAN SEE
6 THAT WITH THE RIGHT MIX OF SERVICES, WE CAN KEEP PEOPLE FROM
7 RECIDIVATING AND REENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND
8 LAST YEAR, OUR OWN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY PUBLISHED A
9 STUDY SHOWING THAT OVER HALF OF OUR MENTALLY ILL INMATES COULD
10 BE SAFELY TREATED, DIVERTED INTO HOUSING AND TREATMENT
11 PROGRAMS RATHER THAN INCARCERATED. BUT OF COURSE, THAT WAS OUR
12 OWN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. AND PEOPLE SAY, SURE, WE
13 SEE THAT STUDY, BUT YOU DID IT. SO WE ASKED FOR A REPORT TO
14 SEE IF THEY WOULD COME UP WITH THE SAME THING FROM ONE OF OUR
15 MOST RESPECTED RESEARCH AGENCIES, THE RAND CORPORATION. AND AS
16 WE WILL SEE IN THIS STUDY, IT ACTUALLY REITERATES AND EXTENDS
17 THE FINDING FROM O.D.R.'S STUDY. AND LAST YEAR, THE REASON
18 THIS IS IMPORTANT TO US IS THE BOARD MADE A VERY SERIOUS
19 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. AND WE THINK THAT THIS
20 REPORT WILL HELP US DEMONSTRATE THAT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF
21 MENTALLY ILL INMATES DIFFERENTLY WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE A GREAT
22 DEAL OF PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. EVEN
23 MORE IMPORTANTLY, PERHAPS NEXT MONTH, LATE NEXT MONTH WHEN THE
24 REPORT TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP IS
25 PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD, IT WILL OUTLINE EVEN MORE SWEEPING

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1 POSSIBILITIES, A ROAD MAP THROUGH A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS
2 OUTLINING ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVES AND PROGRAMS TO HELP US
3 FULLY REALIZE THE COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. IN
4 ADDITION, OUR VERY CAPABLE C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, IS LEADING AN
5 EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP WHICH IS PREPARING A REPORT ON A
6 NARROWER ASPECT BUT A VERY IMPORTANT ONE ON HOW TO BEST
7 UTILIZE EXISTING COUNTY FACILITIES INCLUDING OUR MEN'S CENTRAL
8 JAIL IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE VALUES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.
9 THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, WE KNOW THAT WE CAN AND WILL IMPROVE
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY. THESE THINGS ARE NOT IN
11 OPERATION. HELPING THOSE THAT DO NOT NEED TO BE INCARCERATED
12 BUT CAN RATHER BENEFIT FROM TREATMENT IS NOT THE ANTITHESIS OF
13 PUBLIC SAFETY, BUT AN UNDERPINNING OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT IS
14 COMPLICATED WORK, BUT WE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS LAST YEAR AND
15 I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO RAND FOR THE IMPORTANT DATA, TO MANY
16 COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE NEVER LET US
17 FORGET FOR A MINUTE WHY WE RAN FOR OFFICE IN THE FIRST PLACE,
18 AND TO MAY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD WHOSE VISION HELPED AND IS
19 HELPING TO MAKE L.A. COUNTY AN EMERGING NATIONAL LEADER AS WE
20 DEMONSTRATE THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND
21 SAFETY THROUGH A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH. MADAM CHAIR,
22 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN THIS OVER TO MY
23 COLLEAGUE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO BROUGHT THE MOTION
24 ORIGINALLY TO LOOK AT ALL OF THIS.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, AND AFTER MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK. AND THEN WE WILL HEAR
3 FROM RAND.

4
5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MOVE
7 THE AGENDA FORWARD. I THANK YOU FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION
8 THAT REQUESTED THE STUDY BE PRESENTED TODAY, AND I WOULD ALSO
9 LIKE TO THANK THE RAND CORPORATION AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
10 AND REENTRY FOR THEIR WORK IN PRODUCING THE RESPECTIVE STUDIES
11 UNDER OUR CONSIDERATION. YOU MAY RECALL IT WAS IN AUGUST OF
12 LAST YEAR THAT THE BOARD SET OUT AN EFFORT TO CREATE A COUNTY-
13 WIDE ROAD MAP FOR SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS CLINICAL
14 NEEDS, INCLUDING MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES. THIS
15 IS IMPORTANT WORK. IT IS THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WE ARE HEADED.
16 IT IS THE VISION THAT WE HAVE. WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT IT. WE'VE
17 EXPRESSED IT WITH REGULARITY FROM A VARIETY OF VANTAGE POINTS.
18 SO IT IS GOOD TO NOTE THAT THIS STUDY WAS AN ESSENTIAL
19 COMPONENT OF CREATING THE ROAD MAP OR GIVING MORE DEFINITION
20 TO IT, A WAY TO PROVIDE DATA ON ELIGIBILITY FOR DIVERSION,
21 ULTIMATELY INFORMING HOW THIS WORK COULD BE BROUGHT TO SCALE.
22 I'M NOT INCLINED TO REVEAL THE FINDINGS. THE EXPERTS WILL WALK
23 US THROUGH ALL OF THEM, AND THEY WILL DO IT IN A WAY THAT IS
24 CLEAR AND COMPETENT. BUT I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT THE STUDIES
25 WILL REINFORCE -- HAVE REINFORCED THAT CREATING THE OFFICE OF

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1 DIVERSION AND REENTRY WAS A WORTHY ENDEAVOR. IN 2015, THE
2 BOARD CREATED THIS OFFICE WITH THE BELIEF THAT APPROPRIATE
3 TREATMENT COULD DO THREE THINGS, I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE IT
4 AS THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE. FIRST, TO MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER.
5 SECONDLY, BREAK THE CYCLE BETWEEN JAIL AND HOMELESSNESS,
6 HARDLY INSIGNIFICANT. AND THIRDLY, AND ALSO SIGNIFICANT, IS TO
7 SAVE DOLLARS. SO THERE'S A PRUDENCE PRINCIPLE THAT INFORMS
8 THIS WORK. THOSE WHO LABOR UNDER THE DELUSION THAT IT IS A
9 BUNCH OF BLEEDING HEART LIBERALS WHO ARE TRYING TO DO THIS
10 WORK. NO, WE ARE HARD HEADED FISCAL REPRESENTATIVES, CLEAR
11 ABOUT OUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THEREFORE WE SEE
12 THIS IN FULL ALIGNMENT WITH THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. SO THAT
13 BELIEF HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE CORRECT. THAT TRIPLE BOTTOM
14 LINE IS COMING TO FRUITION. THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS ARE NOW
15 LIVING IN STABLE HOUSING AND RECEIVING TREATMENT INSTEAD OF
16 THE COSTLY ALTERNATIVE OF SERVING ADDITIONAL TIME IN JAIL AND
17 BEING RELEASED WITH NO SUPPORTS, TOO OFTEN ENDING UP HOMELESS
18 ON OUR STREET. AND BY THE WAY, I WANT TO SAY THAT HOMELESSNESS
19 COMES AT A HIGH COST IN EMERGENCY ROOMS, IN JAIL SETTINGS,
20 TAXING THE RESOURCES OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS
21 VERY, VERY COSTLY. AND OUR WORK ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE
22 ANALYSES THAT WE HAVE DONE THERE MAKE THAT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR,
23 SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE WORK OF O.D.R.. BUT O.D.R.'S
24 DIVERSION IS STOPPING THE CYCLE AND HELPING TO ARREST THE
25 CYCLE BETWEEN JAIL AND HOMELESSNESS, HARDLY INCONSEQUENTIAL.

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1 SO INCARCERATION TOO OFTEN EXACERBATES, WE BELIEVE, AND
2 WORSENS HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING OUTCOMES. I'VE SAID IT
3 BEFORE, AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SAID IT, BUT IT OUGHT
4 TO BE CLEAR THAT YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL. THEREFORE, WE
5 HAVE TO HAVE STAND-UP, TRIED, TRUE, TESTED, BEST PRACTICES,
6 AND EVEN PROMISING PRACTICES AS THE WORK OF O.D.R. HAS MADE
7 EVIDENT. IN OTHER WORDS, WE FOUND A BETTER WAY, BUILDING A
8 SYSTEM OF TREATMENT AND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY AND TO ENHANCE
9 CARE AND LOWER RECIDIVISM. AND THE TASK AT HAND IS HOW TO
10 EXPAND THIS WORK WITH THOUGHTFULNESS AND WITH URGENCY. AND I
11 IMAGINE THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP WILL SHED
12 MORE LIGHT ON THIS AT THEIR PRESENTATION NEXT MONTH. AND SO
13 ALL OF THESE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER IN A COHERENT,
14 INTELLIGENT, AND FORWARD-LOOKING WAY. AND SO LET'S USE THIS
15 INFORMATION TO WORK HARDER, TO WORK SMARTER, SO THAT THOSE WHO
16 WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN TERMS OF CARE, NOT SIMPLY CUSTODY,
17 BUT CARE, CAN ACHIEVE A LIFE OF DIGNITY AND WORTH. THAT'S THE
18 REAL OBJECTIVE HERE, AND WE CAN GET THERE. AND SO I WANT TO
19 THANK THE RESEARCHERS FROM THE RESPECTIVE ENTITIES, FROM RAND,
20 FROM THE O.D.R. WORK, FROM THE U.C.L.A. POLICY LAB WORK THAT
21 INFORMS SOME OF THIS AS WELL. ALL OF THIS IS IMPORTANT. IT IS
22 IN LINE OF WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO IN 2015. IT IS COMING TO
23 FRUITION IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY, AND MADAM CHAIR, I'M ANXIOUSLY
24 AWAITING HEARING THE PRESENTATION SO THAT THE COMPELLING DATA
25 THAT IS EMERGING TAKES DEEPER ROOT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR

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1 POLICYMAKING WORK HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THOSE
2 DISCORDANT VOICES THAT SEEM TO WANT TO DISMISS THE EFFICACY OF
3 DIVERSION NEED TO BE PUT TO REST. AND I TRUST THAT HEARING THE
4 REPORT FINDINGS WILL HELP DO THAT. MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND IN THE AUDIENCE, CAN YOU
7 PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL. WHEN WE DO THE CODE OF CONDUCT, I AM
8 JUST GOING TO LET YOU ALL KNOW, WHEN WE DO THE CODE OF
9 CONDUCT, IT SPELLS OUT WHAT IS EXPECTED WHILE YOU ARE IN THIS
10 ROOM. SO I WILL ASK THE PEOPLE IN THE WHITE SHIRTS THAT ARE
11 WALKING AROUND WILL ASK YOU TO BE QUIET. YOU GET THREE
12 WARNINGS, AND THEN YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. SO THANK YOU.
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO WAIVE YOUR SPEAKING? OKAY,
14 WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD. I WILL WAIVE MY COMMENTS UNTIL AFTER
15 THE PRESENTATION. SO WE HAVE GOT REPRESENTATIVES, IF YOU WOULD
16 LIKE TO COME UP, FROM RAND. WELCOME, AND IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY
17 YOURSELF AND --

18

19 **STEPHANIE BROOKS HOLIDAY:** SURE, I'M STEPHANIE BROOKS HOLIDAY.
20 I'M A RESEARCHER AT THE RAND CORPORATION AND CLINICAL
21 PSYCHOLOGIST. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND EVERYONE IN
22 THE AUDIENCE FOR HAVING US TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF
23 OUR STUDY, THANK OUR COLLEAGUES WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
24 AND REENTRY, AND OF COURSE MY COLLEAGUES AT RAND AND THE OTHER
25 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED IN COMPLETING THIS PROJECT.

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1 AS THE SUPERVISORS JUST GAVE A REALLY GREAT INTRODUCTION
2 TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE RESULTS OF OUR
3 STUDY WHICH ESTIMATED THE SIZE OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL MENTAL
4 HEALTH POPULATION THAT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR RELEASE INTO
5 COMMUNITY SERVICES.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, CAN YOU PULL THAT RIGHT UP TO YOU
8 BECAUSE WE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME --

9

10 **STEPHANIE BROOKS HOLIDAY:** SURE, IS THIS BETTER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IS THAT BETTER? A LITTLE BETTER. YEAH, ASK
13 THEM TO ADD MORE VOLUME UP IN THE CONTROL ROOM SO WE CAN --
14 OKAY.

15

16 **STEPHANIE BROOKS HOLIDAY:** IS THIS BETTER?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S BETTER.

19

20 **STEPHANIE BROOKS HOLIDAY:** OKAY, GREAT. SO, AS MANY OF YOU MAY
21 BE AWARE, COUNTY JAILS HAVE BECOME BY DEFAULT THE LARGEST
22 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE U.S. ACROSS THE NATION, AN
23 ESTIMATED 900,000 INDIVIDUALS EACH YEAR WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
24 ILLNESS ARE ADMITTED TO JAILS. AND L.A. COUNTY IS NO EXCEPTION
25 TO THIS TREND. ON AN AVERAGE DAY IN 2018, ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF

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1 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH
2 POPULATION, MEANING THAT THEY WERE EITHER IN MENTAL HEALTH
3 HOUSING UNITS, THEY WERE PRESCRIBED PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS,
4 OR BOTH. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S A NATIONWIDE TREND TOWARD
5 IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES TO REDIRECT INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL
6 HEALTH DISORDERS FROM TRADITIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESSING
7 AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED
8 CLINICAL SERVICES, WHICH IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS DIVERSION.
9 DIVERSION HAS BEEN AN INCREASING PRIORITY IN LOS ANGELES IN
10 THE PAST SEVERAL SEVERAL YEARS. IN 2015, THE OFFICE OF REENTRY
11 WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND
12 CURRENTLY, O.D.R. SUPPORTS SEVERAL COURTROOM INTERVENTIONS
13 THAT RESULT IN RELEASE INTO COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
14 IN JAIL WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. AS OF DECEMBER 2019, AS WAS
15 ALREADY MENTIONED, MORE THAN 4,400 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN
16 DIVERTED THROUGH O.D.R.'S PROGRAMS. AND L.A. COUNTY HAS
17 IMPLEMENTED OTHER INITIATIVES THAT DEMONSTRATE ITS COMMITMENT
18 TO FINDING COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
19 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAIL, AS SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED. AND I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT,
21 AS PART OF THESE MOVEMENTS, IT HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AGAIN AND
22 AGAIN THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE PERCENTAGE OF
23 INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAIL THAT COULD BE SAFELY DIVERTED. SO THIS
24 IS THE QUESTION THAT OUR STUDY SET OUT TO ANSWER. KNOWING THE
25 SIZE OF THE DIVERTABLE POPULATION IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP

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1 TOWARDS DETERMINING HOW THE COMMUNITY WOULD NEED -- OR HOW THE
2 COUNTY WOULD NEED TO SCALE COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT PROGRAMS
3 IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE DIVERTABLE POPULATION. BEFORE
4 TALKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE METHODS OF THE STUDY, I WANT TO
5 JUST SAY A WORD ABOUT HOW DIVERSION CURRENTLY TAKES PLACE IN
6 L.A. COUNTY. SO IT IS A MULTIPLE-STAKEHOLDER DECISION. IT
7 INCLUDES O.D.R., BUT ALSO LEGAL STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND JUDGES. AND WHETHER
9 AN INDIVIDUAL IS APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION IS A PROCESS THAT
10 INCLUDES BOTH CLINICAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS. FROM A
11 CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE, O.D.R. CLINICIANS ARE DETERMINING
12 WHETHER OR NOT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDER,
13 AND LEGAL STAKEHOLDERS ARE CONSIDERING LEGAL FACTORS SUCH AS
14 THE NATURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT CHARGES. TOGETHER THESE
15 FACTORS INFLUENCE WHETHER SOMEONE IS PUT FORWARD AS A
16 CANDIDATE FOR DIVERSION. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT
17 ULTIMATELY, THOUGH, WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE IS DIVERTED IS A
18 DECISION OF A JUDGE AND IS DECIDED THROUGH AN ADVERSARIAL
19 PROCESS. SO WITH THAT BACKGROUND, TO CONDUCT THE STUDY AND
20 ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE DIVERTABLE POPULATION, WE SET OUT TO
21 DEVELOP SETS OF CLINICAL AND LEGAL CRITERIA THAT WOULD ALLOW
22 US TO CLASSIFY INDIVIDUALS INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES, THOSE
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION. FROM A CLINICAL
24 PERSPECTIVE, THESE ARE FOLKS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS,
25 AND THEY HAVE NO LEGAL FACTORS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE THEM FROM

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1 DIVERSION, THOSE WHO ARE POTENTIALLY APPROPRIATE FOR
2 DIVERSION, AGAIN, THESE ARE FOLKS WHO, FROM A CLINICAL
3 PERSPECTIVE, HAVE A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, AND A MORE IN
4 DEPTH REVIEW OF THE FACTS OF THEIR CASE MIGHT BE NEEDED BEFORE
5 DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR
6 DIVERSION. AND THEN THERE WERE THOSE WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS NOT
7 APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION. AND THIS COULD BE FOR EITHER
8 CLINICAL FACTORS, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SERIOUS MENTAL
9 ILLNESS, OR FOR A LEGAL REASON, FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR CHARGES ARE
10 SEEN AS TOO SEVERE TO BE SUITABLE FOR SAFE RELEASE INTO THE
11 COMMUNITY. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, IN DEVELOPING OUR
12 CRITERIA, WE WERE NOT LIMITED TO THE PROGRAMS THAT ALREADY
13 EXIST IN L.A. COUNTY. RATHER, OUR GOAL WAS TO UNDERSTAND THE
14 SIZE OF THE DIVERTABLE POPULATION ASSUMING THERE WERE NO
15 LIMITS ON CAPACITY OR TYPES OF PROGRAMS OR RESOURCES. TO
16 DEVELOP THESE CRITERIA, WE WORKED WITH O.D.R. TO UNDERSTAND
17 THE FACTORS THAT ARE CONSIDERED WHEN PUTTING SOMEONE FORWARD
18 AS A CANDIDATE FOR DIVERSION, AND BASED ON THESE DISCUSSIONS,
19 WE DEVELOPED SEVERAL DIFFERENT FRAMEWORKS OF VARIOUS CLINICAL
20 AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS TO TEST. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH
21 OF THESE WAS THE BEST SET OF CRITERIA, WE CHECKED THE
22 RELIABILITY OF EACH SET OF CRITERIA AGAINST THE PRELIMINARY
23 STUDY THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY O.D.R. LAST YEAR, WHICH HAS BEEN
24 REFERENCED A COUPLE OF TIMES. THIS ALLOWED US TO SELECT THE
25 FRAMEWORK OF CRITERIA THAT FUNCTIONED THE BEST. AND WE THEN

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1 APPLIED THOSE CRITERIA, BOTH CLINICAL AND LEGAL, TO A RANDOM
2 SAMPLE OF 500 INDIVIDUALS SELECTED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
3 JAIL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION AT A SNAPSHOT IN TIME, JUNE OF
4 LAST YEAR. WE THEN PROCEEDED IN A TWO STAGE PROCESS. SO WE
5 FIRST APPLIED OUR LEGAL CRITERIA TO IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO, OFF
6 THE BAT, WAS IDENTIFIED AS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION BASED
7 ON LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS. THOSE WHO WERE STILL FOUND TO BE
8 APPROPRIATE OR POTENTIALLY APPROPRIATE THEN MOVED ON TO A
9 CLINICAL CHART REVIEW, AND THEN THOSE ULTIMATE RESULTS WERE
10 USED TO ESTIMATE THE FULL PROPORTION OF THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH
11 POPULATION THAT WOULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO EACH OF OUR THREE
12 CATEGORIES. SO, AT THE SNAPSHOT IN TIME IN JUNE THAT WE WERE
13 LOOKING AT THE JAIL AND MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION, THERE WERE
14 5,544 INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. WE FOUND
15 THAT ROUGHLY 61 PERCENT OF THOSE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
16 CANDIDATES FOR DIVERSION. ABOUT 7.5 PERCENT WOULD BE
17 POTENTIALLY APPROPRIATE AND ABOUT 32 PERCENT WOULD BE NOT
18 APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES FOR DIVERSION. AND THAT COULD BE,
19 AGAIN, BASED ON CLINICAL OR LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS. WE WERE ALSO
20 -- I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THESE RESULTS ARE CONSISTENT
21 WITH O.D.R.'S FINDINGS IN THEIR STUDY FROM LAST YEAR. SO JUST
22 AS A POINT OF COMPARISON, THEY FOUND THAT 56 WERE APPROPRIATE
23 AND 7 PERCENT WERE POTENTIALLY APPROPRIATE. WE WERE ALSO ABLE
24 TO DO SOME ANALYSES STRATIFIED BY RACE AND ETHNICITY AND BY
25 GENDER. THE ONE INTERESTING FINDING THAT EMERGED FROM THAT IS

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1 THAT A HIGHER PROPORTION OF WOMEN THAN MEN WERE FOUND TO BE
2 APPROPRIATE FROM DIVERSION. SO NEARLY 74 PERCENT OF
3 INCARCERATED WOMEN VERSUS ABOUT 59 PERCENT OF INCARCERATED
4 MEN. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THERE ARE MORE MEN, NUMBER
5 WISE, IN THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION, SO IT STILL
6 TRANSLATES INTO A LARGER NUMBER OF MEN, BUT A HIGHER
7 PROPORTION OF WOMEN WERE APPROPRIATE. SO I JUST WANT TO
8 UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE RESULTS, WHICH HAS ALREADY
9 BEEN DONE, BUT REALLY KNOWING THE SIZE OF THE DIVERTABLE
10 POPULATION IS THE CRITICAL FIRST STEP TO KNOWING WHAT TYPES OF
11 CAPACITY WOULD BE NEEDED TO SERVE THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE
12 COMMUNITY RATHER THAN CORRECTIONAL SETTINGS. THAT'S THE TYPES
13 OF PROGRAMS, THE TYPES OF STAFF, THE TYPES OF FUNDING THAT
14 WOULD BE NEEDED. BUT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE
15 ARE OTHER PIECES TO THE PUZZLE THAT ARE NEEDED TO CREATE THE
16 FULL PICTURE AS WELL. SO THIS INCLUDES CONSIDERATIONS LIKE THE
17 LEVEL OF CARE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED. ARE THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
18 ARE APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION IN NEED OF INTENSIVE OUT PATIENT
19 TREATMENT? DO THEY NEED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, OR IS A HIGHER
20 LEVEL OF ACUITY OF SYMPTOMS REQUIRING THAT THEY MIGHT NEED IN-
21 PATIENT OR ACUTE CARE? IT IS ALSO USEFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DIVERTABLE COULD BE SERVED THROUGH THE
23 EXISTING PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY, AND IF THERE ARE FOLKS WHO
24 COULDN'T BE SERVED IN THOSE EXISTING PROGRAMS, WHAT OTHER
25 TYPES OF PROGRAMS OR SERVICES MIGHT BE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THEIR

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1 NEEDS. AND, OF COURSE, ANY DISCUSSION OF DIVERSION SHOULD
2 CONSIDER THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL, WHICH IDENTIFIES
3 VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE TRAJECTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4 PROCEEDINGS AT WHICH INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS CAN BE
5 IDENTIFIED AND PLACED INTO TREATMENT. SO IDENTIFYING
6 INDIVIDUALS EVEN EARLIER, SUCH AS AT THEIR POINT OF INITIAL
7 POLICE CONTACT IS ONE WAY TO REDUCE THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH
8 POPULATION DOWNSTREAM BECAUSE THOSE FOLKS DON'T MAKE IT TO THE
9 JAIL. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WILL BE FOLKS WHO HAVE SERIOUS
10 MENTAL DISORDERS WHO ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION BASED
11 ON THE NATURE OF THEIR LEGAL CHARGES, AND SO IT IS ALSO
12 IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER NOT ONLY WHAT ONGOING SERVICES THEY WILL
13 NEED AT THE JAIL, BUT ALSO WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES WILL BE
14 NEEDED AS THEY REENTER THE COMMUNITY AND MAY REQUIRE MORE
15 ROBUST SERVICES TO EASE THAT TRANSITION. I DO WANT TO BE SURE
16 TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW LIMITATIONS OF OUR STUDIES. SO FIRST, WE
17 WEREN'T ABLE TO VALIDATE OUR DIFFERENT CRITERIA AGAINST
18 WHETHER OR NOT A CASE WAS SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED OR NOT, THAT
19 IS, WAS A PERSON PUT FORWARD FOR DIVERSION AND THEN THE JUDGE
20 WENT ON TO ACCEPT THAT. WE ALSO DIDN'T LOOK AT THE OUTCOMES OF
21 CASES THAT WERE DIVERTED AND HOW THAT RELATED TO OUR CRITERIA.
22 THAT WAS JUST BEYOND THE SCOPE OF OUR STUDY. AND I ALSO WANT
23 TO NOTE THAT WE WERE LIMITED IN OUR ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE
24 FULL RANGE OF STAKEHOLDER INPUT INTO THE DIVERSION PROCESS. SO
25 AS PART OF OUR STUDY IN THE INITIAL PHASES, WE SPOKE TO

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1 STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE PROGRAMS, LEGAL STAKEHOLDERS, O.D.R.
2 STAFF TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT SURROUNDING DIVERSION IN L.A.
3 COUNTY, BUT IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO FORMERLY
4 INCORPORATE THAT INTO OUR CRITERIA, ESPECIALLY JUDGE INPUT.
5 ALTHOUGH THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE LEGAL DECISION MAKERS, THERE IS
6 NOT GREAT DATA ON HOW FREQUENTLY THEY ARE GRANTING DIVERSION,
7 AND ALSO THEIR DECISION-MAKING TENDS TO BE INDIVIDUALIZED IN A
8 WAY THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO FORMALLY INCORPORATE INTO
9 STRUCTURED CRITERIA. AND THEN FINALLY, I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT
10 OUR ESTIMATES LIKELY REPRESENT THE UPPER BOUND OF FOLKS WHO
11 MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION. IN PART, DIVERSION IS
12 VOLUNTARY. AND SO THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO ARE APPROPRIATE FOR
13 DIVERSION WHO MAY DECIDE NOT TO ACCEPT THE OPPORTUNITY. WE
14 ALSO IDENTIFIED A HANDFUL OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS A RESULT OF
15 OUR STUDY. SO FIRST, WE JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE VALUE OF
16 TRACKING BOTH THE PROCESS AND THE OUTCOMES OF DIVERSION
17 CAREFULLY. SO THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL
18 CANDIDATES, SO KEEPING CLOSE TABS OF THE SIZE OF THE JAIL
19 MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FOUND
20 TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR DIVERSION BASED ON CLINICAL AND LEGAL
21 FACTORS, WHO ACTUALLY GOES ON TO BE DIVERTED, AND ULTIMATELY
22 THE OUTCOMES OF THOSE CASES, CRIMINAL JUSTICE OUTCOMES, BUT
23 ALSO HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH-RELATED OUTCOMES. AND TO SUPPORT
24 THAT, GOOD DATA ARE NEEDED. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE EFFORT IN
25 THE COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE DATA ACROSS PUBLIC

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1 AGENCIES, BUT THERE ARE BARRIERS TO THAT, TOO, ESPECIALLY WHEN
2 IT COMES TO SENSITIVE INFORMATION LIKE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA.
3 WE ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT IT IS WORTH CONSIDERING WAYS TO
4 ENSURE THAT DIVERSION IS APPEALING TO PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND TO
5 THOSE INDIVIDUALS FACING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. AS I MENTIONED,
6 DIVERSION IS VOLUNTARY. WE LEARNED IN AT LEAST ONE OF OUR KEY
7 STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW THAT DIVERSION CAN BE MORE INTENSIVE IN
8 TERMS OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAN SOME OF THE PLEA BARGAINS THAT
9 ARE OFFERED IN EARLY DISPOSITION COURTS, WHICH MAY PREVENT
10 FOLKS FROM WANTING TO TAKE DIVERSION AS AN OPTION. AND SO
11 FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE THE APPEAL WILL HELP CONNECT PEOPLE
12 WITH TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED, FOR EXAMPLE, INCREASING PRE-
13 PLEA OFFERINGS. AND THEN FINALLY, ALTHOUGH O.D.R. IS
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR DIVERSION IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY ARE NOT IN
15 ISOLATION DOING THIS WORK. THERE ARE OTHER LOCAL AND STATE
16 AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A STAKE IN
17 PROVIDING THESE SOLUTIONS, AND SO, THE COLLABORATION THAT
18 COMES FROM ACROSS THESE COLLABORATIONS IS GOING TO SET UP L.A.
19 COUNTY TO OFFER A ROBUST CONTINUUM OF SERVICES IN THE
20 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT WAS A VERY GOOD
23 PRESENTATION. YOU KNOW, I JUST -- AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS
24 WANTS TO SPEAK. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF
25 DIVERSION, WHEN I THINK BACK TO WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THE

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1 PROPER SIZE OF THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY FOR MEN'S CENTRAL
2 JAIL, WE HAD A STUDY CONDUCTED THAT LOOKED AT THE DIVERSION
3 COMPONENT TO REALLY LOOK AT WHAT THE FUTURE NEEDS WERE GOING
4 TO BE. AND, YOU KNOW, DIVERSION IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT A
5 LOT OF PEOPLE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW COMPLEX IT IS IN
6 TERMS OF ROLLING THIS OUT, BUT HOW NECESSARY IT IS. I TALKED
7 TO FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOVED ONES IN THE JAIL WHO HAVE
8 BEEN DOCUMENTED AS MENTALLY ILL THAT, IF THEY WERE ABLE TO
9 ACCESS TREATMENT SOONER, PROBABLY WOULDN'T END UP IN OUR
10 JAILS. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT DIVERSION, YOU KNOW, I'M VERY
11 FOCUSED ON BUILDING COMMUNITY CLINICS SO WE GET ACCESS EARLY
12 FOR INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW THAT HAVE BARRIERS. AND, YOU KNOW,
13 WE TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE REFORM, AND THE ONE AREA WE DON'T
14 TALK ABOUT IN HEALTHCARE REFORM IS THE NEED TO PROVIDE MENTAL
15 HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE DON'T PUT A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF
16 DAYS SOMEONE IS IN A HOSPITAL RECUPERATING FROM A MEDICAL
17 NEED, BUT YET, WE DO WITH MENTAL HEALTH. WE PUT AN ARTIFICIAL
18 NUMBER ON THE NUMBER OF VISITS THEY CAN HAVE ON THEIR
19 INSURANCE AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED THE
20 HOSPITALIZATION. THIS BOARD TOOK A BOLD ACTION, AND I WANT TO
21 THANK THEM IN MOVING FORWARD WITH PURCHASING 500 BEDS OVER A
22 TWO-YEAR PERIOD. I BELIEVE THAT'S AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT TO
23 DIVERSION BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT STABILIZING, BUT ALSO WE NEED TO
24 LOOK AT THE FACT THAT THE STATE NEEDS TO PUSH, AND THEY ARE,
25 THE I.M.D. WAIVER SO BE CAN BUILD THE CAPACITY, BUT IT IS NOT

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1 JUST ABOUT HOSPITALIZATION. IT IS ABOUT ACCESS TO OUT PATIENT
2 CARE. AND UNTIL WE DO THAT, DIVERSION IS GOING TO FAIL. AND WE
3 NEED TO DO IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHATEVER STUDIES WE MOVE
4 FORWARD TO AS IT RELATES TO THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY. I WANT
5 TO THANK YOU FOR THIS REPORT. I THINK IT IS INTERESTING, BUT I
6 ALSO WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK AT THE H.M.A. STUDY AS IT RELATES
7 TO WHAT THEY LOOKED ON ON THE DIVERSION CENTER. I DON'T KNOW
8 IF WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THAT STUDY? OKAY. AND I DO
9 KNOW -- AND TO BE VERY HONEST, I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMPONENTS
10 THEY LOOKED AT AS IT RELATES TO DIVERSION IN PLACE, IF THEY
11 WERE LOOKING FORWARD IN TERMS OF WHAT WE NEED TO BUILD, OR IF
12 WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE BASED ON WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IF
13 DIVERSION WERE IN PLACE, WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO HAVE A
14 REPLACEMENT FACILITY. SO I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK THAT IS AN
15 IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO LOOK AT. AND THEN I WOULD ALSO LIKE
16 TO SAY THAT, RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS. AND I
17 HOPE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING QUALITY CARE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
18 THAT ARE CURRENTLY WAITING EITHER FOR TRIAL, OR HAVE BEEN
19 TRIED, AND THAT WE ARE PROVIDING CARE WITHIN OUR JAIL, BUT
20 ALSO WHEN THEY EXIT, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
21 TO ENSURE THEY DON'T BECOME HOMELESS, THAT WE ARE DOING
22 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EITHER GET THEM SIGNED UP FOR S.S.I.,
23 WHICH WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO, WHICH IS ONE, AGAIN, A WAY TO
24 ENSURE THERE'S A REVENUE STREAM FOR THEM SO THEY CAN LIVE OR
25 GET HOUSING AND NOT END UP ON OUR STREET. SO I WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU FOR THIS REPORT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR DOING IT AS A SET ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
3 YOU WANTED TO SAY SOME COMMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. AND I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD
6 MEMBERS THAT REQUESTED THE STUDY. I'LL BE HONEST, A LITTLE I
7 WAS HESITANT ABOUT TALKING ABOUT IT AT LENGTH HERE TODAY
8 BECAUSE I DO WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MY STAFF TO MEET
9 WITH THE RAND STAFF TO GO OVER IN DETAIL EXACTLY WHAT THE FINE
10 NUMBERS MEAN AND HOW THAT TRANSLATES INTO WHAT IS DOABLE FOR
11 US. SO I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE TOPICAL RESULTS THAT WE SEE HERE,
12 AND IT CONFIRMS WHAT O.D.R., I BELIEVE, HAS BEEN TELLING US.
13 BUT THERE'S A LOT OF QUESTIONS STILL TO ASK. ONE OF WHICH IS
14 THE COURT SYSTEM, HOW THEY WILL INTERPLAY WITH US, AND ALSO
15 WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AS WELL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
16 ANY POTENTIAL PRE-PLEA OFFERINGS MIGHT MEAN, WHAT ASSURANCES
17 WILL WE HAVE THERE, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT BETTER. I
18 DON'T THINK IT IS GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, I JUST WANT TO
19 BE ABLE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND IF WE ARE GOING TO THEN ASK FOR
20 OUR COURT SYSTEM AND OTHERS TO PARTAKE IN THE NEW WAY OF
21 THINKING, IT IS A NEW WAY OF THINKING. I THINK EVEN FOR SOME
22 OF OUR OWN STAFFS OR PEOPLE OUT IN THE FIELD DON'T FULLY
23 APPRECIATE THAT THIS BOARD HAS EVOLVED IN THIS MANNER. IT IS
24 STILL TAKING SOME TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO FULLY EMBRACE WHAT IT
25 IS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I'M NOT ASHAMED TO SAY THAT OUR

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1 JAIL SYSTEM RIGHT NOW IS REALLY THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH
2 INSTITUTION THAT WE HAVE. AND IT IS NOT APPROPRIATELY SET UP
3 IN TERMS OF BUDGET AND SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF MENTAL
4 HEALTH, AND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US TO BETTER
5 UNDERSTAND BECAUSE, AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THOSE
6 INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN'T BE RELEASED OR DIVERTED, WE STILL HAVE
7 TO HAVE A FORM OF TREATMENT FOR THEM, AND WE HAVE TO
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COSTS WILL BE FOR THAT. BUT I AM -- I'M
9 INTERESTED, ALSO, IN THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE -- THAT ARE
10 FACTORS THAT WILL IMPACT OUR DECISION AS WE MOVE ALONG, SOME
11 OF WHICH WE WON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT, SUCH AS INITIATIVES OUT
12 THERE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. BAIL REFORM IS ONE, AND OTHER
13 THINGS THAT WE'RE BEING REQUIRED TO LOOK AT. I'M EXCITED,
14 THOUGH, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN,
15 ESPECIALLY AS WE DEAL WITH THE POPULATIONS YOU OUTLINED. IN
16 YOUR 500 COHORT, YOU MENTIONED THAT WOMEN ARE PROBABLY THE
17 MOST LIKELY THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM A DIVERSION PROGRAM. SO I
18 WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT, AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT IT
19 WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR OUR OFFICE OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, AS
20 WELL AS OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, TO WORK WITH US
21 TO REALLY DRILL DOWN ON THAT ASPECT AND WHAT THAT ALSO MEANS
22 FOR THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE GETTING WOMEN TO WANT TO HEAL AND
23 GET THE RIGHT TREATMENT, I THINK, HELPS THEIR FAMILY. SO IT
24 CAN BE A WIN-WIN, AND I KNOW OUR BOARD KNOWS THAT VERY WELL. I
25 WOULD JUST SAY THAT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS DISCUSSION, I

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1 KNOW IN SPRING IS WHEN WE WILL HAVE A REPORT BACK ON WHAT WE
2 DO WITH THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF CLINICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH
3 ASSISTANCE, VERSUS INCARCERATION. AND THAT IS STILL AN ONGOING
4 DISCUSSION. PEOPLE STILL DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE KIND OF MOVED
5 AWAY FROM THAT, BUT WHEN WE SAY MOVED, I WANT TO KNOW FROM OUR
6 C.E.O. AND OTHERS, AS WE MOVE ALONG, ESPECIALLY WITH THE
7 EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, WHAT SITES WE'RE
8 GOING TO BE LOOKING AT AND AT WHAT LEVEL, AND AT WHAT COST. SO
9 TO ME, THAT IS REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS ALSO
10 GOING TO INVOLVE A MORE TRANSPARENT EFFORT AND ALSO ONE THAT
11 INVOLVES OUR STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL, AND WE REALLY SHOULDN'T
12 SHORT-CHANGE ANY OF THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. SO I'M INTERESTED
13 IN ALL OF THAT, I WANT TO THANK O.D.R. FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE
14 DONE, OUR JUDGE ESPINOZA AND YOUR STAFF. YOU HAVE A SMALL
15 STAFF, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE US TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL,
16 AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T I THINK FULLY APPRECIATE THAT YET. SO I
17 THINK PART OF OUR JOB IS TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
18 INFORMATION GETS OUT TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS A TRANSFORMATIVE
19 STUDY AND ISSUE FOR PEOPLE. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING
20 TO NEED MORE HELP IN PIECING TOGETHER WHERE WE FIND THE
21 FUNDING FOR THIS. AND, OBVIOUSLY, SACRAMENTO COMES TO MIND
22 RIGHT AWAY, BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, ALSO, CHANGING LAWS AND
23 ENACTING LEGISLATION THAT IS GOING TO HELP US MOVE ALONG. SO I
24 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND OTHERS AND TO HEAR FROM
25 OUR STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AND TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHERE OUR

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1 BUDGETARY ITEMS REST. SO SACHI, MAYBE YOU WANT TO -- OUR
2 C.E.O. MAY WANT TO CHIME IN THERE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** JUST A QUICK COMMENT, I HAVE BEEN WORKING
5 WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AT THE STATE
6 LEVEL TO ALSO TRY AND IDENTIFY FUNDS, AND I'M HOPEFUL THIS
7 WEEK WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET BEING RELEASED, I'M HOPEFUL
8 THAT WE WILL SEE SOMETHING IN THE BUDGET THAT WILL ALSO GO
9 TOWARDS THIS. SO WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE GET THAT
10 INFORMATION.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT, THANK YOU. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THANK YOU TO RAND AND
17 ALL THOSE THAT WORKED ON THIS STUDY, BUT AGAIN, I THINK AS
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL STARTED OUT SAYING, THIS IS REALLY A
19 VALIDATION OF OUR OWN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, JUDGE
20 ESPINOZA, DR. OCHOA. IT REALLY VALIDATES THAT THEIR NUMBERS
21 WERE FAIRLY ACCURATE. AND THIS CONFIRMS, ON ANY GIVEN DAY,
22 THERE ARE ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES IN
23 OUR JAILS WHO COULD BE SAFELY TAKEN OUT OF OUR JAIL SYSTEM AND
24 BETTER SERVED IN TREATMENT. AND IT ALSO TELLS US THAT AROUND
25 2,000 PEOPLE IN JAIL, ON ANY GIVEN DAY, WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES

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1 WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION AND NEED TO STAY IN A
2 LOCKED, CUSTODIAL SETTING. AND I THINK IT WAS MENTIONED BY ONE
3 OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT THIS CERTAINLY PUTS US ON A PATHWAY TO
4 UNDERSTANDING DIVERSION AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE THAT
5 WORK, BUT IT ALSO HELPS US AS WE BEGIN TO SERIOUSLY TALK ABOUT
6 THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY THAT IS GOING TO REPLACE MEN'S
7 CENTRAL JAIL. I THINK THIS ALSO PUTS US ON A PATH FOR THOSE
8 NUMBERS AS WELL, I KNOW WE WERE -- I PARTICULARLY WAS LEADING
9 THE CHARGE ON CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY IN
10 REPLACEMENT OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT THE SIZE AND THE
11 NUMBERS WERE SOMETHING THAT WE WERE STILL GRAPPLING OVER. AND
12 I THINK THIS HOPEFULLY GETS US THERE. I THINK THE -- I THINK
13 THAT THE, OBVIOUSLY, THE RUB IS THAT EVEN IF WE MAKE A
14 RECOMMENDATION WITH ALL THE CRITERIA THAT HAS BEEN LAID OUT TO
15 DIVERT SOMEONE THAT IT IS STILL A JUDGE THAT CAN REJECT THAT
16 RECOMMENDATION. SO 3,000 PEOPLE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR
17 DIVERSION, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN NECESSARILY THE JUDGE WILL
18 APPROVE THAT. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE -- OR RAND DID
19 NOT HAVE THAT STATISTIC ON WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO GET
20 RECOMMENDED GET REJECTED BY A JUDGE, AND I WAS GOING TO ASK
21 JUDGE ESPINOZA OR DR. OCHOA IF YOU HAVE THAT NUMBER. SO,
22 AGAIN, IT HELPS US AGAIN CONTINUE TO NARROW DOWN THIS NUMBER
23 THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.
24 YES, IT IS 3,000 THAT COULD SAFELY BE TREATED ELSEWHERE, BUT
25 WHAT MATTERS IS, OF THOSE, TO OUR BEST ESTIMATE BASED ON PAST

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND JUDGE DENIALS, WHAT DO WE THINK IS THE
2 REAL NUMBER, OR HOW IS IT GOING LATELY IN THE COURTS WITH THE
3 JUDGES. ARE THEY SUPPORTING OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, OR ARE THEY
4 NOT? AND IF THEY'RE NOT, WHY AREN'T THEY?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** LET ME ANSWER THAT IN A SORT OF OVERALL WAY. THE
7 SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY RECEPTIVE
8 TO OUR STRATEGIES AND OUR PROGRAMS, AS YOU KNOW. THE COURT
9 ITSELF EXPANDED OUR FELONY PRE-TRIAL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE
10 ENTIRE COUNTY, WHICH WILL BE -- THAT EXPANSION FINAL ON
11 FEBRUARY 3RD WHEN WE LAUNCH IN VAN NUYS, SO WE ARE VERY
12 EXCITED. THE COURT IS VERY RECEPTIVE. I AM GOING TO LET DR.
13 OCHOA ADDRESS THE ISSUE AT WHAT RATE DO JUDGES DECLINE TO
14 DIVERT PEOPLE THAT WE FIND TO BE CLINICALLY SUITABLE. IT IS
15 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT OUR ROLE IS TO DETERMINE CLINICAL
16 SUITABILITY.

17

18 **DR. OCHOA:** HI, SUPERVISOR. WE DO TRY TO STAY IN OUR CLINICAL
19 LANE AND PRESENT CASES WE THINK WILL BE APPROPRIATE AND
20 SUCCESSFUL. I WOULD SAY THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR CASES
21 ACTUALLY GO THROUGH. OFTEN TIMES, THE JUSTICE PARTNERS, THE
22 PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE, HAVE ALREADY WORKED ON THE CASE
23 BEFORE IT IS ACTUALLY SET FOR A HEARING. AND SO WE DO HAVE
24 SOMETIMES THINGS TO WORK OUT IN COURT, BUT USUALLY THINGS ARE
25 DISCUSSED AHEAD OF THE HEARING.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** SO 95 PERCENT, 98 PERCENT OF THOSE 3,000 WE THINK
3 WOULD BE APPROVED BY A JUDGE TO BE DIVERTED?

4

5 **DR. OCHOA:** I THINK IT IS PROBABLY MORE. I KNOW IN ONE
6 PARTICULAR PROGRAM, WE ACTUALLY DID LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, AND
7 IT WAS 80 PERCENT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I -- I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU KNOW,
10 THE OTHER THINGS, COLLEAGUES, I WORRY ABOUT IS THE IDEA OF
11 BUILDING CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I FIND MY BIGGEST
12 FRUSTRATION CURRENTLY IS JUST LOCATING SHELTERS FOR THE
13 HOMELESS. I TALK ABOUT THREE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN SAN
14 PEDRO, A JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, A METHODIST CHURCH, AND A
15 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALL OFFERED TO JUST HAVE SAFE PARKING. IT
16 SOUNDS LIKE THE START OF A JOKE, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER]. JUST
17 SAFE PARKING. AND THEY HAD SUCH PUSH BACK FROM THE COMMUNITY
18 THAT ALL THREE OF THEM BACKED OFF OF DOING THAT. SO I DO THINK
19 THAT THAT ALSO MATTERS, WHETHER OR NOT THIS WORKS, IF WE CAN
20 REALISTICALLY BUILD UP CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR
21 COMMUNITY TREATMENT. I EVEN THINK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH URGENT
22 CARE. EVEN SOMETIMES THOSE ARE DIFFICULT TO SITE BECAUSE OF
23 THE COMMUNITY. SO WE NEED TO BRING EVERYBODY ALONG ON THIS.
24 IT'S BEEN MENTIONED OUR STAKEHOLDERS ARE VERY KEY IN MOVING
25 PUBLIC OPINION TO ALLOW US FOR THIS TO WORK BECAUSE THIS MAKES

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1 SENSE. I THINK THE OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WILL BE SO MUCH BETTER,
2 BUT I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF HARD WORK OUT THERE IN REAL LIFE
3 ON ACTUALLY BUILDING THIS KIND OF CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES
4 AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND WITH THAT, I PULLED UP THE
7 H.M.A. I'M SORRY, SHEILA, BUT JUST REALLY QUICKLY. WE'RE GOING
8 TO BUY THIS BECAUSE, IN FACT, THE STUDY DID MENTION WHAT YOU
9 JUST TALKED ABOUT JANICE IN TERMS OF BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE
10 COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY WITH DRUG TREATMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN A
11 CHALLENGE FOR US AS WELL, SO I TALK MENTAL HEALTH, BUT IT IS
12 ALSO ABOUT BUILDING UP CAPACITY IN THE DRUG TREATMENT SIDE IN
13 ORDER FOR A DIVERSION PROGRAM TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO I THINK
14 THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING TO NOTE, AND THEN IT DOES REINFORCE
15 WHAT I SAID ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED WILL
16 RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITY. SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A
17 CONTINUUM OF CARE AS IT RELATES TO A LINK BETWEEN THOSE THAT
18 ARE INCARCERATED AND THOSE THAT ARE BEING RELEASED BACK INTO
19 THE COMMUNITY. SO THERE'S A CONTINUUM OF CARE AND NOT A BREAK
20 IN TREATMENT OR SERVICES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THAT,
23 TOO, I SEE A LOT OF INTERTWINING THEMES IN THE REPORT -- IN
24 THE REPORTS, IN THE WORK, AND IN THE COMMENTS. AND I THINK
25 THAT OYUR CHALLENGE THIS YEAR, AND ONE THAT I THINK ALL FIVE

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1 OF US HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO, ALONG WITH LEADERSHIP IN
2 THE COUNTY, IS THE KIND OF BRAIDING OF SERVICES AND APPROACHES
3 THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT MORE OF A CONTINUUM OF EXPERIENCE FOR
4 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OFFENDERS THEMSELVES. FIRST OF ALL, THEY
5 ARE NOT THE ONLY POPULATION FOR WHOM WE NEED MENTAL HEALTH
6 TREATMENT BECAUSE, AT THE SAME TIME AS WE LOOK AT OUR
7 OFFENDERS AND ATTEMPTING TO DO BETTER THAN SEND THEM TO JAIL,
8 WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, NOT ALL OF
9 WHOM WHO ARE OFFENDERS WHO ALSO HAVE NEEDS OF MENTAL HEALTH
10 TREATMENT ALONG WITH OUR REGULAR CLIENTELE, AND THAT'S
11 SERIOUS. THE SECOND PIECE, REALLY, AS YOU POINTED OUT,
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, HAS TO DO WITH A SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND
13 PROGRAMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THEM, WHICH IS DIFFERENT AND
14 OFTEN DIFFERENT STRANDS OF FUNDING COMING THROUGH OUR PUBLIC
15 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND NOT JUST THROUGH OUR MENTAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES ACT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, UNLESS THEY
17 ARE CO-OCCURRING WHICH, IN MANY CASES, THEY ARE, BUT IT
18 DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT NEED. THE THIRD STRAND, I THINK
19 FOR US, IS PREVENTION, WHERE WE LOOK AT PEOPLE BEFORE THEY
20 OFFEND AND WAYS THAT THEY CAN BE SUPPORTED SO THAT THEY DON'T
21 FEEL THEY NEED TO OR FEEL SO HOPELESS THAT THEY HAVE NO OTHER,
22 YOU KNOW, ABILITY. AND THE FOURTH IS WHAT WE'VE ALL BEEN
23 TALKING ABOUT, WHICH IS THE SCATTERING OF TREATMENT SITES,
24 WHICH MANY OF OUR JUDICIAL OFFICERS HAVE REALLY ASKED ABOUT.
25 THEY WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO FIND SOME OTHER THING

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1 BESIDES JAIL. AND SO I THINK THE STUDY THAT OUR C.E.O.'S GROUP
2 IS PULLING TOGETHER IN TERMS OF WHAT KINDS OF BEDS AND WHERE
3 ALL FEEDS INTO THAT. AND SO I LIKE THE WAY IN WHICH SO MUCH OF
4 THIS IS THEORETICALLY IS BRAIDING. THE 5TH ISSUE, OF COURSE,
5 IS THE HONORABLE SAM OTA AND THE CRIMINAL BENCH HERE IN L.A.
6 COUNTY. AND I THINK WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE JUDGE OTA. I DON'T
7 JUST SAY THAT BECAUSE HE WAS A STUDENT OF MINE IN LAW SCHOOL,
8 A VERY, VERY FINE JUDGE AND ONE WHO IS DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THE
9 BAIL REFORM ISSUE WHICH IS ANOTHER KIND OF ANALYSIS THAT WE DO
10 ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY STAY IN
11 JAIL, ALONG WITH WHETHER TREATMENT OF SOME KIND WOULD ALLOW
12 PEOPLE NOT TO BE IN JAIL. SO I THINK WE HAVE A REALLY A RARE
13 OPPORTUNITY BUT A LOT OF ENERGY WE'RE DEVOTING TO MAKING THIS
14 WORK. AND I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO UNDERSTAND
15 THE INTERCONNECTIONS AND THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THESE IN
16 THE LARGEST PICTURE POSSIBLE WAYS, AND ONE THAT I FIND NOT
17 ONLY CHALLENGING BUT EXCITING FOR UPCOMING YEAR. THANK YOU,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CAN I JUST ASK YOU, WHO WAS
21 BRIEFED ON THIS BECAUSE I KNOW IT IMPACTS THE D.A., THE PUBLIC
22 DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT? WERE ALL AGENCIES BRIEFED ON THIS?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** ALL BUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN
2 TO A BRIEFING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT YET. WE HAVE
3 DISSEMINATED A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THEM, BUT WE HAVE MET
4 WITH THE HEADS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE'VE MET WITH EACH
6 OF YOUR OFFICES IN PREPARATION --

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL
9 STAKEHOLDERS BE INCLUDED AND THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
10 INPUT IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I AGREE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? AND THANK
16 YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE REPORT AND THANK YOU, JUDGE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, WOULD THE FOLLOWING
19 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME ARNOLD
20 SACHS, DAVID SALTBURG, ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
21 HERMAN HERMAN, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, KAY JAY, KORIE SCHMIDT, LYNNE
22 LYMAN, MICHAEL GREENSPAN, REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE, SHARI
23 TINSLEY. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE
2 AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND ON THE STEERING AND POLICY COMMITTEES
3 OF L.A. REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP. SOME OF MY REMARKS ARE
4 MY OWN, BUT I'M SURE I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. REGIONAL
5 REENTRY PARTNERSHIP, STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THIS. THANKS TO
6 THOSE WHO PROPOSED IT. WHERE IS THE REPORT? MANY REPORTS THAT
7 YOU THAT YOU DEAL WITH HAVE A LINK ON THE AGENDA. THIS ONE DID
8 NOT. HOW MAY I OBTAIN IT? I'D LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH THE
9 VARIOUS GROUPS I'M CONNECTED WITH. I WILL CHECK WITH ONE OF
10 YOUR OFFICES OR THE BOARD'S OFFICE AFTERWARDS. THE H.M.A.
11 STUDY, BY THE WAY, DID NOT, TO OUR GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT, DID
12 NOT TALK ABOUT ABOUT THE POTENTIAL GROWTH FOR CAPACITY
13 BUILDING IS WHAT WE CALL IT IN L.A.R.P. I'D LIKE TO SAY
14 SOMETHING ABOUT THE CRITERIA. I'VE BEEN ASKING IN THE
15 ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION FOR OPENNESS OF THE CRITERIA. WHY IS
16 IT IMPORTANT THAT THE PROCESS, THE CRITERIA THEMSELVES, AND
17 THE PROCESS BY WHICH THEY ARE ARRIVED AT BE OPENLY DISCUSSED?
18 THAT'S THE WAY TO GET CREDIBILITY WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE
19 JUDGES, WITH EVERYBODY, IS TO HAVE THAT BE -- AND OF COURSE IT
20 IS A BIG DETERMINANT OF WHAT HAPPENS HERE. THANK YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF LAW
22 CHANGES. WE HAVE TO HAVE A VERY OPEN MIND ABOUT THIS. AND ONE
23 LANGUAGE CORRECTION I WOULD SUGGEST TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE
24 SIZE OF THE FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO REPLACE M.C.J.U.
25

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

2

3 **JOE MAIZLISH:** THE MIX OF FACILITIES THAT WE WILL NEED. THANKS
4 VERY MUCH. I'LL WRITE YOU FOLKS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PERFECT, THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **SHARI TINSLEY:** HI, SHARI TINSLEY. I AGREE WITH -- CAN YOU HEAR
9 ME? -- I AGREE WITH THE HONORABLE HAHN AND BARGER ABOUT THE
10 HESITATION BECAUSE OF THE STATISTICS PROVIDED HERE. THE
11 STATISTICS DO NOT SHOW HOW THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM OCCURRED,
12 PERIOD. IT SHOWS THAT THERE ARE MENTAL PEOPLE THERE IN A JAIL
13 FACILITY. THEY DON'T SHOW IF THEY HAD THE ILLNESS BEFORE THEY
14 CAME IN OR THEY OBTAINED IT UPON THEM BEING INCARCERATED. AND
15 TO RELEASE THESE PEOPLE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY WHERE THERE IS
16 NO HELP, WE ALREADY HAVE A HOMELESS PROBLEM. WE ALREADY HAVE
17 SHELTER PROBLEMS, AND THAT COULD CAUSE NUMEROUS OTHER
18 PROBLEMS. THIS STATISTIC REPORT HERE TELLS ME PERSONALLY
19 NOTHING, AND I'VE WRITTEN A LOT OF THEM FOR THE 50 STATES. IT
20 TELLS ME NOTHING, PERIOD. IT IS JUST LIKE A CONSULTANT, NO
21 DISREGARD. BUT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF PRESENTING
22 INFORMATION TO THE BOARD, PERIOD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

25

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE
2 CLAVREUL. I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION, AND I THINK WE NEED TO
3 LOOK MORE INTENSIVELY OF WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WE'RE GOING TO
4 GIVE TO THOSE PEOPLE, AND THAT'S ONE THING I HAVE BROUGHT MANY
5 TIMES. AND IN SAN QUENTIN, THEY STARTED A PROGRAM A FEW YEARS
6 AGO CALLED THE LAST MILE, WHERE THEY PROVIDE TRAINING AND SO
7 ON. THE STATE OF INDIANA AND KANSAS HAVE UTILIZED THAT PROGRAM
8 VERY SUCCESSFULLY. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE KIND OF NICE IF WE
9 DO THAT HERE IN THE COUNTY, SINCE IT WAS STARTED IN SAN
10 QUENTIN, AND THEY HAVE HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS. IT IS CALLED THE
11 LAST MILE, AND I REALLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU LOOK AT IT. ALSO,
12 I'M SEEING THAT THE ACQUISITION OF SAINT VINCENT HOSPITAL
13 WOULD HAVE BEEN A VERY NICE PLACE TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
14 ISSUES RATHER THAN PUT THEM IN JAIL, AND I WANTED TO KNOW WHY
15 THE SALE, OR THE BUY-OUT, FELL OUT. I THOUGHT THE COUNTY
16 SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT IT AND BOUGHT IT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SEEING AS THERE ARE NO OTHER
19 SPEAKERS, THAT WILL CONCLUDE IT. I'M SORRY, IF YOU ARE CALLED
20 UP TO SPEAK, AND YOU'RE ASKED TO COME UP TO THE PODIUM AND YOU
21 ARE NOT AT THE PODIUM, IF YOU ARE NOT AT THE PODIUM, YOU ARE
22 FORFEITING YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK. WE'LL LET YOU SPEAK NOW. BUT
23 WHEN THEY ASK YOU TO COME UP AND STAND, IF YOU ARE NOT
24 STANDING WHEN THE LAST PERSON SPEAKS, YOU ARE FORFEITING YOUR
25 RIGHT TO SPEAK. WITH THAT, WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST?

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2 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** I WAS JUST QUESTIONING THE TIME. HE
3 SAYS IT'S TWO MINUTES, AND IT'S A MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS. SO,
4 I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHERE THE 30 SECONDS WENT. THAT'S WHAT I
5 WAS TRYING TO DEBATE, SO --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IT IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS THAT
8 HAVE SIGNED UP, AND THAT'S WHY THE THRESHOLD CAME DOWN TO 90
9 SECONDS.

10

11 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** 90 SECONDS, YEAH, SHOULDN'T BE TWO
12 MINUTES. SO WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE RAND CORPORATION. YOU
13 HAVE SOMEONE, WHAT'S HER NAME THAT CAME UP? MS. HUGERT TO CAME
14 AND GIVE DATA, AND MOST OF PEOPLE FROM THE RAND CORPORATION
15 ARE NOT LIVED EXPERIENCE PEOPLE. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
16 DIVERSION, PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH. WHEN
17 YOU ARE RACIALLY PROFILING AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND YOU ARE NOT
18 EVEN SAYING THOSE NUMBERS HERE AND YOU ARE GIVING A
19 PRESENTATION, WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. AS WE SAID BEFORE,
20 RAND CORPORATION IS OVER PRICED, A BILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION
21 THAT IS BASED ON DATA. EVERY YEAR, EVERYWHERE I GO, THEY ARE
22 GIVING DATA ON SOMETHING, BUT YET THE PEOPLE, THE STAFF
23 MEMBERS HAVE NEVER BEEN TO JAIL. SOME OF THEM NEVER BEEN
24 HOMELESS. HALF OF THEM ARE NOT EVEN BLACK, BUT YET WE ARE USED
25 FOR DATA EVERY TIME. SO THE PRESENTATION -- AND MIND YOU, AND

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1 THE COPIES THAT I ASKED FOR, LOOK AT THIS, I DON'T READ
2 SYMBOLS. CAN I GET A CLEAR COPY? YOU GUYS MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO
3 MAKE COLOR COPIES. WHAT IS THIS BLACK AND WHITE STUFF? IT HAS
4 PICTURES ON IT. I DON'T READ PICTURES. CAN I GET SOME REAL
5 DATA? THE SAME COLORFUL BACKGROUND YOU HAD ON THIS SCREEN
6 HERE, CAN WE GET IT ON PAPER? LET'S START WITH THAT, THEN I
7 CAN BELIEVE YOU ON THE [EXPLETIVE] DATA YOU WANT TO HAVE
8 CONCERNING AFRICAN-AMERICANS BEING LOCKED UP.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER,
11 YOUR TIME HAS STARTED.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M WAITING FOR THE IMAGE TO CHANGE.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** KEEP THE CLOCK MOVING.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, YEAH, KEEP THE CLOCK MOVING, DEFINITELY.

18 OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I HOPE YOU HAD
19 A NICE HOLIDAY, AND I MUST SAY, THE WARNINGS TO MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC DURING MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S GUST FROM THE SECOND
21 DISTRICT, TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. AND ALSO, I HAVE TO TELL YOU
22 THIS PROCESS, WHICH EVERYBODY LOVES, IS TOTALLY WEIRD BECAUSE
23 THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT, AND THIS IS SORT OF THE PUBLIC
24 MEETING HALL. SO AGAIN 1.366 MILLION DOLLARS, ARE YOU
25 DIVERTING, I WILL GET TO DIVERSION, I KNOW. THANK YOU,

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN. DIVERSION, WE ARE DIVERTING THE MONEY FROM
2 THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSE INCREASE THAT YOU'VE ALL WORKED ON --

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** KEEP TO THE TOPIC.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE DIVERSION, DIVERSION OF
7 430,000 RIGHT BACK INTO ACOM WHO GOT A 17 MILLION DOLLAR TAX
8 BREAK OVER --

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU CANNOT STAY ON TOPIC TO THE REPORT
11 --

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** ALL RIGHT, DIVERSION IS WHERE YOU TAKE PEOPLE WHO
14 COULD BE SPARED THE PROCESS OF GOING TO COURT, PEOPLE LIKE ME.
15 BUT I HAD TO GO TO COURT OVER THE HOLIDAYS. WHY? BECAUSE DEAN
16 LOGAN AND THE COUNTY CLERK, HOLLY WOLCOTT, ARE ENGAGED IN
17 EXTREMELY FISHY --

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS NOT ON TOPIC. YOU CAN SPEAK UNDER
20 PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY GAMES WITH YOU BECAUSE I
23 RESPECT YOU SO MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M NOT PLAYING GAMES. I'M STATING A FACT.

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU KNOW YOU CARE A LOT ABOUT DIVERSION. AND I
3 KNOW YOU HAVE DONE THE LEAST OF ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN, YOU HAVE FOUR SECONDS.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** IS THAT ALL?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEP.

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11 **ERIC PREVEN:** LET ME SPEND THEM BY SAYING THIS --

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **LYNNE LYMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS LYNNE LYMAN. I'M HERE
16 ON BEHALF OF REFORM L.A. JAILS NOW. YES, ON MEASURE R. FIRST,
17 I WANT TO START BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING THE OFFICE OF
18 DIVERSE AND REENTRY AND ITS LEADERSHIP BY JUDGE ESPINOZA AND
19 DR. OCHOA FOR GETTING US WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND SHARING THIS
20 INFORMATION. TODAY'S REPORT BY THE RAND CORPORATION SAYS WHAT
21 WE HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE
22 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS INSIDE L.A. COUNTY JAILS COULD AND SHOULD
23 BE DIVERTED. 61 PERCENT EQUALS OVER 3,300 EXTREMELY VULNERABLE
24 HUMAN BEINGS CURRENTLY HELD IN CAGES UNNECESSARILY. WHILE IT
25 IS IMPORTANT TO COLLECT AND UTILIZE DATA, WE'VE BEEN SAYING

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1 THIS FOR OVER A DECADE, AND L.A.'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP HAS
2 BEEN VERY SLOW TO ACT. ACTION ON THIS IS URGENT. MEASURE R.,
3 OUR THE MARCH 3RD BALLOT MEASURE TO REFORM L.A. COUNTY JAILS,
4 WILL REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A FEASIBILITY PLAN WITHIN 7
5 MONTHS, AND IT IS URGENT THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 VOTE YES ON MEASURE R. TO ENSURE OUR GOVERNMENT PROVIDES
7 COMPASSIONATE, HUMANE, AND DECENTRALIZED TREATMENT FROM THOSE
8 SUFFERING FROM INADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY JAILS. VOTE YES ON R.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CAN YOU CALL SOME MORE NAMES
12 BEFORE YOU SPEAK?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WOULD KEVIN PERRY PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
18 I'M SORRY TO SEE THAT DR. THOMAS HAS LEFT THE ROOM. I'M
19 WONDERING, BECAUSE I READ THIS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY, IT SAYS
20 JUSTICE INVOLVED. THAT'S TERRIBLE TO CHARACTERIZE POLICE AS
21 MENTALLY ILL. WOULD YOU INCLUDE METRO AND L.A.P.D. POLICE
22 FORCE BECAUSE IT IS JUSTICE INVOLVED, WHICH IS KIND OF
23 DIFFERENT THAN ARRESTED PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH, THERE ARE SOME
24 POLICE OFFICERS THAT COULD BE ARRESTED FOR SOME OF THE THINGS
25 THEY DO, BUT THEY HAVE A TOUGH ENOUGH JOB ALREADY. AND I

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1 APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT ON THE UNIFORM, AS LONG AS THEY
2 WEAR IT CORRECTLY. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE RAND
3 CORPORATION HAS LOOKED AT NEW PATH DATA. YOU KNOW, PATH FOR
4 METRO IS, INSTEAD OF ENROLLING PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY HEALTH
5 PLAN IS ENROLLING PEOPLE INTO MEDI-CAL, HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
6 THAT THEY MEET INTO MEDI-CAL. AND SO I'M WONDERING WHEN THAT
7 CAME BEFORE THE BOARD, MAYBE THAT -- MAYBE THE HOMELESS CZAR
8 COULD COME OUT AND EXPLAIN ABOUT THAT WHEN HE HAS AN
9 OPPORTUNITY, BUT THAT WOULD BE DATA TO BE LOOKED INTO BECAUSE
10 I'M SURE IT HAS BEEN VOTED ON IN METRO, ALTHOUGH I DON'T
11 REMEMBER SEEING IT ON THE AGENDA. MAYBE IT'S BEEN VOTED AT THE
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT AGAIN I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING
13 IT ON THE AGENDA HERE. AND SINCE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WAS
14 SUCH A GOOD IDEA, WHY ENROLL PEOPLE INTO MEDI-CAL?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, I CAME HERE ON A DIFFERENT
19 ISSUE TODAY, BUT AFTER HEARING WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, I FELT THE
20 NEED TO COME UP AND SPEAK ON IT. I WAS JUST RELEASED FROM
21 PRISON FIVE MONTHS AGO AFTER 21 YEARS. I'VE SEEN EXTENSIVELY
22 HOW THIS ISSUE OCCURS AND HOW THINGS ARE AFFECTED BY IT. JUST
23 TO GIVE YOU FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED,
24 WHAT I SAW JUST WEEKS BEFORE I GOT OUT, A GENTLEMEN WHO
25 OBVIOUSLY HAD MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, PEOPLE IN PRISON DIDN'T

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1 HAVE PATIENCE FOR HIM. THEY NEVER DO, ALL RIGHT? I WATCHED
2 THREE YOUNG MEN WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING OUT WITHIN A
3 YEAR ORDERED TO BEAT THIS GUY DOWN, AND THEY DID SEVERELY,
4 SEVERELY. THEY BEAT HIM BADLY BECAUSE THEY HAD NO CHOICE.
5 THEY'RE IN PRISON, AND THEY'RE TOLD TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO
6 DO, AND THEY HAVE TO DO IT, OR THEY GET BEAT DOWN. THESE POOR
7 YOUNG MEN, THREE YOUNG GENTLEMEN WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN
8 PRISON FOR LESS THAN A YEAR ENDED UP CATCHING NEW CASES ON
9 ASSAULT. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS WHEN A
10 DIVERSION ISSUE IS NOT TAKEN CARE OF WHEN IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN
11 CARE OF. SO I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THAT LITTLE BIT OF
12 INFORMATION TO THINK ABOUT BECAUSE I SAW IT HAPPEN ON A DAY-
13 TO-DAY BASIS FOR 21 YEARS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR
16 EXPERIENCE. THAT IS ALL THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE. DO I HAVE MORE
17 REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? IF NOT, ITEM S1 IS
18 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT. IF THERE ARE NO
20 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL
21 RIGHT. NOW, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 8, WHICH
22 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SOME OF YOU KNOW,
25 WE'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION ONGOING HERE WITH THE BOARD NOW FOR

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1 A COUPLE YEARS REGARDING CARE FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS. AND, JUST
2 TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA, BACK IN THE YEAR 2000, THE OLDER ADULT
3 POPULATION REPRESENTED ABOUT 9.7 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTY'S
4 POPULATION. AND IN THE COMING YEARS, OR DECADE, IN 2030, WE'RE
5 GOING TO SEE THAT NUMBER DOUBLE TO ABOUT 18.2 PERCENT, OR
6 NEARLY 2 -- OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE. AND EVERYONE, I THINK, CAN
7 UNDERSTAND THAT, WITH THE GROWING OLDER ADULT POPULATION, WE
8 HAVE TO REALLY MAKE SOME PREPARATION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
9 AGING. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THIS AGE-FRIENDLY
10 ACTION PLAN WHICH IS KNOWN NOW THROUGH W.D.A.C.S., THE
11 PURPOSEFUL AGING LOS ANGELES INITIATIVE, WE WILL NEED TO
12 TARGET UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND THE ONE I'M PROPOSING IN
13 THIS MOTION WILL TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ONE OF THE
14 LARGEST UNDERREPRESENTED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, IN INCORPORATED
15 AREAS, KNOWN AS EAST LOS ANGELES, TO CONDUCT A LINGUISTICALLY
16 AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. AND THE REASON FOR
17 THIS IS, WE KNOW THERE ARE ABOUT 1200 OLDER ADULTS THAT LIVE
18 AND RESIDE IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA. MANY OF THEM LIVE
19 INDEPENDENTLY. AND 1/3 OF THOSE AGED 65 AND OLDER LIVE ALONE
20 AND HAVE A PHYSICAL OR COGNITIVE DISABILITY. FURTHERMORE, OVER
21 5,000 SENIOR CITIZENS IN EAST L.A. LIVE BELOW THE FEDERAL
22 POVERTY LINE. MANY DEDICATE A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR INCOME TO
23 PAY HIGH RENTS. THEY ALSO, WHATEVER FUNDING THEY DO HAVE
24 AVAILABLE, DISCRETIONARY, GOES TO FOOD, MEDICINE, AND OTHER
25 ESSENTIALS JUST TO GET BY. AND THESE STATISTICS PAINT FOR MANY

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1 OF US A BLEAK PICTURE FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN THIS
2 UNINCORPORATED AREA. THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED
3 THERE, SUCH AS IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES, THE NEW FREEDOM
4 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, NUTRITION EDUCATION,
5 AND MANY OTHER SERVICES, BUT WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THAT THESE
6 SERVICES ARE NOT BEING FULLY UTILIZED BY OUR OLDER POPULATION
7 IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WHY IS THAT? WELL, APPARENTLY, THERE MUST
8 BE SOME BARRIERS THERE THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS IN ON. AND I
9 WOULD SAY THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION IS TO DRILL
10 DOWN ON THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE WHOLE COUNTY CAN
11 HOPEFULLY BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THIS
12 POPULATION. AND WE KNOW THAT EAST L.A. IS 96 PERCENT LATINO.
13 THE IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION HAS CREATED A LOT OF STRIFE IN THE
14 COMMUNITY. WE UNDERSTAND JUST BY HERESAY, MORE THAN ANYTHING,
15 THAT PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT SIGNING UP FOR SERVICES. WE DON'T
16 KNOW THAT YET, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION WILL HELP ADDRESS.
17 THERE'S A WIDESPREAD CONCERN THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO ACCESS
18 PUBLIC PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE REFERENCE TO PUBLIC CHARGE, IT
19 MAY LEAD TO DEPORTATION. I KNOW D.P.S.S. RIGHT NOW IS PUTTING
20 OUT INFORMATION TO PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC SO
21 THEY ARE AWARE, AND I AM GLAD FOR THAT. I WANT TO THANK THEM
22 FOR THAT, BUT THE OLDER POPULATION AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS WE
23 KNOW, IN OUR CULTURE, LATINO CULTURE, CAREGIVERS ARE COMING
24 FROM WITHIN THE FAMILY. THEY USUALLY ARE. THEY TEND NOT TO
25 SEND THEIR ELDERLY OUT FOR SERVICES, BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE

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1 INCREASING DEMANDING ON THESE FAMILIES, THE SANDWICH FAMILY AS
2 WE HEAR THEM, AND MANY OF THE CHILDREN ARE HAVING TO TAKE CARE
3 OF THE ELDERLY AND HAVING TO HOLD DOWN A JOB, AND IT CAN
4 BECOME INCREASINGLY STRESSFUL FOR THEM. WHAT THIS DOES FOR US
5 IS ASK US TO ASK W.D.A.C.S. TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT IS
6 HAPPENING IN THE POPULATION SO PEOPLE WILL ACCESS THE CARE AND
7 UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OF BENEFIT, WE WOULD HOPE, TO THEM AND
8 TO THEIR FAMILIES. AND WE WANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY TO
9 FEEL SAFE AND TO UTILIZE THOSE PROGRAMS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
10 SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED, OR PROVIDE FUNDS FOR. I WAS ALARMED WHEN
11 I HEARD THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAD NOT TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE
12 PROGRAM THAT HELPS TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE THAT HAVE DEMENTIA AND
13 ALZHEIMER'S. AND I SAY WHY. AND PART OF IT, I THINK, IS JUST
14 INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH. THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT
15 THIS PROPOSAL IS ABOUT. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING
16 IT FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN APPROACH
17 WHERE IT STARKLY STANDS OUT THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT TAKING
18 ADVANTAGE OF THIS SERVICE. AND PERHAPS WE CAN LEARN FROM THAT.
19 SO I'VE ASKED THAT W.D.A.C.S. HELP US WITH THIS. I KNOW THERE
20 MAY BE CONCERN ABOUT HIRING OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. I THINK WE
21 COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS IN-HOUSE BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE STAFF
22 THAT ARE THERE, BUT WE PROBABLY HAVE TO DO SOME FINE-TUNING
23 AND PERHAPS SOME MORE INQUISITIVE DRILLING DOWN ON WHAT THOSE
24 BARRIERS, WHY THEY ARE THERE, AND IF THEY ARE ARTIFICIAL, TO
25 TAKE THEM DOWN. SO MEMBERS, THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS MOTION IS

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1 ABOUT AND I'VE ASKED W.D.A.C.S. TO BE HERE TO ANSWER ANY
2 QUESTIONS, OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AFFAIRS IN PARTICULAR,
3 BECAUSE THIS IS A UNIQUE POPULATION, BUT IT IS A STARK REALITY
4 THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SERVICES AND FUNDING
5 THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND THAT, FOR ME, IS A RED FLAG
6 THAT SAYS WE OUGHT TO BE DOING MORE TO PROVIDE PREVENTION,
7 OUTREACH, AND ASSISTANCE TO THE TARGETED POPULATION, WHICH IS
8 GROWING. SO SIMPLY, WITH THAT, I'D ASK FAVORABLY FOR YOUR
9 SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS. ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED SERVING WITH YOU OVER
15 THESE PAST THREE YEARS IS WHAT A FIERCE ADVOCATE YOU ARE FOR
16 YOUR DISTRICT. AND I SEE THAT IN SO MUCH OF WHAT YOU DO. I
17 WATCH AND LEARN ON A DAILY BASIS, AND WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR
18 TODAY IS TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED
19 EFFORT TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES THAT IMPACT OLDER ADULTS AND
20 THEIR CAREGIVERS, STARTING IN EAST L.A. AND YOU MENTIONED IT,
21 BUT IT IS TRUE, WE NEED TO ADDRESS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE SAYING
22 COUNTY-WIDE WITH OLDER ADULTS. AND I THINK THAT BY US STARTING
23 HERE AND REALLY LOOKING AT THIS TARGETED POPULATION, THIS IS
24 GOING TO HELP INFORM US AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO WHAT I HOPE WE
25 GET TO, WHICH IS A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT THAT SERVES OUR OLDER

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1 ADULTS. AND A YEAR AGO, WE PASSED A MOTION ASKING FOR A REPORT
2 BACK AND HOW TO CREATE THE STANDALONE DEPARTMENT FOR OLDER
3 ADULTS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I THINK WE ARE GETTING A REGARD
4 BACK IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, BUT AGAIN, I THINK WHAT YOU ARE
5 DOING TODAY AND WHAT I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT, OF COURSE, WILL
6 GIVE US GOOD INFORMATION ON HOW WE CAN FASHION THIS DEPARTMENT
7 TO REALLY COUNTY-WIDE ADDRESS THE ISSUES WITH OLDER L.A.
8 COUNTY RESIDENTS IN A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED WAY. AND I
9 THINK THAT'S WHAT MATTERS. I MEAN, ALL OF US I AM PRETTY SURE
10 AGREE THAT WE WANT ADULTS IN L.A. COUNTY TO BE HEALTHY,
11 INDEPENDENT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR AS LONG AS THEY POSSIBLY
12 CAN, AND WE WANT US IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE A COORDINATED AND --
13 COORDINATED, PREPARED PROGRAM TO ASSIST THEM IN DOING THAT.
14 AND ALSO I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE CALLING OUT CAREGIVERS BECAUSE
15 I THINK THAT IS SUCH A CRITICAL PIECE OF MAKING SURE THAT
16 OLDER ADULTS CAN STAY IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND THEIR OWN
17 COMMUNITIES AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS. I'M
18 PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT. I LOOK FORWARD TO US, AGAIN, CREATING
19 A DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB OF ADDRESSING
20 THE ISSUES AFFECTING OLDER ADULTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO SUPPORT THIS FOR
25 MANY OF THE SAME REASONS SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED. IT IS A

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1 VERY IMPORTANT POPULATION. AND IT SEEMS TO ME WHAT WE LEARN
2 ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND WHY PEOPLE ARE NOT TAKING
3 ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP THEM IN
4 EAST L.A. IS INSTRUCTIVE, I THINK, FOR MANY -- THERE'S A LARGE
5 LATINO POPULATION, FOR INSTANCE, ALL ACROSS THE EAST SAN
6 FERNANDO VALLEY. AND I THINK WE WOULD LEARN A GOOD DEAL THAT
7 WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO US AND TO OUR DISTRICT OFFICE IN TERMS
8 OF INDIVIDUAL WAYS IN WHICH WE PROVIDE SERVICES. SO I THINK
9 IT'S A GREAT IDEA, AND ALSO I'VE SUPPORTED, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN
10 KNOWS, THE NOTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT. I THINK IT IS
11 INTERESTING, IN THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE SO MUCH
12 CONCENTRATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN,
13 AND THAT IS APPROPRIATE, BUT NOT AS MUCH IN TERMS OF
14 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SENIOR POPULATION. AND I THINK THIS IS
15 A VERY GOOD STEP, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND EXCUSE ME, SOMEONE JUST
18 WALKED IN. BE RESPECTFUL OF PEOPLE, PLEASE, WAYNE, AND THEY
19 WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF YOU. SIT DOWN, I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO
20 SPEAK. SIT DOWN. YOU MISSED THE CODE OF CONDUCT, SO I WILL
21 REMIND YOU. THERE'S A CODE OF CONDUCT. WITH THAT, MADAM
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL UP THE SPEAKERS.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
25 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME ELVIA TORRES, ARNOLD SACHS,

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1 ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, HERMAN HERMAN, KORIE
2 SCHMIDT, REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE, WAYNE SPINDLER. PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.
6 ONE MORE WARNING, AND YOU WILL BE ESCORTED OUT.

7

8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE THE FLOOR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, HERMAN, I KNOW. HOLD HERMAN'S TIME,
11 PLEASE. ONE MORE WARNING, MR. SPINDLER, AND YOU WILL BE ASKED
12 TO LEAVE. WITH THAT, HERMAN, YOU ARE ON.

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** EARLIER YOU SAID IT WAS THREE WARNINGS, NOW IT
15 WAS DOWN TO ONE. I TAKE THAT AS A THREAT. SIMPLY BECAUSE I'M
16 HERE TO PROTECT MY PARENT, MY ELDERLY DISABLED PARENT, YOU
17 WANT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ME. YOU WANT TO SAY THAT'S YOUR
18 FINAL WARNING.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC.

21

22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THE FINAL WARNING IS WHAT IS LOW INCOME TAX
23 CREDIT PROGRAM. WHAT THE HELL IS A LOW INCOME TAX CREDIT
24 PROGRAM FOR RENT CALCULATION PURPOSE?

25

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1 **ATTORNEY:** MR. HERMAN, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** DOES ANYONE KNOW BECAUSE AGAIN THE ISSUE HERE
4 IS TARGETING ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO CAN'T LIVE IN THEIR
5 RENT CONTROLLED HOMES? AND TECHNICALLY THAT'S THE MAJORITY OF
6 YOU. AND FOR THIS REASON, I'M BEING TARGETED, INTIMIDATED, AND
7 HARASSED.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. HERMAN. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL?
10 DR. CLAVREUL.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, IT IS TOO BAD THAT THE
13 NEW YEAR HAVE NOT BROUGHT A CHANGE IN THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME
14 INDIVIDUALS. I THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO BE
15 APPROPRIATE. I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THAT BECAUSE I'M
16 GETTING AGING MYSELF. SO ANYTHING TO DO TO REALLY SUPPORT THE
17 AGING POPULATION AND SO ON IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND THANK
18 YOU FOR THE MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL, NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ELVIA TORRES, AND I'M A
23 COMMISSIONER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON OLDER ADULTS, AND I
24 JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND FOR
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND KUEHL FOR REALLY PAYING ATTENTION TO THE

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1 ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON TO THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE BEEN
2 PRIVILEGED TO VISIT A LOT OF THE SENIOR CENTERS. I'VE ALSO
3 SERVED ON THE AREA PLAN, AND EVERY FALL, WE HAVE THESE
4 COMMUNITY FORUMS. AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THOSE BECAUSE
5 SOMETIMES THE ATTENDANCE RATES ARE VERY, VERY LOW. SO WE'RE
6 TALKING ABOUT SENIOR SERVICES FOR THE OLDER ADULTS, AND YET WE
7 HAVE FEW INDIVIDUALS COMING OUT. WHAT'S MORE ALARMING IS THE
8 LATINO POPULATION OR THE SPANISH SPEAKING, I HAVE BEEN
9 PRIVILEGED TO VISIT SOME OF THESE. I'VE GONE TO EAST L.A.,
10 L.A. I'VE GONE TO SAN PEDRO. I'VE GONE TO WILMINGTON. I'VE
11 EVEN GONE TO SANTA MONICA, THEIR SENIOR CENTER. BELIEVE ME, A
12 LOT OF SENIOR CENTERS ARE NOT EQUAL. THERE'S A BIG DISCREPANCY
13 ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT ARE THERE, EVEN THE WAY THE FACILITIES
14 LOOK. BUT WHAT I FIND MANY TIMES IS I HAVE A LOT OF THE
15 SPANISH-SPEAKING WILL APPROACH ME AFTER THESE COMMUNITY
16 FORUMS, AND THEY BEGIN TO SAY, WELL, WHAT SERVICES ARE THERE,
17 WHAT'S GOING ON. AND A LOT OF MANY TIMES WHAT I FIND THAT
18 THERE'S FEAR. THEIR FEAR IS THAT IF THEY ASK, SOMEHOW THEY ARE
19 GOING TO BE REPRIMANDED, SOMEHOW MAYBE EVEN THE LITTLE
20 SERVICES THAT THEY GET ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY. SO I THINK
21 THIS IS VERY, VERY CRUCIAL, AND I THINK THIS IS JUST THE START
22 THAT CULTURALLY, LINGUISTICALLY, THE POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY
23 IS CHANGING, AND WE REALLY NEED TO CHANGE OUR APPROACHES AND
24 STRATEGIES SO WE CAN BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. NO, GOOD

5 AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS, AND MISS SOLIS, I CERTAINLY OWE YOU A

6 BIG APOLOGY. AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO

7 GET DONE IN YOUR DISTRICT. I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS ITEM.

8 AGAIN, ACCORDING TO THIS AGENDA FROM THE HEALTH, IT OUTLINES

9 TARGETS FOR INCREASING ENROLLMENT IN COUNTY PROGRAMS AND

10 SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS TO THE EXTENT THAT

11 FUNDING AND CAPACITY WILL ALLOW. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING

12 AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY, YOU NEED TO OUTLINE A

13 DIFFERENT STRATEGY. AND AS MS. KUEHL MENTIONED, UNFORTUNATELY,

14 THIS ONLY FOCUSES ON EAST L.A. THERE'S A LARGER PART OF YOUR

15 DISTRICT THAT NEEDS FUNDING, I KNOW YOU GET CHEATED ALL THE

16 TIME. A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH AN ANGEL THAT USED TO WORK IN

17 THE COUNTY THAT STOOD UP TO SOME OF THE CORRUPTION THAT WAS

18 HERE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS?

25 YEAH. I'M SORRY. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1

2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YEAH, SO, FIRST OF ALL, WE WILL NOTE THAT MY
3 PRETTY FACE IS NOT ON THE CAMERA IN DISCRIMINATION OF MY
4 RIGHTS. NO, YOU SEE THAT THEY ARE TARGETING OLDER ADULTS. NEXT
5 THING YOU KNOW, OLD PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK THE
6 STREETS WITHOUT BEING HARASSED, ESPECIALLY BY JANICE HAHN WHO
7 HATES OLD PEOPLE, YES. AND THE REASON WHY THIS COUNTY HATES
8 OLD PEOPLE IS BECAUSE THEY ARE SUCKING UP TOO MUCH BENEFITS IN
9 HEALTH, SO WE NEED TO GET RID OF THEM. SO IN THE REPORT --

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STAY ON TOPIC, WAYNE.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** STAY ON THE [EXPLETIVE] TOPIC. ALL RIGHT, ALL
14 RIGHT, ALL RIGH.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE IN THAT ORDER.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IN THE -- (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?
21 WITHOUT SEEING ANY OTHER SPEAKERS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU
22 HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
24 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AND THAT WAS ITEM NUMBER 8.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S ON ITEM NUMBER 8. NOW WE MOVE TO
4 ITEM NUMBER 51B, SUPPORT OF STATE INVESTMENT IN BOARD AND
5 CARES. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO
6 MAKE SOME REMARKS, SUPERVISOR HAHN? POSSIBLY?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, BOARD AND CARE
9 FACILITIES ARE A PART OF THIS QUILT THAT WE STITCH TOGETHER TO
10 CARE FOR THOSE WHO NEED CARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
11 THEY PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLICATED HEALTH
12 CONDITIONS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHALLENGES, MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH
13 IS WHAT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. UNFORTUNATELY,
14 THESE BOARD AND CARES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS THE
15 STATE ARE CLOSING THEIR DOORS AT AN ALARMING RATE, MOSTLY
16 BECAUSE THEY ARE SIMPLY NOT BEING PAID ENOUGH BY THE STATE TO
17 STAY OPEN. IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE, 45 BOARD AND CARES HAVE
18 CLOSED SINCE JANUARY 2016, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF 1,226 BEDS.
19 WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT MORE CLOSURES THAT
20 COULD PUT VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN THESE BOARD AND
21 CARES AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS AND ALSO SO THAT WE CAN
22 MAINTAIN A HEALTHY BED NUMBER FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO NEED
23 IT IN THE FUTURE. OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS
24 IDENTIFIED \$11 MILLION TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO BOARD
25 AND CARE OPERATORS, BUT THIS IS STILL NOT ENOUGH. THIS MOTION

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1 IS ASKING THAT WE SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR
2 ASKING HIM TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE \$500 MILLION IN HIS
3 PROPOSED BUDGET TO HELP PREVENT THESE MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES
4 FROM BECOMING EXTINCT, NOT JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT
5 ACROSS THE STATE. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENT OF
6 MENTAL HEALTH, JOHN SHERIN HAS BEEN TALKING TO ME ABOUT THIS
7 ISSUE SINCE I HAVE BECOME A SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK IT'S
8 REALLY TIME THAT WE RAISE THE RED FLAG ON THESE FACILITIES AND
9 CONVINCE THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE ON HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE,
10 AGAIN, TO THIS WHOLE CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT WE ALWAYS TALK
11 ABOUT, BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO WORK IF THESE FACILITIES CLOSE.
12 I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE BOARD AND CARE OPERATORS OUT
13 THERE WHO ARE DOING THIS WORK. MANY OF THEM WHO ARE DOING THIS
14 WORK AND NOT GETTING THE KIND OF REIMBURSEMENT THAT ACTUALLY
15 IS ENOUGH TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR THE SERVICES THAT THEY OFFER.
16 SO JUST KNOW THAT WE'RE WORKING TO FOCUS ON THIS AND PREVENT
17 THIS CRITICAL HOUSING PIECE FROM DISAPPEARING. SO THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND DR. VONS, I APPRECIATE YOU
20 BEING HERE. I KNOW DR. SHERIN IS OUT OF POCKET RIGHT NOW. BUT
21 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RECUPERATIVE CARE, WHICH IS
22 THE STEP DOWN BEDS, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO DIFFER FROM THE
23 BOARD AND CARE, OR ARE THERE, OR IS THERE A GOAL TO DO A
24 BLENDED SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE

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1 RECUPERATIVE CARE FACILITIES THAT WE ARE BUILDING THROUGHOUT
2 THE COUNTY?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE DIFFERENCE REALLY IS RECUPERATIVE CARE FACILITIES
5 PROVIDE HEALTHCARE, WHEREAS BOARD AND CARES ARE MORE FOOD,
6 SHELTER. THEY DON'T PROVIDE AS MANY HIGH LEVEL HEALTHCARE
7 INTERVENTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I KNOW WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH
10 CAMPUSES WE ARE BUILDING, PART OF THE COMPONENT IS
11 RECUPERATIVE CARE, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH
12 COMPONENT. THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING IS WE'RE LOOK AT THE
13 I.M.D. EXCLUSION WAIVER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND I'M
14 WONDERING FOR IS AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THE WHOLE PREMISE
15 BEHIND THE WAIVER IS TO SHOW REVENUE NEUTRAL AND THAT THE
16 COST- BENEFIT IS ADVANTAGEOUS OF DOING SOMETHING A DIFFERENT
17 WAY AS IT RELATES TO REIMBURSEMENT. AND I'M WONDERING IF
18 THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOMETHING LIKE OUR RECUPERATIVE
19 CARE MODEL AND EXPAND THAT AND LOOK AT SOMETHING SIMILAR TO A
20 BOARD AND CARE AND SEE IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO MORE
21 BILLING BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY CAN BILL AGAINST MEDICAID
22 ON BOARD AND CARE RIGHT NOW, CORRECT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND EVEN THOUGH ONE WOULD ARGUE THAT IT IS
2 SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE WITH SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. IF WE
3 DON'T KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOME, THEY END UP IN SKILLED NURSING
4 FACILITIES WHICH ARE FAR MORE EXPENSIVE, THEREFORE WE INVEST
5 IN WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT IN THE LAST MOTION, SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS, THAT IS CARETAKERS AT HOME. SO PEOPLE CAN REMAIN IN
7 THEIR RESIDENCE. SO I WOULD THINK THAT MAYBE WE NEED TO LOOK
8 AT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE I.M.D. WAIVER TO POSSIBLY PUT
9 TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE A MODEL AS IT RELATES TO
10 REVENUE NEUTRAL BUT ALSO A BILLING THAT WOULD SHOW THAT WE'RE
11 GOING TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF -- KEEP THEM OFF THE STREET, KEEP
12 THEM OUT OF THE JAILS.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA.

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WE'LL COORDINATE THAT, BUT I JUST
17 THINK IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY. AND I DO APPRECIATE THE WORK,
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK
19 THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS COUNTY HAS INVESTED OUR MONEY
20 BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. MORE NODES TO BE
21 DONE. THERE IS -- YOU KNOW, GREAT STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT
22 WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US. SO I THINK THIS IS JUST ONE
23 MORE STEP. I'M HOPING THE STATE WILL REACT AND WILL HONOR THAT
24 REQUEST. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS, YOU WANTED TO MAKE COMMENTS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** QUICKLY, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND KUEHL
3 FOR BRINGING THIS TOGETHER. THIS IS, AS OF LATE, BEEN VERY
4 TIMELY IN THE PRESS, BUT WE KNOW BACK TWO YEARS AGO EVEN WHEN
5 WE WENT BACK TO WASHINGTON THIS WAS SOMETHING, I THINK, HIGH
6 ON OUR MINDS. I AGREE WE SHOULD LOOK AT MODELS THAT WILL BE
7 FLEXIBLE, THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO PUSH OUT BOARD AND
8 CARE HOMES, TO KEEP THEM, THOSE THAT ARE HERE, BUT ALSO EXPAND
9 THEIR USE AND FLEXIBILITY AND HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN
10 INITIAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS IS
11 TIMELY FOR US BECAUSE WE JUST HAD AN INCIDENT IN MY DISTRICT,
12 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN SOUTHGATE, WHERE WE WERE INFORMED BY
13 A BOARD AND CARE THAT THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS TO
14 45 RESIDENTS IN SOUTHGATE, AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND
15 PLACEMENT FOR THEM THAT QUICKLY. SO I UNDERSTAND THE NEED AND
16 WANT TO WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND HOPEFULLY AT OUR
17 VISIT THAT WE HAVE ALSO IN SACRAMENTO THAT THIS WILL BE PART
18 OF OUR AGENDA. SO I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED
22 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS. SO WOULD YOU PLEASE READ IN OR CALL THE
23 NAMES OF THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK.

24

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, WOULD THE FOLLOWING
2 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
3 EDGAR RAMIREZ, ORGALINA SAMUEL, DAVID AND MARTHA COLOMA,
4 JUSTIN TORRES, AHARON STRIKS, MARK SAMUEL. PLEASE COME FORWARD
5 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITH THAT, FIRST SPEAKER, GO
8 AHEAD.

9

10 **EDGAR RAMIREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS EDGAR RAMIREZ. AND I
11 WORK AT BEL AIR GUEST HOME, RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY, HELPING
12 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES AND DRUG ABUSE. WE'RE LOCATED
13 AT THE BORDER OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND LOS ANGELES. WE SERVE ALL
14 KINDS OF CLIENTS, HOMELESS ALSO AT TIMES, L.G.B.T. GROUPS,
15 ASIANS, CAUCASIANS, LATIN AMERICANS, AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS,
16 ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE COMING FROM ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES,
17 FROM THE STREETS, FROM HOSPITALS, JAILS. BY THE TIME THE
18 CLIENTS COME TO OUR FACILITIES, THEY COME VERY NEEDED. THEY
19 HAVE LIVED ON THE STREETS. THEY ARE SO DIRTY, AND THEY NEED A
20 LOT OF SUPPORT. WE HAVE TO IMMEDIATELY, YOU KNOW, ENCOURAGE
21 THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR PERSONAL HYGIENE AND APPEARANCE. THEY
22 DON'T TAKE THEIR MEDICATIONS. THEY COMPENSATE WHILE THEY ARE
23 ON THE STREETS. BUT WE ALSO HAVE A VERY URGENT PROBLEM WITH
24 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS ONLY GIVING THEM \$10
25 A MONTH.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT THE REST OF IT, TOO,
3 WE WILL PUT IT IN FOR THE RECORD, WHATEVER YOU HAVE WRITTEN
4 HERE.

5

6 **EDGAR RAMIREZ:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, SO GO AHEAD AND
9 SUBMIT AND AND WE WILL PUT IT INTO THE RECORD, OKAY? NEXT
10 SPEAKER.

11

12 **JUSTIN TORRES:** MY NAME IS JUSTIN TORRES. I HAVE A PREPARED
13 STATEMENT FROM BARBARA WILSON WHO WAS NOT ABLE BE HERE. I WANT
14 TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR PUBLICLY SUPPORTING THE REQUEST
15 FROM THE STEINBERG INSTITUTE AND THE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
16 DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION FOR A LIFE RAFT IN THE FORM OF INTERIM
17 FUNDING FOR LICENSED ADULT FACILITIES, A.K.A. BOARD AND CARES
18 FOR ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS WHO SUFFER FROM SERIOUS MENTAL
19 ILLNESS AND WHO ARE LOW-INCOME. EVEN AS WE ARE HAVING THESE
20 MOTIONS RIGHT NOW, I'M AWARE OF AT LEAST THREE BOARD AND CARE
21 FACILITIES WHO SEE NO OPTION THAN TO CLOSE THE DOORS. IN EACH
22 OF THESE CASES, THE OWNERS ARE ATTACHED TO THEIR RESIDENTS,
23 MANY OF WHOM ARE LONGTERM RESIDENTS IN EXCESS OF 10 YEARS, SO
24 THAT THE DECISION TO CLOSE IS PAINFUL AND HORRIFIC FOR ALL
25 PARTIES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE GOVERNOR CONCURS WITH THIS

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1 REQUEST, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT THE FUNDS BE DISBURSED
2 WITHIN THE NEXT FORTY-FIVE DAYS. THESE DISBURSEMENTS NEED TO
3 BE DIRECTED TO ALL BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES WHO SERVE ADULTS
4 AND OLDER ADULTS WHO HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND NOT --
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, WHY DON'T YOU
8 GO AHEAD AND CALL THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS, PLEASE?

9

10 **MS. LINGAT:** THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
11 STAFF WILL WITH ASSIST YOU GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN,
12 HERMAN HERMAN, DAVID SALTBURG, KAY JAY, MIKE GREENSPAN, RAFAEL
13 DEUTSCH, KORIE SCHMIDT, HELEN IBA, PATRICIA MBAABU, LISA
14 KODMUR, REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE, ANGELIQUE ABBATE, STEVEN ATLAS,
15 DAVID COLOMA, DALMA DIAZ, AND WAYNE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
16 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. GO
19 AHEAD.

20

21 **AHARON STRIKS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS AHARON STRIKS. I'M
22 THE OPERATOR OF PASADENA ADULT LIVING CENTER, A 136 BED BOARD
23 AND CARE HOME. WE ARE LICENSED AS AN ADULT RESIDENTIAL
24 FACILITY LOCATED IN PASADENA. 100 PERCENT OF MY RESIDENTS HAVE
25 SOME FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS, AND 90 PERCENT OF MY RESIDENTS

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1 ARE LOW INCOME AND PAY THE S.S.I. RATE OF \$35 PER DAY. I HAVE
2 RESIDENTS IN MY FACILITY THAT USED TO BE HOMELESS AND HAVE
3 BEEN LIVING IN MY FACILITY FOR OVER 10 YEARS. I STRONGLY
4 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE S.S.I. RATE HAS BARELY GONE UP, BUT
5 MINIMUM WAGE KEEPS RISING, AND OUR COSTS KEEP INCREASING. WE
6 CANNOT SURVIVE MUCH LONGER ON \$35 A DAY. WE NEED AN INFUSION
7 OF FUNDS NOW TO STAY ALIVE. MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT MY
8 RESIDENTS WILL END UP BACK ON THE STREETS SUFFERING FROM
9 MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS ALREADY A MASSIVE
10 CRISIS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY
11 TO MAKE BOARD AND CARE HOMES SUSTAINABLE, NOT ONLY FOR THE
12 OPERATORS, BUT FOR THE RESIDENTS SO THEY DON'T END UP BACK ON
13 THE STREETS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **DAVID COLOMA:** MY NAME IS DAVID COLOMA. I'M WITH SILVER LAKE
18 A.R.F. WE ARE ALSO A BOARD AND CARE OPERATORS TOGETHER WITH MY
19 WIFE. I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS
20 FORWARD AND ALSO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE
21 BADLY NEED THIS. I KNOW YOU GUYS MENTIONED, WHAT IS A BOARD
22 AND CARE. AND IT WAS MENTIONED THAT WE HOUSE AND FEED. WE DO
23 MUCH MORE THAN THAT. WE TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE. WE GIVE
24 THEM HOMES. WHEN P.M.R.T. AND ACCESS CANNOT RESPOND BECAUSE
25 THEY ARE OVERBURDENED, WE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF

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1 AND DEESCALATING, MAKING SURE THEY DON'T GO OUT INTO THE
2 COMMUNITY AND ENDANGER THEMSELVES, ENDANGER OTHER THEIR LIVES.
3 WE ARE CASE MANAGERS. WE ARE ADVOCATES. WE ARE FAMILY. AND WE
4 STRONGLY NEED THINGS LIKE THIS TO BE ABLE TO STAY AFLOAT. THE
5 DAILY RATE WE GET IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE AMOUNT OF HOURS THAT
6 MY WIFE AND I PUT IN. AND THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE, I WISH WE
7 COULD PAY THEM MORE FOR THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT THEY DO, THE
8 DIRTY WORK THAT THEY DO. IT IS NOT ENOUGH. AND I THANK YOU FOR
9 PUTTING FORWARD THIS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL, AND THEN WE WILL LET YOU
12 SPEAK, BUT DR. CLAVREUL FIRST.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
15 CLAVREUL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. I MEAN IT IS
16 UNBELIEVABLE THAT THOSE BOARD AND CARE ONLY GET \$35 PER DAY.
17 IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SURVIVE WITH THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY OR TO
18 EVEN PROVIDE THE BARE ESSENTIALS. SO THANK YOU FOR SENDING
19 THAT LETTER, AND I HOPE THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL RESPOND IN KIND
20 AND SEND THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **MARK SAMUEL:** MARK SAMUEL, SEPULVEDA RESIDENTIAL, 100 CLIENTS,
25 2002. I WAS HERE LAST MONTH. OUR CLIENT SUPPLIES THIS YEAR

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1 HAVE GONE UP 18.9 PERCENT. LINEN HAS GONE UP 11.8 PERCENT.
2 PAYROLL HAS GONE UP 16.3 PERCENT. REPAIRS HAVE GONE UP 53.1
3 PERCENT. I'M HERE PLEADING WITH ALL OF YOU. MY FACILITY IS
4 GOING TO CLOSE. IT COULD BE TWO WEEKS. IT COULD BE IN THE
5 IMMINENT FUTURE. I AM GOING TO CLOSE MY FACILITY. I AM BEGGING
6 THIS BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION AND MOVE FORWARD. I WILL
7 CLOSE, AND YOU -- AND I WILL HAVE 100 OF MY RESIDENTS OUT. 75
8 TO 85 PERCENT OF MY RESIDENTS WERE HOMELESS. NOW THEY ARE NOT.
9 THEY ARE STABLE. YESTERDAY, I HAD A FAMILY MEMBER THAT CAME TO
10 MY FACILITY, ASKED ME ABOUT THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES AND
11 ASKED ME IF I'M CLOSING. I SAID, YES. PLEASE APPROVE THIS
12 MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **MARTHA COLOMA:** HI, MY NAME IS MARTHA COLOMA. AND LIKE MY
17 HUSBAND SAID, WE OWN A BOARD AND CARE. BUT IT ALSO GOES BACK
18 TO THE PROGRAM THAT YOU GUYS WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. WE DO
19 HAVE ABOUT FOUR RESIDENTS THERE THAT WERE IN PRISON, AND NOW
20 WE'RE HOUSING THEM, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH OTHER PROGRAMS, AND
21 WE'RE WORKING WITH MORE PROGRAMS TO HOUSE MORE COMING OUT OF
22 JAIL DIRECTLY TO US. AND THEY ARE LIVING THERE WITH US. THAT'S
23 THEIR HOME. WE'RE PROVIDING FOR THEM, BUT LIKE THE GENTLEMAN
24 SAID, WE NEED AN INCREASE BECAUSE WE PROVIDE MORE THAN JUST
25 HOUSING FOR THEM. WE PROVIDE, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING FOR THEM,

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1 THE BASIC, WE GIVE THEM, YOU KNOW, BODY WASH. WE GIVE THEM
2 TOWELS. WE GIVE THEM EVERYTHING. AND THAT DOES NOT -- NOBODY
3 GIVES US THOSE SUPPLIES. WE HAVE TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING FOR
4 THEM, AND CASE MANAGEMENT, AND WE DO HAVE A LOT OF RESIDENTS
5 THERE FOR 10 YEARS OR MORE, AND WE ARE CLOSING SOON, TOO.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I OWN FOUR LARGE BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES IN L.A.
11 COUNTY AREA WITH A TOTAL OF 732 BEDS. I HAVE BEEN IN THE BOARD
12 AND CARE BUSINESS FOR OVER 32 YEARS. THE CURRENT SITUATION
13 JUST CANNOT SUSTAIN. WE SERVE A LARGE POPULATION OF S.S.I
14 RESIDENTS. WE JUST GOT AN \$11 A MONTH INCREASE FROM \$10.58 A
15 MONTH TO \$10.69 A MONTH. AT THE SAME TIME, THE MINIMUM WAGES
16 IS GOING UP TO \$15 AN HOUR. S.S.I. FACILITIES ARE CLOSING DOWN
17 BECAUSE WE JUST CANNOT OPERATE AT A LOSS. THERE IS NO HOTEL IN
18 L.A. THAT YOU CAN FIND FOR \$35 A DAY, AND WE ARE EXPECTED TO
19 GIVE OUR RESIDENTS WITH A HOTEL ROOM, AND THREE MEALS A DAY,
20 AND ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY MEDICATION, AND ASSISTANCE WITH
21 BATHING AND LAUNDRY, AND 24 HOUR SUPERVISION, AND DAILY
22 HOUSEKEEPING, AND TRANSPORTATION TO DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, AND
23 DAILY ACTIVITIES COORDINATED BY A FULL TIME ACTIVITY DIRECTOR.
24 WE ARE TRYING TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR RESIDENTS SO THEY WILL

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1 NOT BE OUT ON THE STREET, BUT AT \$35 A DAY, WE JUST CAN'T DO
2 IT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **HELEN ALBA:** MY NAME IS HELEN ALBA. I'M AN OPERATOR OF A
7 COMMUNITY THAT HOLDS A 199 S.S.I. RESIDENTS. WE ARE CLOSING
8 DOWN. BOARD AND CARES WHO ACCEPT RESIDENTS AT THE S.S.I. RATE
9 OF \$10.69 ARE REQUIRED TO TEND TO THEIR NEEDS REGARDLES OF THE
10 LEVEL OF CARE, BE THAT DEMENTIA, BATHING ASSISTANCE,
11 INCONTINENT CARE, MEDICATION MANAGEMENT, PSYCHIATRIC CARE, AND
12 SOCIAL SERVICES. THAT IS \$35.64 A DAY. FEWER AND FEWER BOARD
13 AND CARES ARE ACCEPTING SENIORS ON S.S.I. BECAUSE OF THIS.
14 BECAUSE OF THAT, HOSPITALS' SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
15 SOMETIMES END UP BEING ON THE STREET. THEY ARE DISCHARGED TO
16 THE STREET. I KNOW OF A HOMELESS SHELTER THAT HOUSES OVER 400
17 RESIDENTS. 60 PERCENT OF THEM ARE 65 AND OVER. THEY ARE DOING
18 CARE IN THE SHELTERS. THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **ANGELIQUE ABBATE:** MY NAME IS ANGELIQUE ABBATE. I'M A SERVICE
23 COORDINATOR WITH THE MENORA HOUSING FOUNDATION AND A FORMER
24 LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND HOMELESS CASE MANAGER. I WOULD
25 LIKE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT IN BOARD AND

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1 CARES. BOARD AND CARE CLOSURES CAUSE HOMELESSNESS SPECIFICALLY
2 FOR OUR MOST SEVERELY MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED
3 RESIDENTS. BOARD AND CARE CLOSURES CAN LEAD TO HOMELESS
4 MORBIDITY, INCREASED USE OF POLICE AND PARAMEDICS, AND EVEN
5 INCARCERATION OF CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL RESIDENTS NO LONGER
6 RECEIVING THAT CARE AND SUPERVISION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **PATRICIA MBAABU:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA MBAABU, AND I WANT TO SAY
11 THAT BOARD AND CARES ARE THE ONLY OPTION FOR THE STATE OF
12 CALIFORNIA IN TERMS OF SAVING MONEY. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT
13 LANGUAGE ANYONE SPEAKS. IF YOU CARE FOR THEM, YOU CAN
14 COMMUNICATE EVERY SINGLE RESOURCE THAT IS AVAILABLE. THE
15 PROBLEM WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT
16 EDUCATED ENOUGH TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO TELL SOMEBODY WHEN
17 THEY NEED HELP. AND I'M JUST A MARKETER IN A FACILITY. I'M NOT
18 A SOCIAL WORKER OR CASE MANAGER. I SHOULD NOT BE GETTING CALLS
19 FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OTHER RECOURSE, AND I SHOULD NOT BE
20 THE PERSON TO TELL THEM ABOUT A.L.W., ABOUT RECUPERATIVE CARE,
21 ABOUT VETERAN'S AID AND ASSISTANCE. PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THESE
22 POSITIONS NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE TYPE OF INFORMATION
23 THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE GET THE RIGHT CARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. MY NAME IS
4 DALMA DIAZ, AND I'M WITH THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES
5 DOING WORK ON HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION.
6 AS YOU KNOW, BOARD AND CARES ARE IN CRISIS, FACING SEVERE
7 BUDGET SHORT FALLS AS THEY AIM TO SERVE LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS
8 AS WELL AS AN ARRAY OF HIGH NEED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
9 LIKE OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE DIAGNOSES OF MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS,
10 AND PEOPLE WHO, IF NOT FOR THIS RESOURCE, WOULD BE
11 EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE, AS
12 YOU STATED, OVER 1,000 OF THESE BEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST,
13 AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS HOUSING AS WE FACE THIS
14 HOMELESS CRISIS. SO I'M HERE TO SAY THAT UNITED WAY SUPPORTS
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN REQUESTING STATE LEVEL FUNDING TO
16 ENSURE BOARD AND CARE HOMES DO NOT DISAPPEAR AT A TIME WHEN
17 WE NEED THEM THE MOST. AS WE KNOW, HOMES AND HOMELESSNESS, AND
18 WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKING THIS ON, THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CAN WE HOLD IT DOWN IN THE
22 BOARD ROOM, PLEASE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. YOU HAVE A
25 LITTLE DELAY PROBLEM WITH THIS ROTATING SYSTEM, SO YOU DON'T -

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1 - THERE WE GO. SO BOARD AND CARE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND
2 I APPRECIATE WHAT DR. SHERIN HAS DONE, AND I MUST TELL YOU WE
3 HEARD ABOUT THIS THE END OF LAST YEAR, AND PEOPLE CAME DOWN,
4 \$35 A NIGHT TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO NEED SO MUCH HELP.
5 DOUBLE IS WHAT THEY NEED. THEY NEED LIKE \$70 OR \$75. AND THE
6 QUESTION OF NOW AIMING AT GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE STATE. WHAT
7 ABOUT THE UNITED WAY? AND WHAT ABOUT ALL OF THE MONEY THAT WE
8 HAVE RAISED THROUGH MEASURE H IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO -
9 - WHY DOES IT COST \$500,000 FOR A UNIT, AND YET, WE CANNOT
10 AFFORD TO GIVE 35 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TO THE BOARD AND CARE
11 PEOPLE? WHAT KIND OF MANAGEMENT IS THIS AND WHY HAS IT TAKEN
12 THREE YEARS TO HEAR ABOUT THE BOARD AND CARE PROBLEM?
13 HONESTLY, THIS IS JUST APPALLING, AND HEARTBREAKING, TOO,
14 BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT REAL PEOPLE IN NEED BEING SHOWN
15 THE DOOR WHILE THE BOARD OF SERVICES INCREASES INCIDENTAL
16 EXPENSES AT ITEM 6 AND SPENDS \$1.3 MILLION DISENFRANCHISING --

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LISA KODMUR. I'M A
21 CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I WORK ON HEALTHCARE
22 ISSUES FOR LOW INCOME POPULATIONS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
23 MOTION. I'VE SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS TRYING TO SAVE THE
24 BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS,
25 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, SENIORS, PEOPLE WITH

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1 DISABILITIES. AND I APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION THIS BOARD HAS
2 GIVEN TO THIS CRISIS THROUGH PREVIOUS MOTIONS AND THROUGH THE
3 FUNDING THAT YOU CAN COMMIT THROUGH D.M.H. AND D.H.S. BUT THE
4 COUNTY CANNOT FIX THIS ALONE. THIS IS A STATE WIDE CRISIS. WE
5 NEED A STATE WIDE FIX. BOARD AND CARES ARE CLOSING EVERYWHERE
6 STATE WIDE IN ALL COUNTIES, AND WE NEED RELIEF, AND WE NEED IT
7 FAST BECAUSE MORE CLOSURES ARE IMMINENT AND OPERATORS ARE
8 BECOMING DESPERATE AS WE HEAR ABOUT FACILITIES THAT ARE ALT
9 RISK. SO WE REALLY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THIS
10 REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR TO GET THIS INTO THE BUDGET, AND WE
11 HOPE THAT IT GETS IN AND THAT WE CAN GET THE DOLLARS TO THE
12 OPERATORS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **STEVEN ATLAS:** HI, STEVEN ATLAS. AS THE OPERATOR OF A HOME
17 HEALTH ORGANIZATION, I'VE DEVELOPED VERY STRONG RELATIONSHIPS
18 WITH LARGE BOARD AND CARES, SMALL BOARD AND CARES, AND A
19 RECUPERATIVE CARE FACILITY AS WELL. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
20 INCREASE TO THE FUNDS THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. IT IS OFTEN,
21 YOU KNOW, TERRIFYING WHEN WE RECEIVE PHONE CALLS AS A HOME
22 HEALTH ORGANIZATION THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS IN THE FACILITY
23 THAT NEED HELP THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE STAFF CANNOT OR ARE NOT
24 QUALIFIED TO DO, AND ACCORDING TO THEIR STATE LICENSE, THEY
25 ARE ALLOWED TO DO SO, HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY

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1 FUNDING. I WILL CLEARLY STATE THAT IN WORKING HAND IN HAND
2 WITH RECUPERATIVE CARES, I WILL CLEARLY STATE THIS, THERE
3 WOULD BE NO NEED FOR RECUPERATIVE CARE IF BOARD AND CARES WERE
4 ADEQUATELY FUNDED. THERE ARE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES FOR
5 THOSE THAT NEED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, BOARD AND CARES TO
6 MAINTAIN THEIR CUSTODIAL NEEDS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS MY LAST
11 MINUTE. I'M NOT REAL THRILL WITH THE PROCEDURES, BUT I WAS
12 WONDERING IF YOU'VE DECIDED MAYBE TO ASK THE COUNTY'S
13 INVESTMENT GURU FOR SOME POINTERS OR SOLUTIONS TO THIS
14 PROBLEM, BUT EVIDENTLY HE HAS LEFT THE ROOM. BUT I MENTIONED
15 BEFORE THAT I DON'T KNOW IF THESE PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE
16 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT GIVES PEOPLE
17 \$1,000 PREMIUM PAYMENT TOWARDS THEIR HEALTHCARE. ALL THEY NEED
18 IS A BED. ONCE THEY GET THAT BED, THEN HEALTHCARE IS PROVIDED
19 BY WHOEVER AT THE RATE THAT THE HEALTHCARE WORKER DESERVES.
20 THERE IS NO CEILING ON THAT RATE. IT IS A VERY SIMPLE PLAN. IF
21 YOU HAVE A BOARD AND CARE PLACE, ENROLL YOUR PEOPLE IN THE
22 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, L.A. CARES, AND YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
23 FEDERAL DOLLARS. IT IS VERY SIMPLE.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
2 SPEAKER.

3

4 **KORIE SCHMIDT:** OH, TALKING ABOUT BOARD AND CARES. YOU ARE
5 MAKING ME WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD CARES ABOUT OLD FOLKS
6 LIKE US, OLD FOLKS AND THE DISABLED. WE HAVE BEEN AT THESE
7 PLACES, AND YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD CARES. THEY
8 ARE SUPPOSED TO HOUSE US AND TAKE CARE OF US. I'M NOT SURE.
9 I'M NOT SURE IF THEY KNOW. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU KNOW. I'M JUST
10 NOT SURE IF YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU MAKE AN OLD PERSON OR A
11 DISABLED PERSON LOSE THEIR HOME, THEN IT TRIPLES THE DAMAGES.
12 I'M JUST NOT SURE IF THEY KNOW.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** OKAY, SO ON 109TH -- ONE MINUTE? STOP
17 THE CLOCK FOR ONE SECOND. STOP THE CLOCK FOR ONE SECOND. IT'S
18 ONLY ONE MINUTE? MATH IS NOT YOUR GREATEST SUBJECT, CHAIR, I
19 GUESS. SO THE BOARD AND CARE ON 109TH THAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO
20 HAVE ON VERMONT WAS TAGGED TWO DAYS LATER. SO MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS CONVENIENTLY IS NOT HERE, AND WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE
22 OUT IS THAT ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO RESPECT PROPOSALS AS
23 SUBMITTED CONCERNING THIS VERY AGENDA? I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO
24 SEND A 5-LETTER SIGNATURE FROM GAVIN NEWSOM TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
25 HAPPENED WITH THE HOMELESS CZAR POSITION THAT WAS IN AUGUST

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1 THAT HE CONVENIENTLY HAD HIS APPOINTEE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 REMOVE. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE ARE FIGURING OUT TO
3 FIX BOARD AND CARES AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS BECAUSE YOU ARE
4 TAKING THE PEOPLE WHO CAN FIX IT, YOU'RE NOT HIRING THEM. SO I
5 APPLIED FOR THAT POSITION ON AUGUST 2ND. AUGUST 28TH, GAVIN
6 REMOVED THAT POSITION. AND YOU ARE ASKING HIM FOR HELP,
7 REALLY?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
10 SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, OF COURSE, THIS ILLUSION IS A MAN NAMED
13 DONALD JOHN TRUMP. SO HE CAME HERE TO TELL YOU HOW TO DO
14 HOUSING. DID YOU LISTEN TO THE PRESIDENT? [EXPLETIVE] NO, YOU
15 DID NOT LISTEN.

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** YOU ARE OFF TOPIC, SIR. THIS IS ABOUT BOARD AND
18 CARE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STAY ON TOPIC,
21 YOUR TIME WILL EXPIRE. YOU'RE BEING ALLOWED TO SPEAK. AND WE
22 ARE LISTENING. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT
23 SPEAKER. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS? SUPERVISOR HAHN,
24 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOME COMMENTS?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO CAME DOWN TO
2 SPEAK. AND I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE OF YOU WHO
3 ARE CURRENT OPERATORS OF A FACILITY. A COUPLE OF YOU MENTIONED
4 THAT YOU COULD CLOSE TODAY, TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. SO WHAT I
5 WANTED TO ASK, I KNOW IN MY REMARKS I SAID WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
6 \$11 MILLION TO IMMEDIATELY GIVE SOME RELIEF, HOW EXACTLY DOES
7 THAT FUND GET TO THOSE WHO ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF CLOSING?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS YOU MENTIONED, WE
10 IDENTIFIED \$11 MILLION. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$12
11 MILLION, AND THIS IS REALLY COMING IN THE FORM OF AN ENHANCED
12 RATE, SO THAT THE FACILITIES THAT QUALIFY AND THAT APPLY CAN
13 GET AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT PER MONTH FOR THOSE RESIDENTS THAT
14 HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AND DO YOU THINK THAT THEY KNOW THIS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** IT HAS BEEN WIDELY COMMUNICATED.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN, NO ONE HERE HAS EVEN HINTED THAT THEY KNEW
21 THAT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THERE HAVE BEEN STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND WORK
24 GROUPS TO DISCUSS WAYS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO HELP, AND THAT IS

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1 JUST ONE OF THE WAYS WE ARE TRYING TO HELP. WE ARE ALSO
2 LOOKING AT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH I ALWAYS GET CONCERNED WHEN I HEAR THIS
5 BECAUSE YES, I LOVE OUTREACH. I LOVE COMMUNITY MEETINGS, BUT
6 IT DID -- NOT ONE OPERATOR TODAY EVEN HINTED THEY KNEW THIS
7 RELIEF WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING. SO IF THERE'S A WAY THAT
8 THE OPERATORS WHO ARE HERE TODAY IN L.A. COUNTY COULD SOMEHOW
9 BE ASSISTED IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSISTANT TEAM CORNER TO
10 UNDERSTAND HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS. IT IS NOT AS EASY AS PEOPLE
11 THINK.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I WOULD AGREE. AND ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW,
14 ESPECIALLY THE GENTLEMEN WHO WAS REPRESENTING SEPULVEDA, WHERE
15 THEY HAVE GOT 100 PEOPLE LIVING, I MEAN, I THINK IT IS
16 IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO THAT OUTREACH. DO YOU ALL HAVE AN
17 ASSOCIATION THAT IS AN UMBRELLA FOR BOARD AND CARES? NO? OKAY.
18 SO WHY DON'T WE GO OVER HERE, AND YOU CAN SPEAK WITH THEM. I
19 AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS PART OF THE FUNDING TO DEVELOP SEED MONEY,
22 \$500,000, TO DEVELOP A COMMUNICATION GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION
23 FOR THOSE --

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN, THAT'S GREAT, BUT RIGHT NOW -- GOOD IDEA
2 LONG TERM, BUT WE ARE HEARING FROM OPERATORS WHO SAID IMMINENT
3 DANGER OF CLOSING, 45 BEDS, 100 BEDS. AND SO THAT'S WHAT I'M
4 HOPING THIS \$11 MILLION AND THE ADDITIONAL \$12 MILLION WE CAN
5 SPEND IMMEDIATELY TO TRY TO GIVE THEM SOME RELIEF.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE DO HEAR YOU. IN FACT, WE ARE WORKING WITH 4
8 FACILITIES TO TRY TO AVOID IMMINENT CLOSURE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, DR. WITH THAT, THIS ITEM
13 IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE VOTE.
15 YEAH?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** BEFORE WE MOVE ON THAT, I JUST WANT TO SAY, IS
18 THERE A WAY FOR OUR DEPARTMENT TO EMAIL THIS INFORMATION OUT
19 TO THE CURRENT LIST OF PROVIDERS THAT THE COUNTY IS AWARE OF
20 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE MUST HAVE SOME LIST, SOMEWHERE? I KNOW
21 THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OPERATORS IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, AND
22 I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE HERE IN THE DAIS HAS ONE, TOO. BUT IT
23 IS OF THAT URGENCY, TOO, I THINK THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
24 THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WITH THAT, I SUPPORT THIS
4 MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, THEN. UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. DO YOU
7 HEAR THAT? AFFIRMATIVE, DR.?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** TO SEND THE INFORMATION OUT TO THE OPERATORS ABOUT
10 THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU
13 SAID IT ON THE RECORD.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. SO WE MOVE THIS AGENDA ITEM OR
18 THIS BOARD MOTION AS AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
19 THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR THOSE
20 OF HOLDING MORE THAN ONE ITEM, YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES,
21 AND THOSE WITH ONE ITEM WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE. WITH THAT, MADAM
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THOSE THAT HAVE
23 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT.

24

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
2 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU ALEX
3 VILLALOBOS, BARBARA WILLIAMS, CARLOS BENAVIDES, CARLOS
4 FERNANDEZ, CARLOS RANGEL, CARMEN BALTAZAR, CHRISTIAN DOMINGUZ,
5 CHRYSTINE GARNER, ED HERMENO, ELVIA TORRES, ESMERALDA CHAVEZ,
6 FIRMO REYES, GABRIEL BUELNA, JAZMIN FLORES, JESSICA BERTULIS,
7 JOSE ORNELAS, KARLA ORTIZ, LOURDES CARACOZA, MARCELAR RIVERA,
8 MARTHA JIMENEZ, MARY LOU HERNANDEZ, MAURICIO RAMOS, OSVALDO
9 DOMINGUEZ, PAUL DAVID, RIGABERTO HIMENEZ, VALERIA CASTANEDA,
10 WILLIAM ALVARENGA, AND MR. PALOMERA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
11 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FIRST SPEAKER, WHERE ARE YOU?

14

15 **MS. LINGAT:** I WILL CALL SOME MORE NAMES.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES.

18

19 **MS. LINGAT:** HE HASN'T BEEN CALLED UP YET.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, HERMAN HERMAN. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
22 CALLED UP YET.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** THE ADDITIONAL FOLKS TO COME FORWARD, PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE

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1 ON ITEMS 1D, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18-23, 28, 30, 32, 34,
2 36-42, 44, 46-50, 51A AND 54. KRUTI PAREKH ON ITEMS 10, 11,
3 12, AND 40. REVEREND EVAN BUNCH ON ITEMS 10, 11, AND 12. JARED
4 OBRIEN ON ITEMS 10, 11, AND 12. ANTHONY ROBLES ON ITEMS 10,
5 11, AND 12. DAVID SALTBURG ON ITEMS 1D, 2, 6, 13, AND 51A.
6 REBECCA ARVIZU ON ITEMS 29 AND 30. NICOLE BROWN ON ITEM 10.
7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON ITEMS 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, AND 13. MIKE
8 GREENSPAN ON ITEMS 1D, 6, 10, 13, 18, 51A AND 55. PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL, WE WILL LET YOU
12 GO FIRST SINCE YOU ARE READY TO GO.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
15 CLAVREUL. I WILL COVER ITEM 11, HAVING TO DO TO STRENGTHEN THE
16 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, I THINK THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE,
17 ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW. WE SHOW THAT A LOT OF THE ARRESTS ARE
18 DONE ARBITRARILY AND HAVE A LOT OF RACIAL IMPACT THAT I DON'T
19 LIKE TO SEE. ALSO ON ITEM 12 IS ALSO HAVING TO STRENGTHEN AND
20 MODIFY THE ROLE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. I THINK I WOULD
21 LIKE TO SEE THAT IMPLEMENTED ALSO. AND LET ME SEE, THERE WAS
22 ANOTHER ARTICLE I WANT. YEAH, I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED WITH
23 ITEM 6, HAVING TO DO WITH INCIDENTAL EXPENSE BOARD POLICY. IT
24 WAS NOT REALLY CLEAR THE WAY IT WAY IT WAS DESCRIBED. AND YOU
25 REALLY -- YOU MENTIONED THE CODE AND SECTION BUT NO FINANCIAL

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1 POINT WITH IT. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE A NUMBER ADDED TO
2 THAT. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THE MIC IS NOT WORKING. THIS BOARD SHOULD USE
7 TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND DONATIONS TO PROVIDE THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS
8 THAT KEEP BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS OUT OF CAGES AND IN SAFE
9 HOMES. HOWEVER, THIS BOARD SHOULD NOT GIVE ANIMAL CONTROL
10 DIRECTOR MARCIA MAYEDA MORE RESPONSIBILITY. SHE CURRENTLY HAS
11 A \$56 MILLION BUDGET. ON NOVEMBER 23, MR. PICKLES, A 1.5 YEAR
12 OLD FRIENDLY AND HEALTHY ORANGE CAT, WAS SURRENDERED BY HIS
13 OWNERS TO THE DOWNEY POUND. HIS IMPOUND RECORDS WERE
14 FALSIFIED, AND HE MISLABELED AS FERAL AND UNADOPTABLE. HE WAS
15 FRIENDLY, ALLOWING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TO PET HIM. A WORKER
16 EVEN PUT MR. POTATO HEAD GLASSES ON HIM, SOMETHING YOU COULD
17 NEVER DO TO A FERAL CAT. BUT HE WAS KILLED AFTER 72 HOURS. I
18 ASK YOU TO HOLD MAYEDA ACCOUNTABLE AND END HER 20 YEAR REIGN
19 OF FAILING TO SAVE LIVES AND WASTING TAXPAYER MONEY.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **ELVIA TORRES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELVIA TORRES, AND I'M THE
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES. AND I WANT TO
25 ADDRESS ITEM 19 AND 20. IT'S ABOUT GIVING A CONDITIONAL PERMIT

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1 TO SELL BEER AND WINE. AND OUR CONCERN WITH THIS IS THAT THE
2 LOCATION IS LOCATED NEXT TO A LIBRARY. AND WE'RE REALLY
3 CONCERNED. AT SPIRIT, WE DO A LOT WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL
4 HEALTH ISSUES, CHILD ABUSE, AND WE REALLY WORK WITH FAMILIES
5 IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. AND WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THAT WE
6 COULD DO THIS WORK AS A FAMILY -- AS -- BUT IT HAS TO GO
7 BEYOND THAT. IT REALLY BEGINS TO LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY. AND WE
8 HAVE TO SEE WHY THERE ARE SO MANY LIQUOR STORES OR
9 ACCESSIBILITY TO ALCOHOL IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THE MORE
10 ALCOHOL IN COMMUNITIES, THE PEER PRESSURE INCREASES AND THE
11 RISK -- THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, OH, NO, WAIT A
14 MINUTE, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, YOU WANT TO CALL MORE NAMES.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** YES, WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD BENNY BAKSHANDEH, JOHNNY LAIM, HERMAN HERMAN ON ALL
18 ITEMS, KAY JAY ON ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 6, 51A AND 54. JOSEPH
19 MAIZLISH ON ITEMS 10, 11, AND 12. KIM MCGILL ON ITEMS 10, 11,
20 AND 12. DR. PAULETTE MELINA ON ITEM 40. ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS
21 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29, 30,
22 40, 44, 45, 51A, 54, AND 55. ADAM ROBERTS ON ITEM 40. KORIE
23 SCHMIDT ON ALL ITEMS. MEGHAN BEST ON ITEM 10. PHAL SOK ON
24 ITEMS 10, 11, AND 12. SHARI TINSLEY ON ITEM 1D. DANIEL BERNAL
25 ON ITEM 10. AND WAYNE ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DID YOU SAY WAYNE'S LAST NAME?

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** WAYNE FROM ENCINO.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT
7 SPEAKER.

8

9 **KORIE SCHMIDT:** SO I HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS, THERE YOU GO. SO I
10 WANT TO TALK -- LET'S JUST GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF THESE
11 THINGS ON THE LIST. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. I AM A
12 VERY RECENT, YOU KNOW, RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN ON THE STREETS.
13 THAT'S, YOU KNOW, IT HAS BEEN KIND OF, WHAT YOU COULD SAY,
14 "FUN." LET'S SAY, SOMETHING 1D, I DEFINITELY SEE 1D OUT HERE,
15 MAYBE MORE. HOUSING, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, BACK TO NOT HAVING A
16 HOUSE, IT IS QUITE FUN NOT TO HAVE A HOUSE ANYMORE BECAUSE YOU
17 HAVE TO FIGHT PEOPLE. LET'S SEE, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE
18 METRO AND THE RAIL. YEAH, THAT'S KIND OF THE CAUSE OF A LOT OF
19 PEOPLE BEING WITHOUT HOMES BECAUSE IT IS MAKING THE COST OF
20 LIVING SKY ROCKET. NUMBER 6, WHILE WE ARE PUTTING PEOPLE ON
21 THE STREETS, WE ARE ACTUALLY COMPENSATING OTHER PEOPLE.
22 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES ARE GOING UP. SPECIAL FUNDS ARE BEING
23 TRANSFERRED TO THE SHERIFF. BUT WE ARE SELLING COUNTY SURPLUS
24 PROPERTY. I SEE THAT. I WOULD LIKE SOME OF THAT. I THINK IT IS
25 DUE. LET'S SEE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE VACATION ON THE STYLES

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1 TRAIL. I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON VACATION. THAT SOUNDS NICE.

2 INTERNAL SERVICES AND SOMETHING ABOUT THE ALISO CANYON THING.

3 I HOPE IT IS NOT NEAR ITEM 33. I HAVE A FEELING IT MIGHT HAVE

4 AN EFFECT ON THE IMAGE MANAGEMENT OF ITEM 25. SO I JUST WANTED

5 TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, YOU KNOW, SINCE YOU ARE

6 DOING A LOT. AND IT IS REALLY AFFECTING ME.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **REV. EVAN BUNCH:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS REVEREND BUNCH WITH

11 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK M.R.T.,

12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR 10, 11, AND 12. AND I

13 BELIEVE TO MAKE SURE THESE MOTIONS HAVE EFFICACY, I THINK IT

14 IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE C.O.C. HAS ADEQUATE

15 STAFFING TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN INVESTIGATE AND HAVE A FULL

16 POWER OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THE

17 LARGEST JAILER IN THE WORLD. AND SO, THIS C.O.C. DOES NOT ONLY

18 NEED SUBPOENA POWER BUT IT NEEDS ADEQUATE STAFFING TO MAKE

19 SURE THAT THOSE INVESTIGATIONS ARE PUT INTO PLACE AND CARRIED

20 OUT. AND THEN, LASTLY, ON THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

21 FAMILY BILL OF RIGHTS, KNOWN BY THE COUNTY AS THE FAMILY

22 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOLLOWING ALL SHERIFF'S USE OF FORCE,

23 INCLUDING IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH FAMILY, ACCESS TO THEIR LOVED

24 ONE, OR IF KILLED, REGULAR UPDATES ON THE INVESTIGATION AND

25 ACCESS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COUNTY OFFICIALS INVOLVED,

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1 ENDING CRIMINALIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE MEDIA OR IN
2 HEARINGS PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND CREATION
3 OF A FUND TO COVER MEDICAL, FOLLOW UP MENTAL HEALTH, AND
4 BURIAL COSTS, AND LASTLY EXPAND TO PROGRAM TO COVER PROBATION
5 AND OTHER DEPARTMENT'S USE OF FORCE ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, HERMAN.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WOULD YOU CALL A MULTI-FAMILY AFFORDABLE RENTAL
11 HOUSING? WELL, LET'S STATE IT FOR THE RECORD, CERTIFICATE FOR
12 THIS NOTICE OF L.A. C.V. 191-0948 FOR THE RECORD, KINGDOM
13 WARRIORS FOUNDATION. WHY, MAXINE WATERS, HAVE YOU DENIED THE
14 MERCY AND HOPE OF HOUSING? YOU DEDICATE YOURSELF AS A PUBLIC
15 FIGURE IN WASHINGTON, BUT YET YOUR EXECUTIVE POWER REFLECTS
16 THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES BY CONSIDERATION OF
17 EXEMPTION AND DETERMINATION. WHY, MAXINE WATERS? WHO IS MAXINE
18 WATERS? THE WOMAN IN CONGRESS WHO DEFIES DONALD TRUMP, WHO
19 DEFIES OUR RIGHTS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS TO LIVE IN OUR
20 COMMUNITY.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM ARE YOU TALKING ON, HERMAN.

23

24 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT ALL ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR
25 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU ASKED ME TO SIGN UP ON. AND EVERYTHING

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1 REFLECTS UPON YOU, ALL OF YOU, OUR BUDGET, OUR SECURITY, OUR
2 SAFETY, AND OUR HEALTH AND WELFARE. AND AGAIN, BEN CARSON CAN
3 FIX THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE DONALD TRUMP IS ON --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THAT IS ON WHICH ITEM?

6

7 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CRISIS ON HOMELESSNESS,
8 MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON --

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THE ISSUES ON THE BUDGET ON 1D, 11, 10, 11, 12,
13 13. I'M NOT GOING ON VERBATIM BECAUSE THE JACKASS COUNCIL WILL
14 TELL ME I'M OUT OF ORDER. SO ITEM 54, IN MY CLOSING SECTION,
15 14 U.S.C., 1983, [EXPLETIVE] YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND AGAIN,
20 THERE'S A DELAY, SO I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD DO THAT, BUT
21 THANK YOU. SO ACOM IS YOUR TREASURED PARTNERS. KELLY BERNARD
22 WORKS THERE. ERIC GARCETTI GOT THE INAUGURATION PAID FOR BY
23 THEM. WE'VE SPENT TENS OF MILLIONS ON THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
24 AND TODAY, WE ARE DOING A LITTLE PHEW, PHEW, PHEW BY SLIDING
25 AN EXTRA 450,000 ISH TO ACOM SO THAT THEY CAN ADD THE MEN'S

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1 CENTRAL JAIL TO THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL
2 THE COUNTY PROJECTS. THEY GOT THE BIG CONTRACT TO TELL THE
3 COUNTY WHAT ALL THE UPGRADES WE NEED TO DO IS GOING TO COST
4 THANKS TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS SOME YEARS AGO. SPEAKING OF
5 WHICH, WE GOT A NEW GUY COMING IN TO RUN PROBATION AND I.S.D.
6 THE I.S.D. GUY A NON STARTER BECAUSE HE COMES FROM THE CITY OF
7 L.A., SELWYN HOLLINS. THIS GUY IS GETTING \$261,000, BUT THEN
8 FOR THE TEMPORARY PROBATION PERSON, THEY WERE GETTING
9 \$163/HOUR, WHICH IS 3 AND CHANGE, BUT NOW THEY ARE GETTING
10 \$177, WHICH IS \$368,000 A YEAR TO RUN PROBATION, WHERE WE JUST
11 KISSED OFF MS. MCDONALD, THE FORMER CHIEF, WHO PRESIDED OVER
12 THE, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE PEPPER
13 SPRAY CRISIS? GOOD LORD, WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS GROUP. AND
14 LEASES UP THE YING YANG BECAUSE EVERYBODY LOVES A GOOD LEASE
15 WHEN YOU ARE A SUPERVISOR BECAUSE THEN THE LESSORS ENCOURAGE
16 YOU TO SAY LET'S GET THAT ONE AGAIN. SO THE D.A., THE PUBLIC
17 SOCIAL SERVICES, AND YOU'VE GOT 2 LIQUOR LICENSES. WE HEARD
18 FROM THE WOMAN TODAY ABOUT THAT, NOT IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD. YET
19 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS HAPPY, DELIGHTED TO PROVIDE
20 ADDITIONAL LIQUOR OPPORTUNITIES IN A COMMUNITY WHERE, JUST THE
21 OTHER DAY, IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD NEARBY, PEOPLE ARE RUN OVER BY
22 DRUNK DRIVERS. IT IS JUST HORRIBLE. INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, DR.
23 CLAVREUL JUST CLARIFIED, THERE WERE SOME NUMBERS IN THERE.
24 THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. UP TO \$50,000 IN INCIDENTAL EXPENSES,
25 WE SAT THROUGH AN ENTIRE YEAR OF WATCHING THE BOARD APPROVE,

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1 AND YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU SAY UP TO \$800,000 FOR I
2 DON'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE TO DO -- IT IS AN OUTRAGE BEYOND
3 BELIEF. YOU'RE SPENDING MONEY LIKE IT'S GOING --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **KRUTI PAREKH:** GREETINGS, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH,
8 AND I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING
9 COLLATION. HAPPY NEW YEAR, I DON'T KNOW IF FOLKS NEED TO TAKE
10 BREATHS OR SOMETHING BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF ENERGY IN THIS
11 ROOM TODAY AND MAYBE EVERY DAY. I'M HERE TO REALLY DISCUSS 10,
12 11, 12, AND 40. I'M A SOCIAL WORKER. I'M A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
13 WORKER, AND I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS
14 COUNTY. AND I WANT TO PLEASE ASK YOU TO PUT ALL YOUR ENERGY IN
15 MAKING SURE THAT OUR PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS STRONG,
16 THAT IT IS STAFFED PROPERLY, THAT IT HAS RESOURCES SO THAT IT
17 CAN HOLD OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT FULLY ACCOUNTABLE. THERE'S
18 AN ITEM, NUMBER 40 ON THE AGENDA IS TERMINATING A CONTRACT
19 WITH ONE OF OUR COALITION PARTNERS. I HAVE SEEN THE
20 EXTRAORDINARY WORK THAT NEW EARTH DOES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
21 BRINGING IN THE ARTS AND HEALING IN EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO,
22 AND I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT SOME PEOPLE, INCLUDING COMMUNITY-
23 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO STANDARDS THAT
24 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE NOT
25 CURRENTLY HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO. SO I ASK YOU TODAY TO PLEASE BE

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1 FAIR, BE FAIR IN PUTTING MECHANISMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN PLACE
2 FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FOR THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT AND RECONSIDER THE TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT TO A
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, PUT MEASURES IN PLACE SO THAT
5 CAPACITY BUILDING IS HAPPENING TO NON-PROFITS SO THAT ALL OF
6 THE DIVERSION THAT THIS COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN DOING IS
7 SUCCESSFUL. AND IF IT ISN'T SUCCESSFUL, THAT ALL MECHANISMS
8 ARE PUT IN PLACE SO THEY IMPROVE AND THEY GET BETTER. I HAVE
9 SEEN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT GET EXCUSED TIME AND TIME AND
10 TIME AND TIME AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AFTER VIOLATIONS TO YOUNG
11 PEOPLE. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE TURNING A NEW DAY
12 IN THIS NEW YEAR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **DR. PAULETTE MELINA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DR. PAULETTE
17 MELINA, AND I'M THE RESIDENTIAL CLINICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR
18 NEW EARTH. AND I'M HERE TO READ A STATEMENT. IT HAS BEEN NEW
19 EARTH'S GREAT PRIVILEGE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT'S 1 AND 3, WITH THE
21 SUPPORT OF ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND THE MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
22 AND FELLOW COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ON THE CAMP DAVID
23 GONZALES TRANSFORMATION PROJECT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS
24 LEADING OUR NATION IN THE CREATION OF A MORE EQUITABLE JUSTICE
25 SYSTEM FOR OUR YOUTH, ONE THAT PROVIDES YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

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1 WITH THE INVALUABLE EDUCATION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
2 PROGRAMMING THAT THEY NEED TO THRIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND
3 IN THE WORLD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE AT
4 THE FOREFRONT OF THIS SHIFT, AND NEW EARTH SHARES THE COUNTY'S
5 VALUES. AND WE AT NEW EARTH REMAIN HEARTENED AND STEADFAST IN
6 OUR COMMITMENT TO FORGING A YOUTH-CENTERED PATH FORWARD. OVER
7 THE PAST FEW YEARS, THIS PROGRESS HAS INCLUDED LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY'S VISION TO REPURPOSE THE FORMER CAMP GONZALES INTO A
9 VOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL CAREER TRAINING CENTER FOR YOUNG MEN.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOU CAN SUBMIT THAT. IF YOU
12 HAVE GOT SOMETHING IN WRITING, YOU CAN SUBMIT IT. OKAY. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, WELCOME.

14

15 **DANIEL BERNAL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DANIEL BERNAL.
16 I AM A MEMBER OF A.R.C. AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF PROJECT
17 REBOUND. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS HEARD OF THAT, WHICH WE
18 DO -- WE HELP FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE WHO HAVE COLLEGE
19 EDUCATION PURSUE THE HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION. I SUPPORT
20 ITEM 10, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
21 SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE OVERSIGHT OF
22 PROBATION. AS THE DEPARTMENT GOES THROUGH LEADERSHIP
23 TRANSITION, I ASK THAT YOU STAY THE COURSE, CREATE A STRONG
24 P.O.C., KEEP THE P.O.C. FUNDED WITHOUT DIVERSION OF FUNDS,
25 AND CONTINUE TO ADDRESS AND HOLD THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE BY

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1 ADDRESSING THE POOR SERVICES PROVIDED AND THE IRRESPONSIBLE
2 SPENDING PROBLEM OF THEIR BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. I JUST WANT
3 TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS THAT I WAS ONCE A JUVENILE ON PROBATION.
4 THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, BACK IN 1998, SO IT IS A BIG
5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEN AND NOW. HOWEVER, I CAN ATTEST TO THE
6 FACT THAT MY NEPHEW, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON PROBATION, IT IS NOT
7 WORKING FOR HIM. HE IS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS AND GANGS, AND HE
8 WAS JUST PUT ON HOUSE ARREST AS A REMEDY FOR THE TROUBLES THAT
9 HE IS GOING THROUGH. AND HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD GET A JOB. IT
10 HAS BEEN TWO MONTHS, AND HE STILL HASN'T GOT A JOB BY THE
11 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **ADAM ROBERTS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ADAM ROBERTS. I'M ALSO WITH
16 NEW EARTH, AND BEFORE I READ SOME MORE OF THAT STATEMENT WHICH
17 WE WILL SUBMIT IN WRITING AS WELL, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK
18 THAT YOU PLEASE DELAY THE VOTE ON ITEM 40 UNTIL SUFFICIENT
19 REASONING HAS BEEN GIVEN, WHICH WE DON'T FEEL IT HAS BEEN AT
20 THIS TIME. REGARDING THE CAMP GONZALES PROJECT, WE JUST WANT
21 TO SAY THAT FROM THE VERY INCEPTION OF THE IDEA, NEW EARTH HAS
22 BEEN HONORED TO LEND ITS SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE BY
23 COLLABORATING WITH THE COUNTY, PROBATION, AND OTHER NONPROFIT
24 PARTNERS TO ELEVATE THIS TRANSFORMATION. IT IS OUR SINCERE
25 HOPE THAT THE WAYS IN WHICH WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS

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1 HISTORIC AND GROUNDBREAKING PLAN OF ACTION OVER THE PAST THREE
2 YEARS HAVE AIDED AND ADVANCED THE EVOLUTION OF OUR JUVENILE
3 JUSTICE SYSTEM TO BETTER SERVE THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
4 WE HAVE WORKED COUNTLESS HOURS UNDER CONTRACT AND PRIOR TO THE
5 AWARDING OF A CONTRACT TO CREATE THE CURRICULUM AND ITS
6 CORRESPONDING PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES TO MANAGE THE DIFFICULT
7 RECONSTRUCTION OF A 60-YEAR-OLD SITE. MANY OF THOSE THINGS
8 THAT WE'VE ACHIEVED CAN BE SEEN IN THIS NOTEBOOK HERE. AND I
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** ADVOCACY FOR THOSE ON PROBATION, NUMBER
14 ONE, INCARCERATION, HOMELESSNESS, IT'S THE SAME PEOPLE. ONE OF
15 MY MAIN ISSUES IS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR A NEW WAY OF LIFE WHO
16 HELPS WITH WOMEN, GROWN [EXPLETIVE] WOMEN, WHO IS ON
17 PROBATION, THANKS TO SUSAN BURTON. BUT WHAT I DON'T APPRECIATE
18 IS WHEN YOU USE COLD PLAY AND CHRIS MARTIN TO BENEFIT JUST
19 THESE WOMEN WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP BENEFIT HOMELESS
20 YOUTH IN SOUTH L.A. ON MANCHESTER VERMONT LOT. BUT APPARENTLY,
21 I NEED YOU TO VIDEO TAPE THIS, PLEASE, YOU HAVE DOREEN JORDAN
22 AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS APPARENTLY TOO BUSY TO EVEN LISTEN TO
23 THE ISSUES OF DISTRICT 2, SO THERE 1, 3, 4, AND 5 WILL HELP
24 THEIR ADVOCACY FOR HOMELESS YOUTH. SO JANUARY 21ST AT THE
25 HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE COLD PLAY DOING A

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1 BENEFIT CONCERT, BUT YET DECEMBER 10TH, 2019 THERE WAS NOTHING
2 DONE FOR THE YOUTH IN SOUTH L.A. AS ACCORDING TO THE
3 SCHEDULER, LAUREN. SO SUSAN BURTON, WHO IS FRIENDS WITH MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, VERY GOOD FRIENDS, WAS ABLE TO PULL OUT COLD
5 PLAY. WHAT DOES SUSAN KNOW ABOUT COLD PLAY? WHAT IS HER
6 FAVORITE COLD PLAY SONG? ANYONE? I CAN TELL YOU, "FIX YOU,"
7 "PARACHUTES," "SPARKS," JUST A FEW OF THE SONGS THAT I WAS
8 LISTENING TO THAT CHANGED MY LIFE. AND WHEN MY SON WAS
9 MURDERED, "FIX YOU" WAS A SONG WHEN YOU TRY YOUR BEEST, AND
10 YOU DON'T SUCCEED, AND YOU ARE SHEDDING TEARS FROM YOUR FACE
11 BECAUSE YOU CANNOT REPLACE SOMETHING THAT IS IRREPLACEABLE.
12 THESE ARE THE LYRICS THAT CHANGED MY LIFE AND HELPED ME GET
13 THROUGH MY SON. SO HOW DARE HIM USE CHRIS MARTIN AND YOU PAIR
14 HIM UP WITH THE JONAS BROTHERS OUT OF ALL PEOPLE TO DO A SHOW
15 TO BENEFIT NEW WAY OF LIFE, I DON'T THINK SO. WE'RE FITTING TO
16 CRASH THAT PARTY ON THE 21ST OR GET IT CANCELED.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **MEGHAN BEST:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MEGHAN BEST. I'M
21 WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND OF CALIFORNIA. I'M ALSO WITH
22 THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS
23 MY SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 10 AND THE CREATION OF THE
24 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WHILE THE BOARD HAS ALREADY
25 TAKEN CRITICAL ACTION, IT IS URGENT THAT WE GET IT UP AND

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1 RUNNING TO BRING REAL CHANGE TO THE DEPARTMENT. AS WE SIT HERE
2 THIS MORNING, YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE HALLS CONTINUE TO FACE
3 UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS. WHILE CREATING THE PROBATION
4 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP, THE COMMISSION
5 WILL NEED A ROBUST STAFF TO BE EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY FOR
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, BUDGET REVIEW, INVESTIGATIONS, AND
7 INDEPENDENT COUNCIL. WE HOPE TO SEE ADEQUATE, NAY, ROBUST
8 STAFFING IN THE FINAL CREATION OF THIS COMMISSION. THANK YOU
9 FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ORDINANCE
10 ON THE 21ST.

11

12 **JARED OBRIEN:** HI, MY NAME IS JARED OBRIEN WITH THE YOUTH
13 JUSTICE COLLATION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. AND
14 I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO HAVE A STRONG SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION
15 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS I'M URGING YOU TO
16 DO IS TO GIVE THEM POWER TO REVIEW AND CHANGE THE -- REVIEW,
17 CHANGE, AND DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND POLICIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THIS WOULD INCLUDE
19 POWERS FOR THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE AND
20 TRANSFER YOU OUT OF PROBATION. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY I'M
21 PUSHING FOR THIS IS BECAUSE I WAS ON PROBATION, AND PROBATION
22 NEVER SERVED ME WELL WHEN I WAS A YOUNG YOUTH. I WAS HOMELESS.
23 I WAS HUNGRY. I WAS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL, AND MY PROBATION
24 OFFICER NEVER ASKED HOW I WAS DOING. THEY NEVER OFFERED ANY
25 RESOURCES TO ME. I BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULDN'T BE PUNISHED AND

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1 BE PUT IN A CAGE OR TO BE MONITORED LIKE THAT. I BELIEVE THE
2 YOUTH SHOULD HAVE RESOURCES, ACCESS TO RESOURCES IN THE
3 COMMUNITY, LIKE THE RESOURCES THAT Y.J.C. AND OTHER COMMUNITY
4 BASED ORGANIZATIONS OFFERED TO ME AND SUPPORT ME IN GOING BACK
5 TO COLLEGE AND ACTUALLY DOING EVERYTHING THAT I LIKE. AND
6 SUPPORT YOUTH IN DOING ARTS AND MUSIC AND ACTUALLY HAVING WAYS
7 TO EXPRESS YOURSELF OTHER THAN THE STUFF THAT, YOU KNOW, YOUTH
8 ARE USED TO IN THE COMMUNITIES WE COME FROM. SO THAT'S JUST
9 WHAT I URGE YOU ALL TO DO, AND I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU ALL HELP
10 THIS TO COME THROUGH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES WITH THE YOUTH
15 JUSTICE COLLATION. I'M JUST ECHOING WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY
16 HEARD. IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE GIVING -- IT IS GOOD THAT THE
17 P.O.C., THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WILL BE GRANTED
18 SUBPOENA POWER, AND THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION SUBPOENA POWER. WE HAVE SEEN WHAT -- WHEN YOU
20 CREATE AN OVERSIGHT BODY THAT DOESN'T HAVE TEETH WHAT COULD
21 HAPPEN, SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE START OFF THE PROBATION
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WITH TEETH, BUT IT ALSO NEEDS THE ROBUST
23 STAFF THAT PEOPLE HAD MENTIONED TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THOSE
24 POWERS IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER AND ALSO A BUDGET THAT SUPPORTS
25 THAT STAFF AND SUPPORTS THE WORK THAT THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT

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1 COMMISSION NEEDS TO DO FOR A DYSFUNCTIONAL PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT, AND ALSO REMOVING YOUTH OUT OF PROBATION AND GOING
3 WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME FROM THE P.R.I.T. AND
4 UTILIZING THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORK GROUP TO ACCOMPLISH THAT AND
5 MOVE MORE YOUTH OUT OF PROBATION INTO A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
6 DEPARTMENT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. KENT?

9

10 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA.
11 I'M WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M POLICY MANAGER, I'M
12 JUST HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 10. I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR
13 THE 11 AND 12, BUT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THOSE, TOO. AND HAPPY
14 NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, BY THEY WAY. I'M JUST GRATEFUL WE ARE
15 STARTING THIS YEAR WITH SOME STUFF THAT REALLY IS GOING TO GET
16 CRACKED DOWN AND WE NEED TO REALLY GET ALL OF THIS
17 IMPLEMENTED. I JUST REALLY WANT TO REITERATE WHAT EVERYTHING
18 WHAT ANTHONY SAID, WHAT EVERYBODY JUST SAID. I DON'T WANT TO
19 TALK TOO LONG, BUT JUST MAKE SURE THAT WHENEVER YOU START
20 SEARCHING FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE RUNNING THIS
21 BODY THAT WE, THE COMMUNITY, HAVE INVESTED OUR TIME AND
22 COMMITMENT HAVE SHOWN UP TO THE P.R.I.T. MEETINGS TO RECOMMEND
23 WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A ROBUST OVERSIGHT BODY THAT YOU ENSURE
24 THAT YOU PICK PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO REFLECT THE
25 COMMUNITY. IN SHORT, PICK PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY GOING TO GET

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1 THINGS DONE. YEAH SO JUST REALLY INVEST IN IT AND REALLY BUILD
2 THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND LET THIS BODY REALLY CHECK THE
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KENT. THANK YOU. KIM?

6

7 **KIM MCGILL:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS, KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH
8 JUSTICE COALITION, AND WE ARE ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBER
9 ORGANIZATIONS OF L.A. YOUTH UPRISING. AS ANTHONY, KENT, AND
10 JARED HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ON, WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF 10,
11 11, AND 12 ONLY IF IT MEANS WE'LL HAVE STRONG OVERSIGHT.
12 STRONG OVERSIGHT MEANS IMPLEMENTING FULLY SUBPOENA POWER,
13 INDEPENDENT COUNCIL IN EACH OF THOSE BODIES. IT MEANS HAVING
14 PROGRAM REVIEW AND THE ABILITY TO CREATE NEW POLICY AND
15 PROGRAMS FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS. IT MEANS THE FULL TRANSFER OF
16 YOUNG PEOPLE NOT JUST UP TO AGE 18, BUT UP TO AGE 25, OUT OF
17 PROBATION CUSTODY INTO A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND TREATMENT
18 PROGRAM AND AGENCY. IT MEANS THAT BUDGET OVERSIGHT, WE KNOW
19 THAT PROGRAM AND POLICY IS DRIVEN BY BUDGET AND THAT WE HAVE A
20 BUDGET THAT IS WAY OUT OF BALANCE IN L.A. COUNTY WHERE MORE
21 THAN 54 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET GOES TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
22 AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH AN ADDICTION TO INCARCERATION.
23 AND THAT MONEY HAS TO BE BALANCED INTO YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
24 DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS TREATMENT AND DIVERSION FOR ALL AGE
25 GROUPS. I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS SOBERING STORY. A YEAR

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1 AGO, A FAMILY CAME TO US, THE FAMILY OF NICOLAS SANCHEZ. THEIR
2 SON WAS FOUND DEAD IN COUNTY JAIL, AGE 18, HAD NEVER HAD ANY
3 SYSTEM CONTACT BEFORE HIS CASE. THEY DID NOT FIND OUT -- HE
4 WAS DEAD AT 9:00AM. THEY DID NOT FIND OUT FROM THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT UNTIL 10:30. THEY HEARD FROM SOMEONE ELSE -- 10:30
6 AT NIGHT NOT 10:30 IN THE MORNING. SO MORE THAN 12 HOURS
7 LATER. THEY FIRST HEARD OF NICOLAS'S DEATH NOT BY A SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OR A MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEE BUT BY ANOTHER
9 PERSON HE WAS DETAINED WITH. HE WAS CLAIMED BY THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT TO HAVE OVERDOSED, BUT THE EVIDENCE IS VERY
11 REVEALING THAT THE ONLY WAY HE GOT ACCESS TO THOSE DRUGS WAS
12 BECAUSE HE WAS MOVED ONTO A UNIT WHERE HE BEGGED NOT TO BE
13 MOVED ONTO BY THE SHERIFFS. AND THE SHERIFFS IGNORED THAT. HE
14 WAS MOVED ONTO A UNIT WITH CO-DEFENDANTS THAT PUT HIM AT RISK,
15 THAT ALL OF THIS SEEMED TO HAPPEN WITH THE SHERIFF'S
16 OVERSIGHT, KNOWLEDGE, AND PERHAPS COLLUSION. NICOLAS IS JUST
17 ONE YOUNG PERSON WHO, LEFT IN AN UNSUPERVISED, UNMONITORED,
18 AND UNACCOUNTABLE COUNTY CUSTODY, DIED AT THE AGE OF 18. SO IT
19 AS 2020 STARTS --

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SUBMIT IT IN WRITING, KIM, THE
22 REST --?

23

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1 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, AS 2020 STARTS, WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE
2 LAST DEATH OF A YOUNG PERSON IN THE COUNTY L.A. JAIL SYSTEM OR
3 IN ANY OF YOUR SYSTEMS.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **PHAL SOK:** PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. HAPPY NEW
8 YEAR, L.A. COUNTY, WHOEVER IS LEFT. I HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL
9 DAY TO JUST SAY A FEW WORDS. I'M ALWAYS DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE
10 COUNTY HAS A BED READY FOR A YOUNG PERSON TO GO SLEEP IN IT AT
11 NIGHT INSIDE OF A CAGE, INSIDE OF A CELL BECAUSE I REMEMBER
12 WHEN I WAS A YOUNG PERSON. ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS ARE IN THE
13 COMMUNITY. THEY ARE NOT IN PEOPLE WITH BADGES. IT DOES NOT
14 WORK. PEOPLE WITH BADGES PUSH US WAY. PEOPLE WITH BADGES LOCK
15 US UP, DO NOT BRING US ANSWERS, NOT EVEN MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR
16 GAVE ME AN ANSWER. WHEN I SAID I NEEDED HELP, HE PUSHED ME
17 OUT. AND I ENDED UP IN THE STREET. AND GUESS WHAT I CAME
18 ACROSS? A COP. A COP LED ME TO JAIL, AND THEN LED ME TO
19 PROBATION. PROBATION WROTE A REPORT AND PROBATION SAID HEY,
20 SEND THIS GUY TO PRISON. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT OVERSIGHT OF
21 ALL THESE BODIES OF GOVERNMENT, OF ALL THESE AGENCIES AND
22 ENTITIES THAT THE COUNTIES CONTROL, I ASK THAT YOU PUT REAL
23 PEOPLE ON THERE TO DO REALLY DO REAL OVERSIGHT. WHAT IS THE
24 POINT OF IT IF WE CANNOT HAVE RIGHT PEOPLE ON THESE THINGS? SO
25 I WOULD ASK THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS BE A PART OF THIS OVERSIGHT

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1 COMMISSION, PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED GET PRIORITY TO GET
2 SELECTED TO GET TO SIT ON THERE AND HAVE THEIR IMPACT HEARD
3 BECAUSE THE SOLUTIONS ARE WITH THOSE PEOPLE. AND SO IF THOSE
4 PEOPLE HAD BEEN IN PLACE BACK IN 1999, DO YOU THINK I WOULD
5 HAVE BEEN WALKING AROUND THAT COMMUNITY WITH AN ASSAULT
6 RIFLE? THAT'S THE QUESTION I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH TODAY
7 BECAUSE ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE COMMUNITIES IS WITH FOLKS LIKE
8 ME. THANKS.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BENNY BAKSHANDEH. I
13 HAVE BEEN A PUBLIC DEFENDER IN L.A. COUNTY FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS.
14 I JUST DROVE HERE FROM INGLEWOOD JUVENILE COURT BECAUSE I
15 WANTED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF NEW EARTH. I DON'T KNOW THE
16 DETAILS OF THE FUNDING AND THE ISSUES THAT YOU'VE HAD. I DO
17 KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE JUVENILE COURTS FOR ABOUT
18 2 YEARS, ADULTS FOR ABOUT 7, AND IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THIS
19 COUNTY, THE WAY YOU DO IT IS TO HELP THE CHILDREN. ALL THE
20 ADULTS THAT ARE IN PRISON, ONCE I WENT TO JUVENILE, I SAW
21 WHERE IT CAME FROM. THE TRAUMA STARTS EARLY, AND THEY NEED
22 HELP, AND THEY NEED A HAND SO THEY CAN TRANSITION INTO
23 ADULTHOOD. WE HAVE A REAL SHORTCOMING WHEN A CHILD TURNS 18
24 YEARS OLD. THEY CANNOT BE PLACED. CAMPS REALLY DON'T WORK. WE
25 HAVE A REAL PROBLEM. AND WE HAVE GOOD KIDS. I HAVE THREE GOOD

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1 KIDS SITTING IN JUVENILE HALL RIGHT NOW. THEY'VE BEEN GOING TO
2 TATTOO REMOVAL. THEY'VE BEEN CHANGING THEIR LIVES. AND NEW
3 EARTH IS A GOOD VENDOR. AND I DO THINK THAT THEY CAN HELP
4 THESE KIDS. THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR MONTHS WAITING FOR THIS
5 SPECIFIC PROGRAM, AND NOW I HEAR THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE
6 IT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR ADVOCATING FOR YOUR
9 CLIENTS. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. NOW I HAVE FOR
12 YOUR ATTORNEYS HERE TO SERVE YOU WITH A VIOLATION WARNING OF
13 DENIAL OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR. SO I GIVE THESE TO THE
14 SERGEANTS. YES, THANK YOU. I WANT IT GIVE IT TO THEM, YES.
15 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR NOT SHOWING MY PRETTY FACE. NOW LET'S KEEP
16 TO THE RED ROBIN ROUND. JANICE HAHN CALLS IT THE LIGHTNING
17 ROUND. LOOK AT ALL THE NUMBERS, 1D, 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
18 16, 17, WHAT IS THAT NUMBER?

19

20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** 18.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** 18, 19, 20. LET'S DO IT IN GERMAN, EVERYBODY.
23 LET'S SEE IF I CAN REMEMBER. [SPEAKING IN GERMAN].

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM ARE YOU SPEAKING ON?

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1

2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** A LOT OF NUMBERS. [SPEAKING IN GERMAN].

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHAT ITEM?

5

6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** [SPEAKING IN GERMAN]. IS THAT IT? NO,
7 [EXPLETIVE], IT IS -- (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **RIGOBERTO JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RIGOBERTO
12 JIMENEZ, A VOTER AND OWNER OF A HOME AND AN APARTMENT BUILDING
13 IN CITY TERRACE. AS A MEMBER OF CITY TERRACE UNITED, WHICH
14 PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED 1,200 SIGNATURES IN OPPOSITION TO A
15 LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE IN THE CITY TERRACE, I'M HERE IN
16 SUPPORT OF TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITEMS 19 AND 20. WE
17 DO NOT WANT ANY MORE DEATHS IN THE CITY, CITY TERRACE, THAT
18 ARE RELATED BECAUSE OF ALCOHOL, THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **KEVIN PERRY:** HELLO AGAIN, MY NAME IS KEVIN PERRY. AGAIN, LIKE
23 I TOLD YOU ALL, THIS IS -- I HAVE BEEN OUT FOR FIVE MONTHS
24 NOW. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GETTING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING LIKE
25 THIS. I'VE GOTTA SAY THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST INTERESTING THING

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1 I HAVE EVER BEEN A PART OF IN MY 60 YEARS OF LIVING, WATCHING
2 PEOPLE COME UP HERE AND SPEAK THEIR PIECE AND HAVING THE RIGHT
3 TO DO THAT. AND, BY THERE WAY [SPEAKING IN GERMAN]. HIS GERMAN
4 IS NOT GREAT, BUT IT IS GOOD ENOUGH. I'M ACTUALLY HERE, THE
5 REASON I'M HERE WAS ON THE, I'M SORRY, THE PROBATION ISSUE
6 THAT WAS BEING SPOKE ON. I'M A MEMBER OF A.R.C. I HAVE TO WARN
7 YOU. I WILL BE HERE A LOT MORE OFTEN. SO GET USED TO THIS FACE
8 ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE WHEN IT COMES TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE.
9 AGAIN, I'M 60 YEARS OLD. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY -- OH, I'M
10 SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW --

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SORRY.

13

14 **KEVIN PERRY:** THAT'S OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT WE LOVE A.R.C. THANK YOU FOR BEING
17 HERE.

18

19 **KEVIN PERRY:** THEN THAT'S WHAT I NEED TO BE HERE FOR BECAUSE WE
20 LOVE A.R.C. THANKS A LOT.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **MARTHA JIMENEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARTHA JIMENEZ. I'M A
25 CONSTITUENT IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1. I'M WITH CITY

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1 TERRACE UNITED AND HIGHLY SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISOR'S MOTIONS 19 AND 20 TO DENY 2 LIQUOR LICENSE AND
3 BEER IN CITY TERRACE. I CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUEST FROM YOU TO
4 PLEASE DENY THOSE 2 LIQUOR LICENSES BASED ON THE FACT THAT
5 THEY ARE SITUATED WITHIN HIGHLY SENSIBLE LOCATIONS, BEING
6 CHURCHES, A PARK, SCHOOL. AND IT IS ALSO A VERY HIGHLY
7 COMPROMISED TRAFFIC ARTERY WITH 14,000 CARS FLOW EVERY SINGLE
8 WEEK. SO I ASK YOU TO PLEASE DEFEND THE COMMUNITY, PROTECT IT,
9 AND VOTE NOT TO GIVE THAT LIQUOR LICENSE AND BEER LICENSE,
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'M THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLAZA COMMUNITY
15 SERVICES, FOR 14 AND A HALF YEARS. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF
16 MEASURE 19 AND 20 SPECIFICALLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND
17 PLAZA IS AN ORGANIZATION WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES SERVES A
18 SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES. THE DECISION TO
19 SUPPORT MEASURE -- ITEM 19 AND 20 WAS BASED OUT OF THE
20 COMMUNITY COMING TO THE ORGANIZATION, COMING TO THE BOARD OF
21 DIRECTORS, COMING TO MYSELF TO SAY WE NEED TO STOP THE DEATHS
22 ARE OCCURRING BECAUSE OF ALCOHOL ON THE CORNER OF CITY TERRACE
23 AND HAZARD AND THE TWO LIQUOR LICENSES WOULD HAVE BEEN BEYOND
24 A REASONABLE STANDARD. THE COMMUNITY ALSO COLLECTED OVER 2,000
25 SIGNATURES. THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SUPPORT THE -- TO SUPPORT

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1 THE OPPOSITION OF LIQUOR LICENSES, AGAIN, BASED ON THE
2 COMMUNITY COMING TO THE ORGANIZATION, COMING TO OUR BOARD, AND
3 I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **MARY LOU HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, IS IT ON? MY NAME IS MARY
8 LOU HERNANDEZ, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CITY TERRACE. WE'RE
9 HERE ON ITEM 19 AND 20. WE ARE HERE TO, NOT TO GIVE THE PERMIT
10 TO SELL BEER AND WINE FOR (INAUDIBLE) AND BARRIOS. AND SINCE
11 THE HEARING IN SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE HAD THREE ACCIDENTS, AS FAR
12 AS I KNOW. ONE WAS NOTED ON OCTOBER THE 19TH ON THE CORNER OF
13 CITY TERRACE AND HERBERT. SO WE ARE PLEADING THAT PLEASE DO
14 NOT GRANT OR GIVE PERMISSION TO SELL BEER AND WINE TO BOTH OF
15 THESE ESTABLISHMENTS. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF CITY TERRACE
16 SINCE 1962, SO WE ARE LOOKING AT MORE AT SAFETY BECAUSE THE
17 ENVIRONMENT HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS. WE HAVE NOW HAVE
18 THREE CONGREGATIONS WITHIN LESS THAN 100 FEET FROM EACH OTHER.
19 WE HAVE A SCHOOL. WE HAVE A LIBRARY. THE TRAFFIC IS NOT GOING
20 TO GET ANY BETTER, ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS GOING TO INCREASE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. ARE THOSE ALL THE
23 SPEAKERS? SO THAT IS ALL THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE ON ITEMS THAT
24 WERE NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU
25 WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, I WAS OUT FOR A COUPLE MOMENTS, I
3 HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INSIGHTS THAT IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR
4 IN TERMS OF EXPANDING WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN TERMS OF THE
5 COUNTY'S AGING POPULATION AND TO UNDERTAKE THE EFFORTS TO
6 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S SERVICES TO THIS GROWING POPULATION. I
7 JUST WANT TO CONFIRM THAT THIS IS, IN FACT, THE PILOT PROJECT,
8 WHICH WE CAN ALL LEARN AND POTENTIALLY SCALE UP TO EXPAND TO
9 OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AND I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT,
10 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ENTERS INTO ANY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS
11 WITH CONSULTANTS OR OTHERWISE, THAT THE BOARD GETS THE PROPER
12 NOTIFICATIONS AND THE LIGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE OFFICE
13 OF THE C.E.O., SO EACH OF US HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN
14 BEFORE IT GETS COOKED. I THINK IF IT IS PILOTED, WE OUGHT TO
15 BE LEARNING FROM IT. I SIMPLY WANT TO AFFIRM THE WORK THAT HAS
16 BEING DONE TO DO BETTER WORK WITH THE SENIOR POPULATION. WE
17 KNOW THAT IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I THINK ALL OF US CAN BENEFIT
18 ACCORDINGLY. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY ALL OF THOSE THINGS FOR
19 THE RECORD. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
22 THOSE COMMENTS REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 8. SO WE HAVE BEFORE US
23 THESE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
25 THE ORDER. GO AHEAD AND CALL THE NUMBERS OUT.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1D, 1-3, 5-
3 7, 9-26, 28-50, 51A, 54, ON 55, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
4 ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
8 THE ORDER. NOW WE MOVE TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
10 ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER
11 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
14 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AMPARO OSTOJIC, ARNOLD
15 SACHS, DAVID SALTBURG, DELOREZ RAMOS, ERIC PREVEN, HERMAN
16 HERMAN, JAMES ESSEX, JOSE MARTINEZ, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, MARY KAY
17 JAY, KEVIN PERRY, KORIE SCHMIDT, KURT THORGERSON, LARRY LAVEN,
18 MARY JACOBS, MIKE GREENSPAN, MONIQUE COOPER, PAMELA INABA,
19 PATTY GLUECK, REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE, SHARI TINSLEY, TYLER
20 HARRIS, WAYNE SPINDLER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
21 ASSIST YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE
24 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, YOU WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE MINUTE. SO WITH
25 THAT, FIRST SPEAKER, HERMAN.

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2 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND THOSE TIMES ARE
3 COMING AT A WARNING THAT WE WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THREATS
4 FROM IRAN. WE WILL NO LONGER TAKE NORTH KOREA'S ACTIONS OF
5 THREATS BECAUSE THIS IS AMERICA, AND WE PLAN TO SAVE THE
6 ELDERLY AND DISABLED WHO NEED HOMES. AND THIS HOMELESS CRISIS
7 CAUSED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THAT UGLY [EXPLETIVE] -- (OFF-MIC
8 COMMENTS) .

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HERMAN, HERMAN, HERMAN. I SPECIFICALLY
11 SAID -- ABSOLUTELY NOT. NEXT SPEAKER, YES, TIME OUT. HERMAN.
12 THAT IS YOUR THIRD WARNING, SO PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BELONGINGS
13 AND ESCORT YOURSELF OUT. THAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR AND IT DOES
14 NOTHING TO GIVE YOU CREDIBILITY, SO NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS AMPARO OSTOJIC FROM
17 DISTRICT ONE. I'M AN ACCESS AMBASSADOR PEER SPECIALIST AND
18 CERTIFIED PERSONAL MEDICINE COACH. HOWEVER, I'M HERE TODAY AS
19 A LATINA IMMIGRANT WHO LIVES WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER. I
20 RECOMMEND THAT THE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND U.C.C.S ARE
21 NOT COMBINED AS ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.
22 AS A LATINA, I KNOW FIRST-HAND THE STIGMA THE LATINX COMMUNITY
23 FACES LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. AN EXAMPLE,
24 SOMETIMES LATINOS BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH MENTAL
25 HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE CURSED. ALSO, LATINOS ARE ENCOURAGED TO

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1 PRAY AS A SOLUTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. THIS SENSE OF
2 SHAME ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN OUR
3 COMMUNITY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT THESE
4 ISSUES. LATINOS ARE THE LARGEST MINORITY IN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY, HOWEVER, THEY RANK AS THE THIRD MOST UNDERSERVED
6 COMMUNITY RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH. AS YOU SEE IN THE LETTER
7 THAT I SUBMITTED, WE HAVE CITED THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
8 REGULATIONS AND WELFARE INSTITUTION CODE TO POINT OUT THAT
9 COMMUNITIES --

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. IF YOU WANT TO
12 SUBMIT THAT IN WRITING --

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HERMAN -- WHEN HE IS DONE WITH HIS
17 OUTBURST, THANK YOU. OKAY, YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

18

19 **MONIQUE COOPER:** GOOD MORNING, MA'AM. MY NAME IS MONIQUE
20 COOPER. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF. I'M A PATRON THAT GOES
21 TO THE JESSIE OWENS SWIMMING POOL. AND I CAME UP HERE TO SPEAK
22 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN
23 WRONGLY ACCUSED OF A LOT OF THINGS, STOPPED BY THE SHERIFF'S
24 MANY TIMES, HARASSED AND DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. I'VE BEEN PUT
25 OUT OF THAT POOL FOR A PERIOD OF OVER 7 OR 8 MONTHS THROUGHOUT

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1 THE LAST YEAR ONLY FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO LET ME KNOW THAT,
2 IN FACT, I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG, BUT THEY ARE ULTIMATELY
3 PUTTING ME OUT BECAUSE I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN AND BECAUSE I AM
4 BUDDHIST. SO THEY TOLD ME THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHTS, AND
5 THAT THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PUT ME OUT OF THE POOL. THEY
6 ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A PRAYER CIRCLE. THEY WILL NOT ALLOW YOU
7 TO BE ANY OTHER RELIGION. THAT WAS TOLD TO ME NOT ONLY BY THE
8 STAFF, THAT WAS ALSO TOLD TO ME BY PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE AT
9 THAT POOL. I HAVE EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION IN HERE WHERE I
10 HAVE GONE TO COURT, AND I HAVE ALL THE PAPERWORK I NEED FOR
11 YOU GUYS TO SEE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, WE WILL -- YEAH.

14

15 **DELOREZ RAMOS CASTELLANOS:** MY NAME IS DELOREZ, IS IT ON? MY
16 NAME IS DELOREZ RAMOS CASTENALLOS. I'M AN ARMY VET. I LIVE IN
17 A FOUR UNIT SECTION 8 BUILDING. TWO TENANTS ARE 5150S. I HAVE
18 30 AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THREATS, CURSED OUT ON A DAILY BASIS,
19 MY BEDROOM, MY LIVING ROOM, I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED TWICE BY A
20 MAIN 5150. THE LANDLORD LIED AND SAID SHE WAS BEING EVICTED.
21 I'VE TOLERATED PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ABUSE SINCE 1219 CAME AND
22 WENT. I HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$500 OF MY OWN MONEY, SPENT 3
23 MONTHS OF LABOR TRANSPORTING THE PROPERTY FROM AMAZON JUNGLE
24 TO A DECENT PROPERTY. PATH, P.A. HOUSING, LAND CZARS ARE
25 ASKING ME TO MOVE. I AM THE VICTIM. I HAVE NO FURNACE. THE

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1 OTHER 5150 DELIBERATELY FLOODS HER TUB, FLOODING MY BATHROOM
2 AND BEDROOM, A THIRD BEDROOM. I FIX THE THIRD BEDROOM. THE
3 OTHER SIDE STARTED LEAKS. I RECEIVED CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING
4 FROM HEATING THE APARTMENT WITH MY STOVE. I HAVE PICTURES OF
5 THE MAIN 5150 SMILING WHILE TRASHING THE PROPERTY, MY CAR
6 VANDALIZED 5 TIMES. I HAVE PARKED ON THE STREET SINCE
7 SEPTEMBER 2019. THERE ARE FIVE SPACE. I AM TIRED --

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

10

11 **DELOREZ RAMOS CASTELLANOS:** EXCUSE ME?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

14

15 **DELOREZ RAMOS CASTELLANOS:** 833 WEST 79TH STREET.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHY DON'T YOU GO -- DO YOU SEE WHERE IT
18 SAYS CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT
19 SOMEONE TALKS TO YOU, AND THEN WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT THE
20 SUPERVISOR WHOSE DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN IS APPRISED. THANK YOU,
21 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. SO I GOT A CHANCE TO
24 READ A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPERS THIS PAST WEEKEND, AND I PICKED UP
25 ONE ON MONDAY MORNING AND SURPRISED AT HOW U.S.A. TODAY, I

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1 DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS READ THE HEADLINE, BUT IT SAYS IRAQ
2 VOTES TO DO SOMETHING. AND SO I THOUGHT ABOUT IRAQ VOTING FOR
3 DOING SOMETHING, YET THE COUNTY DIDN'T VOTE TO CHANGE THE TIME
4 LIMITS FOR SPEAKING TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE AGENDA. WHAT
5 HAPPENED? HOW CAN IRAQ VOTE FOR SOMETHING, YET THE COUNTY
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES NOT VOTE, IT JUST AUTOMATICALLY
7 CHANGES THE TIME TO SPEAK ON THE AGENDA? I THINK MS. PELOSI
8 OUGHT TO LOOK INTO, WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DO TO TRUMP? IMPEACH
9 TRUMP? IMPEACH DR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THAT'S WHAT OUGHT TO
10 HAPPEN.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. MR. PREVEN?

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT ABOUT THIS PERSON?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE.

17

18 **PAMELA INABA:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS PAMELA INABA.

19 I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND I'M A LIFELONG L.A.

20 RESIDENT. I HAVE BEEN A MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT FOR 33 YEARS, AND

21 A PEER ADVOCATE SINCE 1987. I DON'T RECOMMEND THE MENTAL

22 HEALTH UNDERSERVED CULTURAL COMMITTEES MERGE WITH THE SERVICE

23 AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEES, OR S.A.A.C.S. MERGING THESE TWO

24 TYPES OF COMMITTEES WOULD DILUTE THE VOICES OF CONSUMERS IN

25 L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY FOR EXAMPLE SINCE THE ASIAN AND

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1 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY HAS DONE SUCCESSFUL CAPACITY
2 BUILDING PROJECTS AND ALREADY PRESENTED A WELL-ATTENDED
3 CULTURAL SUMMIT IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. THE MONTHLY MEETINGS
4 ARE TRANSLATED INTO FOUR OR MORE ASIAN LANGUAGES AND ARE ALSO
5 WELL-ATTENDED. WE, IN THE S.A.A.C.S, DISCUSS COMMUNITY
6 CONCERNS BUT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ADDRESS THEM IN A WAY
7 THAT THE UNDERSERVED COMMITTEES DISCUSS IN GREAT DETAIL SO
8 THAT IT CAN DEVELOP EMPOWERING STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THE WAY
9 THE L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM SERVES ITS DIVERSE
10 COMMUNITIES.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN?

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. I JUST
15 WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT DEAN LOGAN AND HOLLY WOLCOTT AND I
16 SPENT A LITTLE TIME OVER THE HOLIDAYS TOGETHER BECAUSE DURING
17 THE PROCESS OF GATHERING SIGNATURES THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 HIRED PEOPLE TO DO, MANY OF US IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FELL
19 SHORT OF THE 500, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE WELL OVER THE NUMBER
20 NEEDED. WE GOT 635 IN MY CASE, AND THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOUR
21 REGISTRAR RECORDER SIMPLY POINTED TO THE CLERK, AND THE CLERK,
22 AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THERE'S THE PRESUMPTION OF REGULARITY. IT
23 MEANS THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DO THEIR JOB. BUT
24 HISTORICALLY, HOLLY WOLCOTT HAS WORKED FOR HERB WESSON AS A
25 LITTLE CROOK. SHE MAKES THE PEOPLE APPEAR TINY, AND YOU'RE

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1 TAKING A PAGE HERE TODAY. SHE MAKES AGENDAS DISAPPEAR IN
2 PUBLIC MEETING HALLS. SOMETHING THAT WAS UNTHINKABLE FOR MR.
3 ANTONOVICH. BUT SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE KIND OF RUNNING IN
4 THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND IT IS VERY, VERY
5 PAINFUL TO SEE BECAUSE THIS IS THE COUNTY BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. WE DON'T WORK FOR HERB WESSON. THIS IS THE
7 COUNTY, AND WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE HEARD. THERE ARE 11 MILLION
8 RESIDENTS, SO GET IT TOGETHER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, I JUST WANTED TO PITCH A POWER PLANT IN MALIBU. I
13 SAW THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT CREDIT SCORE AND MAYBE SOME OF
14 THE PROBLEMS HERE ARE BECAUSE WE ARE IN NEED OF GROWING
15 INSTEAD OF -- SO I WANTED TO PITCH A POWER PLANT FOR BURNING
16 UP THE BRUSH OUT THERE. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING FOREST FIRES, SO
17 THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THAT WOULD PROBABLY TO BURN IT BEFORE
18 IT BURNS, AND WE CAN USE THAT TO CREATE POWER AND SELL IT AND
19 MAKE MONEY. AND IF YOU WANT TO FIX THE HOMELESS PROBLEM, YOU
20 HAVE TO GET THE ILLEGALS OUT. I KNOW IT IS KIND OF AN
21 AGGRESSIVE APPROACH, GIVEN ALL THE ESTROGEN IN THE ROOM, BUT
22 YOU TOOK THE JOB. THERE'S A MILLION ILLEGAL ALIENS, AND THERE
23 ARE 60,000 HOMELESS, GET RID OF THE ILLEGALS, AND THEN IT WILL
24 BRING IN ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WITH AN EDUCATION INSTEAD OF
25 IGNORANT PEOPLE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **SHARI TINSLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SHARI TINSLEY, KIDS' VOICES
5 MATTER, EVERY STANLEY MOSS CHILD MALTREATMENT CASE HEARD BY
6 JUDGE CHRISTINE BIRD AND STATE APPOINTED ATTORNEY CYNTHIA
7 GLASSER SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR FAILURE TO ALLOW D.C.F.S.
8 INVESTIGATIONS WHILE KEEPING THE FUNDING IN FAMILY LAW COURTS
9 ALLOWING THE JUDGE TO SIGN OFF ON SERVICES NOT RENDERED BY
10 THE ATTORNEY CREATING COMPLEX CASES IN FAMILY LAW COURTS.
11 JUDGES CONTROL THE COURTROOM BUDGETS. THE L.A. COUNTY \$36.1
12 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SEEMS TO LACK BUDGET COMPLIANCE
13 CHECKS ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF MINORS. NOW WE HAVE
14 -- THE PARENTS HAVE A PROPOSED INITIATIVE, 19-0033, AT THE
15 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL FOR A
16 CHILD DEPENDENCY AND CHILD DETERMINATION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
21 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. SHERIFF BACA AND THE ANKLE BRACELET,
22 THE CURRENT SHERIFF HAS RE-INSTATED DEPUTIES BUT LEFT OUT THE
23 MOST IMPORTANT MAN, SHERIFF BACA, WHO REFUSED TO TURN ON HIS
24 MEN AND REMAINS LOYAL TO THEM IN A WORLD WHERE ATTORNEYS DO
25 NOT TURN ON ATTORNEYS. AND RECENTLY PRESIDENT TRUMP PARDONED

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1 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GALLAGHER, A DECORATED S.E.A.L. I CAN FIND
2 YOU A MALPRACTICE ATTORNEY IN 5 MINUTES TO SUE A DOCTOR. BUT
3 HAVE YOU HEARD OF AN ATTORNEY SUING ANOTHER ATTORNEY? ALTHOUGH
4 SHERIFF BACA SHOULD DO HIS TIME, I SALUTE HIM FOR STANDING BY
5 HIS MEN. L.A. COUNTY JAIL IS A DANGEROUS PLACE. PULL OUT THE
6 WRONG BRICK, AND KERPLUNK. PRISONERS GET HURT. I RESPECTFULLY
7 REQUEST THAT THIS BOARD WRITE THE F.B.I. TELL THEM THAT
8 SHERIFF BACA IS ONE OF OUR OWN AND DEMAND THAT THEY RECOGNIZE
9 THE SHERIFF BACA'S RIGHT TO WEAR AN ANKLE BRACELET AND DO HIS
10 TIME AT HOME.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KURT THORGERSON. SUPERVISOR BARGER
15 AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WROTE YOU
16 LETTERS. I HOPE YOU RECEIVED THEM. AND I TALKED TO EVERY ONE
17 OF YOUR FIELD REPRESENTATIVES. I HAVE ALSO WRITTEN LETTERS TO
18 THE SAN BERNARDINO, RIVERSIDE, AND ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS WITH A PROPOSAL. IT'S A CONCEPT THAT I HAD. I
20 NOTICED THAT L.A. COUNTY IS RICH IN GIANT PITS, OLD ABANDONED
21 GRAVEL QUARRIES, CATCH BASINS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT, WORTHLESS
22 REAL ESTATE NOW, BUT IN THE FUTURE, IT HAS POTENTIAL. WHAT I
23 PROPOSE IS THAT THEY BE TURNED INTO GIANT SOLAR POWERED ENERGY
24 PITS. THE SUNS' RAYS COULD BE AIMED DIRECTLY DOWN TO THE PIT.
25 IT COULD HEAT UP A GIANT DONUT TYPE DEVICE, CREATE STEAM, AND

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1 THE STEAM IN MASSIVE AMOUNTS COULD POWER GENERATORS OFF SITE.
2 IF A PROGRAM COULD BE DONE WHERE THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF WATER
3 AND POWER AND THE COUNTY COULD GET TOGETHER, MAYBE YOU CAN
4 HAVE CLEAN GREEN ENERGY FOR PENNIES ON THE DOLLAR. THIS HAS
5 NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE, BUT WHO KNOWS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** YES, SO FOR HOUSING RESOURCES,
10 HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR YOU GUYS CAN READ THE PROPOSAL. BUT AS I
11 MENTIONED BEFORE, THE BENEFIT CONCERT JANUARY 21ST AT THE
12 HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN UNLESS IT ALSO
13 BENEFITS HOMELESS YOUTH. A NEW WAY OF LIFE DO NOT COLLABORATE
14 WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS NOT FAIR FOR SOMEONE WITH THE
15 COLLABORATION OF CHRIS MARTIN TO BE USED IN SUCH A FASHION. I
16 DON'T KNOW WHERE MARK IS GOING, BUT FOR SOME REASON MY VOICE
17 JUST MAKES HIM ESCAPE THE ROOM. I LOVE YOU, THOUGH. HAPPY NEW
18 YEAR, SWEETHEART. NOW AS FAR AS RESOURCES FOR HOUSING IN SOUTH
19 L.A., I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PROPOSAL THAT I JUST SUBMITTED
20 FOR THE VERY LAST TIME TO MY FABULOUS KATHLEEN AUSTRIA TO BE
21 READ AND GIVE IT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES TO DO. LASTLY,
22 QASSEM SOLEIMANI WAS A BAD MAN. AND THE HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS
23 LIVES THAT WERE LOST UNDER HIS HANDS SHOULD BE THE FIRST ONES
24 WE SHOULD BE HONORING FROM THIS BOARD. IT IS A JOKE FOR GAVIN
25 NEWSOM NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHEN IT COMES TO HOMELESSNESS, AND I

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1 WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT IRAQI FIGHTS, THE
2 FIGHT THAT WE HAVE, THAT CONCERNS AMERICANS. AND AMERICAN
3 LIVES MATTERS MORE THAN IMMIGRANTS.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **KORIE SCHMIDT:** ME? ALL RIGHT. FIRE! OH, NO. OKAY, ALL RIGHT,
8 I'M TRYING TO FIND MY SENSE OF HUMOR. I, YOU KNOW, USUALLY
9 HAVE SOMETHING FUNNY TO SAY. MAYBE IT IS THE FACT OF MY LIVING
10 ARRANGEMENTS. COULD BE THAT. COULD BE THE LOSS OF MY CAL FRESH
11 -- MAYBE THAT COULD BE IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT, AH, IT MIGHT
12 BE THE STUFF THEY KEEP SPRAYING IN THE AIR THAT IS MAKING ME
13 SICK. OH, YEAH, THAT TOO, MAKING ME SNEEZE ALL DAMN DAY, THAT
14 COULD BE IT, OR MAYBE THE \$100 MILLION THAT WE GAVE TO THE
15 SCHOOL SYSTEM TO LEVY TAXES ON ALL OF US SO THEY CAN BUILD TO
16 BLOW DOWN WHERE I KICKED IT IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BUILD A MEGA
17 STRUCTURE ON IT. I DON'T KNOW. IT COULD BE ANY OF THOSE
18 THINGS. SO, THANKS.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NEXT SPEAKER. SO, LOOK AT ALL THE VIOLATIONS.
23 THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS NOW, EVERYBODY COME IN, GET
24 YOUR CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, FILL IT OUT
25 WHILE YOU'RE SITTING HERE WAITING, AND JUST NOTE THE

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1 VIOLATIONS SO WE CAN GIVE IT TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND CONTINUE TO
2 ADD \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION THE CONTINUING DAMAGES. AND, OF
3 COURSE, YOU WON'T SHOW THAT. OH, LOOK, YOU DID IT! NOW, YOU
4 DIDN'T. SEE, THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS, CONTENT-BASED
5 DISCRIMINATION AT ITS FINEST. AND THEN, OF COURSE, ALISO
6 CANYON, THE GASSING ALL THE JEWS UP IN THE VALLEY. YOU KNEW
7 ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME. YES, KATHRYN MAKES A GOOD NAZI. SO IF
8 POOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, IF YOU WERE ALIVE TO SEE TODAY WHAT
9 HAPPENED TO KATHRYN. WHAT HAPPENED TO KATHRYN, THEY GOT TO
10 KATHRYN, JANICE, WHY ARE THEY BLACK --

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **JAMES ESSEX:** YOU GO AHEAD.

15

16 **MARY JACOBS:** ME. OKAY, I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS TO COME. SO I WILL HAVE TO TALK AGAINST HER, BEHIND YOUR
18 BACK. THIS IS NOT REALLY AGAINST HER, BUT I THINK SHE SHOULD
19 LEAVE SO SHE CAN RUN FOR OFFICE WITH BERNIE SANDERS. THAT'S MY
20 DREAM, THAT SHE WOULD BE THE VICE PRESIDENT SO THAT IF A 77-
21 YEAR-OLD MAN WHO JUST HAD A HEART ATTACK SHOULD HAPPEN TO HAVE
22 A PROBLEM, WE HAVE A BACK-UP WHO IS A WOMAN, MEXICAN AMERICAN,
23 VOTED AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR, AND CARES ABOUT PEOPLE AND CARES
24 ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND CARES ABOUT EVERYBODY SO MUCH THAT EVEN
25 THOUGH MY HOUSE IS GONE AND I'M HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF BEING

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1 IN HER DISTRICT, I STILL WANT HER TO RUN. AND I'M STILL A
2 DEMOCRAT. I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR BERNIE, WHO IS FOR MEDICARE
3 FOR ALL, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS FOR. IT'S
4 CALLED S.B. 860 OR -- WHATEVER IT WAS. SO I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU
5 PEOPLE ARE WAITING, BUT IT'S THE DEAL. IT'S FOR BERNIE --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **JAMES ESSEX:** HI, IS THE MIC ON? THANK YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR. IF
10 YOU THINK, WATCHING T.V., LIKE WATCHING THE ROSE PARADE, AND
11 YOU ARE SEEING THE HORSES DANCING, YOU THINK ABOUT THAT. THINK
12 ABOUT THE BODY LANGUAGE. YOU SEE THE LANGUAGE OF THE HORSES
13 BODIES AS THEY'RE DANCING. AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT ONE
14 ANOTHER, AND THEY ARE REALLY HAPPY. AND THIS IS THE KIND OF
15 HAPPINESS THAT I WISH FOR YOU BECAUSE THE DECORUM OF THIS
16 FUNCTION IS ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE. THIS IS LIKE A NEW
17 BEGINNING. THIS IS INDEED 2020. IT IS SUCH A REFRESHING
18 PLEASURE TO BE IN YOUR COMPANY. I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE, I
19 BELIEVE IN WHO YOU ARE. I BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO. I BELIEVE IN
20 YOUR GOOD FORTUNE. I BELIEVE YOUR LOVE IS TRUE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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3 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI, MY NAME IS ESIQUIO REYES. MANY THROUGHOUT
4 OUR COMMUNITIES STILL HAVE IT IN THEIR MINDS THAT THOSE THAT
5 ARE HOMELESS ARE AUTOMATICALLY SUPPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED DRUG
6 ADDICTS OR THOSE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. AGAIN, THESE OLD
7 STEREOTYPES NEED TO CHANGE AS WE HAVE ALREADY FOUND OURSELVES
8 DEALING WITH A GROWING PROBLEMATIC SITUATION AND NEED TO
9 UNDERSTAND THAT ONE WAY OF PREVENTION IS THAT IN WHICH IS
10 GIVEN TO THOSE DEALING WITH SAID TRANSITION. THE MOMENT A
11 PERSON BECOMES HOMELESS, REGARDLESS OF REALIZING WHY IS WHEN
12 SAID TRANSITION BEGINS TO TEAR AT ONES WILL TO CARE. KEEP IN
13 MIND THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THOSE DEALING WITH
14 HOMELESSNESS, AT WHICH POINT HELPING IN ACCORDANCE TO SAID
15 DIFFERENCES, ONE KEY NEEDED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR SAID
16 INDIVIDUAL FOR THE LONG TERM, FOOD, TIME, SLEEP, THINGS TO DO
17 ARE THE BASICS FOR THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS. IN ORDER TO HELP
18 THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS, THESE 4 STEPS OR THESE 4 POINTS MUST
19 BE MET, OTHERWISE MORE OF THE SAME OUTCOMES WILL BE SEEN JUST
20 LIKE NOW BUT YEARS INTO THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT IS THE LAST PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. SP NOW WE WILL GO TO ADJOURNMENTS, AND I WILL BEGIN
24 THE ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN
25 MEMORY OF MARGARET BELTON, BETTER KNOWN AS MAGGIE, A LONGTIME

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1 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 29, 2019.
2 MAGGIE SERVED AS A 5TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY -- SERVED THE 5TH
3 DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS.
4 PRIOR TO HER COUNTY SERVICE, SHE WORKED FOR 15 YEARS AS A
5 REGISTERED NURSE. SHE LATER SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES
6 INCLUDING THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON OLDER
7 ADULTS, AND ON THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE COUNCIL, BETTER
8 KNOWN AS P.A.S.C., AS A SECRETARY, BOARD CHAIR, AND A BOARD
9 MEMBER. SHE WAS SOMEONE WHO TRULY WAS INSTRUMENTAL WHEN WE
10 WERE ROLLING OUT THE WHOLE P.A.S.C. CONCEPT AND IN-HOME
11 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SHE WILL BE MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
12 HER FOSTER DAUGHTER, SANDRA SCOTT. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF CALIMERIA JONES, A LONGTIME PASADENA RESIDENT AND
14 GRANDMOTHER OF MY STAFF MEMBER, ROBERT ALVAREZ, WHO RECENTLY
15 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. CALI, AS SHE WAS AFFECTIONATELY
16 KNOWN, IMMIGRATED FROM HONDURAS AND WORKED AS A CAREGIVER
17 UNTIL RETIREMENT. SHE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT GIVING TO OTHERS,
18 OFTEN SPENDING TIME VISITING AND MAKING FOOD FOR THOSE WHO ARE
19 ILL. SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL AND SPENDING TIME IN THE GARDEN.
20 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN, ROBERTO AND NORMA, FIVE
21 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I KNOW THAT SHE
22 WAS VERY, VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT ROBERT DID NOT ONLY IN
23 THE MILITARY BUT ALSO IN THE COMMUNITY GIVING BACK. LAST THAT,
24 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES W. WONG, A LONGTIME SOUTH
25 PASADENA RESIDENT AND BROTHER IN LAW OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RUTH

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1 WONG, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. CHARLES
2 IMMIGRATED FROM CHINA. HE GRADUATED FROM THE U.S.C SCHOOL OF
3 ARCHITECTURE. HE WAS AN AVID GOLFER AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE
4 SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB FOR 25 YEARS. HE WAS ACTIVE WITH THE
5 MANDARIN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES. CHARLES IS SURVIVED BY
6 THREE BROTHERS, JAMES, EDWARD, AND WILLIAM, HIS FIVE CHILDREN,
7 VICTORIA, BELINDA, SANDRA, DARRELL, AND IRWIN, AND 13
8 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY
9 ADJOURNMENTS. NOW WE WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS
12 TODAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
13 OF COURTNEY EVERTS MYKYTYN. COURTNEY EVERTS WAS A RESIDENT OF
14 HIGHLAND PARK AND A LOCAL ACTIVIST FOR MANY YEARS. SHE DIED ON
15 DECEMBER 30TH, 2019 AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A CAR WHILE STANDING
16 NEAR HER HOME. COURTNEY LEAVES AN IMPORTANT LEGACY BEHIND
17 THROUGH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHE FOUNDED CALLED INTEGRATED
18 SCHOOLS. FOR YEARS, COURTNEY CALLED ON WHITE PARENTS LIKE
19 HERSELF TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO THEIR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
20 IN ORDER TO INTEGRATE THE SCHOOLS. SHE LED THE EFFORTS TO HAVE
21 DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT HER LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS AND
22 TO CHANGE PARENTS' APPROACH TO THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.
23 COURTNEY SPOKE OUT AT A TIME WHEN PARENTS WERE HESITANT TO
24 SEND THEIR KIDS TO THEIR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
25 SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN

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1 EVERYWHERE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND TWO CHILDREN,
2 BOTH OF WHOM ATTENDED THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS. MAY SHE REST
3 IN PEACE. SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY,
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMA TANEGA. NORMA TANEGA WAS AN
5 AMERICA FOLK AND POP SINGER/ SONGWRITER. SHE GREW UP IN A
6 FAMILY OF MUSIC. HER FATHER WAS A BANDMASTER IN THE UNITED
7 STATES NAVY, SO IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT SHE FOLLOWED IN HIS
8 FOOTSTEPS TO BECOME A MUSICIAN, HERSELF. NORMA RELEASED HER
9 BIG SINGLE HIT "WALKIN' MY CAT NAMED DOG" IN 1966, WHICH MADE
10 THE UNITED STATES BILLBOARD TOP 100 CHART. NORMA CONTINUED HER
11 MUSIC CAREER IN ENGLAND BEFORE MOVING BACK TO CALIFORNIA. SHE
12 WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE
13 ATTAINED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN FINE ARTS FROM THE CLAREMONT
14 GRADUATE SCHOOL. SHE SPENT THE LATTER PART OF HER LIFE
15 TEACHING ART AT CAL POLY POMONA AND TEACHING ENGLISH AS A
16 SECOND LANGUAGE AT THE CLAREMONT ADULT SCHOOL. NORMA PASSED
17 AWAY AT HER HOME AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
18 NEPHEW, ROBERT, HER NIECE, ANN, AND HER COUSIN, RICHARD. MAY
19 SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. PERMIT
24 ME TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BURTON YALE SUNKEN BORN 11/23/37,
25 DIED ON THE SIXTH OF THIS YEAR OF, BUSINESSMAN, MANUFACTURER,

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1 PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS BELOVED WIFE, SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING
2 FAMILY, TWO SONS, HOWARD AND DAVID, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, ERICA,
3 EMMA, SOPHIA, AND MICHAEL. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. DR. ERIK S.
4 FLEMING, BORN MAY 29, 1980 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PASSED ON
5 JANUARY 1, 2020 AT THE AGE OF 39. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S
6 OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH FROM BROWN UNIVERSITY IN
7 2002 AND HIS DOCTORATE DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH IN 2014 FROM
8 WALDEN UNIVERSITY. DR. FLEMING SERVED THE CHARLES R. DREW
9 UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCES AS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
10 AND AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTATIVE
11 AND SOCIAL MEDICINE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS COURAGE,
12 DEDICATION TO HIS FAMILY, HIS PASSION FOR TEACHING, AND HIS
13 CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH ADDRESSING DISPARITIES THROUGH
14 HEALTH INFORMATICS. DR. FLEMING IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
15 STARR, HIS SON, ERIK, HIS PARENTS, ARTHUR AND DOLORES,
16 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AT
17 C.D.U., WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. ADDITIONALLY, I ASK THAT WE
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEMARIA AGUILERA MUNOZ, BORN ON APRIL
19 THE 18TH IN 1923 IN SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA. SHE PASSED ON
20 DECEMBER THE 15TH AT THE AGE OF 96. SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH,
21 RETURNED TO MEXICO WHERE HE WAS RAISED ON A SMALL RURAL RANCH
22 AND LEARNED HOW TO WORK AND TAKE CARE OF THE LAND. NOW MR.
23 MUNOZ MET JOSEFINA SOTELO, AND THE TWO WERE MARRIED IN 1948.
24 HE RELOCATED WITH HIS NEW WIFE TO LOS ANGELES TO START A
25 FAMILY. IN LOS ANGELES, HE PUT THE SKILLS HE LEARNED FROM HIS

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1 EARLY LIFE ON THE RANCH TO START A LANDSCAPING BUSINESS AND
2 CREATED GARDEN AND LAWNS FOR HOMES IN BEL AIR, BEVERLY HILLS,
3 AND MALIBU. HE CONTINUED RUNNING HIS LANDSCAPING BUSINESS WELL
4 INTO HIS 80S, OUTLIVING MANY OF HIS CLIENTS. AND MR. MUNOZ
5 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF DOING -- GOING TO DODGER
6 GAMES, VISITING THE CASINOS IN LAS VEGAS AND TEMECULA, AND
7 DANCING, TRAVELING, AND SINGING ALONG WITH MARIACHIS. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOSEFINA, SIX DAUGHTERS, ARMANDINA,
9 EVANGELINA, IRMA, JESSICA, LETICIA, MARQUINA, AND PATRICIA, 10
10 GRANDCHILDREN. 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY AND
11 FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HIM ALL. AND YOU MAY KNOW THE NAME OF
12 IRMA MUNOZ, WHO WORKS TIRELESSLY ON THE ISSUE OF THE
13 ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS HER FATHER, AND SHE MADE THE REQUEST THAT
14 WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. HERMAN BOONE, BORN OCTOBER 28, 1935
15 IN ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA AND PASSED ON DECEMBER THE 18TH
16 IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AFTER A BATTLE WITH LUNG CANCER. HE
17 WAS 84. HE WAS THE HEAD COACH THAT LED THE RACIALLY INTEGRATED
18 FOOTBALL TEAM OF T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL TO A STATE
19 CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1971 AS PORTRAYED BY DENZEL WASHINGTON IN THE
20 FILM "REMEMBER THE TITANS." HE ATTENDED NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
21 UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S
22 DEGREES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WENT ON TO COACH HIGH SCHOOL
23 FOOTBALL IN BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA. IN 1961, HE RELOCATED TO
24 WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA AND SERVED THERE AS AN ASSISTANT
25 COACH IN ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS HIGH SCHOOLS. MR. BOONE

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1 RESIGNED IN 1969, AFTER BEING TOLD THE TOWN WAS NOT READY FOR
2 A BLACK HEAD COACH, AND HE TOOK A POSITION AT T.C. WILLIAMS AS
3 AN ASSISTANT COACH. AND WHEN THREE HIGH SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA
4 MERGED, HE WAS SELECTED AND NAMED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AS THE
5 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEAD FOOTBALL COACH. AND MR. BOONE
6 HELPED BRING A RACIALLY DIVERSE FOOTBALL TEAM TOGETHER DURING
7 THE EARLY DAYS OF SEGREGATION USING DISCIPLINE AND MUTUAL
8 RESPECT. IT WAS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THAT THE TITANS WENT ON
9 TO RECEIVE THAT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AS AN UNDEFEATED TEAM AND
10 ULTIMATELY WON THEIR FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. MR. BOONE
11 STOPPED COACHING IN 1979 AND CONTINUED TO TEACH PHYSICAL
12 EDUCATION AND TO COACH GOLFING. HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN
13 BEING. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO STUDENTS.
14 HE IS SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS, MONICA AND SHARON, 10
15 GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY AND
16 FRIENDS, THE ENTIRE T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY, WHO WILL
17 MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HIM. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ASK THAT WE
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND REMY, BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO,
19 CALIFORNIA IN 1937 AND PASSED ON DECEMBER 21 HERE IN THE CITY
20 OF LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 82. HE GREW UP IN THE BAY AREA.
21 HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS WERE RECOGNIZED AS HE WAS ELECTED TO
22 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT IN SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL. HE ATTENDED
23 THE CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, WHERE HE MAJORED IN POLITICAL
24 SCIENCE AND WAS A TOP TENNIS PLAYER FOR THE POMONA-CLAREMONT
25 VARSITY TEAM. HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT U.C. BERKELEY,

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1 WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC
2 ADMINISTRATION. HE JOINED THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD, WHERE
3 HE SERVED FOR SIX YEARS. IN THE '60S, HE AND HIS WIFE SANDRA
4 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE WORKED FOR THE LEAGUE OF
5 CALIFORNIA CITIES. HE LATER WORKED FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
6 ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS WHEN HE MET LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM
7 BRADLEY. HE WAS SERVING AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF S.C.A.G.
8 AT THE TIME. AND MR. REMY JOINED TOM BRADLEY'S STAFF AT CITY
9 HALL IN 1976, SERVING AS THE DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHIEF OF STAFF.
10 AND THEY WORKED TOGETHER TO BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR A WORLD
11 CLASS TRANSIT SYSTEM. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PLANNING THE 1984
12 OLYMPIC GAMES, WHICH IS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST
13 FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL GAMES IN THE HISTORY OF MODERN
14 OLYMPICS. HE LEFT CITY HALL IN THE '80S AND HEADED THE L.A.
15 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE MOVED ON AND PUSHED THE ALAMEDA
16 CORRIDOR TO DO GREAT THINGS. HE WAS A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT AS
17 HE HELD POSITIONS AS COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE FAIR POLITICAL
18 PRACTICE COMMISSION AND WORKED IN THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
19 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, FOUNDER OF HIS OWN CONSULTING FIRM, AND
20 JUST LIVED A LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE'S
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SANDRA, TWO DAUGHTERS, ERIN AND KIMBER,
22 NINE GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY
23 AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS RAY REMY MOST ASSUREDLY. AND,
24 FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ETHEL SWAIN,
25 KNOWN AS SISTER MARY ETHEL AT THE IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY.

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1 BORN DECEMBER 23, 1919 IN DENVER, COLORADO AND PASSED ON HER
2 BIRTHDAY, DECEMBER 23, HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 100.
3 SHE ATTENDED IMMACULATE HEART HIGH SCHOOL, AND SHE JOINED THE
4 SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART BEFORE HER JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH
5 SCHOOL IN 1936. SHE TAUGHT THE PRIMARY GRADES AT THE
6 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOLS FOR 47 YEARS AND ALSO SERVED
7 AS SUPERIOR AND PRINCIPAL. SHE TAUGHT AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
8 CHURCH IN SAN DIEGO AND THE RESURRECTION SCHOOL HERE IN LOS
9 ANGELES. SHE WAS AN ARTIST, USING MEDIUMS SUCH AS ACRYLICS,
10 CARVING, CHARCOAL, NEEDLEPOINT, AND SCULPTING TO BRING HER ART
11 TO LIFE. AND IN 1964, SHE CREATED A BANNER FOR PEACE IN
12 NICARAGUA THAT WAS PRINTED IN THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER
13 AND LATER SELECTED FOR THE PUBLIC DISPLAY IN 1985. SHE WAS A
14 FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER AT THE IMMACULATE HEART OFFICE IN
15 HOLLYWOOD. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ARTIST, FOR HER
16 PASSION FOR TEACHING, FOR HER LAUGHTER, FOR HER BIG HEART. SHE
17 IS SURVIVED BY HER NEPHEWS, DICK, JOHN, AND JOSEPH, EXTENDED
18 FAMILY AND FRIENDS, THE IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY, ALL WHO
19 WILL MISS HER. I OWE A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE
20 SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART. AND FINALLY, GEORGE TAHARA, BORN
21 MAY 3, 1929 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED ON DECEMBER 24, 1919 --
22 2019 IN LONG BEACH AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS RAISED IN THE
23 JEFFERSON PARK AREA OF LOS ANGELES. IN 1942 WAS INCARCERATED
24 WITH HIS FAMILY IN ONE OF THOSE AWFUL INTERNMENT CAMPS IN
25 COLORADO. HE LATER ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY AND SERVED DURING

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1 THE KOREAN WAR, WHEN HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE. HE RETURNED TO
2 LOS ANGELES TO RAISE HIS FAMILY IN THE WEST ATHENS COMMUNITY
3 OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. A HARD WORKER, HE OWNED A GAS STATION
4 AND RESTAURANT, WORKED IN RETAIL, AND RETIRED FROM RALPH'S
5 GROCERY CHAIN. HE AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO ORANGE COUNTY. AND
6 AFTER HIS WIFE'S PASSING IN 1984, HE MOVED TO LONG BEACH TO BE
7 NEAR HIS DAUGHTER, PATRICIA AND HER FAMILY. HE LOVED WATCHING
8 SPORTS, READING, AND PLAYING POKER AT THE LOCAL CARD CLUBS,
9 WHERE HE WAS A FIXTURE. LATER, HE WAS A MAN WITH FEW WORDS.
10 HIS FAMILY WAS DEVOTED TO HIM. MR. TAHARA IS SURVIVED BY HIS
11 CHILDREN, STANLEY, DONALD, PATRICIA, KORIE, AND THEIR SPOUSES,
12 TWO GRANDCHILDREN, JILLIANNE AND HANNA, THREE NIECES, A
13 NEPHEW, AND A NEPHEW AND EXTENDED FAMILY. AND ONE OF THOSE
14 NIECES WOULD BE OUR OWN RANDY TAHARA. THIS IS HER HUSBAND. AND
15 SO MAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS'
16 MEMORIES, AND MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR. ANY ONE OF
17 THESE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, I
18 WELCOME THAT. THEY CAME TO MY ATTENTION, AND I'M SIMPLY A
19 VESSEL TO COMMUNICATE THE INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN BALDESSARI, WHO WAS A
25 GREAT ARTIST AND EDUCATOR, PROLIFIC INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

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1 CONCEPTUAL ARTIST KNOWN FOR WORKING WITH FOUND PHOTOGRAPHY AND
2 APPROPRIATED IMAGES. HE HAD ALMOST 400 SOLO EXHIBITIONS. HE
3 WAS PART OF MORE THAN 1500 GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PRODUCED MORE
4 THAN 4,000 WORKS OF ART. IN 2009, HE WAS AWARDED THE GOLDEN
5 LION AT THE VENICE BIENNALE, WHICH IS THE ART WORLD'S HIGHEST
6 HONOR. AND IN 2015, PRESIDENT OBAMA PRESENTED HIM WITH THE
7 NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS. JOHN BALDESSARI ALSO SPENT MANY YEARS
8 TEACHING AT CAL ARTS, AT U.C. SAN DIEGO, AND AT U.C.L.A. AND I
9 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY ALLEE
10 WILLIS, A GREAT COMPOSER AND AN ARTIST WHO DIED ON CHRISTMAS
11 EVE. AMONG OTHER HITS, ALLEE WILLIS COMPOSED EARTH, WIND, AND
12 FIRE'S "SEPTEMBER" AND THE "FRIENDS" THEME "I'LL BE THERE FOR
13 YOU." SHE WON GRAMMYS FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "BEVERLY
14 HILLS COP" SOUNDTRACK AND ANOTHER FOR BEST MUSICAL THEATER
15 ALBUM FOR HER WORK ON THE MUSIC AND LYRICS OF "THE COLOR
16 PURPLE'S" STAGE ADAPTATION. SHE WAS INDUCTED LAST YEAR INTO
17 THE SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARTNER
18 OF 27 YEARS, PRUDENCE FENTON. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ACTRESS SUE LYON, WHO DIED THE
20 DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. WHEN SHE WAS 14 YEARS OLD, SHE PLAYED THE
21 TITLE THE CHARACTER IN STANLEY KUBRICK'S FILM "LOLITA." SHE
22 WON A 1963 GOLDEN GLOBE IN THE MOST PROMISING NEWCOMER FEMALE
23 CATEGORY FOR HER WORK. SHE WENT ON TO PLAY A SEDUCTIVE
24 TEENAGER IN JOHN HOUSTON'S "THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA," AS WELL
25 AS SEVERAL OTHER FILMS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, NONA

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1 HARRISON. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF DAVID FOSTER, WHO OVER A 60-YEAR CAREER PRODUCED
3 MANY, MANY FILMS, INCLUDING "MCCABE AND MRS. MILLER" WITH
4 WARREN BEATTY AND JULIE CHRISTIE, AND "THE GETAWAY" WITH STEVE
5 MCQUEEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, JACKIE
6 PATTIZ, AND HIS THREE SONS, TIM, GARY AND GREG. AND I MOVE
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. LEE
8 GOLD, WHO WAS CHIEF OF STAFF AT WOODVIEW HOSPITAL, NOW KNOWN
9 AS WOODVIEW/CALABASAS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. HE SERVED ON THE
10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PSYCHOANALYTIC
11 INSTITUTE AND SHERMAN OAKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. KNOWN AS DR.
12 CACTI, HE BECAME WELL KNOWN FOR HIS HORTICULTURAL ACUMEN AND
13 THE MANY ARTICLES AND LECTURES HE GAVE TO LOCAL CLUBS. HE WON
14 MANY AWARDS IN THE SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY AND THE L.A.
15 CACTUS AND SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY OVER THE YEARS. HE IS
16 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 67 YEARS, DONNA, AND HIS THREE SONS,
17 JOHN, RICHARD, AND BRIAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
18 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARCIA HARRIS HOWARD. A
19 U.C.L.A. GRAD AND LONG TIME CAMPUS LEADER, SHE SERVED ON THE
20 U.C.L.A. CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN CABINET, THE COLLEGE'S PROVOST'S
21 COUNCIL, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES BOARDS, WOMEN AND
22 PHILANTHROPY AND GOLD SHIELD AS WELL AS BEING AN ENTHUSIASTIC
23 SUPPORTER OF U.C.L.A. ATHLETICS. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH,
24 SHE ENDOWED A CHAIR IN LITERARY STUDIES AND FOSTERED THE NEW
25 CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM. A PASSIONATE AND DISCERNING READER,

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1 SHE WAS A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THE BEVERLY HILLS LITERARY
2 SOCIETY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF RETIRED JUDGE, THE HONORABLE PHILIP SAETA, WHO
4 PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 27TH. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF STANFORD
5 LAW, SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM '53 TO '55, AND THEN BEGAN
6 WORKING AS AN ATTORNEY IN BEARDSLE, HUFSTEDLER, & KEMBLE. HE
7 SERVED ON THE L.A. MUNI COURT '64 TO '75, THE L.A. SUPERIOR
8 COURT '75 THROUGH '91, AND AS A PRIVATE JUDGE THROUGH 2018. HE
9 WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL BAR
10 ASSOCIATIONS AND VERY CONCERNED WITH ALCOHOL ABUSE. HE WAS
11 ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN STATE AND NATIONAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEES,
12 INCLUDING TWO TERMS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CALIFORNIA
13 JUDGES' ASSOCIATION AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
14 CONFERENCE OF SPECIAL COURT JUDGES OF THE AMERICAN BAR
15 ASSOCIATION. HE HAD EXTENSIVE JUDICIAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN
16 THE MUNICIPAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS AND AT THE CALIFORNIA AND
17 NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGES. HE WAS A LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER OF
18 VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AND THE
19 DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR. HE WAS A
20 DEDICATED ATTENDEE OF ALL THINGS CULTURAL IN L.A., A DEVOTED
21 READER OF THE L.A. TIMES, AND A DAILY PLAYER ON HIS PARENTS'
22 PIANO. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JUDITH ENRIGHT, HIS
23 CHILDREN, DAVID, PETER, AND SANDRA, AND HIS SISTER SONIA
24 MICHELSON. AND FINALLY, ALTHOUGH THIS GENTLEMAN MOVED AWAY
25 FROM OUR DISTRICT 10 YEARS AGO, HE LIVED IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

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1 FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER, SO I WANTED TO ASK IF WE WOULD ADJOURN
2 IN HONOR OF JERRY HERMAN. JERRY HERMAN, ONE OF THE GREAT
3 TALENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATER, WAS THE
4 COMPOSER AND LYRICIST FOR "HELLO DOLLY," FOR "LA CAGE AUX
5 FOLLES," FOR "MAME," AND FOR SO MANY OTHER THINGS. AND HE DIED
6 ON DECEMBER 26TH. AND THIS EVENING, RIGHT ABOUT NOW, ALL OF
7 BROADWAY IS DIMMING ALL OF ITS OUTSIDE LIGHTS IN HIS HONOR,
8 WHICH THEY DO WHEN A GREAT ONE OF THEIRS HAS PASSED. HE ALSO
9 HAD THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE LONGEST SURVIVORS OF
10 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HE WAS DIAGNOSED IN 1980S AND PARTICIPATED IN
11 A MEDICAL TRIAL OF A NEW TREATMENT AND WAS ABLE TO LIVE A
12 HEALTHY LIFE FOR ANOTHER 34 YEARS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CORINNA MEGAN
16 ORTEGA, WHO WAS ONLY 23 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY IN WHITTIER. SHE
17 WAS A STRONG, CARING, YOUNG WOMAN THAT VALUED HER FAMILY AND
18 HER COMMUNITY. HER FAMILY KNEW HER AS COMPASSIONATE AND A
19 GIVING WOMAN. WHENEVER SOMEONE NEEDED A HELPING HAND, CORINNA
20 WOULD DO WHAT SHE COULD TO HELP. SHE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON TO
21 LIFT PEOPLE UP WHEN THEY WERE FEELING DOWN AND WAS A ROLE
22 MODEL FOR HER SIBLINGS. SHE WAS IMMENSELY LOVED BY HER FAMILY
23 AND FRIENDS. HER PASSING GOT SOME ATTENTION FROM MANY OF US
24 AS SHE WASN'T EXACTLY HOMELESS, BUT SHE DID PASS AWAY IN A
25 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN A PARK IN WHITTIER. AND IT, ONCE AGAIN,

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1 SPURRED, I THINK, EVERYONE ON TO REALIZING THAT THERE WERE SO
2 MANY WHO -- SHE WAS 23 -- THERE'S SO MANY WHO ARE OUT THERE
3 AND NEED OUR HELP NOW. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LILY
4 JORDAN MEDINA, HER MOTHER, HER FATHER, AND SEVEN SIBLINGS. MAY
5 SHE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
6 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BONNIE CHRISTENSEN, WHO PASSED AWAY
7 JANUARY 3RD. BONNIE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE
8 WAS A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY. BONNIE AND HER LATE HUSBAND VIC
9 FOUNDED THE SAN PEDRO SCIENCE CENTER, WHICH WAS LATER NAMED
10 THE CHRISTENSEN MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER. IT
11 FOCUSES ON BRINGING CONCEPTS LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM TO LIFE.
12 BONNIE WAS A REGULAR ATTENDEE AT THE DALMATION AMERICA CLUB'S
13 FISH LUNCHEON AND WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO
14 UNITED HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. SHE'S PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER
15 HUSBAND VIC AND SURVIVED BY A SON AND DAUGHTER. BONNIE REALLY
16 WAS THE EPITOME OF A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND ALWAYS MADE HER
17 VOICE KNOWN ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTERED TO THOSE WHO LIVED IN
18 SAN PEDRO.

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20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE OUR ADJOURNMENTS. I WANT TO
21 THANK EVERYONE AND WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. I WANT TO
22 THANK THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAVE BEEN HELPING US
23 KEEP IT QUIET. I CALL YOU WHITE SHIRTERS, BUT THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH. AND THANK YOU SERGEANT AT ARMS, VIC, AND PABLO. AND WITH
25 THAT, THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. (END OF MEETING).

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