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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 ON PAGE 136]

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4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO START
6 THIS BOARD MEETING IN A MINUTE. ALL RIGHT. WELL, GOOD MORNING
7 EVERYONE. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS MEETING TODAY. IT IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2020.
9 THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR TOM HUGHES, CO-LEAD
10 SENIOR PASTOR AT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES IN
11 THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED
12 BY KEITH NIELSEN, MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 311
13 IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE, IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE,
14 WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND?

15
16 **PASTOR TOM HUGHES:** SO, GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
17 TO GATHER. YOU CREATED US EACH IN YOUR IMAGE, AND THE BIBLE
18 SAYS YOU CREATED US TO FLOURISH. SO I PRAY, GOD, THAT YOU
19 WOULD CAUSE THIS CITY, EACH PERSON THAT CALLS THIS CITY HOME,
20 TO FLOURISH. LORD, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT YOU HAVE A HEART FOR
21 THE POOR AND THE WIDOW AND THE ORPHAN AND THE MARGINALIZED.
22 GOD, GIVE US THAT SAME HEART. LORD, PARTICULARLY, WE PRAY FOR
23 THOSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. GIVE US WISDOM. LORD,
24 GIVE US YOUR STRATEGIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS THAT, SO THAT EACH
25 PERSON MIGHT KNOW THAT THEY HAVE DIGNITY AND WORTH AND VALUE,

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1 NOT ONLY IN YOUR EYES, GOD, BUT IN THE EYES OF OUR FELLOW
2 HUMANITY. LORD, I PRAY FOR WISDOM FOR EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS.
3 WITH ALL THE COMPLEX ISSUES THAT ARE BROUGHT TO THEM, WOULD
4 YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM? YOUR WORD SAYS THAT YOU WILL GIVE WISDOM
5 AS WE ASK FOR IT. LORD, I PRAY THAT THERE BE A SENSE OF JOY IN
6 THIS CITY, A SENSE OF WILLING TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS WE LOVE
7 OURSELF. GOD, WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. WE COMMIT OUR WAYS
8 TO YOU. WE LOVE YOU. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

9

10 **CORPORAL KEITH NIELSEN:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE THE FLAG.
11 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND IF YOU ARE A
12 VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME FOR THE
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE
14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
15 STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
16 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO I'M REALLY DELIGHTED TO MEET PASTOR TOM
21 HUGHES. HE, ALONG IN HIS PARISH, THEY HAVE DONE SO MANY
22 INCREDIBLE THINGS. HE HAS CO-LED A PASTOR OF CHRISTIAN
23 ASSEMBLY, LOCATED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF EAGLE ROCK, IN THE
24 FIRST DISTRICT. HE GREW UP IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, BEFORE
25 HEADING TO COLLEGE AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE

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1 EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN WORLD RELIGION, SOCIOLOGY, AND
2 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. HE HEADED TO LAW SCHOOL WHEN GOD
3 INTERVENED, SENDING HIM INTO FULL-TIME MINISTRY. PASTOR HUGHES
4 LAUNCHED AND LED STUDENT MINISTRIES ON THE EAST COAST FOR A
5 NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO ENGLAND TO STUDY WITH A
6 MISSIONAL CHURCH MOVEMENT THERE. AFTER HIS TIME IN ENGLAND,
7 PASTOR HUGHES CAME TO CALIFORNIA TO EARN HIS MASTER'S OF
8 DIVINITY FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. PASTOR HUGHES AND
9 HIS WIFE, ALLISON, FOUNDED CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY IN 2002, WHEN A
10 NEIGHBOR INVITED THEM TO COME AND CHECK IT OUT. IN 2003,
11 PASTOR HUGHES JOINED THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY STAFF AS PART OF
12 THE TEACHING TEAM, WITH A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT TO REACH YOUNG
13 ADULTS. SINCE 2007, PASTOR HUGHES HAS BEEN THE CO-LEAD PASTOR
14 WITH MARK PICKERILL. PASTOR HUGHES IS A RABID PITTSBURGH
15 STEELERS FAN, LOVES THE MOUNTAINS, AND STILL ENJOYS KICKING
16 THE SOCCER BALL AROUND FROM TIME TO TIME. HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE
17 THREE CHILDREN: CALEB, SOPHIA, AND MICAH. MOST RECENTLY,
18 CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY MAPPED OUT 28 NEIGHBORHOODS IN LOS ANGELES,
19 INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. PASTOR HUGHES THEN WORKED
20 WITH R.I.P., REST IN PEACE MEDICAL DEBT, A NONPROFIT, AND
21 LEARNED THAT THERE WERE OVER \$5 MILLION OF OUTSTANDING MEDICAL
22 DEBT OWED BY PEOPLE IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS, EARNING LESS THAN
23 TWO TIMES THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. THEY WERE ABLE TO
24 PURCHASE THAT DEBT AND FORGIVE IT FOR JUST ONE PENNY ON THE
25 DOLLAR. [APPLAUSE.] SO, BECAUSE OF THIS INGENUITY AND

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1 GENEROSITY OF THEIR CHURCH, THEIR ELDERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
2 THAT THEY PURCHASE ALL THE \$5 MILLION WORTH OF MEDICAL DEBT OF
3 THE POOR IN ALL THE 28 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND FORGIVE ALL OF IT IN
4 JESUS' NAME. NO MORE HARASSMENT FROM DEBT COLLECTORS. NO
5 STRINGS ATTACHED. WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF, THE
6 CHURCH, AND THE WISE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE GUIDED YOU AND
7 PROTECTED YOU. SO WE THANK YOU ON THIS DAY, AND YOU SET A
8 GREAT EXAMPLE, I THINK, FOR OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
9 PASTOR. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING
12 CORPORAL KEITH NIELSEN FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
13 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. CORPORAL NIELSEN SERVED IN THE UNITED
14 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 2004 TO 2008, SERVING WITH
15 HEADQUARTER BATTALION IN TWENTYNINE PALMS. DURING HIS SERVICE,
16 HE RECEIVED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON
17 TERRORISM RIBBON, TWO NAVY MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS,
18 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. CORPORAL NIELSEN NOW
19 LIVES IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE
20 CHILDREN, AND IS WORKING AS A SUPERVISING VETERANS CLAIM
21 ASSISTANT WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
22 AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS WORK
23 WITH VET SERVICES, FOR WHICH HE EARNED AN OUTSTANDING
24 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
25 311 IN PALMDALE, AND VOLUNTEERS WITH BOY SCOUTS IN THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY. CORPORAL NIELSEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
2 TO OUR NATION, AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS,
3 AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. LET'S
4 GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW WE WILL
5 LET SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS DO HER BOARD PRESENTATION.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE HAVE A
8 VERY, VERY INTERESTING AND EXCITING PRESENTATION FOR THE
9 PUBLIC, AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE THEM: RAQUEL AND CHANTEL,
10 THEIR PARENTS, AS WELL AS JOHN WICKER, OUR DIRECTOR OF-- WELL,
11 WE HAVE OURS? WE HAVE SOPHIA. WE HAVE OUR STAFF FROM PARKS AND
12 REC. TODAY, THESE TWO AMAZING YOUNG LADIES FROM THE FIRST
13 DISTRICT RECENTLY WON CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE 2019 U.S.A. BOXING
14 NATIONALS COMPETITION. RAQUEL ARREOLA IS JUST 10 YEARS OLD,
15 AND CHANTEL NAVARRO IS 15 YEARS OF AGE, AND BOTH ARE BOXERS
16 WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR THE 2019 U.S.A. BOXING NATIONAL
17 TOURNAMENT FOR A VERY LONG TIME. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND
18 OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] THEY HAVE WORKED SO HARD, DAY
19 IN AND DAY OUT, AT THE EASTSIDE EDDIE HEREDIA BOXING CLUB IN
20 EAST LOS ANGELES. THE EASTSIDE BOXING CLUB IS THE ONLY ONE OF
21 ITS KIND BEING OPERATED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
22 RECREATION. IT IS THE PLACE THAT TRAINED RAQUEL AND CHANTEL,
23 AND PROPELLED THEM TO VICTORIES IN THE 2019 NATIONAL
24 COMPETITION IN LOUISIANA. RAQUEL WON THE 60-POUND BANTAM
25 FEMALE DIVISION, DURING WHICH SHE SECURED THE NATIONAL TITLE;

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1 AND CHANTEL WON THE 114-POUND JUNIOR FEMALE DIVISION, WHICH
2 ALSO QUALIFIED HER FOR A SPOT ON THE U.S.A. JUNIOR NATIONAL
3 TEAM. CHANTEL ALSO WAS AWARDED THE MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
4 FEMALE BOXER OF THE TOURNAMENT, AND WILL BE TRAVELING
5 INTERNATIONALLY NEXT YEAR TO COMPETE AND REPRESENT THE UNITED
6 STATES. LET'S GIVE THEM BOTH ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
7 [APPLAUSE.] AND, OF COURSE, THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE SHAPED
8 BY THEIR PARENTS, WHO I'M SURE HAD TO SACRIFICE A LOT OF TIME
9 AND ENERGY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO BE INVOLVED. IN PARTICULAR, I
10 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IGNACIO NAVARRO, WHO IS A PARKS EMPLOYEE
11 HIMSELF, AND WHO COACHED BOTH RAQUEL AND HIS DAUGHTER,
12 CHANTEL, TO VICTORIES. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE CHAMPIONS, TO
13 THEIR PARENTS, TO OUR STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
14 RECREATION, AND FOR EVERYONE MAKING THIS POSSIBLE, AND THESE
15 PROGRAMS THAT ARE SO UNIQUE, AND ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG GIRLS.
16 I'D LIKE TO AT THIS TIME INVITE CHANTEL TO PLEASE SAY A FEW
17 WORDS. [APPLAUSE].

18

19 **CHANTEL NAVARRO:** FIRST OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY GOOD MORNING,
20 AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE RECOGNITION FOR MY HARD WORK, AND
21 IT'S TRULY PAYING OFF. THANK YOU FOR COUNTY AND PARK RECS FOR
22 THIS AWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND FINALLY, I HAVE
25 MY LAST PRESENTATION HERE, WHICH IS ALSO QUITE REMARKABLE. I'M

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1 VERY HAPPY TO HAVE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY WHITTLE,
2 ASSISTANT CHIEFS JESSE VELA, JIM ROBINSON, MIKE INMAN, AND
3 LELAND DELANEY JOIN ME HERE. AND AFTER I MAKE MY REMARKS, I
4 WILL ASK CHIEF WHITTLE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. MADAM CHAIR, WE ALL
5 KNOW HOW CRITICAL OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN PROVIDING US
6 WITH THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION THAT WE NEED, AND HAVE NEEDED,
7 AND RELY ON SO HEAVILY BECAUSE OF OUR CLIMATE. SO I, TODAY,
8 WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
9 EAST REGIONAL BUREAU, AND THAT IS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY
10 WHITTLE, ASSISTANT CHIEFS JESSE VELA, JIM ROBINSON, MIKE
11 INMAN, AND LELAND DELANEY. PLEASE GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE. IT IS MOST DESERVED. [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO RECOGNIZE
13 THEM, BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE MIGHT TAKE FOR GRANTED THE WORK
14 THAT THEY DO, THAT ISN'T ALWAYS SHOWCASED ON THE NEWS. IT IS
15 USUALLY WHEN THERE'S A TRAGIC ACCIDENT OR SOMEONE LOSES THEIR
16 LIFE IN A FIRE. BUT WE LIVE, AS YOU KNOW, IN A VERY VOLATILE
17 CLIMATE, WHERE WE HAVE FIRE SEASON THAT NOW RUNS ALMOST A FULL
18 YEAR. AND SO NOW, MORE THAN EVER, OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE FACED
19 WITH INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS, AND THE
20 CHALLENGES, AS YOU KNOW, ARE IMMENSE, WHICH IS WHY I VOTED IN
21 FULL SUPPORT OF PUTTING ON THE 2020 BALLOT A LOCAL PARCEL TAX
22 MEASURE THAT WOULD RAISE THE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING FOR OUR FIRE
23 DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
24 OTHERS. [APPLAUSE.] BUT I WANTED TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT'S
25 EAST REGIONAL BUREAU HERE TODAY TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR DEDICATION

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1 AND WORK, PARTICULARLY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT AND
2 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY WHITTLE AND
3 HIS TEAM ARE THE PEOPLE I CALL ON WHENEVER THERE ARE FIRE
4 INCIDENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. THEY ARE ALWAYS RESPONSIVE,
5 PROFESSIONAL, AND EFFECTIVE, AND I'M HAPPY TO HAVE THEM
6 REPRESENT US IN THE EAST REGIONAL BUREAU. THERE WERE THREE
7 SEPARATE FIRE INCIDENTS AT THE WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION
8 AREA OVER THE COURSE OF JUST ONE MONTH LAST YEAR. AND EACH
9 TIME, MY OFFICE WOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY, AND I ALWAYS
10 TRUSTED THAT CHIEF WHITTLE'S TEAM WOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE
11 SITUATION. NOT ONLY DO THEY PUT OUT FIRES, BUT THEY ALSO
12 CONNECT WITH THE VICTIMS, WITH NECESSARY RESOURCES. AND THAT
13 IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE DISPLACED FAMILIES NEED TO GET
14 BACK ON THEIR FEET RIGHT AWAY. SO I WANT TO THANK THEM, AND I
15 WANT TO THANK THEIR STAFFS THAT ARE PROBABLY ATTENDING TO THE
16 FIREHOUSES RIGHT NOW AND WAITING THOSE CALLS, BECAUSE THIS
17 ISN'T AN EASY JOB. AND I'M SO GLAD THAT WE HAVE CAPABLE MEN
18 AND WOMEN THAT ARE DEDICATED TO THIS DEPARTMENT, BUT MORE SO
19 TO THE RESIDENTS AND CONSTITUENTS OF OUR COUNTY, AND
20 ESPECIALLY IN THE FIST DISTRICT. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN A ROUND
21 OF APPLAUSE, AND I WILL ASK DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY WHITTLE
22 TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **ANTHONY WHITTLE:** GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE BOARD, BUT ESPECIALLY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE

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1 THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE ARE HONORED TODAY TO COME AND ACCEPT
2 THIS RECOGNITION. ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE,
3 LIKE YOU SAID, STILL AT HOME, ON DUTY 24/7/365, THEY ARE
4 STRIVING FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND WE
5 WELCOME THAT RECOGNITION FOR 2019. AS SEEN WITH THE HISTORIC
6 FIRES IN AUSTRALIA, OUR RECORD RESPONSES FOR LAST YEAR, WHICH
7 WENT OVER 400,000 CALLS FOR SERVICE, WE CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL
8 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ELECTED, AND THE
9 GREAT MEN AND WOMEN WE HAVE IN OUR DEPARTMENT. SO THANK YOU
10 FOR HONORING THIS SYNERGY THAT WE HAVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT,
11 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU THIS YEAR. THANK YOU SO
12 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WOW. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
17 YOU TO FEDEX. FEDEX IS A THREE-MONTH-OLD MALE CHIHUAHUA UP FOR
18 ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. YOU CAN ADOPT FEDEX BY DIALING
19 562-728-4610, OR GOING TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS. THERE ARE MANY
20 MORE FEDEXES OUT THERE TO BE ADOPTED. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO
21 GO ONLINE OR IN PERSON AND GIVE ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE
22 PUPPIES A FOREVER HOME. AND ACTUALLY, WE HAVE OLDER DOGS, AS
23 WELL, THAT ARE LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. SO THIS IS FEDEX.
24 AND IF DOGS AREN'T YOUR THING, WE'VE GOT COCO. COCO IS AN 8-
25 WEEK-OLD DOMESTIC THAT IS AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER, AS

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1 WELL: 562-728-4610. THIS IS COCO. AND IF YOU CAN'T ADOPT, WE
2 ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FOSTER HOMES TO HELP US WITH THE
3 KITTENS. AND SO I, AGAIN, WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO ONLINE OR
4 IN PERSON TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS AND ADOPT. SO WITH THAT, WE
5 ARE GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND PRIOR TO THAT, I KNOW
6 THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
7 UPON COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION. WE'LL COME BACK INTO OPEN
8 SESSION AND DISCUSS THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD. SO WITH
9 THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THOSE THAT WANT
10 TO TESTIFY?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ERIC PREVEN
13 AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL
14 ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, I
17 JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CLOSED SESSION WILL BE
18 ABOUT AN HOUR, AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK OUT. SO YOU CAN
19 PRETTY MUCH ESTIMATE WHEN WE GO IN, ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THAT,
20 WE WILL COME BACK OUT. MR. PREVEN?

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. WILL WE BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO
23 COMMENT ON OUR OTHER ITEMS BEFORE YOU GO INTO CLOSED SESSION
24 AND TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO. THE ITEMS YOU'RE GOING TO
2 COMMENT ON RIGHT NOW ARE CLOSED SESSION.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SUPPOSED TO DO DURING THE
5 HOUR? JUST WAIT?

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO GO TO
8 OUR CAFETERIA AND HAVE SOME COFFEE, OR WAIT IN HERE.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, THAT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, CAN YOU START HIS TIME,
13 PLEASE?

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15 **ERIC PREVEN:** SURE. YEAH. LET'S START THE TIME. OKAY. SO, IN
16 TERMS OF-- I THINK YOU ARE GOING IN THERE TO MEET WITH THE
17 DEPARTMENT HEAD, BUT YOU HAVE NOT DISCLOSED WHICH ONE, SO WE
18 WILL JUST HAVE TO TRY TO GUESS. WE KNOW IT IS PROBABLY NOT THE
19 SHERIFF, BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AGENDIZED, I ASSUME. SO
20 IT MIGHT BE WICKER. HE WAS HERE THIS MORNING. WE SAW MR.
21 WICKER, THE MAN WHO PRESIDES OVER THE PARKS AND REC. THERE'S
22 ALSO THE SMALL CHANCE THAT IT IS THE NEW I.S.D. GUY, SELWYN
23 HOLLANDS, WHO YOU INSTALLED AT ALMOST 300,000, FROM THE CITY
24 OF L.A. D.O.T. NOT SURE. HE'S PROBABLY GETTING HIS FEET
25 [INAUDIBLE]. NOW, MY COLLEAGUE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BRING UP,

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1 COULD IT BE DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, WHO HAS PRESIDED OVER THE
2 REMOVAL OF ALL REPORTS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT D.H.S. OVER
3 THE LAST YEAR, SUBSEQUENT TO MITCH KATZ, WHO EVERYBODY AGREED
4 WAS THE MESSIAH FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES, BEFORE HE DITCHED US FOR
5 NEW YORK WHEN THE TEMPERATURE CHANGED. NOW, IT COULD BE-- BUT
6 I'M NOT SURE-- IT COULD BE THE GROUP WHO RUN THE MUSEUMS FOR
7 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU KNOW, THE L.A.C.M.A. I DIDN'T SEE MR.
8 GOVAN, AND I DON'T SEE THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY CHAIR,
9 WHO WAS PAID ALMOST \$1 MILLION, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, TO COME
10 HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WHICH
11 HAS A \$1 MILLION STRUCTURAL UPTICK EACH AND EVERY TIME. SO I
12 DON'T KNOW. I CAN SAY THAT IT IS DEFINITELY NOT ABOUT THE
13 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, BECAUSE I WAS MEETING WITH THE REGISTRAR-
14 RECORDER OVER THE HOLIDAYS, BECAUSE, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW,
15 THERE'S A CHALLENGE TO THE BALLOT FOR THE MARCH 3, 2020
16 ELECTION, WHICH IS EXCITING, BECAUSE I SAW TODAY ON THE AGENDA
17 MANY ITEMS ARE ON THE FACE OF THE AGENDA TODAY, PERTAINING TO
18 A MARCH 3RD CHANGE. SO THAT TELLS ME THAT MR. LOGAN'S PROMISE
19 THAT HE COULD NOT GET ANY CHANGES IN IF IT WAS NOT DELIVERED
20 BY DECEMBER 24TH WAS A FALSE STATEMENT, AND WE WILL BRING THAT
21 UP. AND OF COURSE IT IS THE CITY CLERK, HOLLY WOLCOTT, WHO IS
22 NOT AT THIS PARTICULAR COUNTY BUT AT THE CITY OF L.A., WHO IS
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MALFEASANCE. SO GOOD LUCK. THANKS.

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW, DR. CLAVREUL?

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. FIRST OF ALL, I AM VERY
8 DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CLOSED SESSION FIRST, AND NOT
9 AT THE END. THAT SHOWS A DISRESPECT OF THE PUBLIC. BUT I WILL
10 FOCUS ON CS-1, WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL HEAD OVERVIEW. FOR MANY
11 MONTHS, I HAVE ASKED FOR YOU TO ASSESS THE SKILL OF DR.
12 CHRISTINA GHALY. I DON'T THINK IT HAS BEEN DONE, AND I AM
13 TOTALLY UPSET ABOUT THAT, ESPECIALLY SOMEONE WHO WAS HIRED
14 WITHOUT ANY QUALIFICATION, ANY POSTING, ANY ADVERTISEMENT,
15 WHICH IS A TOTAL VIOLATION OF OUR STATE LAW. ALSO, THE
16 FINANCIAL REPORT OF D.H.S. HAD BEEN PUSHED BACK SINCE JUNE
17 LAST YEAR, AND IT HAD BEEN PUSHED BEFORE. IT WILL BE VERY
18 IMPORTANT TO HAVE THOSE REPORTS SUBMITTED ON TIME AND
19 REVIEWED. I'M VERY AWARE THAT SOME OF THE POSITIONS THAT DR.
20 GHALY HAS SAID SHE HAD A FEEL FOR, ESPECIALLY THE HEALTH,
21 [INAUDIBLE], AND SHE IS UTILIZING NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
22 RETIRED, AND THOSE POSITIONS ARE UNFILLED. AND WE ARE TALKING
23 ABOUT 77 POSITIONS, WHICH IS A HUGE MISREPRESENTATION OF THE
24 FACTS, AND TO HAVE A REVIEW OF THE REPORT WILL BE ESSENTIAL.

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1 AND I REALLY REQUEST THAT WE, WITH DUE DILIGENCE, GET THE
2 REPORT PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC AND REVIEW. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR.
5 SACHS?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I
8 WAS WONDERING, IS THIS JUST EVALUATIONS? I BELIEVE AT THE LAST
9 MEETING SOMEBODY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT QUITE A FEW STAFF
10 CHANGES, OR CHANGES IN THE STAFF. SO I'M WONDERING, ARE YOU
11 PLANNING ON MAKING DEPARTMENT HEAD CHANGES, AND ARE YOU GOING
12 TO DISCUSS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS HOW PROFICIENT THEY ARE
13 IN THE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS COLLECTION OF DATA PROGRAM THAT
14 YOU ARE PLANNING ON PUTTING INTO THE COUNTY? AND I'D REALLY
15 LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AN UPDATE. CAN WE GET THE
16 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON THE RELATIONS WITH THEIR MY
17 HEALTH L.A. PLAN FOR THE COUNTY? THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY
18 TOWARDS FINDING OUT WHAT THE SITUATION IS WITH HELPING OUT THE
19 HOMELESS. BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE'S A REAL GAP
20 BETWEEN, YES, IT IS WHAT THE COUNTY HAS, AS FAR AS THE HEALTH
21 INSURANCE PLANS, AND ACTUALLY DOING SOME WORK TO HELP
22 HOMELESS.

23

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
3 SESSION?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
6 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
8 CS-1, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON
9 THE POSTED AGENDA. [MEETING ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION.]

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHEN MY COLLEAGUES COME BACK IN,
12 WE WILL GO OVER THE AGENDA AND BACK INTO THE BOARD MEETING.
13 ONE MINUTE.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE ARE NOW BACK IN SESSION,
16 AND I WILL LET YOU KNOW THE PLAN FOR TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH
17 ITEM 14. THEN WE ARE GOING TO GO TO A-4, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 8.
18 OR, I'M SORRY, ITEM 2, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 8, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS
19 NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND FINISHING WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. YES.
20 SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU READ US BACK INTO OPEN
21 SESSION?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
24 IN CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 14, 2020. ITEM CS-1: NO
25 REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD AND CALL THE
3 AGENDA, PLEASE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
6 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE WITH A
7 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-D AND 2-D, A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM
10 3-D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT AND INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO
11 ASSIGN A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY
12 REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
13 AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45 MILLION TO FINANCE
14 THE SITE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 111-
15 UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN UNINCORPORATED
16 WEST CARSON. ON ITEM 3-D, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-11. ON ITEM 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
20 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
21 ITEMS 3, 4, 5, AND 7, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
22 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS INCLUDES
24 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 13,
25 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 12-32. ON ITEM 12, THE CHIEF

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
2 JANUARY 7, 2020, AND BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD ANNUALLY
3 THEREAFTER-- I'M SORRY, JULY 7, 2020, AND BE PRESENTED TO THE
4 BOARD ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
5 ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
6 ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 CONTINUED TO MARCH 17, 2020, INSTEAD OF MARCH 31, 2020. ON
8 ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS TO BIFURCATE THIS ITEM, AND
9 REFER BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT THE PORTION RELATED TO THE POINT
10 DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT. ON ITEM 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
11 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF THE
12 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 24, 28, AND
13 29, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
14 THE REMAINING ITEMS, THROUGH 29, ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT
18 WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 23, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
21 ITEM 33 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
22 TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND
23 NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
24 THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 13, AND THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 34 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
5 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 15, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, RELATING
6 TO THE RESTRICTION OF PARKING VEHICLES UPON CERTAIN COUNTY
7 STREETS, TO ADVERTISE SUCH VEHICLES FOR SALE, AND TO ADD
8 STREETS WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THIS RESTRICTION. ON ITEM
9 34, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
10 PAGE 27, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER
11 DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE FULL BOARD. ON ITEM A-4,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS TO HOLD THIS ITEM RELATED TO
13 THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
14 THE AGENDA. MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

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

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

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WHAT WE ARE GOING
25 TO DO, I'M GOING TO AGAIN REITERATE, THE GAME PLAN FOR TODAY

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1 IS I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 14, AND THEN WE ARE GOING
2 TO COMBINE ITEM A-4 AND ITEM 8, AND WE ARE GOING TO FINISH
3 WITH ITEM 2, AND THEN FOLLOWED BY ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD,
4 AND THEN CLOSING WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING
5 TO BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 14, AND I'M GOING TO GIVE SOME
6 OPENING REMARKS ON THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOB RUSSI FROM
7 THE CITY OF LA VERNE, AND BOB MORAN FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE,
8 FOR LEADING THIS ISSUE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MAYOR DON
9 KENDRICK OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, MIGUEL SANTANA FROM THE
10 FAIRPLEX, AND PRESIDENT DEBORAH LIEBERMAN FROM THE UNIVERSITY
11 OF LA VERNE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. WHEN GOVERNOR BROWN DID AWAY
12 WITH REDEVELOPMENT, MANY CITIES WERE LEFT SCRAMBLING TO FIGURE
13 OUT HOW TO BUILD THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO DRIVE
14 REINVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THANKFULLY, THE STATE
15 PROVIDED A NEW TOOL, THE ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
16 DISTRICT, THAT DOES NOT IMPOSE NEW TAXES, BUT INSTEAD RELIES
17 ON TAX INCREMENT FROM WILLING TAX AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS.
18 FOR EXAMPLE, IN AN E.I.F.D., THE COUNTY WILL CONTRIBUTE 20
19 CENTS TO MATCH THE CITY'S 20-CENT CONTRIBUTION, WHICH WILL CUT
20 IN HALF THE TIME REQUIRED TO FINANCE AND CONSTRUCT VITAL
21 CONSTRUCTION NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL
22 EXTENSION. THE E.I.F.D. NOT ONLY INCREASES TAX INCREMENT, BUT
23 ENCOURAGES THE COUNTY AND THE CITY TO FIND COMMON PUBLIC
24 INVESTMENT NEEDS, INDUCES PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND LEVERAGES
25 OTHER MONIES, SUCH AS MEASURE R AND MEASURE M. THE CITY OF LA

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1 VERNE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST TO DO THIS, IS GOING... THE
2 E.I.F.D. PROVIDES US WITH ANOTHER AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT 1700
3 MUCH-NEEDED MARKET-RATE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE
4 REGION. ADDITIONALLY, IT'S GOING TO CREATE 100,000-PLUS SQUARE
5 FEET OF RETAIL, 150,000 SQUARE FEET OF FOOT BUSINESS PARK, AND
6 A 150-BED HOTEL THAT WILL PRODUCE NEW LOCAL TAX REVENUE, AS
7 WELL AS 600 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS. E.I.F.D.S HELP BRING
8 PARTNERS TOGETHER TO IMPROVE PROJECTS, AND STRETCH THE VALUE
9 OF EACH DOLLAR. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD FOR THE
10 COUNTY. I REALLY AM HONORED TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO REPRESENT
11 LA VERNE. YOU ALL HAVE BEEN LEADERS ON THIS, AND I KNOW THERE
12 ARE OTHER CITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT ARE MOVING
13 FORWARD, AS WELL, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TO COME BEFORE THE
14 BOARD. AND SO WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CITY MANAGER
15 OR THE MAYOR, WHICHEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST, TO-- OKAY, WHY
16 DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR COMMENTS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR BARGER. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE
19 TIME AND CONSIDERATION FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS HAS
20 BEEN A LENGTHY EFFORT THAT WE HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH THE
21 COUNTY, AND THE SUPPORT THAT WE'VE HAD FROM C.E.O. STAFF, AS
22 WELL AS YOUR STAFF, HAS HELPED TO BRING IT TO THIS POINT. THE
23 CITY OF LA VERNE HAS REALLY WORKED ON THIS COLLABORATIVE
24 EFFORT WITH TWO SIGNIFICANT PARTNERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THOSE
25 INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE AND FAIRPLEX. WE HAVE

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1 SHARED IN A COMMON VISION OF WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OCCUR,
2 AS FAR AS THE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED AROUND THE GOLD LINE
3 STATION. THE GOLD LINE WAS THE IMPETUS FOR THIS. THE
4 ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT THAT WE HOPE TO SEE, AS WELL AS THE
5 INFRASTRUCTURE, FALL IN LINE WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE LINE
6 THAT WE ALL KNOW WILL COME TO LA VERNE BY 2025, AND WE HOPE TO
7 BE ABLE TO TAKE THE MOST ADVANTAGE OF THAT AS WE CAN. WHAT WE
8 SHOW HERE IS KIND OF THE AREAS. WE WERE VERY SPECIFIC IN ONLY
9 TRYING TO IDENTIFY THOSE PARCELS OF THE E.I.F.D. THAT WOULD
10 RECEIVE BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECTS THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE
11 TAKING ON. YOU WILL SEE THE GOLD LINE STATION IS HERE IN
12 YELLOW. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WORKS, BUT YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE
13 STATION IS LOCATED, AND ALL THE THINGS AROUND IT, THE PARCELS
14 AROUND IT, TO MAXIMIZE THE PROJECTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT
15 OPPORTUNITIES. WHAT WE SEE IS AN OPPORTUNITY HERE, THE PICTURE
16 TO THE NORTH, OR TO THE TOP OF THE SCREEN, IS WHAT EXISTS
17 THERE TODAY ALONG ARROW HIGHWAY, AND WHAT WE SEE BELOW IS THE
18 VISION OF WHAT WE HOPE TO SEE OCCUR THROUGH THE SHARED VISION
19 THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE
20 THERE. YOU SPOKE A LOT OF THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD COME, THE
21 SPECIFIC THINGS THAT WERE POINTED OUT THERE. ONE OF THE
22 THINGS, I THINK, IS WORTH NOTING IN THIS SLIDE IS WE LOOKED AT
23 THE STATION, WHERE IT WOULD BE LOCATED, AND CONSIDERED THE
24 COMMUNITY ASSETS THAT WERE ALREADY EXISTING: OUR OLD TOWN,
25 HISTORICAL TOWN, THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, FAIRPLEX

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1 PROPERTY, AS WELL AS THEN SANDWICHED IN BETWEEN THIS
2 DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY. AND PROBABLY NOT-WELL-KNOWN FACT IS
3 THAT THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE FAIRPLEX DOES RESIDE IN THE
4 CITY OF LA VERNE BOUNDARIES. THE MAJORITY OF IT IS WITHIN
5 POMONA, BUT THE AREA THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS OPPORTUNITY
6 FOR DEVELOPMENT DOES FALL WITHIN THE CITY OF LA VERNE, AND WE
7 ARE VERY PROUD TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE THAT AS ONE OF THE
8 CATALYST PROJECTS THAT WE WOULD SEE HERE. THESE GO INTO THE
9 STATISTICS. I THINK ONE THING THAT I WOULD ADD TO THE COMMENTS
10 THAT WERE MADE IS THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS THAT WE HOPE
11 TO INCLUDE AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WOULD
12 OCCUR WITH OVER 250 UNITS BEING AVAILABLE IN THAT REGARD, AS
13 WELL AS THE JOBS THAT WE HOPE TO STIMULATE THROUGH THIS. THIS
14 WOULD FACILITATE, ALSO, A DEVELOPMENT OF THAT COUNTY ASSET IN
15 FAIRPLEX. THE AREA IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT OVER 14 PUBLIC
16 PROJECTS OF \$33 MILLION IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES. THE MOST
17 SIGNIFICANT OF THOSE IS A BRIDGE, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, THAT
18 WOULD LINK THE GOLD LINE STATION AND FAIRPLEX, GIVING THE
19 OPPORTUNITY FOR RIDERS TO MAKE EASY PASSAGE ON TO FAIRPLEX
20 PROPERTY AND ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE; NOT JUST
21 THE COUNTY FAIR, BUT THINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE FISCAL
22 SIDE OF IT IS VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE CITY IS ALREADY
23 PARTICIPATING WITH 100 PERCENT OF ITS TAX INCREMENT. THE
24 REQUEST, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD POLICY, IS FOR THE
25 COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE 50 PERCENT OF THEIR TAX INCREMENT INTO

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1 THAT AREA, ROUGHLY 15 CENTS. THOSE, TOO, WILL HELP TO SUPPORT
2 THE PROJECTS THAT ARE ANTICIPATED. ONE THING THAT I WOULD ALSO
3 LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IS IN THE COUNTY STAFF'S FISCAL LOOK AT
4 THIS, THERE WAS A LONG-TERM FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY OF
5 AN ADDITIONAL \$37 MILLION COMING IN FOR THE COUNTY GENERAL
6 FUND SERVICES, EVEN AFTER THE SUPPORT OF THE E.I.F. D. I KNOW
7 I HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE LA VERNE TEAM HERE THAT WOULD
8 LIKE TO SHARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT, BUT HAPPY TO
9 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MIGHT HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 WANTS TO SAY A WORD. BUT, MAYOR, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY
13 SOMETHING, WE'D WELCOME YOUR COMMENT.

14

15 **DON KENDRICK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR ALLOWING US TO
16 BE HERE TODAY, AND FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO WANT TO PARTICIPATE
17 IN THIS PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU
18 TO CORPORAL NIELSEN FOR ALLOWING US VETERANS TO SALUTE THE
19 FLAG AT THE TIME THAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS GOING ON.
20 WITH ME IS MAYOR PRO TEM CHARLIE ROSALES, WHO WAS AN INFANTRY
21 VETERAN FOR VIETNAM. SO THANK YOU, CHARLIE, FOR BEING HERE
22 WITH ME. I GOT OFF A LITTLE EASIER. I GOT TO SERVE ON A
23 NUCLEAR SUBMARINE, BUT NOBODY WAS SHOOTING AT ME. SO IT WAS
24 ENJOYABLE TO HAVE THAT AT THE FIRST PART OF THIS MEETING. LAST
25 CHRISTMAS, OUR KIDS RECEIVED LOTS AND LOTS OF TOYS. I'M NOT SO

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1 SURE THEY ALL RECEIVED A LITTLE BOOK THAT I THINK THEY SHOULD
2 HAVE, AND A BOOK I RECEIVED WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY, AND IT
3 WAS ENTITLED "THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD." AND LA VERNE IS
4 THAT LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD, BECAUSE WE COULD, AND WE CAN,
5 AND WE DID GO THROUGH THIS EFFORT TO BRING AN E.I.F.D. TO NOT
6 ONLY THE CITY, BUT TO THE COUNTY. LA VERNE IS, AS YOU KNOW,
7 PRETTY SMALL. IT IS ON THE EASTERN PART OF THIS COUNTY. A LOT
8 OF YOU MAY NOT EVEN KNOW WHERE IT'S AT. SO WE DEPEND ON
9 PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE AREAS THAT WE WANT TO BE EXPERTS IN.
10 SO, FIVE YEARS AGO, WE HAD THIS AMAZING PLAN, AND YOU SAW SOME
11 DRAWINGS OF IT. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY. BUT WE DID WHAT WE
12 HAVE ALWAYS DONE, IS WE LOOKED FOR PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE COULD
13 CREATE A FINISHED PRODUCT WITH, AND WITH THAT IS TWO PEOPLE
14 THAT ARE HERE TODAY, AND THAT'S FAIRPLEX AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
15 LA VERNE. WE STARTED MEETING FIVE YEARS AGO. THE E.I.F.D. CAME
16 TO US, AND TODAY WE'RE SITTING HERE WITH AN APPROVED PROJECT
17 IN OUR CITY, WITH THE HOPE OF PLANNING IT WITH THE COUNTY. WE
18 GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT THAT THE COUNTY STAFF HAS
19 GIVEN US: COUNTLESS HOURS AND TRIPS IN AND TO LA VERNE FOR ALL
20 OF THE THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DECIDED UPON TO MAKE A GOOD
21 AND COMPLETE PROJECT. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE,
22 THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
23 FOR ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS. WE GREATLY
24 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. AND I KNOW
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS-- I THINK THAT'S ALL THAT SIGNED UP. I KNOW
3 MIGUEL SANTANA IS HERE, REPRESENTING THE FAIRPLEX. AND I HAVE
4 TO SAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT IS IN YOUR DISTRICT,
5 PREDOMINANTLY, BUT THIS IS A PROJECT THAT TRULY IS ABOUT TWO
6 DISTRICTS WORKING TOGETHER. IT IS GOING TO BENEFIT. IT IS JUST
7 ONE MORE THING YOU'RE DOING, MIGUEL, TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE
8 OF GOING TO THE FAIR AND GIVING ACCESS TO THE RESIDENTS
9 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 PARTNERSHIP. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY
11 SOMETHING?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO APPLAUD
14 YOU, AND ALSO THE CITY OF LA VERNE AND FAIRPLEX AND ALL THE
15 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. I THINK THIS IS A VERY AMBITIOUS PROGRAM,
16 AND YOU ARE ACTUALLY PUTTING, I THINK, A STRONG LIGHT ON THE
17 FACT THAT THERE ARE OTHER POTENTIAL WAYS OF RAISING REVENUE
18 AND CREATING DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
19 IN AREAS THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT HAVE THIS ABILITY. SO THIS
20 IS A UNIQUE TOOL, AND I COMMEND YOU ALL FOR WORKING ON THIS,
21 AND HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE. AND IT DOES IMPACT OUR
22 DISTRICT. SO POMONA FAIRPLEX IS OBVIOUSLY POMONA FAIRPLEX, SO
23 WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE MANY OPPORTUNITIES,
24 ESPECIALLY WITH METRO AND THE GOLD LINE, AND THE FACT THAT WE
25 ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING A STATION AT THE POMONA FAIRPLEX THAT

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1 WILL HELP US BRIDGE THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK, PEOPLE THAT
2 WILL TRAVEL, STUDENTS, AND WHAT HAVE YOU. SO I THINK IT IS AN
3 EXCITING PROGRAM FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD ON, AND WE LOOK
4 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THE REVENUE THAT IT WILL BRING
5 IN, I UNDERSTAND, WILL RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED \$37.6 MILLION IN
6 PROPERTY TAXES, IN ADDITION TO BRINGING IN ABOUT 600 JOBS THAT
7 WILL BE GOOD-PAYING JOBS. THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
8 SAY IS THAT FOR HOUSING, THE E.I.F.D. WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 15
9 PERCENT OF THE NEW RENTAL UNITS, AND 15 PERCENT FOR OWNERSHIP
10 FOR LOW-INCOME TO MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH IS A
11 BASELINE. I WOULD JUST WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT WE PASSED
12 A POLICY HERE THAT OUTLINES A REQUIREMENT TO HAVE AT LEAST A
13 MINIMUM OF 20 PERCENT OF RENTAL HOUSING UNITS TO BE DEDICATED
14 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTAL UNITS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO
15 LOOK AT THAT. I REALIZE THAT THIS IS WHAT YOUR GOAL IS, 15
16 PERCENT, BUT IF WE CAN ALWAYS EXCEED IT, OBVIOUSLY THAT WOULD
17 BE WONDERFUL, AND WOULD BE A RELIEF TO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS
18 BEYOND JUST THE FIRST AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SO, AGAIN, I
19 WANT TO COMMEND YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, OUR CHAIRWOMAN, AS
20 WELL AS OUR COLLABORATORS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE
21 SUCCESSES OF THIS NEW EFFORT TO BRING REVENUE INTO AN AREA
22 THAT IS IN DIRE NEED OF THIS SUPPORT. AND I, TOO, HOPE THAT
23 THE MAP THAT YOU HAD OUTLINED WITH THE GOLD LINE EXTENSION
24 DOES CONTINUE ON, BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES,
25 ECONOMIC CHALLENGES, AND WE WANT TO SEE IT GO ALL THE WAY

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1 THROUGH TO CLAREMONT AND MONTCLAIR, AND HOPEFULLY ONE DAY TO
2 ONTARIO AIRPORT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON ALL OF
3 THOSE ITEMS, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I ECHO THE DESIRE TO HAVE IT GO
6 ALL THE WAY TO CLAREMONT, SO WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON THAT.
7 GO AHEAD, BOB. WERE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I HAD NO OTHER COMMENTS, AND JUST TO COMPLICATE BOB
10 MORAN, WHO REALLY HELPED TO NAVIGATE THIS THROUGH. SO THANK
11 YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I WANT TO THANK
14 YOU, SACHI AND BOB, FOR WORKING ON THIS, AND I ALSO WANT TO
15 ACKNOWLEDGE FELICIA WILLIAMS AND LARRY COSMONT, WHO I KNOW HAD
16 BEEN WORKING ON THIS, AS WELL. NO ONE ELSE HAS SIGNED UP TO
17 SPEAK ON THIS?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER MEMBERS.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO I WILL MOVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED
22 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE
23 ORDER. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE
24 ON TO ITEM A-4 AND ITEM 8. SUPERVISOR HAHN, OR SUPERVISOR-- I

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1 DON'T KNOW WHERE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS. OKAY. WHY DON'T
2 YOU START WITH ITEM 8, THEN?

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY APPRECIATE
5 THAT. AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE WORKED WITH ME
6 THIS MORNING TO HAVE THIS ITEM COME UP NOW. COLLEAGUES, THIS
7 MOTION IS REGARDING A COUNTY PIECE OF PROPERTY. IT'S AN OLD
8 PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY THAT IS NOW VACANT, AND IT IS ON 8TH
9 STREET AND BEACON, RIGHT IN DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO, THAT REALLY,
10 UNTIL LAST YEAR, WAS USED BY OUR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT FOR SOME OFFICE SPACE. BUT IT'S VACANT NOW, AND
12 UNFORTUNATELY HAPPENS TO BE SURROUNDED BY A GROWING HOMELESS
13 ENCAMPMENT. AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY
14 COUNCILMEMBER IN THE AREA, JOB BUSCAINO, TO LONG-TERM BUILD
15 HOUSING ON THIS SITE. WE'RE GOING TO COMBINE SOME CITY
16 PROPERTY WITH SOME COUNTY PROPERTY AND DO A JOINT HOUSING
17 PROJECT. BUT THAT WILL TAKE SOME TIME. AND I THOUGHT, IN THE
18 MEANTIME, WE SHOULD USE THIS VACANT BUILDING FOR THREE YEARS
19 AS A TEMPORARY SHELTER, SO WE CAN BEGIN MOVING THOSE PEOPLE
20 WHO ARE IN THE ENCAMPMENT RIGHT NEXT TO THIS BUILDING INSIDE.
21 AND I KNOW I DON'T HAVE TO TELL THE REST OF YOU THAT WE ARE IN
22 A CRISIS, AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY LOOKS AT OUR VACANT COUNTY
23 PROPERTY AND WONDERS WHY WE'RE NOT USING IT AS QUICKLY AS
24 POSSIBLE TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE, TO KEEP PEOPLE OFF THE
25 STREETS, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION WOULD DO. IT WOULD

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1 ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER AT THIS SITE FOR THREE
2 YEARS TO HELP ADDRESS THIS LOCAL ENCAMPMENT ISSUE. THIS MOTION
3 WILL AWARD THE CONTRACT TO LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER HARBOR
4 INTERFAITH, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SERVING AS
5 THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR. IT WILL HAVE 40 BEDS, 24/7
6 SECURITY, WRAPAROUND SERVICES, WILL PROVIDE THREE MEALS A DAY,
7 AND SNACKS TO THE RESIDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO COME INSIDE. THE
8 SHELTER WILL HAVE ONSITE SERVICES LIKE CASE MANAGEMENT AND
9 MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO HELP MANY OF THESE HOMELESS NEIGHBORS
10 STABILIZE THEIR LIVES. THERE WILL ALSO BE HOUSING NAVIGATORS
11 ONSITE, WHO WILL WORK WITH EACH RESIDENT TO GET THEM CONNECTED
12 TO LONG-TERM HOUSING THAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS, SO THEY CAN STAY
13 OFF THE STREETS FOR GOOD. AND YOU CAN SEE UP ON THE VIDEO
14 SCREEN, THAT'S THE BUILDING, AND THERE, OF COURSE, IS THE
15 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT. THEY ARE SLEEPING RIGHT UP NEXT TO THE
16 BUILDING, AND IT JUST SEEMED TO MAKE SENSE TO OPEN THAT UP
17 AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BRING THEM INSIDE. THIS MOTION ALSO
18 DIRECTS OUR SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM,
19 H.O.S.T., TO, IF THEY CAN, WORK WITH L.A.P.D. TO CONDUCT
20 OUTREACH EFFORTS IN ENCAMPMENTS AROUND THE SHELTER. THE
21 BUILDING IS IN GOOD CONDITION. IT IS A REALLY LARGE BUILDING,
22 AND IT SURPRISINGLY NEEDS LITTLE WORK TO GET IT READY FOR
23 PEOPLE TO MOVE IN. THIS MOTION WILL ALSO AUTHORIZE OUR
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMPLETE ANY NECESSARY REPAIRS,
25 REMODELS, REFURBISHMENT. IT IS A SMALL, 40-BED PROJECT, BUT I

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1 THINK IT IS SIGNIFICANT, AND I THINK IT SENDS THE RIGHT
2 MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC, THAT YES, WE ARE LOOKING AT EVERY
3 AVAILABLE COUNTY ASSET THAT WE CAN DURING THIS CRISIS TO SEE
4 WHAT WE CAN DO TO AFFECT THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTY.
5 THERE WILL BE A CITY OF LOS ANGELES BRIDGE HOME SITE OPENING
6 UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, ALSO IN SAN PEDRO. IT WILL BE A
7 100-BED UNIT THAT COUNCILMAN BUSCAINO HAS BEEN CHAMPIONING,
8 AND THIS WILL JUST COMPLEMENT THAT. ALTHOUGH HONESTLY, LAST
9 COUNT, WE HAD OVER 600 PEOPLE JUST HOMELESS IN SAN PEDRO, SO
10 EVEN 100 PLUS THIS 41 DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO OFFERING THE
11 NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. BUT
12 I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE COME DOWN TODAY TO TESTIFY. AND
13 AGAIN, THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR LETTING THIS ITEM COME
14 UP, BECAUSE A LOT OF THEM TRAVELED ALL THE WAY FROM SAN PEDRO
15 TO BE HERE. IF THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED TODAY, COLLEAGUES,
16 HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET THIS WORK DONE QUICKLY SO WE CAN START
17 MOVING PEOPLE INSIDE, AND REALLY HELP THEM MOVE ON TO
18 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME HEAR
19 THIS, AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
20 SPEAK, AS WELL AS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS?

24

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1 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD.
3 I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: WE MUST COUNTER WHAT
4 CAN BE DEFINED AS A CRISIS WITH PURPOSE, WITH INGENUITY, AND
5 BE PUNCTUATED WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. I WILL SAY MORE ABOUT
6 THE OVERALL STATE OF AFFAIRS AND THE MOTION THAT I WILL SUBMIT
7 FOR CONSIDERATION, BUT THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT WE HAVE
8 BEEN DESCRIBING AS A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY.
9 THE MOTION BEFORE US, ITEM NUMBER 8, TAKES THIS CRISIS
10 SERIOUSLY. IT LEVERAGES OUR ASSETS IN A WAY THAT IS PRECISELY
11 WHAT WE NEED TO DO. SO, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT
12 IS A GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF HOW WE CAN AND SHOULD SUPPORT EACH
13 OTHER. THIS IS RIGHT ON TIME, VERY IMPORTANT, AND WE SHOULD
14 KEEP MOVING FORWARD. I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS,
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I'M PREPARED TO VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT TO, MADAM CHAIR, CONGRATULATE
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH ITEM TO
21 GET SUPPORT FOR. THERE ARE MANY FOLKS EVEN FROM THE
22 SURROUNDING AREA IN HER DISTRICT THAT WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT
23 WITH PUTTING UP THIS EMERGENCY SHELTER, AND I THINK SOME OF US
24 HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS ALREADY, INCLUDING IN MY OWN DISTRICT,
25 IN BASSETT PARK, WHICH WE OPENED EARLIER IN DECEMBER, WHICH IS

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1 NOW A 24-HOUR FACILITY. SO I KNOW THIS ISN'T A SILVER BULLET
2 FOR EVERYTHING, BUT I DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE.
3 AND I AGREE THAT IF WE CAN FIND LOCATIONS LIKE THIS, WHERE WE
4 HAVE BUILDINGS THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO, AND IF WE CAN ACQUIRE
5 THEM, THEN MORE KUDOS. BUT PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC, HAVE TO KNOW
6 THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY WORKING REALLY HARD TO IDENTIFY PLACES
7 AND REALLY MAKE THE MOST OUT OF A SITUATION THAT IS VERY DIRE
8 FOR SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DO LIVE IN THE STREETS. SO I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU, AND I'M GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE PARTNERING IN
10 OUR DISTRICT, TOO, WITH THE CITY OF L.A., TO DO THE SAME THING
11 ON A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WE OWN AT A D.P.S.S. FACILITY THAT
12 WE ARE GOING TO BE CHANGING EVENTUALLY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE
13 ABLE TO PUT ABOUT 100 BEDS UP THERE FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE
14 HOMELESS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF L.A. SO THAT IS
15 GOING TO BE OUT AT ADAMS AND GRAND, IN THE HEART OF HOMELESS
16 TERRITORY, SO WE KNOW THAT IT IS GOING TO BE BENEFICIAL. SO,
17 MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN AND HER
18 GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP AND SPEAK TO US
19 ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I
22 ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THIS. TWO YEARS AGO, WE ACTUALLY
23 REPURPOSED HIGH DESERT M.A.C., UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND
24 PUT IN 100 BEDS. AND AT THE TIME, PEOPLE WERE LIKE, "WELL,
25 IT'S ONLY 100 BEDS." BUT IF WE TAKE THAT ATTITUDE, WE'LL NEVER

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1 GET IT DONE. IT BEGINS BY HITTING 100, AND THEN 100 HERE, 100
2 THERE, BUT IT ALSO TAKES A POLITICAL WILL. AND SO I COMMEND
3 YOU FOR THE ACTION YOU ARE TAKING TODAY. I THINK THIS SPEAKS
4 VOLUMES TO THE FACT THAT THIS COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO LOOKING
5 AT PROPERTY THAT WE OWN. AND I KNOW THE STATE HAS STEPPED UP
6 AND SAID THAT THEY WILL, AND I KNOW THE FEDS ARE NOW
7 CONSIDERING DOING THE SAME. BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. HAVING
8 LAND IS ONLY ONE PIECE TO THIS PUZZLE. IT IS HAVING COMMUNITY
9 SUPPORT, WHICH YOU ARE NOT ALWAYS GOING TO GET. BUT WHAT I
10 TELL MY CONSTITUENTS IS, THEY ARE ALREADY IN THE COMMUNITY, AS
11 YOU SEE IN THIS CLIP, AND IF LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICE, THEY
12 ARE NOT GOOD NEIGHBORS. BUT IF PROVIDED WITH SUPPORTIVE
13 SERVICES AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES THAT WILL WORK TO GET THEM
14 OFF THE STREET, THEY ARE BETTER NEIGHBORS. AND THIS BOARD HAS
15 A COMMITMENT TO BUILD UPON NOT ONLY AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, BUT
16 ALSO INTERIM HOUSING AND PERMANENT HOUSING. AND RIGHT NOW IN
17 THE PIPELINE, WE HAVE 9,960 UNITS OF PERMANENT HOUSING THAT
18 ARE MOVING FORWARD. SO WE ARE MAKING STRIDES IN THE DIRECTION
19 OF ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS POPULATION ON THE STREET. THIS IS A
20 HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE HAVE A LOT MORE
21 WORK TO DO. I'M EAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE URGENT HOUSING
22 INITIATIVE THAT WE'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT IN EARLY FEBRUARY. AND
23 OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE WILL WORK TO FIND THE RIGHT
24 INDIVIDUAL TO FILL AS A HOUSING EXPERT ROLL, OUTLINED IN THE
25 MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT IN LAST MONTH. THESE, ALONG WITH THIS

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1 STEP TODAY AND THIS ACTION TODAY, ARE MOVING US IN A DIRECTION
2 THAT I HOPE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL RECOGNIZE
3 IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND IS TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE. SO
4 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I PRAISE SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN, AS WELL. I THINK EACH OF US IN OUR DISTRICT ARE LOOKING
8 AT WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THIS KIND OF BRIDGE HOUSING. AND BRIDGE
9 HOUSING IS DIFFERENT FROM SHELTER, AS WE KNOW, BECAUSE, AS THE
10 CHAIR JUST INDICATED, IT INCLUDES LONGER HOURS DURING THE DAY,
11 IF NOT THE ENTIRE DAY; SERVICES PROVIDED BECAUSE THE IDEA IS
12 TO HELP PEOPLE TO GET INTO HOUSING. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS
13 THAT I WANT US TO PAY ATTENTION TO IS THAT MANY OF THESE
14 BRIDGE HOUSING PROJECTS ARE ACTUALLY TEMPORARY. WE HAVE
15 ALREADY COMMITTED TO BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON SOME OF
16 THESE PROPERTIES, AND SO IT REALLY BEHOOVES US TO THINK ABOUT
17 CONTINUING TO FIND BOTH KINDS OF THINGS. WE CONVERT THESE TO
18 PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT'S GOOD, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GETTING
19 PEOPLE OUT AS QUICKLY AS WE'D LIKE TO, BECAUSE THERE IS JUST
20 NOT ENOUGH HOUSING. AND THE MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT IN
21 NOVEMBER TO IDENTIFY WAYS THAT WE CAN DO MORE AND MORE AND
22 MORE ABOUT HOUSING, I THINK THESE THINGS ARE ALL HAND-IN-
23 GLOVE. SO I CERTAINLY THINK, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T PAT OURSELVES
24 ON THE BACK, BECAUSE WE'RE NEVER GETTING THERE, YOU KNOW. IT
25 IS KIND OF LIKE EVERY STEP IS GOOD, BUT THERE'S STILL-- THE

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1 END OF THE TUNNEL IS STILL AHEAD. BUT THIS IS GREAT. AND IT IS
2 A SHAME, IN A WAY, THAT IT TAKES SO MUCH WORK TO SITE EACH
3 PLACE. I TRY TO BE PATIENT WITH MY CONSTITUENTS AND EXPLAIN TO
4 THEM, WE'VE ACTUALLY STARTED INTRODUCING THEM TO THE ACTUAL
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE THERE, SO THAT IT IS KIND OF LIKE,
6 NO, THEY LOOK JUST LIKE YOU, THEY SOUND JUST LIKE YOU, AND
7 THEY ARE JUST A LITTLE LESS FORTUNATE THAN YOU. BUT I THINK
8 EVERYTHING WE CAN DO WILL HELP IN THE LONG RUN, SO THANK YOU
9 FOR DOING THIS.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTS TO TALK, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING.
13 WE ARE NOT PATTING OURSELVES ON THE BACK HERE. I THINK ONE OF
14 THE LESSONS I LEARNED IS WHEN I GO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND
15 THEY EXPLAIN WHAT WE ARE DOING, PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA. AND SO I
16 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK WE'RE
17 DOING, AND RECOGNIZE THAT WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO. I
18 JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I HEAR FROM
19 PEOPLE IS, WHEN I TELL THEM THE ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING, THEY
20 HAVE NO IDEA. AND SO THIS BOARD IS GOING TO DO A BETTER JOB OF
21 PROJECTING TO THE COMMUNITY THE ACTIONS TAKEN, SO THEY
22 UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT SITTING BACK AND WAITING, BUT IN
23 FACT WE ARE TAKING ACTION MOVING FORWARD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AT
2 THE REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND COUNSEL, THIS BEING AN
3 "A" ITEM, JUST SIMPLY WANT TO, AGAIN, REINFORCE THAT WHICH WE
4 WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NEXT WEEK:
5 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY IN
6 LOS ANGELES. THE GOVERNOR HAS PAID US A HIGH, HIGH TRIBUTE. HE
7 CONVENED THE STATEWIDE TASK FORCE. HE SAID THREE THINGS HAVE
8 TO BE ADDRESSED: ONE, ARRESTING STREET HOMELESSNESS WITH
9 IMMEDIACY, PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF. AND IN THAT REGARD,
10 HE SAID, NUMBER TWO, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HAVE TO BE
11 DEEPENED. AND NUMBER THREE, WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO BUILD
12 MORE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: MORE ROOFS, MORE DOORS. PEOPLE
13 NEED TO BE PROPERLY SHELTERED. AND HE THEN SAID THAT WE LIKE
14 WHAT LOS ANGELES IS DOING: HOUSING FOR HEALTH, DIVERSION, AND
15 THE LIKE. SO YOU WILL SEE IN HIS ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES THOSE
16 SPECIFIC THINGS. HE UNDERSCORES URGENCY WITH A VERY, VERY FINE
17 POINT. AND SO I THANKED THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY ON BEHALF OF
18 THE ENTIRE BOARD. AND HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE
19 COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
20 IS HIS PRIORITY, IN NO SMALL MEASURE. THAT STRATEGY HAS A
21 COMPENDIUM OF SOME 40 LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY
22 RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF OUR COLLECTIVE
23 EFFORTS. AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY IS THE EPICENTER
24 OF THE STATE'S HOMELESS CRISIS, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT
25 ATTENTION BE PAID TO WHAT WE ARE DOING AND HOW WE ARE DOING

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1 IT. IT IS NEW, IT IS FRESH, IT IS INNOVATIVE, IT IS
2 SUBSTANTIAL. NOW IT IS TIME TO RATCHET THINGS UP.
3 "ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK" IS WHAT YOU WILL HEAR MORE TALK
4 ABOUT: OBLIGATIONS AND ENFORCEABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE SURE
5 THIS WORK IS DONE, AND DONE WELL. AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
6 WE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S REPORT. I'M GOING
7 TO ASK THAT WE CONTEMPLATE ESTABLISHING THAT ACCOUNTABILITY
8 FRAMEWORK FOR OURSELVES, AND MOVE FORWARD. AND THEN WE
9 PRIORITIZE A STRATEGY, AND LOOK AT THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, AND
10 ASSESS THE FUNDING OPTIONS, INCLUDING GENERAL RELIEF IN MENTAL
11 HEALTH SERVICES ACT DOLLARS, AND TO ENGAGE IN THE ISSUE OF THE
12 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY THAT'S NECESSARY. AND ALL OF THIS COMES
13 NEXT WEEK. AGAIN, I PUT THIS ON THE RECORD NOW, AT THE REQUEST
14 OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND SO THAT WE'RE CLEAR. MADAM CHAIR,
15 I RETURN THE MIC BACK TO YOU, AND WE CAN PROCEED AS YOU DEEM
16 APPROPRIATE.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS. JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THIS IS ITEM 8 AND A-4
20 COMBINED, BOTH PERTAINING TO HOMELESSNESS. THE MOTION
21 INTRODUCED TODAY BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN WILL BE
22 BROUGHT UP NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSION, INTRODUCED TODAY. AND
23 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOME
24 REMARKS; AND THEN, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD CALL
25 UP THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. I JUST WANT TO SAY-- AND YEAH, JUST TO
3 CLARIFY, WE ARE BRINGING THIS MOTION, BUT IT'S FOR DISCUSSION
4 NEXT WEEK, BUT I THINK IT IS SO APPROPRIATE. AND ACTUALLY
5 GOING THROUGH WHAT I DID, TRYING TO OPEN THIS TEMPORARY
6 SHELTER IN SAN PEDRO, YOUR MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE
7 HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY IS SO PERFECT. BECAUSE,
8 HONESTLY, SOME OF MY BATTLES WERE WITHIN THE COUNTY ON
9 ACTUALLY WHAT OUR RESPONSE EMERGENCY STRATEGY REALLY IS. SO,
10 PERFECT. THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING
11 ABOUT THAT MORE NEXT WEEK. I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY-- ONE OF
12 THE THINGS I DID LEARN ABOUT GOING THROUGH THIS IS, YEAH,
13 THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME OPPOSITION, BUT I GOT SOME AMAZING
14 SUPPORT, AND I KNOW SOME OF THEM ARE HERE TODAY. BUT I WILL
15 TELL YOU, THE SAN PEDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REALLY HELPED
16 SHEPHERD THIS THROUGH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, BECAUSE
17 SOMETIMES THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TENDS TO BE A LITTLE
18 CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IS ON BRINGING
19 SHELTERS AND SERVICES INTO A COMMUNITY. SO I JUST REALLY
20 WANTED TO THANK THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS WELL AS THE
21 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHO SAW HOW IMPORTANT THIS WAS, AND
22 REALLY GAVE ME THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT I NEEDED. SO
23 I REALLY WANTED TO THANK THEM. AND I KNOW SOME OF THEM ARE
24 HERE TODAY. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, IF YOU COULD CALL UP THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
3 SPEAK?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
6 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
7 NAME: [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
8 ASSIST YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME. WELL, LET'S
11 TURN ON YOUR-- OKAY, IT'S ON. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **ELISE SWANSON:** OKAY. SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS ELISE
15 SWANSON, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SAN PEDRO CHAMBER OF
16 COMMERCE. I AM HERE TODAY REPRESENTING MORE THAN 400 CHAMBER
17 MEMBERS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YESTERDAY OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
18 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION.
19 SUPERVISOR, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
20 ISSUE. I WANT TO ECHO WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID. THE
21 CHAMBER RECEIVES CALLS EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND I RECEIVE E-MAILS
22 REGARDING THIS ENCAMPMENT AT 8TH AND BEACON. IT IS CRITICAL
23 THAT THESE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED TO THIS LOCATION. WE, AS A
24 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THE CONDITIONS IN
25 THIS ENCAMPMENT. TWO YEARS AGO, WE ESTABLISHED A QUALITY-OF-

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1 LIFE COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH OUR BUSINESSES ON ADDRESSING THESE
2 DIFFICULT ISSUES. BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS-- AND THE
3 SUPERVISOR MENTIONED IT TODAY, AND WE APPRECIATE WORK WITH HER
4 STAFF-- WE ASK FOR A COMMITMENT OF COUNTY RESOURCES FOR
5 SANITATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, COORDINATION BETWEEN L.A.
6 COUNTY SHERIFFS AND L.A.P.D. ON ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCEMENT OF
7 APPLICABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS AND RULES IN THE AREA, A
8 THREE-YEAR LIMIT ON THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE BUILDING AS A
9 SHELTER, AND OF COURSE A FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
10 LIVING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE ENCAMPMENT. SUPERVISOR,
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU. WE
12 APPRECIATE THIS SHELTER, AND OUR MEMBERS STAND READY TO ASSIST
13 YOU, BECAUSE WE KNOW GOVERNMENT CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. SO WE'RE
14 GOING TO BRING THE FULL POWER OF OUR MEMBERSHIP TO PARTNER
15 WITH YOUR OFFICE ON THIS SHELTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **TIM MCOSKER:** MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
20 FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. TIM MCOSKER, A RESIDENT OF SAN
21 PEDRO, ALSO A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH. WE ARE VERY, VERY
22 HONORED TO BE HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER OF
23 COMMERCE. IN ONE PART OF MY LIFE, I CHAIR THAT QUALITY-OF-LIFE
24 COMMITTEE THAT OUR LEADER, ELISE SWANSON, JUST DESCRIBED. IT
25 IS A GROUP OF FOLKS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHO COME

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1 TOGETHER ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ADDRESS THESE HOMELESSNESS
2 ISSUES, AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF MANY ALTERNATIVES,
3 AND WE ARE EXTRAORDINARILY SUPPORTIVE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
4 AND WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING UP THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. BUT WE
5 ARE REALLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF JANICE HAHN.
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN CAME TO OUR COMMITTEE, CAME TO OUR LITTLE OLD
7 COMMITTEE, TO TALK ABOUT THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY WHICH IS
8 VACANT, AND TO PROPOSE THAT A VACANT PIECE OF PROPERTY BE
9 REOPENED AND REENERGIZED AS A PLACE WHERE HOMELESS FOLKS ARE
10 ALREADY RESIDING AROUND, AS YOU SAW IN THE VIDEO. WE ALSO
11 REALLY ARE FORTUNATE IN SAN PEDRO TO HAVE THE LEADERSHIP OF
12 JOE BUSCAINO, WHO, WORKING WITH JANICE HAHN, IS ADDRESSING
13 THIS ISSUE JUST UP THE STREET WITH A BRIDGE HOME. SO WE HAVE,
14 IN AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF THIS CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS,
15 WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HERE WITH EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP AT
16 THE BOARD LEVEL, EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP IN CITY HALL, AND WE IN
17 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY STAND READY TO ASSIST. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE
22 CLAVREUL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN TO TAKE THAT
23 INITIATIVE. I KNOW SHE WOULD. WHEN I SAW THE DEATH OF THAT
24 WOMAN IN SAN PEDRO, I KNOW YOU WILL TAKE SOME ACTION. IT'S
25 GREAT THAT YOU'RE DOING THAT. I JUST HOPE THAT IT WILL FOLLOW

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1 NOT ONLY SAN PEDRO, BUT MANY OF THE OTHER CITIES WILL PULL
2 TOGETHER TO DO THAT, AND ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE FIND
3 SOMETHING BEYOND THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN A STRONG
4 ADVOCATE OF HAVING PEOPLE GET JOBS AND TRAINING, AND SO ON,
5 BECAUSE GIVING A HOME IS NOT EVERYTHING. YOU HAVE TO GIVE A
6 LIFE SO THEY CAN SUSTAIN THAT HOME. SO THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. NEXT
9 SPEAKER?

10

11 **LISA WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LISA WILLIAMS. I'M THE
12 PASTOR AT THE SAN PEDRO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ON THE CORNER
13 OF 6TH AND GRAND, AND IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE TO BE
14 HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I AM ALSO AN
15 ADVOCATE FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, AND I SUPPORT THIS
16 PROJECT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS PUT BEFORE US TODAY. BUT WHAT
17 I KNOW ABOUT SAN PEDRO IS ITS LONG HISTORY OF HELPING THOSE IN
18 NEED. BACK IN THE WAR, DURING THE WORLD WAR II, THE SAILORS
19 WOULD COME TO THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF 6TH AND GRAND, AND
20 THEY WOULD GET A HOT MEAL, A SHOWER, WRITE A LETTER HOME, AND
21 PUT THEIR NAME ON THE GREAT MAP OF THE WALL. AND TODAY, I
22 DON'T THINK IT MATTERS WHAT OUR FAITH TRADITION IS, WHETHER IT
23 IS PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, ATHEIST, BUDDHISM, JEWISH, MUSLIM, OR
24 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN. WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF THE UNIVERSE. AND
25 AS A CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE, NO ONE SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE TO

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1 SLEEP AND A WARM PILLOW TO REST THEIR HEAD, AND A BELLY FULL
2 OF WARM AND DELICIOUS FOOD. AND THAT IS WHAT WE BRING TODAY,
3 IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE OUT THAT, AS A COMMUNITY, AND
4 SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **LEE WILLIAMS:** YES. MY NAME IS LEE WILLIAMS. I'M THE CURRENT
9 BOARD CHAIR OF THE SAN PEDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH IS
10 WELL CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN ALL OF
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THAT'S NOT AN IDLE BOAST. HERE IS
12 WHY: WHEN THE SUPERVISOR ESTABLISHED A PLAN TO TACKLE THE MOST
13 DIFFICULT INSTANCES OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE HARBOR AREA, OUR
14 MEMBERS STOOD UP AND GOT BEHIND IT. FORMER BOARD CHAIR TIM
15 MCOSKER, WHO JUST SPOKE, ALSO ALONG WITH HARBOR COMMISSIONER
16 AND COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD PRESIDENT MONA SUTTON,
17 THEY WORKED HARD TO ESTABLISH LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH OUR
18 BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS MOST CLOSELY
19 AFFECTED BY THE POPULATION AROUND THE SAN PEDRO POST OFFICE,
20 AS AMAZING-- AND ALSO, I FORGOT TO MENTION OUR AMAZING C.E.O.,
21 ELISE SWANSON, SAID OUR BOARD MEMBERS ENGAGED IN A SPECIAL
22 MEETING WITH A HEALTHY AND HONEST DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION,
23 AND THE SOLUTIONS WE FEEL MAY BE MOST EFFECTIVE. WE VOTED
24 UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE TEMPORARY SHELTERS, AS LONG AS
25 THERE'S A TIGHT COORDINATION WITH L.A. COUNTY AND L.A. CITY

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1 SANITATION AND L.A.P.D. WE ASK THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR
2 THE EFFECTIVE 24/7 POLICING OF THE SITE AND THE SURROUNDING
3 AREA, AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR THE NECESSARY CLEANUPS THAT ARE
4 GOING TO BE REQUIRED FOR THAT SPACE. THE FACT THAT HARBOR
5 INTERFAITH WILL BE COORDINATING THE EFFORTS, THIS IS A HUGE
6 PLUS FOR US. WE KNOW THEIR WORK. WE KNOW THE PEOPLE. WE KNOW
7 THEIR HEARTS. WE HOPE THERE IS CONSIDERATION OF PARTNERING
8 WITH THE HARBOR COMMUNITY CLINIC OF SAN PEDRO, WHICH ALREADY
9 HAS A LICENSE WITHIN THIS FACILITY FOR HEALTH AND HEALTH
10 TREATMENT. WE ASK THERE BE A HARDBOUND THREE-YEAR TIME LIMIT,
11 WITH THE INTENT TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNCIL OFFICE TO PROVIDE
12 AND DEVELOP THE LAND TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST OFFER, OR USE.
13 AND WE REALLY WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR HER VISION AND
14 WILLINGNESS TO STEP UP IN SUCH A POWERFUL WAY. AND THIS WON'T
15 BE EASY. WE KNOW THAT. BUT WE ARE OFFERING OUR FULL SUPPORT IN
16 THIS ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

19
20 **JAMES ALLEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMES PRESTON ALLEN. I
21 WAS HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND A MONTH AGO TO BE HONORED BY THE
22 BOARD FOR MY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN JOURNALISM. BUT ABOUT
23 TWO YEARS AGO, I HEARD SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS SPEAK AT
24 HIS NEIGHBORHOOD CONGRESS, IN WHICH HE INTONED SOME VERY
25 IMPORTANT WORDS, WHICH IS THAT THE HOMELESS ISSUE IS OUR CIVIL

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1 RIGHTS ISSUE OF THIS ERA. NOW, I RISE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS
2 PARTICULAR RESOLUTION, PARTLY BECAUSE I'M SOMEWHAT RESPONSIBLE
3 FOR IT. I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FACT THAT FIVE AND A HALF
4 YEARS AGO, IT WAS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL THAT BROUGHT
5 FORWARD THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT TINY HOMES, WHICH CAUSED A
6 HUGE UPROAR IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND A BACKLASH AGAINST THE
7 HOMELESS, AND WHICH BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF NOT ONLY LOS
8 ANGELES, NOT ONLY SAN PEDRO, BUT ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
9 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AS A MAJOR ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M
10 ALSO THE ONE THAT WROTE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR
11 HAHN'S CURRENT RESOLUTION FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHICH
12 WILL BE ON OUR AGENDA TONIGHT. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT THE END. CLEARLY, THIS IS
14 HARDLY EVEN THE BEGINNING OF THE END. IT IS A SMALL STEP
15 FORWARD, BUT IT DOES ADDRESS THE CURRENT IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT
16 IS RIGHT BEFORE US. BUT WE MUST UNDERSTAND IN THE BIGGER
17 PICTURE THAT THIS DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
18 ISSUES THAT ARE CAUSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THAT
19 HAVE CAUSED HOMELESSNESS FOR SO LONG.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SUMMARIZE, PLEASE?

22
23 **JAMES PRESTON ALLEN:** I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE BOARD WITH MY
24 EDITORIAL AND HAVE THAT INTO THE RECORD, IF I CAN.

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

2

3 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** RAYMOND REGALADO. A LITTLE RESUME: I'M THE
4 PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I
5 AM A COMMISSIONER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
6 EMPOWERMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A BUSINESS OWNER IN
7 DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO. MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, I'M AN EMPLOYEE
8 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE HUMAN RELATIONS
9 COMMISSION. TODAY I'M SPEAKING AS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, A
10 20-YEAR RESIDENT. OVER THE TIME, IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION
11 AS A RESIDENT, AS AN ENGAGED PARTICIPANT IN COMMUNITY WORK,
12 THAT OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY IS GETTING WORSE, AND THEY ARE
13 SUFFERING, AND THEY ARE BEING VICTIMIZED BY THE HATE THAT
14 SOMETIMES IS DRAWN TO THEM BECAUSE OF THEIR SITUATION. I WANT
15 TO SAY THAT I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE BY SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS AND
17 UTILIZING THE RESOURCES THAT ARE THERE IN FRONT OF US. IT
18 TAKES CREATIVITY THAT'S GOING TO HELP US RESOLVE THE PROBLEM
19 WITH THE HOMELESS SITUATION, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS THE BEST
20 CREATIVE WAY WE'RE ADDRESSING IT, AND IT'S GOING TO GET DONE
21 IN A WHOLE LOT QUICKER TIMEFRAME THAN OTHER PLANS THAT ARE IN
22 PLACE. AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT AND BE A PART OF THAT.
23 IF WE DO NOT DO ANYTHING FOR THE HOMELESS, THAT JUST SAYS THAT
24 IT GETS WORSE. AND THESE PEOPLE DO NOT DESERVE WHAT THEY ARE
25 LIVING THROUGH RIGHT NOW. THE PICTURES UP THERE, THAT WE SAW

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1 EARLIER, YOU CANNOT CONVINCE ME THAT THEY DON'T DESERVE OUR
2 HELP. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU'RE ALL DOING. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE, YOU'VE
5 GOT ONE MORE NAME TO CALL?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE
8 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **GABRIELA SOLORZANO:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GABRIELA
13 SOLORZANO. I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING WITH THE
14 EVERYONE IN CAMPAIGN. AS YOU KNOW, EVERYONE IN IS BRINGING
15 EVERYONE IN, AS OUR SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FAMOUSLY
16 ALWAYS SAYS, THAT THIS IS AN EFFORT TO BRING EVERYONE IN,
17 ESPECIALLY IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE WE HAVE 2,629 PEOPLE
18 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND I WOULD SAY THIS IS
19 DISTRICTWIDE, C.D. 15, AND ONLY 252 ARE SHELTERED. SO THIS IS
20 ONE SOLUTION THAT BRINGS US CLOSER, AND ESPECIALLY AN
21 INNOVATIVE SOLUTION TO REALLY LOOK TO. AND I COMMEND OUR
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO REALLY LOOK AT, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE THE
23 REST OF THE BOARD TO REALLY LOOK TO PUBLIC AND COUNTY LAND AS
24 AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION. THE LAND IS THERE. THE LAND IS FOR
25 PUBLIC USE, ESPECIALLY THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH IS AN EXISTING

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1 BUILDING THAT CAN JUST BE REHABBED, AND CAN BRING FOLKS INSIDE
2 EVEN SOONER. BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW, THE CURRENT CRISIS THAT WE
3 HAVE IS AN AFFORDABILITY CRISIS THAT IS BEING MADE VISIBLE BY
4 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THE NUMBER OF
5 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING, YOU KNOW, DUE TO BEING RENT-BURDENED
6 ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHICH I KNOW WE'LL BE DISCUSSING LATER. BUT
7 I WANTED TO ALSO STATE THAT, AS EVERYONE IN, WE ARE TRYING TO
8 SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE BOARD BY REALLY HAVING WORKSHOPS
9 ACROSS THE COUNTY TO INFORM OTHER SOLUTIONS THAT THE BOARD AND
10 THE COMMUNITY IS BRINGING FORWARD. SO WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF
11 YOUR EFFORTS, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

12

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

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
16 DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATE WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN IS DOING HERE.
17 THIS IS 40 SHELTER BEDS IN AN ENORMOUS BUILDING FOR \$300,000,
18 WHICH IS ONLY 7500 A BED, WHICH IS SO MUCH MORE PALATABLE THAN
19 SOME OF THE NUMBERS WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT FOR PERMANENT
20 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE OUT THAT WE
21 STILL HAVE TO PURSUE SOMEPLACE FOR FOLKS TO GO, IF WE'RE GOING
22 TO BELIEVE IN EVERYONE IN. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS, BUT I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. WHY A-4, EVEN THOUGH EVERY
24 SUPERVISOR WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SAY, "OH, NOW, DON'T
25 WORRY, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT-- WE'RE GOING TO-- NEXT WEEK, NEXT

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1 WEEK." BUT ISN'T THIS ALL ABOUT GETTING HIM INTO THE NEWS
2 CYCLE, AND ISN'T THAT EXACTLY WHY WE HAVE AGENDAS, SO THAT
3 PEOPLE KNOW THAT IF THEY WANTED TO COME DOWN AND SAY SOMETHING
4 POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, OR TALK ABOUT EVERYONE INTO THE
5 ELECTIONS, AS OPPOSED TO 35 PERCENT OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE
6 CITY OF L.A., UP FROM 5 PERCENT MISSING, WHICH IS JUST LIKE A
7 7-TIME MULTIPLE OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CHALLENGE HIS CANDIDACY,
8 MR. DE LEON'S CANDIDACY, THE INCUMBENT CIRCLE. IT IS A CIRCLE.
9 AND THOSE FOLKS HAVE ALL BEEN DISENFRANCHISED.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU FOR THIS WORK.

14

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

16

17 **AMBER SHEIKH GINSBERG:** HI. MY NAME IS AMBER SHEIKH GINSBERG,
18 AND I AM IN FULL FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE
19 MORE THAN 600 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON THE
20 STREETS OF SAN PEDRO ANY GIVEN NIGHT, AND AT THIS TIME WE DO
21 NOT HAVE A SINGLE SHELTER BED IN THE CITY OF SAN PEDRO FOR AN
22 INDIVIDUAL. SO IF AN INDIVIDUAL WANTS TO GO INSIDE TONIGHT,
23 THERE IS NO OPTION. THERE IS NO OPTION FOR THEM TO BEGIN THEIR
24 JOURNEY, WHATEVER THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEY IS, ON THE WAY TO
25 HOUSING AND STABILITY. SO WE NEED TO GIVE THEM THAT OPTION,

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1 AND RIGHT NOW. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT, AND ALSO
2 IN HOW IT'S BEING IMPLEMENTED. THIS IS THE CORRECT LOCATION
3 AND THE CORRECT SERVICE PROVIDER TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A
4 SUCCESS. I HAVE TO SAY, AND I SAID THIS LAST WEEK TO OUR
5 SUPERVISOR, THAT BEDS DON'T BRING PEOPLE INSIDE, RELATIONSHIPS
6 DO, BUT THAT COUPLED TOGETHER IS WHAT REALLY SOLVES IT. SO
7 HAVING THIS SERVICE PROVIDER AT THIS TIME, WITH THE BEST
8 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON THE STREET, IS
9 ABSOLUTELY THE BEST SERVICE PROVIDER TO BE PROVIDING THE
10 SERVICES FOR THIS TEMPORARY SHELTER. SO EVERY DAY, I SEE
11 CASEWORKERS ON THE STREET, AND TIRELESS ADVOCATES LIKE PASTOR
12 LISA, WORKING TO GET LONG-TERM HOUSING. AND THIS PROJECT WILL
13 ACTUALLY HELP CLOSE THAT PIPELINE FOR SAN PEDRO. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **BEATRIZ SANDOVAL:** MY NAME IS BEATRIZ SANDOVAL, WORKING WITH
18 EVERYONE IN THE CAMPAIGN, AND [INAUDIBLE] AND SAN PEDRO. I'M
19 TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU. ALSO, VERY
20 GRATEFUL WITH YOU, BECAUSE WE SEE THE FIRSTHAND NEEDS THAT
21 PEOPLE HAVE ON THE STREETS. SO WE ARE READY TO EDUCATE OUR
22 COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO TO HAVE THAT COMMUNICATION TO BRING MORE
23 COMPASSION FOR THIS COMMUNITY WHO NEEDS EMPATHY, WHO NEEDS
24 COMPASSION, AND ALSO THEY NEED A SERVICE WE CAN PROVIDE THEM,
25 TO MAKE SURE [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN,

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1 FOR THIS MOTION, AND WORKING HARD TO BRING MORE PROJECTS LIKE
2 THIS IN OTHER CITIES. AND ALSO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
3 FOR THE BASSETT SHELTER. IT IS WONDERFUL. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
4 TO HAVE THIS AS A SERVICE IN ALL COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY.
5 THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU, FOR THESE EFFORTS.

6

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

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.
10 ANOTHER HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY. I APPRECIATE THE
11 EFFORT BEING DONE HERE, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY COULD BE
12 FACING SOME BLACKMAIL HERE, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WITH
13 MONEY TEND TO THROW IT AROUND, AND THEY USE THEIR WEIGHT. I'M
14 JUST WONDERING, THIS LOCATION, HARBOR INTERFAITH, THESE PEOPLE
15 WOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED UP TO ENROLL INTO THE COUNTY'S
16 HEALTHCARE PLAN, BECAUSE THEY ARE RIGHT AROUND HARBOR
17 INTERFAITH. AND YOU DID A BIG JOB ABOUT HAVING PEOPLE ENROLL
18 IN IT, SO THAT WOULD MEAN THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE
19 A.C.A., AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. STILL HAVE NOT HEARD ANY WORDS
20 ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE ASSETS THAT THE
21 GOVERNMENT GIVES THE CITY AND THE STATE THROUGH THE HEALTHCARE
22 REFORM, TO USE THAT MONEY TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS. I UNDERSTAND
23 YOU HAVE COUNTY PROPERTIES AND YOU HAVE CITY PROPERTIES, BUT I
24 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THE A.C.A.
25 FUNDS. WHERE IS THE A.C.A. FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE

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1 THAT WERE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM? NOBODY HAS SAID ANYTHING
2 ABOUT IT. AND I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU'RE LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE,
3 BUT THIS IS A THREE-YEAR PROJECT. AND HOMELESSNESS IS GOING TO
4 KEEP GOING UP AND UP. SO, AT THE END OF THREE YEARS, WHAT
5 HAPPENS? IF YOU USE THAT FUNDING FOR THE A.C.A., YOU WOULD BE
6 ABLE TO CREATE JOBS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL. YOU WOULD BE ABLE
7 TO CREATE JOBS FOR PEOPLE WHO GET OUT OF HOMELESSNESS BY
8 HAVING WORKAROUND FACILITIES. YOU COULD PUT UP TENTS. I MEAN,
9 THERE WAS A GUY-- GENERAL JEFF HAD A TENT CITY IN LOS ANGELES
10 20 YEARS AGO. AND WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, THE ONLY THING THAT
11 HAPPENED IS PRESIDENT OBAMA PASSED THE A.C.A., HAD THE A.C.A.
12 COME BEFORE THE COUNTRY. USE THOSE FUNDS. WHY NOT?

13

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

15

16 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** THERE'S PLENTY OF FUNDING TO RESOLVE
17 THIS HOMELESS CRISIS. AND I THANK YOU, JANICE HAHN, AT LEAST
18 FOR PUTTING THE INITIATIVE FORWARD. SO, THIS LETTER THAT I'M
19 READING IS FROM "YOURS TRULY, GARCETTI." "DEAR PRESIDENT TRUMP
20 AND SECRETARY CARSON, HOMELESSNESS IS A HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY
21 THAT DEMANDS INVESTMENT AND ATTENTION AT ALL LEVELS OF
22 GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THE CRISIS CANNOT BE SOLVED ALONE BY LOCAL
23 GOVERNMENT. HISTORICALLY, FEDERAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN A CENTER
24 OF THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICAN CITIES. I
25 APPRECIATE SECRETARY CARSON REACHING OUT TO ME. DURING OUR

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1 CONVERSATION, HE EXPRESSED A COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH CITIES
2 NATIONWIDE, TO HELP ACCELERATE OUR PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING THIS
3 EMERGENCY CRISIS. I WRITE TO REQUEST FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THAT
4 WOULD AID LOS ANGELES WITH THE URGENT WORK THAT OUR CITY IS
5 DOING TO MOVE OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS INTO SHELTER, BUILDING
6 PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPLY SERVICES. THEY NEED TO STAY ENHOUSED
7 FOR GOOD. THE CITY IS UTILIZING EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND RESOURCE
8 TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. I HAVE MADE SOLVING
9 HOMELESSNESS THE NUMBER-ONE FOCUS OF MY SIX YEARS IN OFFICE AS
10 MAYOR, WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING THAT WE ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS
11 ON HOW FEDERAL AID CAN HELP SCALE THE LOCAL EFFORTS
12 SUCCESSFULLY, TO HOUSE NEARLY 22,000 HOMELESS ANGELINOS." I
13 COULD NOT EVEN FINISH READING THIS WITH A STRAIGHT FACE,
14 BECAUSE FOR HIM TO SAY THAT THE HOMELESS CRISIS WAS HIS
15 NUMBER-ONE ISSUE AS MAYOR-- REALLY? WHAT WAS HE SMOKING BEFORE
16 HE WROTE THIS TO CARSON? I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THANK YOU FOR AT
17 LEAST STARTING THE PROCESS OF HOUSING 22,000 ANGELINOS. COME
18 ON. WE HAVE AT LEAST 175,000, AND HE IS TALKING ABOUT 2018.
19 SO, WHILE WE HAVE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FINALLY
20 WAKING UP, WE WANT TO AT LEAST HAVE BY NOVEMBER A NEW
21 CONSTRUCTION METHOD THAT CAN HOUSE AT LEAST 265 ANGELINOS BY
22 NOVEMBER 2020. AND I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY CAN ADOPT THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU
25 WANTED TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS?

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO
3 THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, AND ESPECIALLY
4 WHO CAME TO TALK TO US TODAY. AND I WAS THINKING, WHILE I WAS
5 HEARING FROM THOSE GOOD SOULS AT THE ARGUABLY BEST CHAMBER OF
6 COMMERCE IN THE UNIVERSE, THAT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, EVERY
7 MONTH, WE HAVE HOMELESS CONNECT DAYS, WHICH ESSENTIALLY ARE
8 PUT ON FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED, AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT
9 SHELTERED YET. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TRY TO DO IS TO
10 BRING AS MANY RESOURCES AS WE CAN THAT ARE, YOU KNOW,
11 NECESSARY AND IMMEDIATE, BUT, IN ADDITION, PEOPLE FROM OUR
12 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ARENAS, PEOPLE FROM CHRYSALIS AND OTHER
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP PEOPLE IDENTIFY HOW TO KIND OF RETOOL
14 WHAT SOME OF THEM ALREADY KNOW, AND WOULD HOPE THAT THE
15 CHAMBER, AND NOT JUST THE BEST CHAMBER IN THE UNIVERSE, BUT
16 ALL THE CHAMBERS, WOULD ALSO CONSIDER, SINCE THEY'RE SO
17 CONTIGUOUS, REALLY, TO THE FOLKS WHO WILL BE GOING IN AND OUT
18 OF THIS BRIDGE HOUSING, IF THERE MIGHT ALSO BE SOME ATTENTION
19 PAID TO THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE. BECAUSE YOU CAN GET
20 HEALTHY, MAYBE, WHEN YOU ARE INSIDE. YOU CAN GET HOUSING IF
21 YOU ARE LUCKY, BUT YOU CANNOT KEEP YOUR HOUSING OR YOUR
22 HEALTH, REALLY, WITHOUT A JOB. SO THAT REALLY IS THE THIRD
23 PART OF IT. SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO BRING THAT UP, BECAUSE I
24 KNOW THAT IS PERCOLATING IN EVERYBODY'S MINDS. BUT IT IS VERY

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1 HELPFUL IF IT CAN ALSO BE PART OF THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US.
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
7 WILL BE THE ORDER. ON ITEM A-4, IT IS ALSO BEFORE US TO PLACE
8 ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA, AND I WILL HAVE THAT MOVED BY
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF
10 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
11 ORDER. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
16 ITEM 2, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO
17 OPEN UP WITH YOUR COMMENTS?

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
20 THANK THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE COMING HERE TODAY AND
21 SPEAKING, AND WE'LL TRY TO HAVE THIS BRIEF. BUT WE'VE TALKED
22 TODAY A LOT ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A
23 HOUSING CRISIS, AND WE DEFINITELY SEE THAT HERE IN THE COUNTY
24 OF LOS ANGELES. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO A STUDY THAT CAME OUT
25 LAST YEAR, CALLED OUTCOMES REPORT, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ADD

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1 APPROXIMATELY 517,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO MEET THE
2 CURRENT DEMAND OF LOW-INCOME RENTERS. THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
3 OF THE COUNTY WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY 90,000 HOUSING UNITS FOR
4 THE PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH IN THE NEXT 8 YEARS. BETWEEN
5 2000 AND 2017, THE COUNTY'S INFLATION-ADJUSTED MEDIAN RENT
6 INCREASED BY 40 PERCENT, WHILE THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
7 ONLY INCREASED BY 9 PERCENT. WITH RENTS RISING AT A FAR
8 GREATER RATE THAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, THE OUTCOMES REPORT
9 INDICATES THAT NEARLY 2 OUT OF 3 LOW-INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS
10 ARE SEVERELY COST-BURDENED, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY PAY MORE
11 THAN 50 PERCENT OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME JUST ON RENT. AND
12 WE'VE HEARD THESE STORIES TIME AND TIME AGAIN, PRESENTED TO
13 THIS BOARD. IN MY DISTRICT, UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THERE ARE
14 OVER 30,000 HOUSEHOLDS, APPROXIMATELY 29 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE
15 CONSIDERED SEVERELY RENT-BURDENED. AND AS A RESULT, THEY ARE
16 VULNERABLE TO DISPLACEMENT AND AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.
17 IT'S MY IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT
18 THOSE OUTCOMES. AND RESEARCHERS MEASURE DISPLACEMENT RISK BY
19 GEOGRAPHIC AREA. VULNERABLE AREAS HAVE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF
20 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS COMBINED WITH RISK FACTORS SUCH AS RENTS
21 RISING FASTER THAN THE REGIONAL AVERAGE, ACCESS TO NEARBY
22 TRANSIT, AND HIGH EMPLOYMENT. IN ADDITION, RESEARCH HAS
23 DEMONSTRATED THAT SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
24 INVESTMENTS IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS SOMETIMES CORRELATES--
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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. CAN WE ASK, OVER TO THE
2 RIGHT, MY COLLEAGUES, IF THEY COULD HOLD IT DOWN OVER THERE SO
3 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS CAN MAKE HER COMMENTS, PLEASE? THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IN ADDITION, RESEARCH HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT
7 SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN LOW-INCOME
8 NEIGHBORHOODS MAY ALSO CORRELATE WITH GREATER RENT INCREASES.
9 WHILE WE WANT TO INVEST IN OUR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES, NO
10 DOUBT, WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT
11 THEY MIGHT BRING, AND THAT'S WHY I'M INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
12 TODAY. WE MUST IDENTIFY AREAS WITH HIGH RISK OF DISPLACEMENT
13 AND WHAT WE KNOW AS GENTRIFICATION, AND WORK TO PRIORITIZE
14 THOSE AREAS IN OUR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE NEED
15 TO INTEGRATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTO AREAS THAT ALREADY HAVE
16 PUBLIC TRANSIT AND PARK PROJECTS, AS WELL AS PRIVATE
17 DEVELOPMENTS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED TO LOW-
18 INCOME RESIDENTS AND ITS WORKERS. THIS APPROACH CAN IN TURN,
19 IN MY OPINION, CREATE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOODS AND
20 COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE FACE ACCELERATED
21 DISPLACEMENT. THE MOTION TODAY WILL ASK THE DEPARTMENTS TO
22 PRODUCE A MAPPING TOOL TO SHOW US WHERE EXACTLY THE AREAS ARE
23 OF HIGH RISK OF DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION. IT WILL
24 PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY-SERVING ENTITIES, AND ALLOW THEM TO HAVE
25 THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP VIABLE, IDENTIFIABLE LAND TO

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1 PRODUCE NEW OR PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH COMMUNITY
2 LAND TRUSTS AND OTHER MODELS THAT ESTABLISH AFFORDABILITY IN
3 PERPETUITY, KNOWN AS LAND BANKING. IT WILL IDENTIFY VACANT AND
4 UNDER-UTILIZED COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES WITHIN HIGH-RISK AREAS,
5 POTENTIALLY LAND-BANK OTHER VIABLE LAND, AND CONSIDER
6 CONVEYANCE AND LONG-TERM GROUND LEASES WITH COMMUNITY-SERVING
7 ENTITIES, BOTH NONPROFIT AND PRIVATE, WITH THE AIM TO DEVELOP
8 PERMANENT AFFORDABLE RENTAL AND OWNERSHIP HOUSING. THIS, IN MY
9 OPINION, WILL PRIORITIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREAS AT
10 HIGH RISK OF DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION. THE MOTION ASKS
11 FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY FOR OUR COUNTY
12 RESOURCES TO BE TARGETED TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE
13 HOUSING IN THESE AREAS THAT ARE HIGH-RISK. THE MOTION ALSO
14 ASKS THE DEPARTMENTS TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND FUNDING STREAMS TO
15 AUGMENT RESOURCES THE COUNTY HAS FOR DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE
16 HOUSING. AND LASTLY, WE NEED A PROCESS TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT OF
17 RETURN FOR RESIDENTS SUBJECT TO DISPLACEMENT IN THE HIGH-RISK
18 AREAS. I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR THIS BOARD TO
19 RECEIVE THIS DATA AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS ONGOING
20 ISSUE. GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT ARE HAPPENING, AS WE
21 KNOW NOW, AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, AND THIS BOARD SHOULD
22 TAKE A STRONG POSITION IN COMING UP WITH MANY INNOVATIVE
23 SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THESE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE. AND I
24 WELCOME COMMENTS AND SUPPORT FROM MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, AS
25 WELL AS OUR COMMUNITIES, TO SEE HOW WE CAN SOLVE THIS

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1 CHALLENGE THAT, FOR MANY OF US, SEEMS SO OMINOUS. THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
7 USING OUR COUNTY INVESTMENTS TO PREVENT OUR RESIDENTS ALL
8 ACROSS THE COUNTY FROM BEING DISPLACED. IT IS A LITTLE BIT
9 COMPLICATED, THOUGH, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH I THINK THE WORD
10 "PRIORITIZE" IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION, I WANT TO
11 MAKE CERTAIN THAT AT LEAST WE ARE NOT DIRECTING L.A.C.D.A. OR
12 ANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO ONLY LOOK AT FUNDING AFFORDABLE
13 HOUSING IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT OR
14 GENTRIFICATION. BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT, IN SOME
15 AREAS IN MY DISTRICT, THAT BOAT ALREADY HAS SAILED, AND PEOPLE
16 WERE GENTRIFIED OUT OF IT. AND WE ARE TRYING VERY HARD, AND I
17 BELIEVE WE WILL SUCCEED, IN BRINGING BACK AFFORDABLE HOUSING
18 INTO SOME OF THESE HIGH-OPPORTUNITY DISTRICTS. AND I WANT TO
19 MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE DOING THAT WITH THE
20 FUND THAT WE CREATED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I KNOW IT IS NOT
21 YOUR INTENTION TO SAY "ONLY IN THESE AREAS," BUT WE WANT TO
22 MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE ARE NOT SAYING TO PEOPLE, "WE REALLY WANT
23 TO SUPPORT YOU HAVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT ONLY IN THIS
24 AREA, THIS AREA, AND THIS AREA. WE WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO STAY
25 IN YOUR HOUSES." THERE ARE PEOPLE I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK

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1 WHERE THEY WERE IN SANTA MONICA, IN WEST L.A., AND WE ARE
2 CREATING SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
3 IN WEST L.A., I HOPE, FOR LOW-INCOME AND VERY LOW-INCOME
4 FAMILIES. THAT IS NOT TO RECEIVE A PRIORITY, EITHER, BUT I
5 LIKE THE IDEA THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SAY, "WE WANT YOU TO
6 HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE WHERE YOU WANT TO, AND WHERE
7 YOU THINK IT IS GOOD FOR YOUR FAMILIES AND KIDS." SO I DO
8 SUPPORT THIS. THERE'S A LOT OF AREAS IN THE EASTERN PART OF
9 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHERE THE RIVER AREA'S BEING SORT OF
10 DEVELOPED, AND WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT GENTRIFICATION-- EAST
11 HOLLYWOOD, MANY AREAS IN MY DISTRICT. I'M NOT SAYING WE DON'T
12 HAVE THEM; WE JUST DON'T WANT TO SHUT OUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
13 PEOPLE TO HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OTHER AREAS, WHERE THEY
14 MIGHT SAY, YOU KNOW, "I'D LIKE TO BE THERE. I'M WORKING THERE.
15 I'D LIKE TO LIVE THERE, TOO." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I TOO SUPPORT THIS
18 MOTION. AND IT MAY BE INTENTIONAL IT IS WRITTEN IN A BROAD
19 WAY, BECAUSE I KNOW WITH THE E.I.F.D., WHICH WE JUST VOTED ON
20 TODAY, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN
21 DON'T INDIRECTLY HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THOSE THAT ARE
22 APPLYING FOR IT, AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, THE USE OF PRIVATE
23 INVESTMENT. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT AREA FOR US TO
24 CAPITALIZE ON. SO I APPRECIATE THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN. I KNOW
25 THAT THE C.E.O. AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE

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1 REPORTING BACK WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SOME OF THE
2 ACTIONS THAT WE'VE DONE, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT
3 CONTRADICTING OURSELVES MOVING FORWARD. I THINK THAT'S
4 IMPORTANT. AND GENTRIFICATION, IT IS INTERESTING, AND I WAS
5 JUST THINKING ABOUT THIS OVER THE WEEKEND. THERE ARE AREAS
6 THAT, 5 YEARS AGO, PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN THINK TWICE ABOUT
7 PURCHASING PROPERTY IN, THAT NOW, I MEAN, IT IS SO HOT THAT
8 THERE'S BIDDING WARS GOING ON. AND WHAT I'M HEARING IS, A LOT
9 OF IT IS INVESTMENT DOLLARS GOING IN THERE, RECOGNIZING THAT
10 THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO CAPITALIZE LONG-TERM ON
11 THESE PROPERTIES. SO IT IS NOT EVEN JOE Q. PUBLIC THAT IS
12 BUYING IT. IT IS, IN SOME CASES, INVESTMENT COMPANIES THAT ARE
13 BUYING IT, AND USING THAT. AND THEY'VE GOT FAR MORE CAPITAL TO
14 LEVERAGE, WHICH THEN INCREASES THE COST OF THE PROPERTY. AND
15 SO I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO WATCH, MOVING
16 FORWARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU PREVENT THAT IN A FREE MARKET,
17 BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. SO I
18 HOPE THE DEPARTMENTS WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOAL IS TO LOOK
19 AT WHAT WE'VE DONE, LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING, AND INCORPORATE
20 A REPORT-BACK THAT IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO PUT TOGETHER
21 SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE A WIN-WIN FOR ALL OF US. SO WITH
22 THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WILL CALL UP THOSE THAT
23 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
2 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL
3 ASSIST YOU: [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
4 WILL ASSIST YOU.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER?

7

8 **MONICA ALCARAZ:** HI. I DON'T SEE THE TIMER, BUT MY NAME IS
9 MONICA ALCARAZ. I LIVE IN HIGHLAND PARK, AND I'M SO FOR THIS
10 MOTION. I ECHO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S... WHAT YOU SAID, BECAUSE
11 WHERE I LIVE, WE ARE SO GENTRIFIED. IF YOU LOOK AT-- YOU KNOW,
12 GOOGLE HIGHLAND PARK, AND YOU WILL FIND IF I HAVE TO MOVE FROM
13 WHERE I LIVE, I DOUBT THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO STAY IN HIGHLAND
14 PARK. BUT I DO AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE PLACES
15 WHERE INVESTORS ARE LOOKING AT, BECAUSE INVESTMENT DOES
16 PROVIDE DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION. AND SO MANY OF MY
17 FRIENDS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED, CAN NO LONGER LIVE IN THE
18 COMMUNITY. WE COME FROM A COMMUNITY THAT IS HISTORIC, AND
19 PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE THERE, AND SO NOW WE DON'T HAVE THAT. SO,
20 AGAIN, THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SUPPORT THIS. I HEAR A LOT IN
21 THE BACK OF ME. BUT AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
22 EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE DOING. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1 **SPEAKER:** I'M WITH EAST L.A. COMMUNITY CORPORATION, AND I
2 COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS EFFORT TO PRIORITIZE
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DISPLACEMENT RISK AREAS. JUST TO GIVE
4 YOU AN IDEA FROM OUR EXPERIENCE IN OUR WORK IN DEVELOPING
5 HOUSING, OUR MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF 22 UNITS GOT OVER 1300
6 APPLICATIONS FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THAT HOUSING. SO THE
7 NEED IS DEFINITELY VERY SIGNIFICANT ACROSS ALL LEVELS. WE ARE
8 IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND WOULD LIKE TO UPLIFT THE
9 THIRD POINT OF THE MOTION, USING UNDERUTILIZED COUNTY PROPERTY
10 AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES FOR COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS,
11 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP, AND SHARED EQUITY MODELS THAT WILL
12 PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES OF LONG-TERM STABILITY FOR LOW-INCOME
13 TENANTS WHO OTHERWISE HAVE A BLEAK CHANCE OF HOME OR LAND
14 OWNERSHIP. COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP CAN SUPPORT LOW-INCOME TENANTS
15 HAVE A COLLECTIVE VOICE IN THE CONVERSATION OF HOW OUR REGION
16 IS DEVELOPED, AND FOR WHOM. AS WE CONTINUE TO FACE A
17 DISPLACEMENT CRISIS, WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN EQUITABLE AND
18 STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PUBLIC INVESTMENT, AND ASK THE BOARD TO
19 WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN
20 THIS WORK TO MOVE THIS STRATEGY FORWARD. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23
24 **TENSHO TAKEMORI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS TENSHO TAKEMORI. I'M HERE
25 REPRESENTING A GROUP OF DESIGNERS-- GEHRY PARTNERS, GEOSYNTEC,

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1 [INAUDIBLE] ADVISORS, AND RIVER L.A.-- THAT HAS BEEN WORKING
2 TOGETHER FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS ON A SERIES OF ISSUES,
3 INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. NEIGHBORHOODS IN OUR REGION ARE
4 BEGINNING TO EVOLVE AT A FAR MORE RAPID PACE, AND IT RAISES
5 MANY CONCERNS FOR EXISTING RESIDENTS. LARGE-SCALE PLANNING
6 PROJECTS, LIKE THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH LINE AND THE LOS
7 ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN, BEGIN TO ADD FURTHER PRESSURE ON
8 CHANGE IN THESE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THIS PRESSURE IS
9 HIGHEST DURING THE PLANNING PHASES, ACTUALLY, NOT DURING THE
10 CONSTRUCTION PHASES. FINDING A PATH TO ADDRESS THESE PRESSURES
11 IS ROOTED IN FINDING A WAY TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING ISSUES OF
12 OUR REGION. WE HAVE AND ARE FACING A SIGNIFICANT HOUSING
13 SHORTAGE, WHICH IS CREATING AN AFFORDABILITY PROBLEM FOR
14 PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR REGION. OUR TEAM HAS BEEN STUDYING
15 HOUSING ISSUES IN OUR REGION, AS IT INTERRELATES WITH SEVERAL
16 OTHER TOPICS, AND OUR WORKING HYPOTHESES AND CURRENT
17 CONCLUSIONS ALIGN WITH THE IDEAS PROPOSED IN THIS MOTION. BY
18 TARGETING AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES IN THE AREAS WHERE RISK
19 OF DISPLACEMENT IS THE HIGHEST, WE CAN IMPROVE THE ODDS THAT
20 PEOPLE OF ALL INCOME LEVELS CAN REMAIN TO BENEFIT FROM THE
21 IMPROVEMENTS IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, TENSIO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU
24 CAN SUBMIT-- IF I CUT YOU OFF, IT IS BECAUSE OF THE TIME, BUT

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1 IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT ANYTHING IN WRITING, YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

2 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **HENRY PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HENRY PEREZ, AND I'M
5 THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INNERCITY STRUGGLE, A COMMUNITY-
6 BASED ORGANIZATION IN THE EAST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES. WE SUPPORT
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION PRIORITIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
8 AREAS WITH DISPLACEMENT RISK, AND URGE ALL SUPERVISORS TO
9 APPROVE THIS MOTION. THE EAST SIDE IS A REGION WITH A LOT OF
10 INVESTMENTS COMING IN, AND A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF EXTREMELY
11 LOW-INCOME RENTERS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT. LONG-TERM
12 RESIDENTS ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO AFFORD THE RISING RENTS IN
13 THIS AREA, AND ARE FACING DISPLACEMENT AND ALSO HOUSELESSNESS.
14 OUR MEMBERS HAVE FOUGHT FOR RENT CONTROL AND RENTER
15 PROTECTIONS AS A PART OF A SOLUTION TO THIS CRISIS. HOWEVER,
16 WE KNOW THAT WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF STRATEGIES TO
17 TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DISPLACEMENT AND HOUSELESSNESS. THIS
18 MOTION IS A GREAT STEP IN FINDING ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT
19 AND SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE
20 APPLAUD THIS EFFORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE C.E.O.'S REPORT-
21 BACK ON THE FUTURE STEPS OF THIS MOTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD
22 THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
23 THIS PLAN, AND WE STAND BY READY TO SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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2 **JESSICA PRIETO:** HI. MY NAME IS JESSICA PRIETO. I'M A RESIDENT
3 OF UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., AND A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH
4 EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. WE HAVE
5 MEMBERSHIP FROM EAST L.A., ALONG THE 710 AND LOWER L.A. RIVER
6 CORRIDOR, ALL THE WAY TO LONG BEACH. THESE ARE BLACK AND BROWN
7 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY DEALT WITH DISINVESTMENT.
8 NOW THEY ARE UNDERGOING SPECULATION FROM CORPORATE LANDLORDS
9 PURCHASING SOME OF THE FEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS LEFT, AND
10 IMMEDIATELY INCREASING THE RENTS AND EVICTING THESE TENANTS,
11 IN ADDITION TO MARKET-RATE DEVELOPERS BUYING CHEAP, PUBLICLY
12 OWNED PARCELS, AND PROPOSING UNITS THAT ARE NOWHERE NEAR
13 AFFORDABLE TO LOCAL TENANTS. THESE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
14 INCREASINGLY FACING DISPLACEMENT, AND ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY
15 HELP FROM THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. IN FACT, SOME OF THESE
16 GENTRIFIED PROJECTS ARE BEING SPEARHEADED BY LOCAL
17 REPRESENTATIVES WHO CLAIM THAT THERE IS NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
18 DEVELOPMENT INTEREST IN THESE CITIES, AND THEREFORE THEY NEED
19 TO TAKE WHAT THEY CAN GET. THIS MOTION GIVES US ANOTHER
20 OPTION. WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY-OWNED AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 OPTIONS, AND THIS MOTION WOULD HELP BUILD THE FRAMEWORK FOR
22 THAT. BUT WE URGE THE COUNTY TO BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT DEFINING
23 AFFORDABILITY, AND PRIORITIZING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND
24 EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSING.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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3 **KING CHEUNG:** HI. MY NAME IS KING CHEUNG. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
4 CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOR EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS THE
5 CHINATOWN SUSTAINABILITY DIALOGUE GROUP. I SUPPORT THE MOTION,
6 AND I ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE BOARD FOR BRINGING
7 UP THIS MOTION. AS YOU KNOW, CHINATOWN'S LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANT
8 RESIDENTS, AND ALSO SMALL BUSINESSES, ARE FACING EXTREME
9 DISPLACEMENTS. SO, AGAIN, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. AND ALSO, I
10 WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THAT MAYBE THE COUNTY PROPERTY CAN BE
11 USED TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO
12 SEE THAT THE COUNTY WORK WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS, SUCH AS
13 C.C.E.D. AND C.S.D.G., TO MAKE THIS A TRULY SUCCESSFUL AND
14 COOPERATIVE EFFORT. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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18 **SANDRA MCNEILL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SANDRA MCNEILL, A LONGTIME
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST PRACTITIONER.
20 THANK YOU FOR MOVING FORWARD THIS ACTION THAT WILL EFFICIENTLY
21 CONSOLIDATE FINDINGS ACROSS A DOZEN STUDIES AND DATABASES TO
22 IDENTIFY, ALIGN, AND TARGET RESOURCES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITIES
23 WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT WILL FACE THE MOST AGGRESSIVE FORMS OF
24 DISPLACEMENT PRESSURES. I COMMEND YOU FOR PRIORITIZING LONG-
25 TERM AND PERMANENT AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIES THAT SERVE TO

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1 RETAIN PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PERPETUITY,
2 WHILE SUPPORTING MISSION-DRIVEN, COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS TO
3 DISPLACEMENT. FINALLY, I WISH TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR PLANS TO
4 INVESTIGATE A MECHANISM GIVING DISPLACED HOUSEHOLDS THE RIGHT
5 TO RETURN TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH A CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE
6 OR OTHER COMPARABLE TOOL. SIMILAR POLICIES ARE IN PLACE IN SAN
7 FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, AND A FEW OTHER CITIES, AND THIS MOTION
8 CALLS FOR THE COUNTY TO ANALYZE THE MODEL THAT MAKES THE MOST
9 SENSE FOR L.A. MOST CRITICALLY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL RETURN
10 IN EQUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BENEFITING NOT ONLY THEIR
11 INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES, BUT SUPPORTING THE HISTORICAL AND
12 CULTURAL INTEGRITY OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE WE GO ON TO THE
15 NEXT SPEAKER, CAN WE CALL SOME MORE NAMES, PLEASE?

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
18 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
19 [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
20 YOU. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU CAN BEGIN. THANK YOU.

23

24 **LYRIC KELKAR:** GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
25 LYRIC KELKAR, AND I WORK AT A COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1 ORGANIZATION CALLED INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY.
2 GENTRIFICATION IS IMPACTING NEIGHBORHOODS ALL OVER THE REGION.
3 I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND APPRECIATE THE
4 WORK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS DONE TO PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF
5 FOLKS WITH LOW INCOME. IN ADDITION TO THE NECESSARY REPORTING
6 THAT IS BEING DONE WITH THIS MOTION, I WOULD LIKE TO UPLIFT
7 THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES-- SMALL BUSINESSES THAT
8 MAKE UP THE URBAN FABRIC OF THESE HIGH-PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOODS.
9 THEY ALSO NEED PROTECTIONS IN TIMES OF CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT.
10 WITH THIS IN MIND, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE REPORTING
11 CONSIDER PROTECTIONS FOR LEGACY BUSINESSES IN THESE
12 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND IDENTIFY FUNDING STREAMS AND POLICIES THAT
13 PROTECT THEM, IN ADDITION TO THE IMPORTANT PIECES LAID OUT IN
14 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **CHAD MONK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M CHAD MONK, DIRECTOR OF
19 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AT NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION. NATIONAL
20 HEALTH FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF UNDER-
21 RESOURCED COMMUNITIES BY TAKING ACTION ON THE SOCIAL
22 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, AND HOUSING IS PROVEN AS A SAFE,
23 RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH, BUT
24 MORE SO THE MOST INFLUENTIAL DRIVER OF AN INDIVIDUAL AND
25 COMMUNITY'S WELLBEING. NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OPERATES TWO

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1 RECUPERATIVE CARE FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, SERVING
2 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN
3 DISCHARGED FROM A HOSPITAL STAY. WE HAVE 85 BEDS, AND LAST
4 YEAR WE HAD A RECORD 1300 GUESTS. COUNTLESS TIMES, I HAVE HAD
5 A GUEST TELL ME THE ONLY REASON THEY ARE EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS IS BECAUSE THEIR HOUSING JUST BECAME TOO
7 EXPENSIVE. WE KNOW WHICH COMMUNITIES ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR
8 DISPLACEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS, AND YET MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
9 ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS EVERY YEAR. THIS IS WHY TODAY
10 I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO PRIORITIZE
11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AREAS WITH DISPLACEMENT RISK, AND I'M
12 ASKING THE REST OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT IT, AS WELL. DOING SO
13 WOULD BE A CRUCIAL STEP IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND IMPROVING
14 HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **GISELA BRIGIDO:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

19

20 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
21 NAME IS GISELA BRIGIDO. I AM A MEMBER OF THE FAMILIES UNITED
22 TO UPHOLD RESPONSIBLE ORDINANCES, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE
23 LATINO PREVENTION PROJECT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
24 PROPOSING THIS MOTION. I ASK THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION AND RESPOND AS

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1 SOON AS POSSIBLE, OR BEFORE THE 120-DAY PERIOD. THIS IS A
2 SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE AFFECTING MY FAMILY AND MY COMMUNITY, WHO
3 LIVES IN POVERTY. IMPROVING MY COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT AFFECT
4 ACCESS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING, NOR DISPLACEMENT OF FAMILIES IN
5 POVERTY, NEITHER SHOULD IT AFFECT THE FUTURE OF MY KIDS, NOR
6 SHOULD THEIR VULNERABILITY INVOKE STRESS OR CONCERNS OVER LACK
7 OF HOUSING. WE KNOW THAT STRESS CAN LEAD TO DRUG ABUSE OR
8 ALCOHOLISM. IF WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES, WE NEED
9 ALL THOSE PRESENT HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **MARIA PATINO:** HI. MY NAME IS MARIA. I AM WITH STRATEGIC
14 ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY, S.A.J.E, AND WE APPRECIATE THE
15 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. IN
16 OUR WEEKLY TENANT CLINICS HELD AT OUR OFFICE, WE HAVE SEEN
17 DOZENS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, SUCH AS FROM FLORENCE-
18 FIRESTONE, COME TO OUR OFFICE SEEKING ADVICE ON TENANT ISSUES.
19 SO WE'RE AWARE THAT IN MARCH, THE COUNTY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING
20 A TENANT BIOPROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE ONE OF THE CITY, AND WE
21 THINK THAT THIS REPORT, WHICH IS GOING TO ANALYZE THE
22 POSSIBILITY OF A RIGHT OF RETURN, IS VERY IMPORTANT TO
23 COMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, OR THIS PROCESS, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE
24 THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AN
25 OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO

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1 STRONGLY URGE THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER, AS PART OF THIS MOTION
2 AND OTHER RELATED LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS, THE GOAL OF
3 FACILITATING AND ESTABLISHING THE CREATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING,
4 A FORM OF HOUSING THAT PROVIDES PERMANENT AFFORDABILITY
5 THROUGH A PUBLICLY FUNDED STRATEGY, AND ACHIEVES THE GOALS OF
6 BOTH AFFORDABILITY AND INTEGRATED MIXED-INCOME OPPORTUNITIES.
7 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK AND WORKING TOGETHER.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THIS PRESSING
13 ISSUE OF DISPLACEMENT THROUGH GENTRIFICATION. I GO BY TITO,
14 AND I'M A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER WITH CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOR
15 EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT, C.C.E.D. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
16 MOTION BECAUSE IN JUST THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE WITNESSED
17 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FROM BOTH LARGE AND SMALL MULTIFAMILY
18 HOUSING COMPLEXES DISPLACED OR THREATENED WITH DISPLACEMENT
19 AND HOUSELESSNESS. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT WITH THEIR LUXURY
20 HOUSING HAS EXACERBATED THE ISSUE. WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
21 WE ARE NOT SHORT OF HOUSING; WE ARE SPECIFICALLY SHORT OF
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS, CHINATOWN CONTINUES
23 TO ALSO LOSE SMALL COMMUNITY-SERVING BUSINESSES TO PRIVATE
24 DEVELOPMENT. LAST WEEK, [INAUDIBLE] BROADWAY CLOSED BECAUSE A
25 SUPPOSEDLY FREE MARKET SHUT THEM OUT OF THE MARKET. THIS PAST

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1 YEAR, WE HAVE LOST THREE DIFFERENT GROCERY MARKETS, NONE OF
2 WHICH WANTED TO LEAVE, BUT WERE FORCED OUT BY THE CONDITIONS
3 OF THIS SOCIETY THAT PRIVILEGES MONEY OVER COMMUNITY. THIS
4 SITUATION IS URGENT, AND WE ASK THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO MOVE
5 QUICKLY TO LEVERAGE ITS POWER AND POSITION TO STEM THE WAVE OF
6 DISPLACEMENT THAT WOULD WIPE OUR COMMUNITIES OUT. WE ARE IN
7 SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT THAT IS EQUITABLE AND UPLIFTS THE MOST
8 MARGINALIZED IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **KEEGAN MCCHESNEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEEGAN MCCHESNEY,
13 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, A
14 NATIONAL NONPROFIT THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- AND
15 MODERATE-INCOME PEOPLE THROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DIVERSE,
16 THRIVING COMMUNITIES. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE REST
17 OF THE BOARD FOR THIS BOLD, IMPORTANT MOTION. WE STRONGLY
18 SUPPORT PRIORITIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES NEAR LARGE
19 TRANSIT, PARKS, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, WHICH
20 ARE KNOWN TO BE SIGNIFICANT DISPLACEMENT ACCELERATORS. WE
21 ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO ESTABLISH STRUCTURES AND
22 POLICIES THAT PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDING TO PRESERVE AND EXPAND
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH LAND
24 ACQUISITION AND PREDEVELOPMENT FINANCING FOR A VARIETY OF
25 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. AND FINALLY, WE ENCOURAGE

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1 THE COUNTY TO WORK WITH LOCAL GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS IN
2 COMMUNITIES FACING DISPLACEMENT, TO UPLIFT COMMUNITY VOICES IN
3 DECISION-MAKING POLICY AND INVESTMENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

5

6 **SOPHANNAROT SAM:** HI. MY NAME IS SOPHANNAROT SAM. I'M A YOUTH
7 TRAINER AT THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, LOCATED IN
8 CHINATOWN, L.A. I JUST WANT TO ECHO A LOT OF WHAT C.C.E.D. AND
9 C.S.E.G. HAD MENTIONED. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT, AND WE
10 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS ISSUE OF GENTRIFICATION DISPLACEMENT IS
11 IMPACTING OUR FAMILIES. OUR FAMILIES' YOUTH ARE WORKING AS
12 SEAMSTRESSES AND RESTAURANT WORKERS. THEY ARE SUPER-LOW-WAGE,
13 AND THEY NEED AS MUCH SUPPORT AS THEY CAN. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE
14 THAT WE ARE IN PARK-POOR COMMUNITIES, AND WE HAVE LIMITED
15 SPACE AND ACCESS TO NATURE, AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE AN
16 INSTRUMENT IN INVESTMENT. LIKE, PARKS AND THE L.A. RIVER ARE
17 EXCITING, BUT ALSO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GENTRIFICATION
18 DISPLACEMENT. BUT WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
19 ALL. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **BRIAN AMBRIZ:** HELLO. THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIR AND HONORABLE
24 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRIAN AMBRIZ. I AM THE COMMUNITY
25 ORGANIZER WITH THE LATINO PREVENTION PROJECT OF THE CALIFORNIA

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1 HISPANIC COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. STUDIES HAVE
2 DEMONSTRATED THAT HIGHER RENT INCREASES STRESS LEVELS WITH
3 WORKING AND POOR FAMILIES. OFTENTIMES, THE INCREASED STRESS
4 LEVEL CAN LEAD TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE AMONG PARENTS,
5 TEENS, OR BOTH. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT, AND
6 DISPLACING INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES THAT CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY
7 THE INCREASE IN RENT IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE TO THE WORKING
8 CLASS AND FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN
9 INCREASE PROTECTION FACTORS THAT HAVE PROVEN TO REDUCE ALCOHOL
10 AND OTHER DRUG USE. MOTIONS LIKE THESE SHOULD BE PASSED AND
11 SUPPORTED BY ALL OF THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,
12 HILDA SOLIS, FOR THINKING OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THANK YOU FOR
13 THIS MOTION TO PRIORITIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AREAS WITH
14 DISPLACEMENT. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **SILVIA MONTELLANO:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

19
20 **TRANSLATOR:** MY NAME IS SILVIA MONTELLANO, AND I'M HERE TO
21 THANK THE COMMUNITY, AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK
22 YOU VERY MUCH TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M ASKING ALL THE
23 SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. I LIVE
24 WITH MY SON AND HIS WIFE. I WAS SENT AN APPLICATION TO APPLY
25 FOR AN APARTMENT FOR RENT. AND THE MAN TOLD US THAT A ONE-

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1 BEDROOM APARTMENT IS \$900, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A LOW-INCOME
2 PROPERTY. AND A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT WAS \$1,500. SO I
3 QUESTIONED HIM, AND I ASKED, "SO, WHERE IS THE SAVINGS, IF
4 THIS IS A LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY?"

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SILVIA MONTELLANO:** GRACIAS.

9

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

11

12 **MARITZA ALVAREZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARITZA
13 ALVAREZ. I'M CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG
14 PREVENTION PROGRAM. I HAVE WORKED IN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST
15 L.A. AND SOUTHEAST L.A. FOR OVER 15 YEARS WITH PARENTS,
16 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND YOUTH. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SHARE A
17 LITTLE INSIGHT ON THE CURRENT WORK WE DO, IN TERMS OF ALCOHOL
18 AND DRUG PREVENTION, AND THE CONNECTION TO WHAT I APPLAUD
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PROPOSING THE MOTION OF PRIORITIZING
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AREAS WITH DISPLACEMENT RISK. SOME OF MY
21 COLLEAGUES HAVE EXPRESSED THE MOTION IS A NECESSARY STEP TO
22 PREVENT ADDITIONAL DISPLACEMENT OR GENTRIFICATION OCCURRING IN
23 NOT ONLY LOW-INCOME, BUT IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES. AND WHILE
24 SUCH COMMUNITIES DEFINITELY DESERVE TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF
25 INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS, IT SHOULD NEVER BE AT THE COST

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1 OF FAMILY DISPLACEMENT. IN OUR FIELD OF WORK, WE'VE LISTENED
2 TO MANY STORIES, AS HAVE BEEN SHARED TODAY, FROM FAMILIES AND
3 CHILDREN WHO ARE OVERSTRESSED, FIGURING OUT HOW THEIR FAMILIES
4 ARE GOING TO PAY THE RENT. AND THIS IS A GRAVE CONCERN,
5 BECAUSE THAT DOES LEAD TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE.

6

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

8

9 **MARITZA ALVAREZ:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE
12 RESPECT THOSE THAT ARE TESTIFYING, PLEASE, AND SPEAK IN A
13 WHISPER IF YOU ARE GOING TO TALK, OR GO OUTSIDE? THANK YOU.
14 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **ARACELI HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARACELI
17 HERNANDEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF MISSION HILLS IN THE SAN FERNANDO
18 VALLEY, AND I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH NATURE FOR ALL, IN
19 SAN GABRIEL. I CAME OUT ON BEHALF OF NATURE FOR ALL TO SHARE
20 OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS ACTION, WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO
21 MAINTAIN COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND VIABILITY. NATURE FOR ALL
22 APPLAUDS SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND WE
23 LOOK FORWARD TO READING THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THIS
24 URGENT MATTER. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **BEATRIZ SANDOVAL:** MY NAME IS BEATRIZ SANDOVAL. I'M A RESIDENT
4 OF BALDWIN PARK CITY, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS'S MOTION, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HER FOR THIS MOTION.
6 WE ARE DOING A STORY ON HOUSING ISSUES IN ALL OF L.A. COUNTY.
7 MY COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED MANY HOUSING THERE, BUT ALSO
8 THIS HOUSING IS FOR INVESTMENT, BECAUSE THE HOUSING COSTS
9 \$800,000, WHEN THE INCOME IN MY AREA IS LESS THAN 50,000 A
10 YEAR. SO WHO CAN BUY THE HOUSES? ANYBODY THERE. SO, ALSO, THE
11 HOUSING DEVELOPED THERE FOR RENT, THE RENT IS ABOUT 2,100 A
12 MONTH, AND MY COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD THE HOUSING. THAT MEANS
13 THAT MOST OF OUR COMMUNITY NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR OTHER AREAS,
14 OUTSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY, ALSO OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA. SO THANK
15 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

18

19 **LUKE GINGER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUKE GINGER. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
20 OF HEAL THE BAY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS. WE DESPERATELY NEED POLICIES THAT WILL INCREASE THE
23 AMOUNT OF PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND WE NEED POLICIES
24 THAT WILL SOLIDIFY TENANTS' RIGHTS, RENT CONTROL, AND VACANCY
25 CONTROL. THE COUNTY IS POISED TO RELEASE THE L.A. RIVER MASTER

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1 PLAN, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF GREEN SPACE AND GREEN
2 INFRASTRUCTURE IN COMMUNITIES ALONG THE RIVER. WITHOUT
3 PROTECTIONS, THESE COMMUNITIES WILL BE PUSHED OUT OF THEIR
4 HOMES BY GREEN GENTRIFICATION. PEOPLE WILL BECOME HOMELESS.
5 PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A MORE NATURAL
6 RIVER, WHICH IS THE INTENTION OF THE PLAN IN THE FIRST PLACE,
7 AND THIS IS ALL BECAUSE THEY EARN LESS MONEY THAN OTHER
8 PEOPLE. SO IT WOULD BE A GREAT INJUSTICE IF YOU DON'T PASS
9 THESE POLICIES, AND INSTEAD LEAVE COMMUNITIES SUSCEPTIBLE TO
10 GENTRIFICATION AND THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
16 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
17 ASSIST YOU: [READING NAMES.] ALL OF THE NAMES HAVE BEEN
18 CALLED. PLEASE COME FORWARD PROMPTLY TO THE FRONT ROW, AND
19 STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE SPEAKER PODIUM WHEN IT IS TIME
20 FOR YOU TO SPEAK. IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN IT'S YOUR TIME
21 TO SPEAK, YOUR TIME MAY BE FORFEITED. PLEASE COME FORWARD.
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU
25 FOR WAITING.

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1

2 **ROBIN MARK:** SURE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBIN MARK. I'M
3 WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE WORK
4 WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CREATE PARKS AND ACCESS TO OPEN
5 SPACE. AND THAT SAID, WE TOO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS MOTION
6 AND SECURING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL COMMUNITIES. FIRST, I
7 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING MEASURE "A" AND THE ANTI-
8 DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES THAT WERE INCORPORATED INTO THAT
9 MEASURE. THIS MOTION TODAY BUILDS OFF THAT WORK TO IMPROVE THE
10 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR COMMUNITIES, HOLISTICALLY. PEOPLE NEED
11 OPEN SPACE, AND THEY ALSO NEED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
12 ALL THE WORK THAT WE DO AT THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND DOES NOT
13 ACTUALLY SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IF THEY DON'T ALSO HAVE A SECURE
14 PLACE TO LIVE. SO IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE FULLY SUPPORT
15 THIS MEASURE. WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING IT
16 HERE TO US TODAY. A COUPLE OF ITEMS I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
17 CONSIDER IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRUCTURES AND POLICIES THAT
18 PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDING TO PRESERVE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE
19 HOUSING LOCATED NEAR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, LIKE PARKS, LIKE
20 LARGE PARKS THAT WE KNOW CAN HAVE A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT ON
21 COMMUNITIES. AND I WILL STOP THERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

24

25 **HILDA MENDOZA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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1

2 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME
3 IS HILDA MENDOZA. I AM A MOTHER OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS,
4 AND I'M A VOLUNTEER FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. AS I STATED
5 BEFORE, I AM A MEMBER OF SEVERAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT
6 SERVE MY SON AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. I'M NOW
7 GOING TO TELL YOU A BIT ABOUT MY STORY. I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN
8 AN APARTMENT FOR OVER 5 YEARS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
9 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA, AND THE OWNER HAS
10 ATTEMPTED TO EVICT ME. AND UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS UNABLE TO
11 LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO I SOUGHT THE HELP OF LEGAL
12 COUNSEL. WITHIN A ONE-MONTH TIME PERIOD, THE OWNER HAS
13 INCREASED MY RENT OVER \$300. ALL THIS HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF
14 NEIGHBORING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THE OWNER HAS
15 INCREASED MY RENT, AND MY NEIGHBOR'S, AS WELL. AND THEY WANTED
16 TO EVICT US, JUST BECAUSE.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SUMMARIZE IT, PLEASE?

19

20 **HILDA MENDOZA:** OH, OKAY. [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

21

22 **TRANSLATOR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR YOUR
23 SUPPORT.

24

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

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1

2 **ALIYAH SHAIKH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALIYAH
3 SHAIKH, AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING JOBS TO MOVE AMERICA, AND
4 ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT L.A., A COALITION OF ANTI-
5 DISPLACEMENT AND TRANSIT EQUITY ADVOCATES. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO ADDRESS GENTRIFICATION AND
7 DISPLACEMENT, AND PRIORITIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS THE COUNTY
8 OF L.A. EMBARKS ON MAJOR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS TO EXPAND TRANSIT
9 INFRASTRUCTURE, WHILE ALSO FACING THE WORST HOMELESSNESS AND
10 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISES IN THE U.S., IT WILL TAKE MANY
11 CREATIVE STRATEGIES TO KEEP FAMILIES HOUSED. I ALSO WANT TO
12 REMIND THE BOARD THAT LOCAL FAMILY-SUSTAINING JOBS THAT LOWER
13 THE RENT BURDEN NEED TO BE CREATED IN THE COUNTY; FOR EXAMPLE,
14 PERHAPS IN THE GROWING GREEN TRANSIT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.
15 BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COUNTY SHOULD BE VERY INTENTIONAL IN
16 PROTECTING AND PRIORITIZING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE FACE OF
17 GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
18 MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **CARMEN RESENDIZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

23

24 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARMEN RESENDIZ. THANK
25 YOU ALL FOR LISTENING TO US. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR

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1 BRINGING THIS MOTION, FOR PRIORITIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT
2 HIGH-RISK AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT. WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS THAT
3 THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY CAN CAUSE THE DISPLACEMENT OF
4 OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **GUADALUPE GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS GUADALUPE GONZALEZ. I'M THE
9 TENANT ORGANIZER WITH ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR COMMUNITY
10 EMPOWERMENT. I'M A TENANT IN DISTRICT TWO. THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. AND THEN THIS IS ONE WAY TO
12 ESTABLISH THE SPECULATORS TO COME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO GET
13 OUR HOMES. AND THEN THANK YOU, AND URGE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS
14 TO SUPPORT THIS, BECAUSE WE NEED MORE MOTIONS LIKE THIS, AND
15 MORE POLICIES LIKE THIS, TO RESOLVE THIS CRISIS IN HOUSING.
16 AND THEN THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **HECTOR SANTOS:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

21

22 **TRANSLATOR:** MY NAME IS HECTOR SANTOS. I'M HERE FROM BALDWIN
23 PARK. I THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
24 APPROVING THIS MOTION. MY WIFE AND I ARE VOLUNTEERS IN THE
25 CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, IN THE SENIOR CENTER. THE PROBLEM THAT

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1 WE'RE HAVING IN BALDWIN PARK IS THAT THERE'S MANY DEVELOPMENTS
2 IN THIS CITY. THEY ARE BUILDING BUILDINGS WHICH NOW IS BEING
3 CALLED THE STATE OF GOLD. MANY OF US ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD
4 THE RENTS THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CHARGING FOR. THE REASON
5 BEING IS BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF US ARE ELDERLY CITIZENS, AND
6 OUR INCOME IS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY, AND IT'S FIXED.
7 THEREFORE, WE ARE HERE ASKING TO PLEASE DO SOMETHING REGARDING
8 THIS ISSUE.

9

10 **HECTOR SANTOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **TRANSLATOR:** THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **DAYANA MOLINA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY
17 NAME IS DAYANA MOLINA, AND I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE
18 TRUST OF PUBLIC LAND. BUT I ALSO LIVE AND HAVE GROWN UP IN THE
19 NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE MANY OF THE GREEN PROJECTS HAVE
20 TAKEN PLACE ALONG THE RIVER, AND I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND
21 GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT, AND HAS AFFECTED MY FAMILY,
22 AS WELL. WE RECENTLY MOVED TO LINCOLN HEIGHTS BECAUSE PEOPLE
23 ARE JUST BEING DISPLACED EVERYWHERE. THROUGH MY WORK, I
24 ACTUALLY GET TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON GREEN
25 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PARKS THROUGH SOUTH L.A. AND SOUTH

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1 GATE. IT'S VERY RECENTLY THAT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS FROM THE
2 EQUIPO VERDE, WHICH ARE ADVOCATES FOR THE GREEN ALLEYS IN
3 SOUTH L.A., HAVE COME TO ME ASKING FOR RESOURCES BECAUSE THEIR
4 RENTS ARE INCREASING, AS WELL. SO THIS IS A PROBLEM ALL ACROSS
5 THE COUNTY, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. I
6 KINDLY URGE THAT THE COUNTY ESTABLISH A STRUCTURE AND POLICIES
7 TO PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDING TO PRESERVE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE
8 HOUSING, BECAUSE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
9 BEAUTIFYING THEIR COMMUNITY AND OTHER.

10

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

12

13 **BLANCA CHAVEZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

14

15 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BLANCA CHAVEZ, AND I
16 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS MEETING TODAY. I'M A
17 MEMBER OF THE LATINO PREVENTION PROJECT. WE ARE ASKING THE
18 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE
19 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS FOR THIS
20 MOTION, BUT WE ALSO ASK THAT WE HAVE SOME RESPONSE PRIOR TO
21 THE 120 DAYS, BEFORE THE 120-DAY GRACE PERIOD. THANK YOU.

22

23 **BLANCA CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **TERRY LUEDECKE:** HELLO. I'M TERRY LUEDECKE. I AM WITH ABUNDANT
3 HOUSING L.A., AND WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
4 ADDRESS THE DISPLACEMENT CRISIS BY PRIORITIZING AFFORDABLE
5 HOUSING IN AREAS WITH DISPLACEMENT RISK. THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES IS IN THE MIDST OF A HOUSING SHORTAGE. WE NEED HALF A
7 MILLION UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO MEET THE EXISTING
8 DEMAND FROM LOW-INCOME RENTERS. THE AVERAGE ONE-BEDROOM RENT
9 IN L.A. COUNTY IS \$1700 PER MONTH. A 2-BEDROOM IS \$2400 PER
10 MONTH. WHILE INCREASED SUPPLY AT ALL INCOME LEVELS OF HOUSING
11 OVER THE LONG TERM IS NECESSARY TO BRING DOWN HOUSING COSTS
12 AND PROVIDE ENOUGH HOMES FOR RESIDENTS, THE IMMEDIATE NEED IS
13 IN AREAS WHERE DISPLACEMENT RISK IS SUBSIDIZED FOR AFFORDABLE
14 HOUSING. WE NEED TO MAXIMIZE THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE
15 HOUSING THROUGH THE COUNTY, WHILE PLANNING STRATEGICALLY TO
16 ELIMINATE DISPLACEMENT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **GABRIELA SOLORZANO:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, MY NAME IS
21 GABRIELA SOLORZANO. I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING WITH
22 THE EVERYONE IN CAMPAIGN, AND WE ARE HERE ALSO IN SUPPORT OF
23 THIS MOTION, BECAUSE AS WE KNOW, THE DRIVERS TO HOMELESSNESS
24 DO LIE AT ISSUES OF HIGH RENTS, DISPLACEMENT, AND
25 GENTRIFICATION IN LOWER-INCOME COMMUNITIES, AND WE WOULD WANT

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1 TO ENSURE THAT THIS MOTION DOES LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITIES TO
2 IDENTIFY CITY- AND COUNTY-OWNED LAND TO DEVELOP PERMANENT
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES, AND REALLY ALSO LOOK AT
4 INNOVATIVE HOUSING, THINK ABOUT MODULAR HOUSING, INNOVATIVE
5 CONSTRUCTION METHODOLOGIES, TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN BUILD
6 HOUSING MUCH FASTER, BECAUSE I THINK THE ISSUE RIGHT NOW IS
7 CURRENTLY THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE MORE THAN
8 600,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE RENT-BURDENED JUST IN THE CITY OF LOS
9 ANGELES, AND WE HAVE 700,000 PEOPLE GOING INTO HOMELESSNESS
10 EVERY DAY.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?
13 DR. CLAVREUL?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THAT'S A VERY
16 GREAT IDEA, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
17 BRINGING THAT UP. A THING TO ALSO LOOK IS THAT TO HAVE SOME
18 BUILDING OF HOUSING AND [INAUDIBLE] TRANSPORTATION, BECAUSE, I
19 MEAN, SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENT, IF THEY ARE SO FAR OUT, IT DOES
20 NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING FOR ANYBODY, AND I THINK THAT IS ONE
21 THING TO REALLY FOCUS ON, WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE
22 THOSE HOUSING DONE, AND NOT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. THANK
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, AND I
2 THINK OUR LAST SPEAKER, BASED ON...

3

4 **SUSANA MONCADA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

5

6 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUSANA MONCADA, AND I
7 AM AN ADVOCATE FOR THE ROMERO CLINIC. THANK YOU, HONORABLE
8 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. AS AN ADVOCATE OF
9 HOUSING AND OUR COMMUNITY, I SEE THE HOUSING NEED. I SEE THAT
10 IF WE SEEK THE NEED TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY,
11 WE NEED TO DEVELOP LOW-INCOME HOUSING, OF WHICH WE CAN PAY IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH OUR SALARY. IN MY SITUATION, MY HUSBAND IS
13 RETIRED, AND I PAY \$1,200 FOR A ONE-BEDROOM. TWO DAYS AGO, I
14 WAS INFORMED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO INCREASE MY RENT BY \$200.
15 I DO NOT WANT TO BE ANOTHER STAT WHO IS LIVING IN THE STREETS.
16 WE ALSO HAVE TO BE MINDFUL THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
17 ELDERLY AND ARE ON A FIXED INCOME.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUSANA MONCADA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

22

23 **TRANSLATOR:** SO I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS TO SUPPORT THIS
24 MOTION, IN ORDER TO PREVENT US LIVING IN THE STREETS. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

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

4

5 **MARIA JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA NUERTA JONES,
6 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT
7 L.A. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING A CHAMPION FOR LOW-
8 INCOME RENTERS, AND FOR HER CONTINUED EFFORTS TO FIND
9 SOLUTIONS TO THE COUNTY'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES.
10 WE'RE HERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD,
11 AND TO REALLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO TAKE ON THE ISSUE OF
12 DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF L.A.
13 IT IS A VERY CRITICAL ISSUE FOR LOW-INCOME RENTERS AND
14 FAMILIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING EVERY DAY. OUR COALITION HAS BEEN
15 STRONG ADVOCATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ON THESE ISSUES, AND WE
16 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, AS THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO FIND
17 SOLUTIONS, THAT WE REALLY PRIORITIZE PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE
18 HOUSING AND PROTECTION FOR LOW-INCOME RENTERS. SO WE WANT TO
19 SEE BOLD, STRONG POLICIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RETURN FOR
20 RENTERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

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

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. HOW MUCH MONEY IS GOING TO BE
25 ALLOCATED FOR THIS STUDY? IT IS A GOOD THING THAT YOU PUT

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1 TOGETHER THAT NEW DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM, BECAUSE IT SEEMS
2 LIKE THIS IS JUST COLLECTING MORE DATA, AND REASSESSING DATA,
3 AND USING THAT DATA TO COLLECT MORE DATA SO THAT YOU HAVE MORE
4 DATA TO COLLECT. IF YOU HAVE UNDERUTILIZED CITY, COUNTY, OR
5 METRO PROPERTY, MAYBE WHAT YOU COULD DO IS OFFER IT TO THE
6 BUILDERS AT A LOW RATE. LOWER THE COST FOR THE PROPERTY WITH A
7 COVENANT THAT THE BUILDER BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE
8 PEOPLE THAT TALK ABOUT WHAT THEIR AVERAGE RATE OF INCOME IS,
9 AND THEN GIVE THEM COVENANTS THAT LAST FOR 50 YEARS, WITH THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO REINVEST IN THE COVENANT. OTHERWISE, BECAUSE OF
11 THE LACK OF SPACE AND THE NEED FOR DEMAND, YOU ARE NEVER GOING
12 TO HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN L.A.
13 WILL ALWAYS INCREASE.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. NEXT
16 SPEAKER?

17

18 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IS THAT ME?

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

21

22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** ARE WE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS ISSUE? ARE YOU
23 REALLY SERIOUS? WELL, I'M ONLY GETTING ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
24 THIS SERIOUS ISSUE. WHY IS THAT? BECAUSE IT SHOWS YOU THE
25 EXACT ATTITUDE OF N.W.A. EXACT ATTITUDE. N.W.A. IS AN ACRONYM

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1 FOR [EXPLETIVE] WITH ATTITUDE. WHY IS THAT? YOU SEE, THESE
2 PEOPLE ARE HEARTBROKEN. THEY NEED THEIR HOMES. THEY NEED THEIR
3 RENTS.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STAY ON...?

6

7 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I AM ON TOPIC. I USED AN ACRONYM: N.W.A.,
8 [EXPLETIVE] WITH ATTITUDE. AND SO, AS I POINTED OUT, YOU
9 CONTINUE TO DEPRIVE PEOPLE A LIFE. YOU DEPRIVE PEOPLE THE
10 RIGHT TO RENT AND LIVE IN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. YOU ARE
11 [EXPLETIVE] RACIST, PREJUDICED. [OFF-MIC COMMENTS.]

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS UP.
14 NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER. YOUR TIME IS UP.

15

16 **ALISON HAHM:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **ALISON HAHM:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALISON HAHM,
21 AND I AM AN ACCESS TO NATURE LEGAL FELLOW AT THE NATURAL
22 RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF
23 N.R.D.C., AND AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AND OPEN
24 SPACE COLLABORATIVE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COLLABORATIVE. WE
25 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS

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1 PRESSING ISSUE, AND THANK SUPERVISORS FOR PRESERVING AND
2 IMPROVING NATURAL SPACES IN LOS ANGELES THROUGH MEASURE "A"
3 FUNDING. GENTRIFICATION IS OFTEN EXACERBATED BY GREEN
4 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS. SIMULTANEOUSLY, MEMBERS IN THE
5 COMMUNITY ARE LIVING IN PARK-POOR REGIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO
6 HIGHLIGHT THESE ISSUES AND MAKE SPACES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS
7 TO LIVE IN GREEN SPACES, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY LIVE IN AFFORDABLE
8 HOUSING SPACES. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY WORK WITH LOCAL
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CRAFTING RESPONSIVE HOUSING AND
10 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES TO CREATE CRITICAL FUNDING
11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK
14 YOU. SO, THAT IS THE LAST SPEAKER. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO--

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK
18 EVERYONE'S PATIENCE TODAY. I KNOW WE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF
19 PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM FOR COMING
20 OUT. MANY CAME FROM MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND I THINK IT
21 FALLS IN LINE WITH A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD TODAY
22 VERY NICELY. AND WE ARE TAKING THE INFORMATION THAT YOU
23 PRESENTED AS SPEAKERS VERY SERIOUSLY. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK
24 YOU, AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LOT MORE WORK AHEAD OF US IN THE
25 YEAR TO COME, AND THAT YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT, I BELIEVE, OF THE

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1 MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ON THIS BOARD, QUITE FRANKLY, ON THESE
2 ISSUES OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US. AND YOU HAVE TO
3 UNDERSTAND, WE REPRESENT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT WE
4 NEED TO HAVE PARTNERS. IN MANY WAYS, THOSE PARTNERS REPRESENT
5 THE DIFFERENT 87 CITIES, OR 88 CITIES, BECAUSE I'M EXCLUDING
6 LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US, BUT OTHER
7 CITIES THAT ALSO HAVE TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DISCUSSIONS
8 THAT WE'VE HAD TODAY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHARE WITH YOUR
9 CITY COUNCILS THE MOTION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, SO
10 THAT YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR CITIES AND ALSO SHARE WITH THEM
11 INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY IS UNDERTAKING. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
12 MADAM CHAIR, AND I WOULD KINDLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH ITEM 2 BEFORE US,
15 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF
16 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY.
17 [APPLAUSE.] NOW, THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY, SO WE WILL MOVE
18 ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, THANK YOU. CAN YOU JUST WAIT?
19 THERE YOU GO. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
20 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
21 BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS. MADAM
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
23 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THOSE ITEMS.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
2 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
3 NAME: DR. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
4 BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D AND 3. ERIC PREVEN ON 3-D, 1, 5, 7, 18, 23,
5 24, 28, 29, 34. PATRICIA MCALLISTER ON 2-D, 3-D, 3, 4, 7, AND
6 18. REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, 1-D, 2-D, 1, 5, 23, 28, 29, AND
7 34. HERMAN HERMAN, ALL REMAINING ITEMS. WAYNE SPINDLER, ALL
8 REMAINING ITEMS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.
11 SEEING NO SPEAKER. I GUESS NO ONE WANTS TO SPEAK. OKAY. FIRST
12 SPEAKER, MR. PREVEN. START THE CLOCK.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT ABOUT THAT GUY?

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** START THE CLOCK.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY,
19 AND I NOTE THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S REQUESTED SEVERAL
20 ITEMS BE TAKEN CARE OF AT THE MARCH 3, 2020-- I'M SORRY? YOU
21 ARE GIVING ME HAND SIGNALS. OKAY. YOU'RE NOT? FINE. WOULD YOU
22 RESTORE MY TIME? THIS IS REALLY DIFFICULT. OKAY, FINE, THEN
23 LET'S LEAVE IT. LET'S LEAVE IT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT ON
24 BEHALF OF THE SMALL, YOUNG, EDUCATIONALLY-- WHAT? ARE YOU
25 LOOKING AT ME?

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN, KEEP TALKING. WE'RE
3 NOT ENGAGING YOU. KEEP TALKING. YOUR TIME IS--

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** HE'S JUST LOOKING AT ME AND GOING [WHISPERS.]
6 IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS MOVING. KEEP GOING.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** ON BEHALF OF THE YOUNG STUDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, I
11 WANT TO APOLOGIZE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE THIRD DISTRICT FOR
12 SHEILA KUEHL'S EXPLETIVE DURING THE INTERSTITIAL MOMENT IN THE
13 PREVIOUS--

14

15 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, BUT-- MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY ENGAGE THE
18 HIGH-AND-MIGHTY SUPERVISOR, TO USE A TERM LIKE--

19

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

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M SPEAKING ON THE [EXPLETIVE] ITEM, WHICH WAS
23 INTRODUCED BY--

24

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. PREVEN, IF YOU ARE NOT
2 GOING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM YOU HELD, THEN YOUR TIME WILL BE--
3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, LET ME GET ON. BUT, YOU KNOW, I GOT
5 INTERRUPTED.
6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM?
8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU WANT THE NUMBER? WELL, 1-D, 2-D. I'LL TALK
10 ABOUT-- LET ME GO TO MY PREPARED REMARKS. I WOULD LOVE TO SAY
11 THANKS TO BRIDGE-- ALL CAPS-- HOUSING CORPORATION, AND
12 WAKELAND HOUSING, AND DOMUS GP, L.L.C.-- METAHOUSING,
13 OBVIOUSLY. THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR REGULARLY CAVORTING
14 WITH THAT GROUP. AND FINALLY, P.V. WEST CARSON L.P., NOT TO BE
15 CONFUSED WITH THE GIANT GOLF COURSE THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS
16 HONDLING IN THE BACK ROOM TO DELIVER TO THE FOLKS IN CARSON,
17 DESPITE ANY REAL PUBLIC VETTING OF ANY MEANINGFUL KIND. AND I
18 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE
19 BEEN DOING WITH THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS, TRYING TO NOT CREATE
20 TRANSPARENCY, BUT TO GET STUFF DONE. AND IN TERMS OF THE
21 ELECTION, EVERYONE OUT. EVERYONE OUT. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS OUT,
22 HERB WESSON OUT, ALL OUT. THANKS.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

2 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK ON 2-D, THE MULTIFAMILY
3 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING. THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. IS SAW THE
4 OTHER ONE TODAY. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS ASKING FOR
5 LEGAL ACTION TO PROVIDE INFLUENCE OF ACTION FOR MIGRANT
6 WORKERS. I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE WOULD PROVIDE
7 COUNTY CHILDREN THE SAME ADVANTAGE. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU ON
8 MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, MANY OF THE DISPENSARIES FROM THE COUNTY
9 HAVE SIGNED, SAYING WE NO LONGER PAY FOR VACCINES FOR
10 CHILDREN, AND SO ON. SO I THINK THAT WE WILL HAVE THAT ITEM BE
11 TAKEN CARE OF, THAT WILL BE SUPER-GREAT. THEN ITEM 12 WAS A
12 REPORT ON THE B.O.S. ESTABLISHED PRIORITY. I THINK TO HAVE IT
13 CONTINUE UNTIL JULY IS REALLY A CONCERNING ITEM. I THINK IT
14 SHOULD BE DEALT TODAY. THE SAME WITH ITEM 15. I BROUGHT IT UP
15 EARLIER TODAY UNDER CS-1. WE HAVE NOT HAD A REPORT FROM
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SINCE BEFORE JUNE, AND THAT IS TOTALLY
17 UNACCEPTABLE. FOR A BUDGET OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WE SHOULD
18 HAVE A REPORT ON AN ONGOING BASIS, AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE
19 ACCESS TO IT. AND I ALSO WANTED TO REFER TO, I NEVER RECEIVED
20 THE P.R.A. REQUEST ON SHANE BRADY. IT'S LIKE TWO MONTHS
21 OVERDUE. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I WILL GET IT. THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. NEXT
25 SPEAKER?

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1

2 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M HERMAN. NOT MR. PREVEN, BUT I. AND
3 REGARDING THOSE ELECTIONS, ANYONE BUT HERB WESSON, JR., FOR MY
4 HOUSE. KEEP THAT MAN OUT OF OUR BUSINESS.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM NUMBER-- HERMAN? STOP
7 THE CLOCK.

8

9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M REGARDING THE ELECTIONS, MA'AM.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WAIT. LET ME-- STOP THE
12 CLOCK. PLEASE SPEAK ON THE ITEMS YOU HELD. OTHERWISE, YOU WILL
13 FORFEIT YOUR TIME.

14

15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I SIGNED UP ON ALL ITEMS, AND I'M MAKING
16 REFERENCE TO THE ITEMS SUCH AS ELECTIONS. RIGHT? ISN'T THAT
17 WHAT ELECTIONS ARE ABOUT-- 27 AND 28? BUT LET'S GO BETTER INTO
18 THE HOUSING, THE ISSUE ALL DAY LONG. EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES
19 KNOWS THAT WE'RE IN A HOMELESS CRISIS, RUN BY A HOLOCAUST OF
20 NAZIS, FASCISTS, RIDICULOUS, UNCONSIDERABLE, UNPOLITE, LIKE
21 SHEILA KUEHL-- [EXPLETIVE]. SO, YES, I'M RIGHT. THE CLAIM, THE
22 PRACTICE AND PATTERN OF PUTTING ELDERLY AND DISABLED INTO THE
23 STREETS. AND AGAIN, A FORM OF DISCRIMINATION WHEN YOU PUT THE
24 CAMERA MAKE ME LOOK LIKE THIS LITTLE PIECE OF [EXPLETIVE].
25 WE'RE TIRED OF WAITING FOR HOUSING. COUNSEL, TURN THAT MIC OFF

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1 AND LISTEN. FIX THE PROBLEM. BE A PRODUCER. HAVE THESE
2 ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR HOUSING NOW. I DEMAND ON BEHALF OF THE
3 PUBLIC'S INTEREST, BECAUSE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES REFUSES TO
4 LISTEN TO WHAT FEDERAL MONEY CAN DO. FEDERAL MONEY WILL FIX
5 OUR HOMELESS CRISIS. THAT'S WHY DONALD TRUMP IS SENDING THE
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIX THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN THE COUNTY
7 AND IN THE CITY. BECAUSE WE HAVE A [EXPLETIVE] LIKE RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS, WHO CONVERTS HIS GARAGE INTO A HOUSE, USING OUR
9 TAXPAYING DOLLARS TO FUND IT WITH EMPLOYEES. ARE YOU NOT TIRED
10 OF IT? LOOK AT THOSE PEOPLE SITTING BEHIND ME FROM YOUR HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES. NOT ONE [EXPLETIVE] OF THEM GET
12 UP TO HELP PEOPLE WITH HOUSE CRISIS ISSUES. NOT ONE. MULTIPLE
13 FAMILY AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF
14 LOS ANGELES. THIS IS WHAT I THINK OF YOUR HOUSING. THIS IS
15 WHAT I THINK ABOUT AFFORDABLE. THIS WORLD IS HORRIBLE. I HATE
16 HORRIBLENESS. I HATE YOU FOR BEING HORRIBLE TO THE
17 CONSTITUENTS THAT I ADVOCATE FOR. WHO IS GOING TO SAVE
18 AMERICA? ONE PERSON. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL BAIL YOU OUT
19 OF THIS PROBLEM OF HOUSING. SHUT UP, COUNSEL. TURN YOUR MIC
20 OFF AND LET ME RUN MY MOUTH. ALL I GET IS 60 SECONDS TO RANT
21 HOW UNPOLITE YOU ARE, YOU [EXPLETIVE].

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK
24 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO LISTEN, YOU [EXPLETIVE]. SO, WE HAVE 1-D.

2 I'M GOING TO SPEAK AS A LITTLE MINIATURE SHEILA KUEHL. SO, 1-

3 D. WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT ALL THIS [EXPLETIVE] HOMELESSNESS.

4 [OFF-MIC COMMENTS.]

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, YOU ARE ON 1-D?

7

8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, THE HOMELESSNESS, YOU [EXPLETIVE]. WE'RE
9 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU WENT FROM JANUARY 2017, THAT HE'S
10 NOT MY PRESIDENT, THAT HE'S MY BAKER. HOW DID YOU [INAUDIBLE]
11 THAT, [EXPLETIVE]? BECAUSE IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS. AND I
12 HAVE TO WEAR THIS SYMBOL OF SHAME BECAUSE I HAVE TO BE
13 EXCLUDED. THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SEE MY FACE: BECAUSE I'M AN
14 [EXPLETIVE]. BUT, YOU SEE, DONALD JOHN TRUMP, THE 45TH
15 PRESIDENT, MET WITH KATHRYN BARGER AND HERB WESSON AND MAYOR
16 FEUER, WHO'S GOING TO BE FUHRER AND A MAYOR UNLESS THE F.B.I.
17 DOES THE RIGHT THING AND IT SIGNS UP FOR THAT PRICEWATERHOUSE
18 COOPER. SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO TAKE MONEY FROM DONALD J.
19 TRUMP. TO DO WHAT, [EXPLETIVE]? TO BUY LAND AND RELOCATE THE
20 REFUGEES, MOSTLY BLACKS, WHICH IS THE 2020 VERSION OF JEWS,
21 OUT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO BE PUT--

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WAS THIS ON 1-D STILL?

24

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU WANT TO PUT THE HOMELESS IN CONCENTRATION
2 CAMPS WHILE YOU BUILD YOUR PRETTY GLASS BUILDINGS AND CHARGE
3 \$3,000 DOLLARS A MONTH RENT FOR AN 800-SQUARE-FOOT LITTLE
4 LOFT. THAT'S A PRETTY FILTHY [EXPLETIVE] LAND USE [INAUDIBLE],
5 COURTESY OF KATHRYN BARGER.

6

7 **ATTORNEY:** WHAT ITEM ARE YOU ON?

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE TURNED OFF HIS MIC BECAUSE OF
10 HIS LANGUAGE, SO THAT WE HAVE TO LISTEN, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN
11 THE PUBLIC HAS TO HEAR IT.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU CAN TURN MY MIC OFF, AND YOU CAN TURN MY
14 [EXPLETIVE] CAMERA OFF, AND YOU CAN TURN EVERYTHING OFF.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, KEEP TO THE ITEM 1-D, PLEASE.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** [OFF-MIC COMMENTS.]

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT
21 SPEAKER.

22

23 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** ALL RIGHT, SO VERMONT MANCHESTER
24 PROPERTY HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY TAKEN FROM ELI SASSOUNI IN 2017. I
25 DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE PLANNING ON DOING WITH IT, BUT

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1 IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. IT IS PLENTY USEFUL FOR HOUSING.
2 THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL THERE FOR THE
3 YOUTH. WHEN ARE WE BREAKING GROUND? I MEAN, YOU HAVE PEOPLE
4 THAT ARE LIVING IN PARKING LOTS, AND YOU GUYS ARE STILL NOT
5 DOING ANYTHING WITH MANCHESTER VERMONT PROPERTY. WHY DID MARK
6 TAKE \$2 MILLION OUT FOR SO-CALLED STARTING A RENOVATION, OR
7 STARTING THE PROCESS? HE TOOK \$2 MILLION OUT, NOVEMBER, AND NO
8 ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT. YET, THE CONSTITUENT CENTER ACROSS
9 THE STREET FROM IT HAS BEEN RENOVATED MAYBE FOUR TIMES.
10 LITERALLY. COME ON, GUYS. CAN YOU STOP DOING THIS? BECAUSE
11 THIS IS WHAT'S PISSING ME OFF. YOU WANT TO LABEL ME AS ANGRY.
12 YOU WANT TO LABEL ME TO CALM DOWN AND STOP USING PROFANITY.
13 NO. UNTIL YOU GUYS START USING THE FUNDING TO HOUSE PEOPLE, I
14 SAY [EXPLETIVE] YOU. OKAY? [OFF-MIC COMMENTS.]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THREE MINUTES.

17

18 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** [OFF-MIC COMMENTS CONTINUE.] WHY DOES
19 [INAUDIBLE] SON GET TO GO TO THE BEST SCHOOLS WHILE SHE'S THE
20 COMMISSIONER, AND OTHER HOMELESS CHILDREN ARE STILL SLEEPING
21 IN PARKING LOTS? THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON. YES, I SAID THAT I
22 WOULD [INAUDIBLE], BECAUSE COMMUNITY [INAUDIBLE], FOR SOME
23 REASON, CAN'T EVEN FISCALLY SPONSOR A NONPROFIT TO HELP OUT
24 THE HOMELESS, BECAUSE L.A.H.S.A. SAID THAT THERE'S A LAWSUIT
25 GOING ON. YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT, THERE'S A LAWSUIT GOING ON,

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1 BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING RIGHT. [INAUDIBLE]
2 [APPLAUSE.] YOU GOT SHEILA KUEHL GIVING YOU A CERTIFICATE OF
3 APPRECIATION WHILE YOU GOT HOMELESS FAMILIES STILL WONDERING,
4 "WHY AM I STILL SLEEPING IN THE PARKING LOT? WHY AM I NOT GOOD
5 ENOUGH TO BE HOUSED, WHILE YOU HAVE ALL THESE UNDOCUMENTED
6 IMMIGRANTS HOUSED RIGHT AS SOON AS THEY GET HERE?" THEY GET A
7 HOUSE. SO I'M SAYING WE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND I'M
8 REALLY FED UP OF YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT ME. STOP TALKING ABOUT
9 ME. YOU UNDERSTAND, I'M UP THERE GRINDING EVERY DAY AT 9 TO 5.
10 I DON'T STOP [INAUDIBLE] LIKE L.A.H.S.A. DOES. IT'S NOT A
11 CHOICE FOR ME. SO WHEN I COME HERE AND GIVE YOU PROPOSALS TO
12 FUND, AND YOU'VE GOT JOKES FROM KATHLEEN AUSTRIA AND ARE
13 PLAYING GAMES WITH OUR PROPOSALS SINCE 2013, IT'S NOT FUNNY
14 ANYMORE. I'M APPLYING FOR HOMELESS [INAUDIBLE], GAVIN NEWSOM.
15 LOOK OUT, MS. BARGER. WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S GOING ON, GAVIN
16 NEWSOM? YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGURE OUT HOMELESSNESS? STOP
17 BLAMING TRUMP FOR YOUR [EXPLETIVE]. CAN WE STOP DOING
18 [INAUDIBLE] WITH THE [EXPLETIVE] MONEY?

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. THANK
21 YOU. AND WOULD YOU PLEASE WITHHOLD CLAPPING? NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
25 FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I'M SPEAKING TO ITEM 5, AND IN

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1 FAVOR, AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF VOLUNTEERS OF
2 AMERICA, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING LOOKING
3 AT DONATING A VAN TO US, TO BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT FAMILIES AND
4 INDIVIDUALS TO APPOINTMENTS THAT THEY NEED TO GET TO DURING
5 THE DAYTIME, WHEN THEY NEED THAT TRANSPORTATION. SO, ONCE
6 AGAIN, I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND I MAKE MY TRIPS HERE
7 REGARDLESS, BECAUSE OF ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE
8 PAST, AND I WANT TO CONTINUE ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR WORK. OUR
9 SHELTERS ARE RUNNING VERY WELL TODAY, AND WE JUST WANT TO SAY
10 THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT IS THE
13 LAST SPEAKER?

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CORRECT, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WOULD YOU READ OFF WHAT WE ARE
18 VOTING ON?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 2-D,
21 3-D, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 18, 23, 24, 28, 29, AND 34 ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF
2 INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER AND JURISDICTION
3 OF THIS BOARD. WOULD YOU PLEASE-- HOW MANY SPEAKERS DO WE HAVE
4 SIGNED UP? BECAUSE WE HAVE 19 SPEAKERS, YOUR TIME WILL BE
5 LIMITED TO ONE MINUTE. WITH THAT, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL UP
6 THOSE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING IN PUBLIC COMMENT?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
9 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL
10 ASSIST YOU: [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
11 WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** FIRST SPEAKER. START HIS TIME.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THAT'S NOT THE FIRST SPEAKER. THAT'S
16 THE NOTEBOOK.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS STARTED.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** OH, YOU'RE GOING HARD CORE? OKAY, APPRECIATE IT.
21 SO LET'S CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WAIT A MINUTE. STOP. STOP.

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE!

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** RESET THE CLOCK. BUT, MR. PREVEN,
3 I'M TIRED OF DEBATING YOU. I'M NOT DEBATING YOU. YOU GET ONE
4 MINUTE. IT STARTS RIGHT NOW.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** I AGREE. THIS IS NOT A DEBATE. THIS IS WHERE YOU
7 SIT QUIETLY AND I EXCORIATE YOU FOR YOUR TERRIBLE MANAGEMENT
8 OF THIS MEETING, SO I APPRECIATE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT. THE
9 REASON WHY YOU'RE DOING A TERRIBLE JOB IS YOU CHANGE THE RULES
10 EACH TIME, WHICH IS WHY I HAD TO DRAG A MOTHER AND HER CHILD
11 OVER TO POOR NICK EPOLITO IN CD-4, BECAUSE I WAS CONFUSED. I
12 REMEMBER. I'LL GO TO MORADIAN LATER. YOU CAN'T KEEP CHANGING
13 THE RULES. YOU CAN'T SAY, OH, BY THE WAY, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
14 AN HOUR OF CLOSED SESSION WHILE THE PUBLIC LANGUISHES AROUND
15 HERE, WAITING AND PAYING FOR PARKING. THE POOR WOMAN WAS FACED
16 WITH A HORRIBLE CROSSROADS. SHE HAD TO GO OUT AND PAY 20 BUCKS
17 FOR THE PARKING, OR BUY HER CHILD LUNCH. ENOUGH, OKAY?
18 EVERYONE OUT. YOU NEED TO OPEN UP THE PUBLIC MEETINGS. THIS IS
19 A PUBLIC MEETING, BUT WHY DO WE SPEND \$1.36 MILLION STICKING
20 PODIUMS HERE TO INSULT THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY WALK TO THE
21 BATHROOM OR GO BY? NOT APPROPRIATE, OKAY? AND I DON'T THINK--
22 FRANKLY, YOU GOT A GOOD DEAL AT 1.36. YOU PUT THREE PODIUMS
23 OUTSIDE, AND YOU'VE CLEARED THIS AREA OUT FOR LARGE, IMPROPER
24 PRESENTATIONS TO YOUR DONORS, ESSENTIALLY. GET IT TOGETHER,
25 OKAY? AND REALLY, GET IT TOGETHER, THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK
5 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I HAD A STROKE BACK ON JULY 11,
6 2019, AND I NEEDED SOME HELP. AND I WANTED TO THANK MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS' OFFICE, JANICE HAHN, JUAN FISHER FROM MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS' OFFICE, ASHLEY HOPE FROM THE C.E.O. OFFICE, THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND AMANDA FROM THE [INAUDIBLE]. THEY
10 DID A GOOD JOB IN TRYING TO HELP ME OUT. I REALLY APPRECIATE
11 IT, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GUYS DO. THANKS.

12

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

14

15 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
16 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. SAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON JAIL.
17 YOU CAN PROBABLY SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY BUILDING THE
18 LEAST EXPENSIVE JAILS INSTEAD OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE. I'M
19 TALKING ABOUT USING QUONSET HUTS INSTEAD OF JAILS BUILT OUT OF
20 CINDER-BLOCK WALLS FILLED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE. A QUONSET
21 HUT IS A LONG, SEMICIRCULAR BUILDING BUILT OUT OF CORRUGATED
22 SHEET METAL. WAYSIDE OR PETER PITCHESS HONOR RANCHO, THE JAIL
23 IN SAUGUS WAS ONCE A JAPANESE INTERN CAMP, AND WAS LATER
24 TURNED INTO A JAIL BY USING THE BARRACKS OR QUONSET HUTS LEFT
25 OVER FROM THE INTERNMENT CAMP TO HOUSE THE PRISONERS. I

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1 BELIEVE THAT THESE QUONSET HUTS WERE TORN DOWN AND LATER
2 REPLACED WITH A CINDER-BLOCK JAIL. TODAY L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE
3 OVERCROWDED, AND I BELIEVE THAT THE MOST AFFORDABLE ANSWER FOR
4 THIS PROBLEM IS TO REBUILD THE QUONSET HUTS OR ANOTHER FORM OF
5 INEXPENSIVE BARRACKS AT WAYSIDE AND OTHER LOCATIONS. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. HERMAN, THAT'S YOUR
9 SECOND WARNING. IF YOU YELL AGAIN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO
10 LEAVE. AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO, BUT YOU ARE MAKING IT VERY
11 DIFFICULT. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD BEHAVE
12 YOURSELF, ALL RIGHT?

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WHY ALL THESE DIFFERENT RULES, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
15 WHY ARE YOU DEPRIVING ME THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE? YOU FIRST
16 TELL ME I CAN'T WALK THERE. YOU FIRST TELL ME I CAN'T STAND ON
17 THAT SIDE. THEN YOU TELL ME I CAN'T STAND AT THE DISABLED
18 TABLE. WELL, I'M A DISABLED MAN. WHAT KIND OF [EXPLETIVE] IS
19 THAT? THEN I GO TO LONG BEACH, LONG BEACH COURTS, DIVISION 14,
20 AND THE SHERIFF TELLS ME, OR SAYS TO ME, "GET THE [EXPLETIVE]
21 OUT OF HERE." YOU'RE NOT WELCOME, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE
22 [INAUDIBLE]. WELL, I WAS THERE VISITING JENNIFER H. COX, WHO
23 YOU BROUGHT TO L.A. TO [EXPLETIVE] WITH ME, AND [EXPLETIVE]
24 WITH MR. SPINDLER ON A T.R.O. SO I KNOW I'M RIGHT. YOU'RE
25 [EXPLETIVE] CRAZY. THIS WORLD IS MAD, AND YOU'RE MAKING ME

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1 SICK. YOU'RE CAUSING ME MORE DEPRESSION, YOU'RE CAUSING ME
2 MORE ANXIETY, AND YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY FULL OF [EXPLETIVE].
3 SO MS. HAHN BETTER DO SOMETHING TO FIX THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE
4 SHE REPRESENTS ME, THE [EXPLETIVE].

5

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

7

8 **LATIA SUTTLE:** HI. MY NAME IS LATIA SUTTLE. I HAVE GONE TO THE
9 COMMISSION ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WITH ISSUES FROM
10 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT.
11 FROM THAT MEETING, I WAS TOLD TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH
12 I.C.A.N. I WAS ALSO TOLD TO SPEAK TO ALDO MARIN. I.C.A.N.
13 REVIEWED MY CASE AND MADE THE SAME DETERMINATIONS THAT
14 DOCTORS, THERAPISTS, AND EVALUATORS HAD DETERMINED. THE
15 PREVIOUS EVALUATOR DETERMINED THAT I SHOULD HAVE SOLE LEGAL
16 AND SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF MY SON IN A 7/30 REPORT THAT WAS
17 OVER 130 PAGES LONG. D.C.F.S. RETALIATES AGAINST PARENTS BY
18 WRITING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS. ALDO MARIN
19 DIRECTS THE ISSUES AT HAND BACK TO D.C.F.S. THERE IS NO
20 EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT. I'M A RETIRED MILITARY VETERAN. I DON'T
21 SMOKE, I DON'T DRINK, I DON'T DO DRUGS. I'VE NEVER BEEN
22 ARRESTED. I'VE DONE EVERYTHING THEY'VE TOLD ME TO DO. I HAVE
23 RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FROM COUNTY SUPERVISORS, ASSEMBLY
24 MEMBERS, CONGRESS MEMBERS, AND YET THERE IS NO FAMILY

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1 REUNIFICATION TAKING PLACE, AND I'M ASKING FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE
2 WITH THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU GO BACK TO WHERE
5 OUR CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM, THERE WILL BE SOMEONE THAT
6 WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **JOHN COLEN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SUCCINCTLY SPEAKING, WHAT
9 I'M HERE FOR IS-- MY NAME IS JOHN COLEN. I'M THE BROTHER OF
10 SUSAN TAYLOR, WHO IS RECENTLY DECEASED. AND I'M 80 YEARS OLD,
11 AND SHE DIED IN 1998, AND I WAS TRYING TO GET-- I BOUGHT A
12 COPY OF HER AUTOPSY REPORT FROM THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OVER AT
13 L.A.C.-U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, AND I'VE BEEN OVER THERE ABOUT
14 FOUR TIMES, AND CALLED. AND ON THE REPORT, IT SHOWS THERE ARE
15 TWO PICTURES THAT THEY TOOK OF THE ON-SITE LOCATION IN SAN
16 PEDRO, WHERE SHE DIED. AND THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, IF
17 I GET THOSE PICTURES. AND THEY KEEP SAYING THEY CAN'T FIND THE
18 PICTURES. SO I'M SIMPLY HERE TO ASK IF THE BOARD COULD DO
19 SOMETHING FOR ME TO HELP ME GET THOSE PICTURES. THAT'S IT,
20 BASICALLY. WHEN SHE DIED IN '98-- MY TIME IS JUST ABOUT UP,
21 HERE-- A DOCTOR HAD TO GIVE ME HIS COPY OF NUMBER THREE. THEY
22 HELD THAT BACK FROM ME, IN SPITE OF THE FACT I PAID A LOT OF
23 MONEY TO BUY THE REPORT, WHICH TALKED ABOUT VERY IMPORTANT
24 DETAILS ABOUT--

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHAT PART OF THE COUNTY
2 DO YOU LIVE IN?

3

4 **JOHN COLEN:** I USED TO LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY, MANY YEARS. RIGHT
5 NOW I'M IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO--

8

9 **JOHN COLEN:** MY SISTER DIED.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO THE
12 CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM? THEY'LL TAKE THE INFORMATION AND
13 WE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH THE SUPERVISOR WHOSE DISTRICT IT WOULD
14 APPLY TO, OKAY? THANK YOU. RIGHT BACK THERE, WHERE IT SAYS
15 "CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM" IN THE BACK CORNER. THANK YOU.
16 MR. SACHS?

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. BOY, I DON'T KNOW. ANYWAY, I'M
19 SORRY. I'M IN REMISS, BUT I BROUGHT DREIDELS FOR ALL 5
20 SUPERVISORS. I HAVE 5 DREIDELS HERE. SORRY DR. RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 STEPPED OUT AND HASN'T COME BACK, SO I'LL LEAVE THESE HERE.
22 YOU CAN SPIN THEM. YOU KNOW? SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WAS WONDERING
23 IF YOU WOULD DO ME A FAVOR WHEN YOU TO DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS. A
24 GOOD FRIEND OF MINE PASSED AWAY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. OFFICER
25 SALCEDO. HE WAS A METRO POLICE OFFICER. BY THE WAY, I'M

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1 WEARING THIS SHIRT, ACTUALLY, FOR HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN'S
2 MAN. AND HE STOOD UP. BOY, THAT WAS A QUICK 40 SECONDS. OH, BY
3 THE WAY, WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT VOTING. IRAQ VOTED FOR SOME
4 [EXPLETIVE], BUT YOU NEVER VOTED ON CHANGING THE TIME FOR
5 SPEAKERS ON THE AGENDA. YOU SHOULD VOTE ON THAT. BUT HE WAS A
6 REAL MAN.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK
9 YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. MR. SACHS. THANK YOU, MR.
10 SACHS. YOUR TIME IS UP. SECOND WARNING. YOUR TIME IS UP.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MY TIME IS UP. [INAUDIBLE], AS FAR AS I'M
13 CONCERNED. RIGHT?

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** ALL RIGHT, SO COLDPLAY IS PLAYING AT
18 THE HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM, AS YOU GUYS ALREADY KNOW. IS THIS
19 THING ON? IS IT ON, OR AM I JUST NATURALLY LOUD?

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S ON.

22

23 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, WE HAD ABOUT 300 HOMELESS YOUTH
24 THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE. SO, I DON'T KNOW WHO
25 PUT TOGETHER THE CONCERT, THE PROMOTERS. NEW WAY OF LIFE IS

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1 NOT ALLOWING THE HOMELESS YOUTH TO ATTEND. SO SHAMEFUL. CHRIS
2 MARTIN DOES NOT STAND FOR THAT. YOU UNDERSTAND? SO I DON'T
3 KNOW HOW YOU GOT HIM TO PLAY FOR A NEW WAY OF LIFE, ONE OF THE
4 MOST DEFUNCT ORGANIZATIONS THAT DON'T WORK WITH ANYBODY. IT'S
5 HORRIBLE. SO, CAN WE GET TICKETS FOR THESE HOMELESS KIDS SO
6 THEY CAN ATTEND AND ENJOY COLDPLAY, RATHER THAN FAT, OVERGROWN
7 ADULTS WHO DECIDED TO TAKE METH ALL DAY AND GET LOCKED UP,
8 WHILE THEIR KIDS WERE SUFFERING OUT THERE? CAN THEY ENJOY A
9 SHOW, PLEASE? MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS-- I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S
10 M.I.A., BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS. LET'S GET THESE KIDS AT THE
11 PALLADIUM JANUARY 21ST, SO THEY CAN ENJOY THE SHOW. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **IVONEE GAITER:** MY NAME IS IVONEE GAITER AND THIS IS ANOTHER
16 YEAR. OKAY, BACKTRACK ON THE NUMBER, BECAUSE I JUST STARTED.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** KEEP TALKING.

19

20 **IVONEE GAITER:** OKAY, IT'S ABOUT 47 SECONDS?

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** KEEP TALKING.

23

24 **IVONEE GAITER:** OKAY, THIS IS ANOTHER YEAR, AND WE NEED TO GET
25 SOME TRUTH OUT HERE. I CAME HERE ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO, OKAY,

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1 FOR PEOPLE THAT WAS GIVING ME MENTAL TORTURE, BEING ABUSIVE,
2 AND ALSO MISUSING ME. NOW, ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN
3 CARE OF CLOSE TO FIVE YEARS AGO. JUST SOME COMMON SENSE. BUT
4 OTHER PEOPLE, THEY MISUNDERSTOOD, MISINTERPRETED WHAT WAS
5 GOING ON, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE STRAIGHTENED
6 OUT. OKAY, I'M TIRED OF WHAT I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH, THAT
7 WHICH I SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH. OKAY, PEOPLE NEED
8 TO STAND UP. I STILL GOT A FEW SECONDS LEFT.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I WILL GIVE YOU 5 SECONDS TO WRAP
11 UP.

12

13 **IVONEE GAITER:** OKAY, I HAVE TEN SECONDS.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** JUST WRAP UP.

16

17 **IVONEE GAITER:** RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NOT THAT MUCH TO WRAP UP.

18 WHAT I NEED--

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK
21 YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? THANK YOU.

22 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. PLEASE. THAT'S YOUR SECOND WARNING.

23 YOU'RE DISRUPTING THE MEETING. YOU'RE DISRUPTING THE MEETING.

24 THANK YOU. OKAY, THAT IS YOUR THIRD WARNING. WOULD YOU PLEASE

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1 ESCORT THIS GENTLEMEN OUT, IF HE IS NOT GOING TO SIT DOWN?

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **IVONEE GAITER:** YOU CAN'T ESCORT ME OUT.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN, HERMAN, THAT IS
7 YOUR THIRD WARNING. ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY. WE WILL TRY TO GIVE
8 YOU RESPECT.

9

10 **FARRAH FERRIS:** THANK YOU. SO, HELLO. I'M FARRAH FERRIS. I AM
11 HUPA, YUROK, KARUK, AND CREEK, AND I ALSO JUST WANTED TO START
12 OFF BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND THAT WE ARE ON, WHICH IS THE
13 TONGVA, CHUMASH, AND [INAUDIBLE] PEOPLE. SO, WE ARE HERE IN
14 BEHALF OF U.S.C.C., WHICH IS AN ASPECT OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
15 HEALTH. THE U.S.C.C. SERVES THE UNDERSERVED, THE UNSERVED, AND
16 THE INAPPROPRIATELY SERVED ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS WITHIN LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY. SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, WE WOULD JUST
18 RESPECTFULLY ASK, IN PARTICULAR FROM THE U.S.C.C. GROUP FOR
19 THE AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE GROUPS, THAT WE ENCOURAGE
20 DR. SHERIN AND D.M.H. TO PAUSE THE INTEGRATIONS OF U.S.C.C.
21 INTO [INAUDIBLE], AND TO ALLOW FOR CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED
22 BEFORE THEIR NEW MOVEMENT APPROACHES. AND AGAIN, WE JUST ASK
23 THAT THEY PAUSE AND TAKE US IN, BECAUSE ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF
24 OUR PROGRAM IS TO BRING IN PRIORITY PLANNING FOR MINORITY AND
25 UNDERSERVED GROUPS. AND THIS ISN'T CURRENTLY HAPPENING, AND

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1 THEIR PLAN IS IN THE PROCESS. THERE SEEMS TO BE
2 MISCOMMUNICATION, BUT WE ASK THAT THOSE COMMUNICATIONS BE
3 OPEN. SO THANK YOU. [SPEAKS NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.]

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU. THAT WAS VERY
6 CONSTRUCTIVE. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **CASSIE CARMICHAEL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CASSIE CARMICHAEL.
9 OVER THE COURSE OF, I WOULD SAY, 5 TO 7 YEARS, I HAVE ISSUED
10 NONSTOP GRIEVANCES OR COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE GONE UNANSWERED,
11 REGARDING NOT JUST ME, BUT MY FAMILY. AND OBVIOUSLY, I DON'T
12 STAND ALONE TODAY, BUT I WOULD SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A
13 WHOLE. I AM ACTUALLY HAVING TO WALK THROUGH GREAT DEGREES OF
14 FECES, URINE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, YOU GUYS ONLY PROVIDE EVERY
15 TWO WEEKS' CLEANING OF THE STREETS. THIS IS WHAT I'M BEING
16 SUBJECT TO. MY CHILDREN-- I ACTUALLY SENT A PETITION TO TRUMP
17 THAT WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR, WHICH IS THE FAMILY PRESERVATION
18 ACT. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU GUYS LEFT ME OUT OF THE ACT. I AM
19 DISGUSTED BY THE LEVEL OF UNPROFESSIONALISM THAT YOU GUYS HAVE
20 ULTIMATELY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST ME, AND EVERYBODY ELSE
21 INVOLVED IN THIS COMMUNITY. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING,
22 ANYTHING THAT'S UNNECESSARY--

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. IT'S YOUR
25 TURN.

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1

2 **JAMES ESSEX:** WOW. MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD LOVE THIS THEATER
3 SITUATION HERE.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU GET HIS MIC? BECAUSE I
6 CAN'T HEAR HIM. PLEASE.

7

8 **JAMES ESSEX:** NO, YOU GO AHEAD. WHY DON'T YOU TALK FIRST? GO
9 AHEAD. PLEASE. BE MY GUEST.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, MR. SPINDLER. START THE
12 CLOCK FOR US.

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WHY? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO CUT IT OFF ANYWAY.
15 RIGHT? [PLAYS RECORDING OF SHEILA KUEHL SPEAKING.]

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

18

19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SEE, THAT'S THE REAL SHEILA KUEHL. THAT'S WHAT
20 SHEILA KUEHL IS ALL ABOUT. SEE, SHEILA KUEHL IS JUST A TOOL,
21 AND, YOU KNOW, SHE'S WATCHING AROUND.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU--

24

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OLD LADY, HAS-BEEN, OLD BAG. JUST LIKE JANICE
2 HAHN. THAT'S RIGHT. SEE, THAT'S RIGHT. THIS OLD [EXPLETIVE]
3 BAG-- [OFF-MIC COMMENTS.]

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE, MR.
6 SPINDLER.

7

8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU KEEP INTERRUPTING ME. YOU WON'T LET ME
9 SPEAK, SO I HAVE TO TAKE A VISIT TO SAN MARINO AFTER I--

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON AN ITEM THAT THE BOARD HAS
12 JURISDICTION OVER, SIR.

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** HOW COME I CAN'T TALK WHEN I HAVE THE MIC?
15 NOW, PLEASE RESTART MY TIME.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS
18 UP. THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

19

20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU'RE CONTINUALLY VIOLATING MY CIVIL RIGHTS.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. THAT IS
23 YOUR SECOND WARNING. WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE THE BOARDROOM?
24 PLEASE LEAVE THE BOARDROOM. PLEASE LEAVE THE BOARDROOM.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** MAY I HAVE MY TIME BACK?

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO. PLEASE LEAVE THE BOARDROOM.

4

5 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU GIVE ONE [EXPLETIVE] MINUTE.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE ONCE
8 AGAIN, AND, YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO SAY, RESPECT GETS RESPECT. AND
9 THANK YOU, AND I APOLOGIZE. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.

10

11 **JAMES ESSEX:** OKAY. OKAY, OKAY. SO, AS I STARTED TO SAY, MY
12 GRANDMOTHER, SHE OWNED A THEATER IN STRATFORD, AND SHE WAS AN
13 IMPRESARIO, AND SHE WAS A SHAKESPEAREAN SCHOLAR.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. CAN YOU HOLD THE
16 TIME? CAN YOU START HIS TIME OVER AGAIN? I WANT PEOPLE TO
17 LISTEN TO YOU, BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS SAY THINGS THAT ARE VERY
18 THOUGHTFUL. AND SO I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO PLEASE BE QUIET. START
19 HIS CLOCK AT ONE MINUTE, PLEASE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
20 HEAR YOU.

21

22 **JAMES ESSEX:** ALL RIGHT. [COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE.] ALL RIGHT!
23 SHUT UP! [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. MY GRANDFATHER--
24 [CACKLING LAUGHTER FROM AUDIENCE.]

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** STOP THE CLOCK AND LET'S WAIT FOR-
2 - [MANIACAL LAUGHTER FROM AUDIENCE.]

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO
5 START YOUR CLOCK. THANK YOU. YES.

6

7 **JAMES ESSEX:** OKAY. MY GRANDFATHER ALWAYS SAID, IF YOU CAN'T
8 SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT A MAN, SAY NOTHING AT ALL. AND THESE
9 DREGS HERE THAT ASSAULT YOU AND HUMILIATE YOU AND HARDEN YOUR
10 HEART, YOU KNOW, THEY COULD TAKE A GOOD LESSON FROM MY
11 GRANDFATHER. BUT I'M NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT. I'M HERE TO
12 TALK ABOUT DOLPHINS. 35 MILLION YEARS AGO, THEY DEVELOPED
13 THEIR TEETH IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY HAD 360-DEGREE VIEWING.
14 THEY COULD SEE IN A COMPLETE SPHERE. AND 3500 YEARS AGO, THEY
15 JOINED UP WITH WE HUMAN BEINGS IN ATHENS AND GREECE, AND THE
16 HUMANS WERE DANCING ON THE SHORE, AND THE DOLPHINS WERE
17 DANCING ON THE WAVES. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THING. NOW, WE HAVE A
18 TIME HERE, COMING RIGHT NOW. IN 2028, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE
19 OLYMPICS AGAIN, AND I THINK WE COULD ACTUALLY HAVE A SITUATION
20 WHERE THE DOLPHINS COME BACK AND START HANGING AND DANCING ON
21 THE WAVES WITH US, AND I'D REALLY LOVE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. I
22 WANT TO DO ANYTHING I CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU GOT
25 OUR ATTENTION UP HERE, THAT'S FOR SURE. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **AMPARO OSTOJIC:** HI. MY NAME IS AMPARO OSTOJIC, AND LAST BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, I SPOKE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL
4 COMBINATION OF THE U.C.C.S AND THE [INAUDIBLE]. AS OF TODAY,
5 IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION OF WHAT IS ACTUALLY
6 GOING TO HAPPEN. SO WE ARE WAITING FOR TOMORROW, FOR THE
7 U.C.C. LEADERSHIP MEETING TO GET THAT CLARIFICATION. WE WOULD
8 APPRECIATE IF DR. SHERIN WOULD CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE SANCTITY
9 OF THE U.C.C.'S MEETINGS, AND THE VALUE THAT THEY OFFER FOR
10 THE MINORITIES IN THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO BRING UP,
11 THERE WAS ALSO A MISUNDERSTANDING OF IF THERE WILL BE
12 CONTRACTORS THAT WILL FACILITATE THESE MEETINGS. SO, IT IS MY
13 RECOMMENDATION THAT THERE IS NO CONTRACTORS, AND IF THAT
14 CONTINUES TO BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT HELP THAT FACILITATION.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, I THINK, OUR LAST
18 SPEAKER? OR ONE MORE AFTER THAT. OKAY. THANKS. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 JOANNA, AND I AM PART OF UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE
22 ASKING FOR A MORATORIUM ON ANY CHANGES TO D.M.H. STAKEHOLDER
23 AND CONSUMER LEADERSHIP MEETINGS. I MEAN, COMMITTEES. I KNOW
24 THAT DR. SHERIN HAS GOOD INTENTIONS, AND HE WANTS TO HELP ALL
25 OF US, AND I KNOW THAT BECAUSE HE HAS INCREASED OUR FUNDING BY

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1 \$100,000, WHICH I REALLY APPRECIATE. HE HAS GOOD INTENTIONS
2 FOR CHANGE, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND HE DOES COME FROM A DIFFERENT
3 LIVED EXPERIENCE THAN MYSELF. AS CONSUMERS, I WOULD LIKE TO
4 COLLABORATE WITH HIM, AND I KNOW THAT HE WOULD BE OPEN TO THAT
5 BECAUSE OF WHAT HE STANDS FOR. SO, AGAIN, I'M ASKING FOR A
6 MORATORIUM ON ANY CHANGES TO D.M.H. STAKEHOLDER AND CONSUMER
7 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

12

13 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BIANCA GALLEGOS. I AM A
14 MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE FOR CAL VOICES NORTH CAL, M.H.A. I AM
15 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U.S.C.C. MENTAL
16 HEALTH. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A SAFE
17 SPACE WHERE THE LATINO COMMUNITY CAN EXPRESS THEIR MENTAL
18 HEALTH NEEDS. OUR MEETINGS ARE COMPLETELY IN SPANISH, AS WELL
19 AS OUR DOCUMENTS. THEY ARE IN SPANISH, AS WELL. THE LACK OF
20 INFORMATION IN SPANISH IS ONE OF THE NEEDS WHY THE LATINO
21 COMMUNITY DOES NOT KNOW THEIR ACTUAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
22 THEM. THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE
23 POPULATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YET, THE IRONY IS
24 THAT THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS THE ONE WHO DOES NOT TAKE FULL

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1 ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM. THANK YOU FOR
2 ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS OUR LAST PUBLIC
5 SPEAKER. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE NOW FOR US TO HEAR
6 ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS? I DON'T KNOW IF HE LEFT ANY WITH ANYBODY. NO, SO NOW
9 WE GO ON TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ACTOR BUCK EDD BYRNES,
13 WHO DIED ON JANUARY 8TH. HE WAS ONE OF EARLY TELEVISION'S
14 FIRST TEEN IDOLS, ONE OF THE STARS OF THE HIT SHOW "77 SUNSET
15 STRIP," THAT WAS ON A.B.C. FROM '58 TO '64. ORIGINALLY, HE WAS
16 HIRED JUST TO APPEAR ON ONE EPISODE AS A GUEST STAR, BUT HIS
17 WILDLY POPULAR CHARACTER, KOOKIE, BECAME A MAINSTAY, INSPIRING
18 A CHARTING HIT SINGLE. HE PERFORMED WITH CONNIE STEVENS, AND
19 KOOKIE AND HIS UBIQUITOUS COMB BECAME AN ICON OF LATE '50S
20 YOUTH. HE ENJOYED PRETTY STEADY T.V. AND FILM WORK, INCLUDING
21 PLAYING A T.V. DANCE PARTY HOST, VINCE FONTAINE, IN THE 1978
22 MOVIE "GREASE." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON LOGAN, HIS PARTNER
23 CATHERINE, HIS SISTER JO-ANN, AND HIS BROTHER VINCENT. AND I
24 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GREAT
25 SCREENWRITER AND ACTOR BUCK HENRY, WHO ALSO DIED ON JANUARY

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1 8TH. THROUGHOUT HIS 50 YEARS IN COMEDY, HE WAS OFTEN THE
2 QUIET, UNDERSTATED FIGURE OPPOSITE SLAPSTICK SATIRISTS LIKE
3 MEL BROOKS AND JOHN BELUSHI, SERVING AS A RESERVED FOIL TO THE
4 LATTER IN "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE'S" FAMOUS SAMURAI SKETCHES. IN
5 ADDITION TO HIS T.V. APPEARANCES ON "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE," HE
6 CO-CREATED THE PRIME-TIME HIT SITCOM "GET SMART," AND LATER
7 HAD A RECURRING ROLE ON "30 ROCK" AS LIZ LEMON'S FATHER. HE
8 WAS PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT CAPTURING OTHERS' VOICES, WRITING
9 ACCLAIMED FILM ADAPTATIONS OF BOOKS AND PLAYS, INCLUDING THE
10 SCRIPT FROM MIKE NICHOLS' LANDMARK SOCIAL SATIRE "THE
11 GRADUATE," WHICH EARNED HIM HIS FIRST OF TWO OSCAR
12 NOMINATIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE IRENE, AND BY HIS
13 DAUGHTER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY ACTIVIST FROM SANTA MONICA,
15 JOANNE LEAVITT. SHE SPENT MANY, MANY DECADES-- FORTUNATELY,
16 LIVED MANY, MANY DECADES-- AND SPENT THEM ALL TIRELESSLY
17 ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AFFORDABLE
18 HOUSING, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. AMONG HER MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES,
19 SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU P.T.A.
20 COUNCIL, A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU EDUCATION
21 FOUNDATION, CHAIR OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA,
22 EDUCATION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDY COMMITTEES, THE BOARD OF
23 COMMUNITY CORP OF SANTA MONICA, AND AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE
24 CITY OF SANTA MONICA'S HOUSING COMMISSION. AMONG HER PROUDEST
25 ACHIEVEMENTS WERE THE REALIZATION OF SEVERAL LONG-TERM

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1 PROJECTS IN SANTA MONICA'S PICO NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING THE
2 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDISON DUAL LANGUAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
3 THE REVITALIZATION OF VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK, AND THE SANTA
4 MONICA COLLEGE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER. SHE IS
5 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, THOMAS AND GREGORY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
6 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE AMBER
7 LEIST, A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE WHO DIED ON JANUARY
8 12TH. I FEEL THAT ALL MEMBERS WILL WISH TO JOIN. SHE WAS A
9 VERY, VERY GIVING PERSON. SO SHE SAW SOMEONE FALL IN THE
10 STREET OVER THE WEEKEND, AND EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS OFF DUTY,
11 THROUGH HER SENSE OF DUTY, SHE WENT TO HELP. AND THEN, AS SHE
12 RETURNED TO HER VEHICLE, SHE HERSELF WAS HIT BY A CAR AND
13 KILLED. SHE SPENT 12 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT. SHE FIRST SERVED
14 IN LANCASTER, AND THEN JOINED THE WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION AS A
15 DETECTIVE 5 YEARS AGO. SHE WAS REALLY LOVED BY PEOPLE IN THE
16 DEPARTMENT AND ALL WHO TALKED TO ME ABOUT HER, AND ALL THE
17 LITTLE THINGS THAT PEOPLE DO THAT THEY NEVER CALL AND TELL
18 YOU. BUT THEN, AT THE END, THEY ALL WANT TO COME AND TALK TO
19 YOU ABOUT WHAT SHE MEANT TO THEM. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR BEING THE
20 PERSON WHO COULD GO ANYWHERE, TALK TO ANYBODY, AND, IF THEY
21 WERE IN NEED OF IT, TALK THEM DOWN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
22 MOTHER ELLEN, HER FATHER DANIEL, AND HER SONS, RAY AND DANIEL.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE LOWERED THE
25 COUNTY FLAGS IN HER HONOR. AND I HAVE TO SAY, SHE WORKED UP IN

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1 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND IT IS DEVASTATING TO HER FAMILY UP
2 THERE. SHE WAS TRULY REMARKABLE AND MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND
3 WILL TRULY BE MISSED. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE ADJOURNMENT.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YEAH. I THINK I FIRST MET HER WHEN SHE WAS
6 ACTUALLY WORKING IN LANCASTER. AND WE WERE REALLY HAPPY TO
7 HAVE HER IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. EVERYBODY WAS LIKE, "OH, WE GOT
8 AMBER." IT IS SUCH A TRAGEDY, BUT I THINK THE WAY WE REMEMBER
9 AND HONOR PEOPLE IS JUST TO CONTINUOUSLY TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY
10 MEANT TO US, AND, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF MY CONSTITUENTS REALLY
11 WANT TO DO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AGREED. SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: JUST A
14 FEW MORE, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES LUNSFORD. HE SPENT ALMOST 30 YEARS
16 AT SANTA MONICA CITY HALL AS OUR VERY RESPECTED PLANNING
17 DIRECTOR. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, HE WAS HONORED AS MAN OF THE
18 YEAR BY THE SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND OPENED UP
19 HIS OWN BUSINESS, JIM'S SPEEDY LABELS, WHICH CREATED RADIUS
20 MAPS FOR BUILDERS, FOR ARCHITECTS, AND FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
21 AS A RESPECTED HISTORIAN, JIM'S INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE
22 HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF SANTA MONICA RESULTED IN HIS WRITING A
23 VERY ENJOYED AND RESPECTED BOOK, "LOOKING AT SANTA MONICA,"
24 WHICH APPEARED IN BOOKSTORES AND LIBRARIES ALL ACROSS THE
25 COUNTRY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ALICE, HIS SON DANIEL, HIS

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1 SISTER MARGARET, AND HIS BROTHER ROBERT. AND FINALLY, MADAM
2 CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
3 OF ELISE WOODSON. SHE WAS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE AND DEEPLY
4 COMMITTED TO SHARING AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART, HISTORY, AND
5 CULTURE WITH THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. SHE SERVED AS
6 THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM'S MANAGER OF PUBLIC
7 PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER DOCENT COUNCIL LIAISON FOR MORE THAN 7
8 YEARS. SHE WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE CALIFORNIA
9 AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM'S VOLUNTEER DOCENT COUNCIL, AND HER
10 LEGACY LIES IN THE PROFOUND EFFECT SHE HAD ON THE INDIVIDUALS
11 SHE MENTORED AT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM
12 VOLUNTEER DOCENT COUNCIL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT DENNI, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS THE OLDEST OF THREE, AND
20 HE GREW UP IN WILMINGTON. BOB GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT
21 UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS, AND WENT TO WORK AS A
22 BOOKKEEPER AT THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND LOAN, WHICH WAS
23 FOUNDED BY HIS GRANDFATHER. HE LATER BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF
24 THE BANK, AND ALONG THE WAY HE FOUND TIME TO PROUDLY SERVE HIS
25 COUNTRY AS A NAVAL RESERVIST FOR 10 YEARS. BOB WAS PRECEDED IN

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1 DEATH BY HIS WIFE JEAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN
2 AND HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY JO GINTY. MARY JO WAS
4 A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SHE SERVED AS REGIONAL LEAD PROGRAM
5 COORDINATOR OF L.A.C.O.'S EXPANDED LEARNING TECHNICAL
6 ASSISTANT UNIT IN THE DIVISION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
7 12 YEARS. THE UNIT PROVIDES CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL
8 ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN 1500 SCHOOL SITES, PROVIDING EXPANDED
9 LEARNING PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTY. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BOTH
10 STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY AS A PIONEER IN THE FIELD, AND AS A
11 TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR HIGH QUALITY BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER
12 SCHOOL, AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS. MARY JO'S CAREER HAS
13 ENCOMPASSED DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS, AS
14 WELL AS SERVING AS A HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHER, A PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE
15 PROFESSOR, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER. HER WORK HAS BEEN
16 RECOGNIZED WITH NUMEROUS AWARDS, INCLUDING THE EXPANDED
17 VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
18 EDUCATION. MARY JO IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER SAVANNAH. I
19 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
20 OF GUADALUPE SANCHEZ, WHO LIVED IN SAN PEDRO, AND PASSED AWAY
21 AT THE AGE OF 73. AT AGE 24, SHE MOVED FROM MEXICO TO THE
22 U.S., DETERMINED TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR HERSELF. SHE WAS A
23 HARDWORKING WOMAN WHO VALUED RELIGION, FAMILY, RESPECT, LOVE;
24 AND ALTHOUGH SHE COULD NOT READ OR WRITE, SHE TAUGHT HER 5
25 CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, DISCIPLINE, AND

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1 PUNCTUALITY. GUADALUPE ATTENDED ST. PETER'S CHURCH, AND WAS A
2 MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF MARY. WHEN SHE WASN'T TAKING CARE OF
3 HER GRANDCHILDREN, SHE COULD BE FOUND VISITING AND PRAYING FOR
4 THE SICK AND ELDERLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JOSE,
5 ROSALBA, FELIPE, BLANCA, AND BETO, 14 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 6
6 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AUDREY CHRISTENSEN, WHO PASSED AWAY
8 AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES. SHE WAS
9 BORN IN ENGLAND DURING WORLD WAR II, AND SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE
10 FOR CARING FOR CHILDREN WHO WERE RELOCATED TO THE ENGLISH
11 COUNTRYSIDE TO ESCAPE THE BLITZ. SHE GRADUATED FROM TEACHING
12 COLLEGE AND BEGAN HER CAREER AS A TEACHER IN 1944. SHE AND HER
13 HUSBAND EMIGRATED TO THE U.S. IN 1955. IN 1970, AUDREY BEGAN
14 TEACHING AT CHADWICK SCHOOL IN THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. SHE
15 LATER BECAME THE SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR, AND WORKED THERE FOR 30
16 YEARS. AUDREY WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND PAUL. SHE'S
17 SURVIVED BY HER 3 CHILDREN, HER 7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER 8
18 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
21 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOYCE AXLEY, WHO FOR 27
22 YEARS SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO
23 AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 20TH AT THE
24 AGE OF 90. JOYCE EARNED HER ASSOCIATE'S IN ARTS DEGREE FROM
25 CHAFFEY COLLEGE IN ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA. SHE WORKED AS A

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1 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND AS AN ESCROW OFFICER UNTIL SHE OBTAINED
2 HER REAL-ESTATE LICENSE IN 1976. AS A REALTOR, JOYCE SERVED AS
3 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS AND THE GREATER ANTELOPE
4 VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. SHE WAS NAMED THE
5 ASSOCIATION'S 2004 REALTOR OF THE YEAR. SHE WAS A CHARTER
6 MEMBER OF THE ALPHA CHARTER GUILD OF ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL,
7 AND VOLUNTEERED FOR SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. SHE
8 IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN AND HER FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.
9 ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD JOHN BACHE, A
10 RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE, WHO PASSED AWAY TWO WEEKS BEFORE HIS
11 79TH BIRTHDAY. JOHN WAS DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY, PUTTING IT
12 BEFORE EVERYTHING. HE WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO EXPANDING ACCESS
13 TO THE ARTS THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS. JOHN
14 IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN RYAN AND RACHEL, AND HIS SISTER
15 RUTH, AND HIS LOVING COMPANION JEREEN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN
16 IN MEMORY OF GEORGE CARAVALHO, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
17 CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. GEORGE JOINED THE
18 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AT THE INCEPTION IN 1988, AND SERVED AS
19 THE CITY MANAGER UNTIL 2002. GEORGE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
20 DIRECTORS FOR A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE
21 INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION, THE LEAGUE OF
22 CALIFORNIA CITIES, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, UNITED WAY, AND THE
23 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. HE WAS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE OF
24 CALIFORNIA CITIES INVESTIGATING OUR YOUTH TASK FORCE. HIS
25 LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA WITH THE GEORGE

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1 A. CARVALHO SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX. GEORGE IS SURVIVED
2 BY HIS WIFE, MARY, AND TWO SONS, AS WELL AS MANY IN THE
3 COMMUNITY THAT FEEL AS THOUGH HE WAS FAMILY, GIVEN THAT HE
4 TRULY WAS A FATHER OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. ALSO, THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GARY CONDIE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
6 CLARITA. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING FROM
7 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY. HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO SANTA CLARITA
8 IN 1974, WHERE HE STARTED HIS OWN ACCOUNTING FIRM IN 1975. HE
9 AND HIS WIFE MYRNA HAVE BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH COMMUNITY
10 SERVICES IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR DECADES. HIS
11 VOLUNTEERISM WAS AWARDED WITH THE 2005 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
12 MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD, AND HE WAS A 2010 COLLEGE OF THE
13 CANYONS SILVER SPUR HONOREE. HE SERVED ON MANY BOARDS OF LOCAL
14 NONPROFITS, INCLUDING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, HENRY MAYO
15 NEWHALL MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
16 FACILITIES FOUNDATION, AND COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOUNDATION.
17 PROFESSIONALLY, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
18 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT FOR THE
19 LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, AND SERVED ON SEVERAL TERMS ON THE
20 SOCIETY'S STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN ADDITION TO RAISING ONE
21 DAUGHTER, THE CONDIES OPENED THEIR HOME AND HEARTS TO MORE
22 THAN 15 FOSTER CHILDREN. GARY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MYRNA,
23 AND HIS DAUGHTER HEATHER. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF GLEN WAYNE WHITE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO
25 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. THOUGH BORN WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL

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1 DISABILITY, GLEN WAS NEVER DETERRED, AND POSSESSED AN
2 EXUBERANCE FOR LIFE. HE WAS A PRANKSTER AND A JOKESTER, AND
3 WAS THE MOST LIVELY PERSON AT ALL FAMILY GATHERINGS, RARELY
4 SEEN WITHOUT A HAT AND HIS HARMONICA. HIS PRIDE AND JOY WAS
5 PUTTING ON A FRESHLY PRESSED SHIRT, GRABBING HIS LUNCH TOTE,
6 AND CATCHING THE BUS TO THE ADULT DAY PROGRAM AT VILLA
7 ESPERANZA IN PASADENA, WHERE HE WAS A STUDENT AND WORKER FOR
8 OVER 30 YEARS. IN 2013, HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE WAS
9 ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS AT THE 48TH
11 ANNUAL OLDER AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY. GLEN IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 BROTHERS OTIS, DAVID, ALAN, AND HAROLD, AND HIS SISTERS VERTIS
13 AND JEAN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. WE HAVE THE ADJOURNMENTS
14 BEFORE US. I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT IS SO ORDERED. THAT
16 CONCLUDES OUR BOARD MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY. CORRECT?

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT
19 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR
20 TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, AT 1:00 P.M.

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
23 FOR ASSISTING US TODAY. [MEETING CONCLUDES.]

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 14, 2020

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5 CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
6 (Government Code Section 54957)

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors January 14, 2020,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 17th day of January 2020, for the County records to be used
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18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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